



# BSK20V2 MANUAL



# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- Read these instructions.
- Keep this instruction manual.
- Pay close attention to all the warnings.
- Follow all instructions.
- Do not use near water.
- Do not, under any circumstance, expose to any dripping or splashing liquid. Do not place items with liquids (such as vases, glasses or bottles of liquid) on top of the amp.
- Clean only with dry cloth.
- Do not block any ventilation openings.
- Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not install near anything that produces heat. This includes things such as radiators, heaters, stoves and other amplifiers.
- Do not modify or change the AC plug. A grounding type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The third prong is provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
- Do not allow the power cable to be bent, pinched, walked on, or put in any such place where damage may occur.
- Unplug the amplifier during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
- Contact manufacturer or authorized repair technician when servicing is needed. Servicing is required when the amplifier has been damaged in any way, such as power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.

- Excessive sound pressure from earphones and headphones can cause hearing loss.
- No naked flame sources, such as candles should be placed on or near the apparatus
- If needed, lift amplifier with care. Use a trolley as needed, but caution is advised to prevent the trolley tipping over.



**“TO COMPLETELY DISCONNECT THE AMPLIFIER FROM THE AC MAINS, DISCONNECT THE POWER SUPPLY CORD PLUG FROM THE AC WALL SOCKET”.**

**“WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS AMPLIFIER TO RAIN OR MOISTURE AND OBJECTS FILLED WITH LIQUIDS, SUCH AS VASES, SHOULD NOT BE PLACED ON THIS APPARATUS”.**



This symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operation and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.



This symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated “dangerous voltage” within the product’s enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.

**WARNING:**  
TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK DO NOT  
EXPOSE THIS PRODUCT TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.



## Notice regarding disposal (EU only)



When this "crossed-out wheeled bin" symbol is displayed on the product, owner's manual, battery, or battery package, it signifies that when you wish to dispose of this product, manual, package or battery you must do so in an approved manner. Do not discard



this product, manual, package or battery along with ordinary household waste. Disposing in the correct manner will prevent harm to human health and potential damage to the environment. Since the correct method of disposal will depend on the applicable laws and regulations in your locality, please contact your local administrative body for details. If the battery contains heavy metals in excess of the regulated amount, a chemical symbol is displayed below the "crossed-out wheeled bin" symbol on the battery or battery package.

# INTRODUCTION

Thanks for purchasing your new Artist BSK20! This amplifier is a great, 20 W tilt back busking amplifier that is ideal for anyone wanting to take their performances to the streets. It can be used for Acoustic, Electric, or even Bass guitars. This is one of the many great value amps designed by the team at Artist.

If you want to learn more about Artist Guitars, head to our website!

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# FEATURES

One of the latest amplifiers to come into our line of great value-for-money amplifiers, the BSK20 offers a lot. The perfect companion for the busking musician or for those still learning and needing an amp on the go. It features portability and sound versatility. With its built-in rechargeable battery (up to 8 hours battery life), this amplifier is ideal for street gigs, rehearsals, and lessons anywhere. Now with an improved high-quality 6.5" woofer and a soft dome tweeter for greater clarity!

It has a 20-Watt Output RMS through an 6.5 inch speaker and 1" tweeter. It has a high input gain with a 3 band EQ for your instrument and a high/low input with a Level and Tone control for your mic. You're also able to play along to your favourite backing tracks or music by connecting your audio device via Bluetooth. To top it all off, the amplifier has a built-in digital reverb. It also features a headphone input for those times that you want to practice but need to be quiet.

The BSK20 has 3 rubber feet on 3 sides to switch between the different operational positions. The amp can be powered either via an AC or DC Power supply.

This amp is multi-purpose, and functions in a similar way to a PA system. If you want to use it for electric guitars, you may want to use it with a pedal that has amp simulation and cab/speaker emulation. That said, it can be used for acoustic guitars, electric guitars, and bass.

## FRONT PANEL



### 1. Channel 1 Input

This is where you plug in your guitar or microphone. The two inputs refer to the level of gain. The High input is useful if you want a louder, higher gain sound. The Low input is useful if you want a quieter sound. This input is normally used for Microphones.

### 2. Channel 1 Level Control

This controls the volume of channel 1. Turn the knob clockwise towards 10 to increase the volume.

