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## **KICKER® Tailgate Audio Operating Guide**



Unit only powers on and functions when the Inner Tailgate is open. (It is NOT necessary for the vehicle to be placed in Ignition/Accessory or Run/Crank mode to operate this unit.)

**Playing Music:** The KICKER Tailgate Audio System is designed to receive audio via Bluetooth®, 3.5mm auxiliary input, and USB flashdrive (non-smartphone) input.

**Power:** The system will turn on/off automatically when the inner tailgate is opened and closed. If needed, press and hold the POWER button for three seconds to power the unit on and off when the inner tailgate is open.

**Source selection:** Press and release the POWER button to cycle between Bluetooth, AUX, and USB input modes. (When the tailgate is closed and reopened, it will remain in the last-chosen input mode.)

**Bluetooth Status:** When Bluetooth input mode is selected, there are three Bluetooth status LED modes:

- **Rapid flashing:** Pairing or reconnect mode. This is the required step to connect your device to the controller and play music via Bluetooth.
- **Solid light:** Connected to a device and music is playing.
- **Flashing slowly:** Connected to a device and music is paused.

**Bluetooth Pairing:** When toggled to Bluetooth input mode, press and hold the PLAY-PAUSE button until the Bluetooth light flashes rapidly. You are now ready to pair with a device. On your audio device, make sure Bluetooth is on and look at the list of available devices. Select 'OEBT KICKER' on your audio device. The Bluetooth status LED will be solid blue when connected and ready to play.

*Note: If several devices have been paired with the Tailgate Audio System, your device may have been cancelled. You should delete, or FORGET, the "OEBT KICKER" from your device and repeat the pairing procedure.*

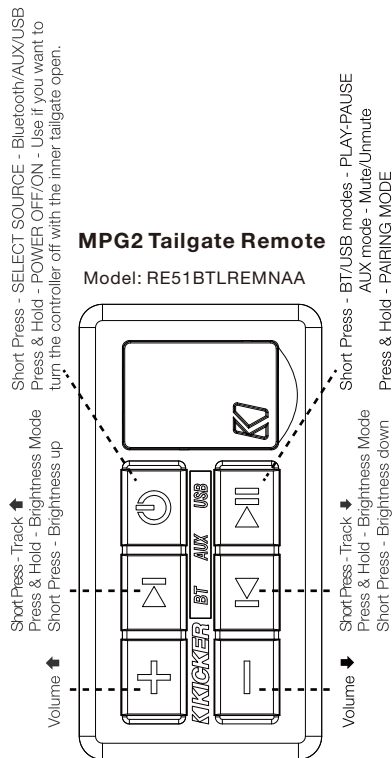
**Aux Mode:** This input mode will play any audio that is plugged into the 3.5mm auxiliary input.

**USB Mode:** The tailgate will only play MP3 and WAV files sampled at 44.1kHz from a USB-connected thumb drive, and use the remote to control your music (Your smart device will not play music through the USB port). However, the USB port can be used to charge your smart device. To listen to music while charging, you must use Bluetooth mode.

**Changing Brightness of Tailgate Remote LEDs:** Press and hold the TRACK UP button of the remote for three seconds. After the remote blinks three times, the TRACK UP and TRACK DOWN buttons will control the remote LED brightness, from off (0) to full intensity (10). After the desired brightness is set and no key presses are detected for three seconds, the remote will blink three times, exit brightness mode, and resume normal function.

Bluetooth is a registered trademark of Bluetooth SIG, Inc., and its affiliates.

**Troubleshooting** - If you need additional information, contact OE Support at [oesupport@kicker.com](mailto:oesupport@kicker.com) or 1-800-256-0808 Extension 6009.



Tailgate Speaker System will not power on.	Check fuse in the T-Harness behind the 7-way trailer connector behind the truck's bumper.
	Make sure both Inner and Primary tailgates are in the fully down position.
	Check vehicle battery voltage. The Tailgate Audio System automatically shuts down at 10.5V to make sure you are not left stranded after tailgating all day.
	Check trailer accessory fuse in fuse box.
	Check harness connection at amplifier.
	Check Bluetooth controller connection at amplifier.
	Check four-pin connector at black module attached to amplifier bracket.
	Check four-pin connector at the circuit board attached to the amplifier bracket.
Tailgate Speaker System powers on, but no sound.	Check three-pin connector at the circuit board attached to the amplifier bracket.
	Check the two four-pin connectors at the driver's side tailgate latch for the inner tailgate
Tailgate Speaker System has rattle or buzz.	Check that proper mode is selected, e.g. Bluetooth, Aux, USB.
	Make sure foam tape is applied to rear of speaker baffle.
	Make sure all wires are wire-tied securely and not touching the speaker baffle or tailgate.
Tailgate Speaker System shuts off when tailgate is raised.	Make sure all fasteners for the speakers, tailgate baffle, and amplifier are secured properly.
	There is no issue. Tailgate Speaker System is designed to only operate when both inner and outer tailgates are folded fully down.
Poor Bluetooth Range or trouble connecting	In certain areas the system may be affected by interference from other RF devices. This problem should correct itself once out of range of interference.

**Note:** This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

**MODIFICATION:** Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the grantee of this device could void the user's authority to operate the device.

This equipment complies with FCC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment and meets the FCC radio frequency (RF) Exposure rules as this equipment has very low levels of RF energy.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules and contains license-exempt transmitter(s)/receiver(s) that comply with Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's licence-exempt RSS standard(s).

Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- (2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

L'émetteur/récepteur exempt de licence contenu dans le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Innovation, Sciences et Développement économique Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes:

- (1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et
- (2) l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

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