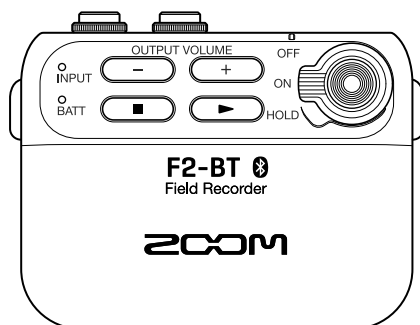
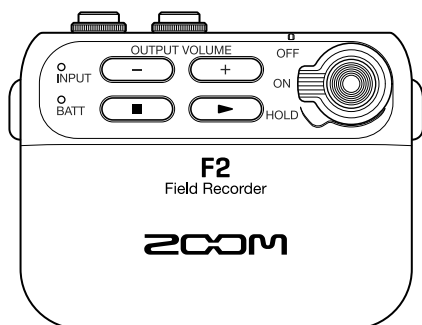


# F2/F2-BT

## Field Recorder



## Operation Manual

You must read the Usage and Safety Precautions before use.



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## F2/F2-BT features

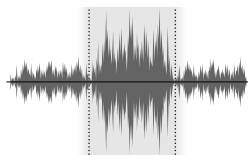
With a dual A/D converter circuit and support for 32-bit float WAV files, recording with the highest audio quality is possible.

### ■ Dual A/D converter circuit

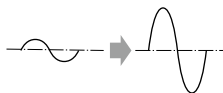
The input circuit has two A/D converters with different input gains. Recording with high audio quality is possible without adjusting the gain whether the input sound is loud or quiet.

### ■ 32-bit float WAV files

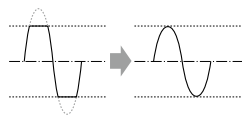
Recording with 32-bit float WAV file formats allows audio quality to be retained when editing.



- Wide dynamic range
- Recording level always optimal

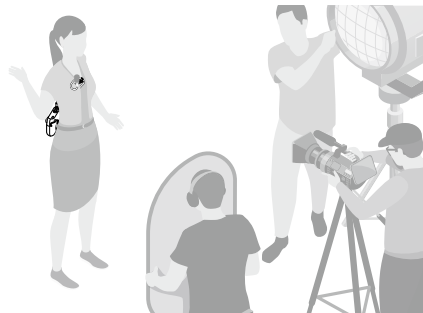


- High resolution even for quiet sounds



- Waveforms can be restored to unclipped states

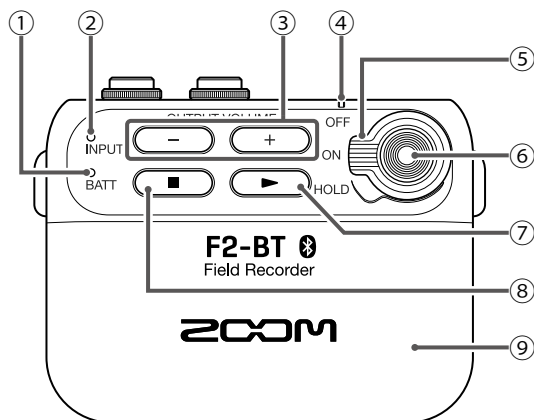
## Use examples



Since input gain adjustment is unnecessary, recording can be started by pressing a single button after putting the mic on.

