



Portable Professional USB mic

What is the Snowflake?

The Snowflake is a high-quality condenser microphone designed to give you professional results with very little effort. Simply connect it to your computer's USB port, follow the prompts and you'll have high-fidelity sound in no time! The Snowflake has its own digital converter and specially-designed preamplifier, both optimized to work in conjunction with Blue's precision-machined capsule to make sure that you always get the best sound possible into your computer.

Snowflake Suggested Applications

The compact Snowflake was designed with the traveler in mind. Because you just connect it to your USB port, it offers a wide range of applications coupled with an ease of use never before offered in a professional-quality microphone. Some suggested applications include podcasting, internet conferencing, internet telephony, narration, dictation, field recording, lecture recording, baby monitoring, and of course, our favorite, recording your own music!

Where do you put it?

The Snowflake's unique design allows you to place it on a desk or flat surface near your computer, or mounted to the screen of most laptops. Gently grasp the top and bottom halves of the Snowflake mounting box and slide them away from each other (figure 1). You'll find the USB cable snugly fit inside. The top half of the mount can then be positioned on any flat surface (figure 2), or hung over the back of most laptops (figure 3). The Snowflake capsule also pivots back and forth and rotates side-to-side for optimal positioning.

NOTE: Forceful positioning of the capsule swivel can result in damage not covered by the warranty.

When not in use, just disconnect the USB cable and store it in the mounting box, sliding both halves together to close. When traveling with the Snowflake, gently swivel the active side of the round capsule head (with the metal grille) so that it faces down and into the box (figure 4). This will help protect the precision capsule from damage.

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What do you connect it to?

Simply connect the Snowflake to the USB port on your Macintosh or Windows computer. Make sure that the active, on-axis side of the diaphragm (again, the side with the metal grille) is facing the desired source.

Snowflake Setup

Macintosh Setup Procedure:

1. For OSX users: in the Apple menu, open *System Preferences*.
2. Double-click *Sound* preference file.
3. Click on the *Input* tab.
4. Double click *Blue USB Snowflake Mic* under *Choose a device for sound input* dialog box.
5. Set input volume to the appropriate level.
6. Exit *System Preferences*.

Windows Setup Procedure (Win98/XP/NT):

1. Under *Start Menu*, open the *Sounds and Audio Devices* control panel.
2. Select *Audio* tab; insure that *Blue Snowflake USB Mic* is selected as *default device*.
3. Click on *Volume*; select appropriate volume level.
4. Exit control panel.

Windows Setup Procedure (Vista)

1. Under *Start Menu*, open the *Control Pane*, then select *Sound*.
2. Select *Recording* tab; insure that *Blue Snowflake* is selected as *Working* with check mark next to icon (Disable alternate mic if necessary).
3. Click on *Properties*; select the *Levels* tab, set your input level, click *Apply*, then *OK*.
4. Exit control panel.

Specifications

Transducer Type: *Pressure Gradient*

Polar Pattern: *Cardioid*

Frequency Response: *35Hz - 20kHz*

Sample Rate/Word Length: *44.1 kHz/16 bit*

Maximum SPL (THD 0.5%): *120 dB SPL*



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