

Zoom H4n Audio Recorder Guide

QUICKSTART GUIDE TO USING THE ZOOM H4N AUDIO RECORDER



BEFORE POWERING UP

1. Insert (2) AA Batteries (slide off battery cover on back of recorder).
2. Make sure the Stamina switch is set to the 'Off' position.
3. Screw the included handle into the handle mount *if desired*.

4. Insert SD Card into SD card slot.



SD CARD SLOT



GETTING STARTED

1. Push the Power slide down to the 'On' position and hold until 'Z' appears on Zoom display, then release the button.

2. Insert headphones into headphone jack. *(Always wear headphones! Recording without headphones is like a photographer taking pictures without looking through the viewfinder. Use them to adjust the microphone position so the sound is as clear as possible. If you hear anything weird – such as "humming" or "clicks" – stop recording and figure out the problem.)*

3. The Volume buttons control only the headphones volume.



SELECTING RECORD MODE

Zoom Recorders have (3) Record Modes: Stereo, 4Ch (4-channel), and MTR (Multi-track Recording)

A red light will indicate the current mode. The recorder needs to be set to STEREO.

1. If STEREO MODE is not enabled, press the MENU button on the right side.
2. Use the scroll dial above the MENU button and scroll down to MODE.
3. Press the dial in (like a button) to bring up MODE setting.
4. Choose STEREO and press the Menu dial in to select.
5. Press MENU twice to exit out.



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SELECTING RECORD FORMAT

On the right side of the unit adjust REC LEVEL + or – as needed.

You should not record in the MP3 format because it is a compressed and inferior format.

The display will show the current record format inside a box in the upper left corner.

The file type (WAV or MP3) is to the right of that and follows the name of the audio track.

If not set to 48kHz/16bit WAV, press Button 4 marked WAV/MP3.

SETTING RECORD LEVELS

On the right side of the unit adjust REC LEVEL + or – as needed.

Press the REC button once to put the recorder in standby mode (button blinks).

You should now hear the mics on the top of the unit in your headphones and see the record levels on the display moving.



Your record levels should peak between -12db and -6db.

Sounds that are louder than 0db will distort. You will hear this overmodulated and crunchy audio in your headphones.



START RECORDING

To record, press REC button again.
*The REC light will turn solid red,
and the time on the display will begin rolling.*

To stop recording press STOP button.



GETTING YOUR .WAV FILES TO THE COMPUTER

1. Plug USB cable into left side of Zoom.
2. Plug USB cable into computer.
3. Press MENU button on the Zoom.
4. Go to USB and select STORAGE.

Zoom card shows up on the desktop as H4N_SD

Your audio files will be in the STEREO folder > FOLDER01.

Drag files into a new folder on your computer or external hard drive and label folders and files as needed.