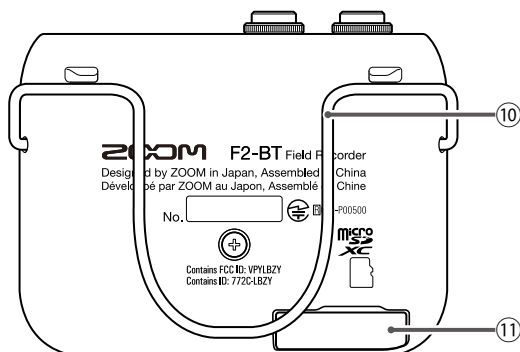
## Functions of parts

### ■ Front



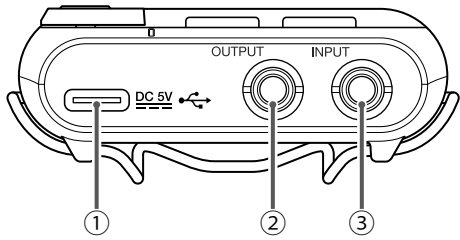
- ① **BATT LED**  
The color of the light changes according to the remaining battery charge.
- ② **INPUT LED**  
This lights according to the input level through the INPUT jack.
- ③ **OUTPUT VOLUME -/+ buttons**  
Use these to adjust the output volume. Raising the volume too much could cause the monitored sound to become distorted, but the recorded data will not be distorted.
- ④ **REC/PLAY LED**  
This lights during recording and playback.
- ⑤ **Power switch**  
Use this to turn the power ON/OFF and to disable button operation.
- ⑥ **REC button**  
Use this to start/stop recording.
- ⑦ **Play button**  
Use to play recorded files.
- ⑧ **Stop button**  
Press to stop playback of recorded files.
- ⑨ **Battery compartment cover**  
Remove when installing or removing batteries.

### ■ Back



- ⑩ **Belt clip**
- ⑪ **microSD card slot**  
Insert a microSD card here.

■ Top



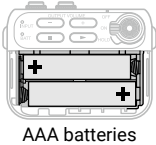
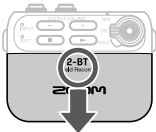
- ① **DC 5V (USB Type-C) connector**
  - A dedicated AC adapter (ZOOM AD-17) can also be connected here to use AC power.
  - This can also be connected to a computer for use. Files can be moved, and F2/F2-BT settings can be made using the F2 Editor app.
- ② **OUTPUT jack**  
Connect headphones, for example, here.
- ③ **INPUT jack**  
Connect a lavalier mic here.

Preparing for use

In order to use an F2/F2-BT, an application must be installed on a computer and initial settings for it must be made. See [page 9](#) for details about installing the application.

■ Turn the power on

After turning the power off, open the battery compartment cover and install batteries. When the power is on, the remaining battery charge can be checked with the BATT LED.



| BATT LED        | Remaining battery charge |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Lit green       | Full                     |
| Lit orange      | ↕                        |
| Blinking orange | ↓                        |
| Blinking red    | Empty                    |

HINT

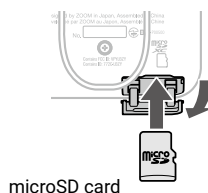
An AD-17 AC adapter can also be used.

- NOTE
- Use only one type of batteries (alkaline, NiMH or lithium) at a time.
  - If the BATT LED does not light after the power is turned on, set the power to OFF and install new batteries.
  - After installing the batteries, set the battery type correctly. Use F2 Editor or F2 Control (F2-BT only) to set this.

## ■ Insert a microSD card

After turning the power off, open the microSD card slot cover and insert a card.



To remove a microSD card, push it further into the slot and then pull it out.

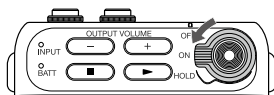


### NOTE


- Always make certain that the power is off when inserting or removing a microSD card. Inserting or removing a card while the power is on could result in data loss.
- When inserting a microSD card, be sure to insert the correct end with the top side up as shown.
- Recording and playback are not possible when a microSD card is not loaded.
- Use F2 Editor to format microSD cards.

## Turning the power on

1. Set  to ON.
2. To turn the power off, set  to OFF.

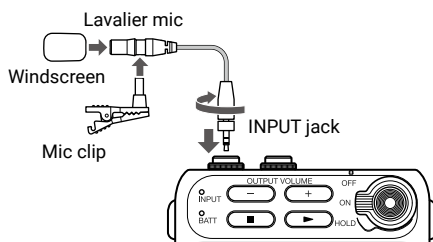
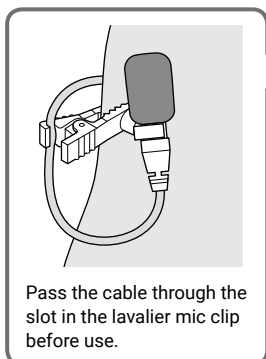


### HINT

Setting  to HOLD will disable button operations.

