

1 Overview

K3 is the world's fastest power-to-play Wi-Fi media player solution for Internet radio, Podcast, Bluetooth speaker, DLNA network streaming, DAB/DAB+ and FM radio products (optional) and CD playback. With 8-10 seconds power-to-play the last-played station, K3 is almost an order faster than the other solutions. In addition, K3 excels in power efficiency that enables an Internet radio to run over 10 hours fwith a 2000 mAH Li battery (1.5 watt audio output). ALD/Skytune's total solution enables music playback device manufacturers to develop competitive media playback products with minimum engineering resources. In most cases, manufacturers need only a power supply, LCD display, audio amplifier, driver speaker and keypad to implement designs of table top radios, Wi-Fi/BT speakers and media adapters, allowing them the precious time and efforts to focus on market and value-added developments, which they excel.

Powered by a highly integrated SoC with dual-core CPU, Wi-Fi and Bluetooth engine and real-time OS, K3 supports a variety of music formats including AAC, HE-AAC, MP3, WAV and FLAC and industry standard streaming formats like Apple HTTP streaming (BBC's primary audio format) and Shoutcast/Icecast. Well architect firmware design enables manufacturers to offer products with different hardware configurations consistent and intuitive user interfaces, saving much work in sales and support personnel training.

In addition to the ultra-fast power-to-play operation, the grouping of all favourite stations of the different radio modes (IR, DAB and FM) under one Favourite listing is also a highly praiased feature of the ALD/Skytune Internet radio streaming solution, saving the need for switching to radio modes and their respective Favourite station storage positions for fastest and intuitive radio access.

K3 solutions intergate an embedded web server to allow the use of a web browser in PCs, smart phones or tablets to manage the playback of Internet radio stations and the management of the 150 favourite stations. Users can add/remove their favourite stations, name them or, move the positions with the much more powerful MMI interfaces at ease. Not to be out done by the embedded server, on-device control for the same functionalities is available. The most distinguished feature of the Favourite station management is that, no Skytune, Internet connected server is required to give the ultimate security from potential server breakdown.



2 Features

2.1 Hardware Features

| Feature | Description |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Wi-Fi | IEEE 802.11 b/g/n up to 150 Mbps |
| | 2.4~2.5 GHz |
| | A-MPDU and A-MSDU aggregation and 0.4 S guard interval support |
| | Printed PCB antenna with optional IPEX antenna |
| Ethernet | Optional PHY for 10/100 Mbps Ethernet LAN |
| Bluetooth | Bluetooth V4.2 BR specifications |
| | NZIF receiver with -97 dBm sensitivity |
| LCD | SPI interface for 320x240/160x120 TFT LCD, 160x128 TFT LCD or 128x64/48/45/32 STN LCD |
| Key Input | Up to 2 rotary encoders and 20 tactile switches |
| Audio CODEC | I2S interface audio CODEC with 5-band EQ control and EQ presets; 3-D audio enhancement |
| | Integrated input mixer and output mixer |
| | 16-bit audio with sampling rate at 22.05, 24.0, 44.1 and 48.0 Khz |
| | Built-in amplifier for 16 ohm headphone output (40 mW) |
| S/PDIF Output | Optional S/PDIF output in optical and co-axial |
| AUX-in/-out | Supports input from other audio devices and external amplifier |
| Power Supply | 2.7~3.3V DC supply (minimum 80 mA, maximum 500 mA) |
| SD Card | Optional SD card support |
| Power Efficiient Wi-Fi Playback | 150 mA @ 3.7V for Wi-Fi streaming (headphone output) |
| Ultra-Low Standby Power | Less than 250 mW in standby with clock display (meets ERP 1.0 W even with linear power supply) |

2.2 Firmware Features

| Feature | Description |
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| 802.11 b/g/n | up to 150 Mbps |
| Wi-Fi AP Scanning | Automatic Wi-Fi AP scanning upon power up |
| WPS Push Button Setup | WPS PBS allows one-touch of push button to associate Wi-Fi AP |
| Automatic Network Settings | DHCP process for automatic network configuration |
| Wi-Fi Security | Wi-Fi Protected Setup 2 (WPA2, WPA and WEP) |
| Network Time | Obtains network time and location to determine local time |
| Location Setup | Identifies location of radio to setup Local Radio |
| Radio Directory Service | Skytune radio server listing over 31,000+ free-to-listen radios |
| Radio Station Browsing | Browse according to Location or Radio genre or search function |
| Listening Trends | Most popular stations globally, per country and per state |
| Storage of Favorite Stations | 99 stations can be stored locally for easy access |
| History of Played Stations | 99 stations of last played radio to explore stations across world |
| Managing Favorite | On device control to move position (Top/Bottom/Up/Down) and/or delete favourite station entries |
| Browser-based Control | Embedded server ensures station URLs can be managed independent of any remote server trhough web browser (PC, smart phone or table) for esy management with bigger screens |
| Auto-playback on Power | Option to play the last station on power up |
| Podcast Streaming | Offers the most diversified audio contents on-demand (coming soon) |
| OTA Firmware Update | Remote, over-the-air firmware update without the need for a connected PC or storage medium |
| DLNA/UPnP Playback | Streams music from smart phones, PCs and devices in the local network |
| Dual Alarms | Dual alarms (with snooze) to wake user to radio or built-in tone |
| Sleep Timer | Turns off radio playback in 15/30/45/60/120 minutes |
| Backlight Dimmer | Adjustable backlight mode and backlight level (down to 1% brightness) |
| Multiple Languages (13) | English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Nederlans, Polskie, Russian, Czech, Slovak, Croatia, Romania and Simplified Chinese |
| DAB/DAB+ Radio | Optional Band III DAB/DAB+ reception (with DLS and slide-show support) |
| FM Radio | Optional Worldwide FM band (with RDS) support |
| Audio Formats | MP3, AAC, HE-AAC, FLAC (22.05, 24.0, 44.1 and 48.0 MHz sampling frequency) |
| Streaming Formats | Apple HTTP (HLS), Shoutcast and Icecast |
| Equalizer | Advanced 5-band equalizer and EQ presets |
| Bluetooth V4.2 A2DP | Plays music from most smart phones with BT |
| CD Playback | Supports ALI and Silan CD solutions |
| Power-Efficient | 150 mA when playing Internet radio with Wi-Fi connection (3.7 V Li battery) (headphone out) |
| Rechargeable Battery | Supports rechargeable Li battery |

