Universal Remote Control

Your universal remote control allows you to control all your audio/visual equipment simply and efficiently. You no longer need several remotes to perform tasks. But beyond replacing separate remotes, your universal remote can perform sophisticated tasks such as

- Turn on/off multiple components
- Switch audio and video sources
- Control volume across devices
- Keep track of what devices are on/off
- Control lighting, window coverings, etc.

These notes will help you become familiar with your remote.

Remote Control Overview

The remote consists of hard buttons and an LCD screen. The hard buttons are labeled and work just like they do on your separate remotes. They are used to control volume, change channels, access menus and guides, and typical DVR style controls like play, pause, fast-forward, etc.

The **LCD Screen** at the top of the remote is for commands that don't have labeled hard buttons. **The top of the LCD screen shows the active menu or device**. There can be more commands for a single device than can fit on one screen. The bottom of the LCD shows how many pages of commands there are for the active device.

The **Power Buttons** are at the top of the remote and are used to turn the system and devices on and off.

The **Device/Command Buttons** along the LCD Screen are used to run the adjacent command on the LCD Screen.

The **Page Buttons** let you change what device or menu commands are shown on the LCD screen. Press the Page Button(s) to cycle through all commands defined for the current device.

Use the **Top Level Menu Buttons** to return to the Top Level Menus.

The **Cursor Pad** in the middle of the remote is used to move up, down, right, left and select items.

The **Light Button** on the right side of the remote illuminates the LCD screen and hard buttons.

Top Level Menu

USE THE TOP LEVEL MENU TO TURN ON THE SYSTEM AND SWITCH DEVICES. The Top Level menu is called Watch or Main, depending on which model you have. Press the Watch or Main button until the word Watch or Main is displayed at the top of the LCD screen.

Turning on the System

THE FIRST STEP IS ALWAYS TO TURN THE SYSTEM ON. Make sure you are at the Top Level menu (it must say Main or Watch at the top). Press the green **On** button at the top left. Wait for the system to turn on. By default the system will always start with everything set to watch TV.

Note: The **On** button works differently when not in a Top Level menu. In a device menu (DVD , for example), the **On** button turns on just that device.

Turning Off the System

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO RETURN TO THE TOP LEVEL MENU TO TURN THE SYSTEM OFF. Turn your system off using the red **Off** button at the top of the remote. This will work at the Top Level Menu and in main devices such as Cable, DVD, CD, etc. The remote will switch back to watching TV mode, turn off all devices, and return the remote to the Top Level Menu.

Switching Activities or Devices

ONCE THE SYSTEM IS ON YOU CAN CHOOSE DEVICE BUTTONS SUCH AS CABLE OR DVD. Switch activities or devices from the Top Level Menu. Press Main, Listen or Watch. Make sure the text Main, Listen or Watch is displayed at the top of the LCD screen. Choose the activity or device you want to use. Press the Device/Activity button next to the text on the LCD screen to activate it. Devices like Cable or DVD will run multiple commands to prepare the system for that device – this can include selecting the receiver source, the TV input, etc. Other devices like Audio do not change the system sources, but can give you access to options like surround modes.

Changing Audio Settings

Modern receivers have many options to change the way audio is played. For example, listening to a CD is usually best in stereo or pure/direct modes. For a party you might want to use 5-channel stereo. For movies you want Dolby surround sound or DTS-HD. These options can be accessed using the Audio or Receiver devices. The labels for the receiver devices vary and there is often more than one available. Look at the pages under your Listen Top Level Menu. It is best to read your receiver manual to fully understand the available options.

Note: PLII and DTS Neo options (PLIIx Cinema, PLIIx Music, DTS Neo Cinema, DTS Neo Music, for example) take 2 channel signals and convert them to simulated surround sound. These should only be used for 2 channel signals (like CDs or stereo broadcasts). DVDs and Cable/Sat should use true Dolby Pro Logic or Surround options for full effect.

Zone 2 – Operating Speakers in Other Rooms/Locations

Receivers handle speakers in other rooms or locations differently. You should have a Zone 2 menu under Listen or Main that gives you control over these speakers. Typically a speaker selector switch will be used to turn on/off other locations. Once in the Zone 2 menu, the remote will let you modify the Zone 2 settings.

- Use the green On and red Off buttons to turn on/off your zone 2 speakers
- Use the Volume buttons to raise or lower the master volume in Zone 2
- Click on a source button (CD or Cable, for example) to specify what source will be played
- Use the speaker switch (if present) to turn on/off individual rooms and locations

A different source can be played in Zone 2 than in your main listening room. For example, you can watch a TV show in your main room and listen to a CD or iPod in your backyard. It is best to start the device in the main room to hear what is playing and then select that device in Zone 2. For example, say you want to listen to a CD in another room. You can select the CD device in the Zone 2 menu but there are no controls to play, pause, skip, etc. in the Zone 2 menu. So first choose CD in the Listen Top Level Menu and press the play button. Once the music starts, you can switch to any other device and it will only affect the main room. Zone 2 can play any device in the Zone 2 menu.

Custom Settings

Every remote installation is different so there are custom features that only apply to your remote.

There is usually a Power menu at the Top Level that can be used if a device gets out of sync or if you want to manually turn a device on or off.

Use the Return command (if available) when in an Audio or Lighting device to return to the active device menu.

If your remote did not come with a charger, Sanyo Eneloop rechargeable batteries are recommended. Buy a charger and 2 sets of batteries. They will easily pay for themselves over the life of the remote.

It is recommended to keep a pad of paper and pen handy when first learning to use your remote control. Write down any questions about how the remote works, commands that don't work as expected, or missing commands. If you find that a command you use frequently is buried on Page 4 of a device, it can easily be moved to the first or second page.

Another tip is to put all your old remotes in a drawer where they are accessible but out of view. If you notice that the old remotes are being used, find out why and when. You universal remote can be configured to operate all your devices simply and efficiently. If it isn't working to your liking – it can be changed.

If you have questions or modifications – don't hesitate to call your installer.