## Connecting the lavalier mic

1. Attach the windscreen and the clip to the lavalier mic.
2. Connect the lavalier mic to the INPUT jack, and tighten the screw lock.



### HINT

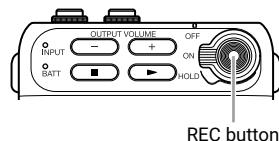
- Mics without screw locks can also be connected.
- The INPUT LED lights green according to the input level. If the input level is too high, it will blink red.

### NOTE

- The INPUT jack always supplies plug-in power (2.5 V).
- Check the power specifications before using a mic made by a different company.
- Do not connect a device that does not support plug-in power.

## Recording



1. Press .
2. Press  again to stop recording.

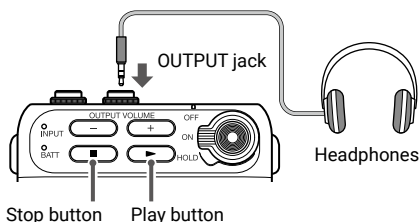


### NOTE

During recording, the REC/PLAY LED lights red.

## Playing recordings

1. Connect headphones, for example, to the OUTPUT jack.
2. Press .
3. Press  to stop playback.

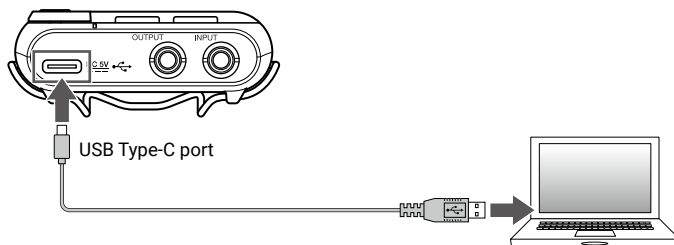


### HINT

- Use   to adjust the output volume.
- During playback, the REC/PLAY LED lights green.

## Transferring files to computers

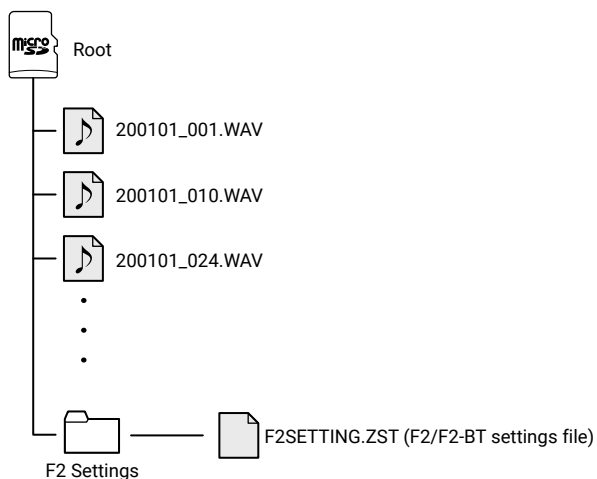
1. Turn the F2/F2-BT power on.
2. Use a USB cable to connect the F2/F2-BT and the computer.



3. Use the computer to transfer the necessary files.
4. When you want to disconnect, use the computer to end the USB connection with the F2/F2-BT.

### ■ F2/F2-BT folder and file structure

When recording with an F2/F2-BT, folders and files are created on microSD cards in the following manner.





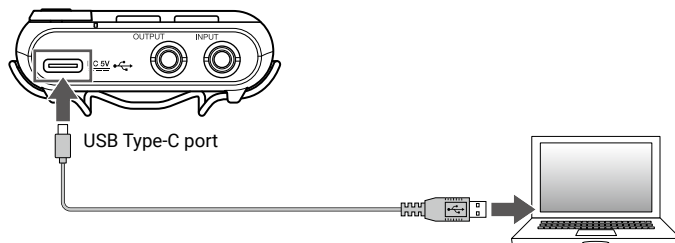
## Using a computer to change settings

### 1. Install F2 Editor on the computer.

This can be downloaded from the ZOOM website (zoomcorp.com).

