Technical Note TN1

18th July 2008

Launch of i80 with Universal Dock for iPod®

Colour:

The i80 dock will be shipped as standard in a black finish. However, owners of red and yellow F80s can obtain matching red and yellow coloured clip-on trims from Meridian retail partners. These spare parts will be made available by Meridian without charge. All other coloured F80s should be partnered with the standard black finish dock.

From the date of launch of the i80 dock, all new red and yellow F80s will be automatically shipped with a matching coloured clip-on dock trim and explanatory notice in the box.

Firmware:

Please note that all F80s supplied before 1st June 2008 will require a firmware update in order for the iPod to be controllable via the F80 front-panel or remote-control. To provide this functionality, the F80 must have firmware version 1.0.3 or later.

The firmware version currently loaded in an F80 can be found by following these steps:

1. Press the Home key, marked ⌂.
2. Press the Adjust key.
3. Press the Setup key.
4. Press the Info key.

The firmware version will be shown on the display in the form "F80 1.0.3"

If a firmware update is required, the firmware can be loaded from a PC connected to the F80 using the appropriate lead (pictured). This lead is available to authorised distributors from Meridian Audio Limited.

F80 firmware-update lead
Meridian stock code: SP5478AA

Please note; this is a different lead to that used with Meridian G-series and 800-series products.
If the PC does not have a serial port, a USB-to-serial adapter can be used to allow connection to the F80 firmware-update lead. Full instructions for performing the update can be found on Meridian Technical Note TN2 .

Powering the i80:

When used in conjunction with an F80 with a serial number lower than 10004000, the i80 must be powered via its USB socket using an external PSU. In such cases, Meridian will supply a suitable PSU without charge. Any F80 with a serial number greater than 10004000 does not require an external PSU.

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