### 3. Channel 1 Tone Control

This controls the tone of channel 1. Turning the knob will apply a filter to the channel, adding high frequency content to make the tone brighter and more present.

### 4. Bluetooth Volume

Switches ON and controls the volume level of connected Bluetooth device. Bluetooth is switched OFF when the control is at 0, turn this clockwise to switch Bluetooth ON and control the volume level. Select the amplifier on your device to connect, when successfully paired you will hear a notification through the speaker.



## 5. **Reverb Channel Selector**

This switch controls which channel has reverb. Pushed in, channel 1 has reverb, and when it's clicked out again, channel 2 has reverb.

## 6. **Channel 2 Input**

This is where you plug in your guitar for Channel 2.

## 7. **Channel 2 Gain Control**

This knob controls the preamp gain for Channel 2. As you turn the knob clockwise, the gain will increase, resulting in a louder signal. When it gets closer to 10, there may be some slight break up or drive.

## 8. **Channel 2 Boost Switch**

This switch adds a boost in volume to channel 2. This helps if you're using an electric guitar and want a more overdriven sound. It also helps for guitars with lower output volume to really shine.

## 9. **Channel 2 Bass EQ Control**

This knob controls the amount of low-end frequency in your guitar tone. As it's turned clockwise towards 10, the amount of bass in the guitar tone will increase. If it's set at 0, there will be less bass.

## 10. **Channel 2 Middle EQ Control**

This knob controls the amount of mid-range frequencies in your guitar tone. As it's turned clockwise towards 10, the amount of mid-range frequencies in the guitar tone will increase. If it's set at 0, there will be less mid-range.

## 11. **Channel 2 Treble EQ Control**

This knob controls the amount of high-end frequency in your guitar tone. As it's turned clockwise towards 10, the amount of treble in the guitar tone will increase. If it's set at 0, there will be less treble.

## 12. **Channel 2 Level Control**

This controls the volume of channel 2. Turn the knob clockwise towards 10 to increase the volume.

## 13. Master Reverb Control

This knob controls the amount of reverb present in the output. This controls reverb for both channel 1 and 2, depending on which position the reverb channel selector switch is in. As the knob is turned clockwise towards 10, there will be more reverb in the guitar tone.

## 14. AC/DC Power Selector

This switch is used to select whether the amplifier is powered by batteries or power from the wall socket. Use DC to use batteries, and AC if it's plugged into the wall.

On AC power, the battery charges when it's connected to AC power (it doesn't matter if the switch is on or off)

On DC power, it either uses the battery or the DC input, by using the DC Input it will take less power from the battery.

## 15. DC Power Input

This plug is for a 12V, Negative centre power supply that can be used to charge the internal battery. You can use a compatible 12V car charger that plugs into a cigarette lighter in your car.

## 16. Headphone Output

You can plug headphones into this port with a 1/4" connector to use headphones to hear the output from the guitar/microphone.

## 17. Power Switch

This switch is used to turn the amplifier on and off.

## 18. AC Power Lead Plug

This is where you plug in the AC Power lead included with the amplifier to use it powered by AC or to charge the internal battery.



## CONNECT TO BLUETOOTH DEVICE

To connect your device, ensure the amplifier is switched on, and the Bluetooth control is turned up (ON). On your device, find the amplifier and select "pair". The Amplifier Bluetooth name will either appear as "Artist BSK20V2" or "CREATIVE MUV0 1c". Once you're connected, you can use the Bluetooth volume control in conjunction with the device volume to control the level of your connected audio.

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

**Output RMS:** 20 watts

### Inputs:

- Instrument: 1/4 inch high input jack
- Mic: 1/4 inch low input and 1/4 inch high input

**Speaker:** High quality 6.5 inch speaker with 1 inch soft dome tweeter

### Additional Features:

- Built-in Rechargeable Battery
- Bluetooth capabilities
- Built-in Reverb
- Headphone Output

**Power Plug:** (See our blog post for more details)

- **AU & NZ:** 240V with AU/NZ Plug
- **UK:** 230V with UK plug (with a fuse in the plug)
- **USA:** 120V with USA 3 pin plug

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- This amp is designed for buskers, but does not mean it cannot be used in other ways
- If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to us and we will do all we can to assist you.

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