### 2. Turn the F2/F2-BT power on.

### 3. Use a USB cable to connect the F2/F2-BT and the computer.



### 4. Launch F2 Editor, and change the F2/F2-BT settings.

#### NOTE

Connection with a computer is not possible during recording or playback.

## Connecting to a smartphone/tablet and using F2 Control for remote control (F2-BT only)

### 1. Install the F2 Control app from the App Store or Google Play on the smartphone/tablet.

### 2. Turn the F2-BT power on.

### 3. Launch F2 Control on the smartphone/tablet.

When F2 Control launches, a Bluetooth device list will appear. Tap the device name/ID to connect to the F2-BT.

The REC/PLAY LED will light orange on the F2-BT connected to F2 Control.

### 4. Use F2 Control to operate and set the F2-BT.

#### NOTE

Connection with F2 Control is not possible when connected to a computer.

## List of F2 Editor/F2 Control functions

| Function                             | Explanation                                      | F2 Editor | F2 Control |
|--------------------------------------|--|-----------|------------|
| Record/play/stop                     | Control record, play, stop and other operations  |           | ✓          |
| Remaining battery charge display     | Check remaining battery charge                   |           | ✓          |
| Recording/playback file name display | Check name of file being recorded/played         |           | ✓          |
| Elapsed recording time display       | Check elapsed recording time                     |           | ✓          |
| Recordable time display              | Check remaining recordable time                  |           | ✓          |
| Level meter display                  | Check input level (level meter)                  |           | ✓          |
| Error message display                | Check error content                              |           | ✓          |
| Lo Cut                               | Set low-cut function                             | ✓         | ✓          |
| Output Volume                        | Adjust output volume                             | ✓         | ✓          |
| Rec Format                           | Select recording format                          | ✓         | ✓          |
| Rec File Name                        | Set recording file name                          | ✓         | ✓          |
| User Defined Name                    | Edit text used for file name                     | ✓         | ✓          |
| Rec File Note                        | Edit note for recording file                     |           | ✓          |
| Date/Time                            | Set date and time added to recording files       | ✓         | ✓          |
| Battery Type                         | Select type of battery                           | ✓         | ✓          |
| Bluetooth Function                   | Select function to use by Bluetooth              | ✓         |            |
| Forget Device                        | End pairing with timecode synchronization device | ✓         |            |
| Auto Power Off                       | Set time until power turns off automatically     | ✓         | ✓          |
| Factory Reset                        | Reset to factory default settings                | ✓         |            |
| SD Card Format                       | Format microSD card for use                      | ✓         |            |
| Finder                               | Check files on microSD card                      |           | ✓          |
| Rename                               | Change names of recorded files                   |           | ✓          |
| Note                                 | Edit notes of recorded files                     |           | ✓          |
| Version                              | Check version                                    | ✓         | ✓          |

# Troubleshooting

## ■ Recording and playback

### Recording is not possible

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Confirm that the REC/PLAY LED is lit red.

Confirm that the microSD card has open space.

If the HOLD function is on, button operations will be disabled. Disable the HOLD function.

### Recorded sound cannot be heard or is very quiet

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Confirm that the REC/PLAY LED is lit green during playback.

### There is no sound or output is very quiet

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Confirm that the REC/PLAY LED is lit green during playback.

Check the connections to the monitoring system and its volume setting.

Confirm that the volume of the F2/F2-BT is not too low.

## ■ Other issues

### The unit is not recognized by a computer connected using a USB cable

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Confirm that the operating system is compatible.

### Cannot connect with a Bluetooth device

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Use F2 Editor to check the Bluetooth function setting.

### Battery operation time is short

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Making the following settings could increase the battery operation time.

- Use F2 Editor to set the power supply used correctly.
- Disconnect any unneeded plug from the OUTPUT jack, for example.

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