Dell Pro Stereo Sound Bar with bracket - AE515M

User’s Guide

Regulatory Model: AE515
Notes, cautions, and warnings

⚠️ NOTE: A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your computer.

⚠️ CAUTION: A CAUTION indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.

⚠️ WARNING: A WARNING indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.
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NOTE: The documents that are shipped with the sound bar may vary based on your region.

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Features

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Setting up your sound bar

Installing the sound bar to your Dell monitor

Without bracket

1. Align the tabs on the sound bar to the slots on the monitor base.
2. Slide the sound bar to the right to secure the sound bar onto the monitor base.
With bracket

1 Pull the bracket’s clamp.

**NOTE:** Use the thick rubber cushion between the bracket and the non-swivel base monitor stand.

2 Secure the bracket to the monitor stand.
3 Push the bracket down to align it with the stand base.
4 Align the tabs on the sound bar with the slots on the bracket. Slide the sound bar to the right to secure the sound bar to the bracket.
Turning on your sound bar

NOTE: If the sound bar is not detected, connect the uplink cable that came with your Dell monitor. Connect one end of the uplink cable to the USB port on the Dell monitor and the other end to the USB port on your Dell computer.

Connect the USB cable of the sound bar to the USB port of the Dell monitor.

The sound bar turns on automatically when the computer is turned on. The light on the right side of the sound bar turns solid white.
Connecting your sound bar

Use the audio in or aux-in jack to connect your audio device such as tablet or smartphone to your Dell sound bar.

Audio-in port

You can play audio using the audio-in cable that came with your sound bar.
1. Connect the audio-in cable to the aux-in port on the left side of the sound bar.
2. Connect the other end of the audio-in cable to your audio device.
3. Play music and adjust the volume as desired.

⚠️ NOTE: When audio in is the default playback device, the light on the microphone button turns solid red. The sound bar microphone cannot be used in this playback mode.
Headphone jack

1. Connect the headphone to the headphone jack on the sound bar.
2. Play music and adjust the volume as desired.
3. Press the Default playback button on the left side of the sound bar to toggle between the speaker and headphone.

⚠️ NOTE: The Default playback button is disabled when the headphone is not connected to the sound bar.
Answering Skype for Business calls

1. Press the Call pick-up button.

*NOTE: The light indicator on Call pick-up button blinks when there is an incoming call on Skype for Business and other supported software.*

2. Press the Call hang-up button to end the call.

3. Press the Mic mute button to mute the microphone on the sound bar. Pressing the Mic mute button again will remove mute from the microphone on the sound bar.

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Answering a call

Mutting the mic

Hang-up the call
Making Skype for Business calls

1. Press the call button to open up Skype for Business.
2. Initiate a call through the Skype for Business application on your computer.
3. Press the Call hang-up button to end the call.
4. Press the Mic mute button to mute the microphone on the sound bar. Pressing the Mic mute button again will remove mute from the microphone on the sound bar.
Adjusting the volume

1. Press the + button to increase the volume. A soft dual tone can be heard when the sound bar is at the maximum volume.
2. Press the – button to reduce the volume. A soft single tone can be heard when the sound bar is at the minimum volume.

Increase the volume

Reduce the volume
# Troubleshooting

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Headphone jack is connected, but no sound is heard

- Ensure that the aux-in plug is completely inserted into the aux-out port of the audio source.
- Decrease the volume of the audio source.
- Turn the volume level to a lower setting by pressing the – button on the sound bar.
- Clean and reseat the cables.
- Make sure no loose objects are touching the sound bar.

Computer audio player is playing

- Ensure that the platform music player audio volume is not set to 0%.
- Increase the volume of the sound bar.
- Press the default playback function button on the sound bar.

Headphone abnormal Audio distortion sound

- Check if the headphone plug is properly inserted into the sound bar headphone jack.
- Check if the headphone plug has intermittent connection.
- Check if the music file is not distorted when playing without the headphone or connected to a known good headphone.
## Specifications

### General
- **Model number**: AE515/AE515M
- **Connection type**: USB cable, Audio cable

### Electrical
- **Operating voltage**: 5 V
- **Operating current**: 500 mA
- **Audio input**: USB Digital Audio input, Analog Audio Aux-in (3.5 mm jack)
- **Output power**: 2 \times 1.8 W at \leq 10\% THD (USB 3.0), 2 \times 1.0 W at \leq 10\% THD (USB 2.0)
- **Sound Pressure Level**: 84 dB ±3 dB

### Physical characteristics

#### Sound bar dimensions:
- **Width**: 443 mm (17.441 in)
- **Height**: 35 mm (1.378 in)
- **Depth**: 60.43 mm (2.379 in)
- **Weight**: 440 g (0.97 lb)

#### Bracket dimensions:
- **Width**: 230.11 mm (9.06 in)
- **Height**: 56.08 mm (2.21 in)
- **Depth**: 63.57 mm (2.50 in)
- **Weight**: 74 g (0.16 lb)
Statutory information

Warranty

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