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COMPACT DISC  
PLAYER  
USER GUIDE**

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# INTRODUCTION

In choosing the 206ΔΣ Compact Disc Player you have acquired a compact disc player that combines superlative sonic performance with a simple and intuitive set of functions.

This guide is designed to enable you to get the best possible results from the unit, whether your requirements are simply to play a disc or to programme a selection of music.

If you have just purchased the 206ΔΣ Compact Disc Player you should first turn to the section *Setting up the compact disc player*, page 15, which explains how to unpack and install the compact disc player correctly.

# THE MERIDIAN 200 SERIES

## The 200 Series

The 206 $\Delta$  $\Sigma$  Compact Disc Player is one of a range of components designed to the same high standards of performance and appearance, and catering for configurations from the simplest conventional single-room hi-fi system, to a Multiroom configuration.

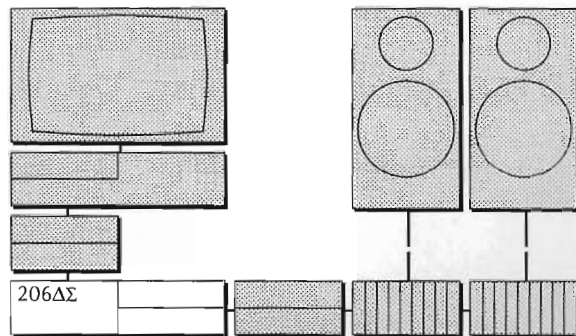
Although designed to produce high-performance sound quality, each 200 Series unit has also been designed to be easy to use, with microprocessor control being applied throughout the range to simplify operation.

## The Multiroom concept

The Meridian Multiroom concept allows you to control any part of your audio system from a separate control unit, not necessarily located in the same room. Meridian products have been designed to provide this flexibility of control without making any compromises in the quality of the sound produced.

The heart of this system is the 201 Remote Control Preamplifier, which can be connected to a Meridian Compact Disc Player and a Meridian 204 FM Stereo Tuner-Timer. Your Multiroom system can also be expanded to include tape-decks, video recorders, and record players.

## 206 $\Delta$ $\Sigma$ Compact Disc Player

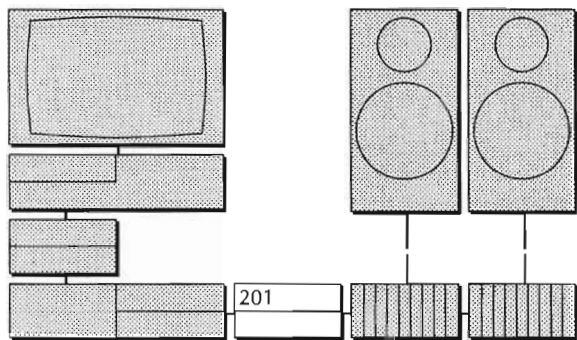


The 206 $\Delta$  $\Sigma$  Compact Disc Player is an integrated CD transport and player, housed in a single box.

Considerable attention has been given to the design of the servo, which controls the laser, and the error-correction circuits, to ensure maximum fidelity to the original recorded signal and high playability. Great care has also been taken with the 206 $\Delta$  $\Sigma$  Compact Disc Player to ensure reliable performance, and a lasting high-quality of appearance.

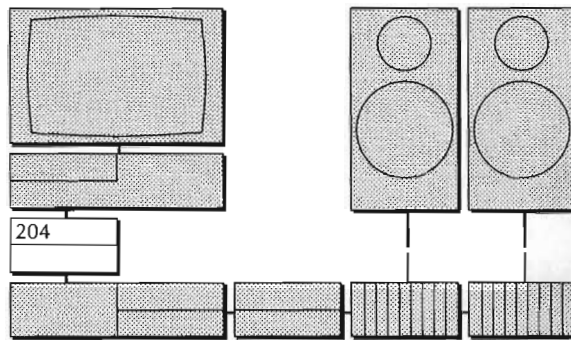
The 206 $\Delta$  $\Sigma$  Compact Disc Player can be connected to the following 200 Series products.

## 201 Remote Control Preamplifier



The preamplifier allows you to select which unit in your installation you listen to, and its volume setting. It also enables you to preset the playback levels for each piece of equipment so that switching between them causes no alteration in volume.

## 204 FM Stereo Tuner-Timer



The stereo tuner-timer provides scanning and manual step tuning to locate any available transmission, and allows a maximum of 18 channels to be preset. It uses a digital display to provide helpful information, and also incorporates a high-quality clock/timer.

For more information about these products, please contact your Meridian dealer.

# SPECIFICATION AND ACCESSORIES

## Specification

Frequency response	20Hz to 20kHz $\pm$ 0.2dB.
Distortion	<0.004%.
Noise	<90dB.
Conversion	Eight times interpolation filter, 64 times Delta-Sigma DAC.
Precision	16 bits.
Display	Track/Index, Track time elapsed, Disc time elapsed, and Disc time remaining.
Finish	Black textured enamel and glass.
Dimensions	325mm x 100mm x 320mm (12.9" x 3.9" x 12.6").
Weight	6.4kg (14lbs).
Outputs	Analogue: 2V fixed. Digital: cable, optical.
Communications	5 pin DIN.
Consumption	20VA.

## Available accessories

The following accessories are available from your dealer:

- Power cord Europe.
- Power cord Canada and USA.
- 209 remote control.

The 209 remote control offers additional features to the unit provided with the 206 $\Delta$  $\Sigma$  Compact Disc Player, and can be used to control other 200 Series equipment.

If you have problems purchasing these items, you can order them direct from Meridian Audio Limited, who can also supply a range of digital cables suitable for connecting the 206 $\Delta$  $\Sigma$  Compact Disc Player to other equipment.

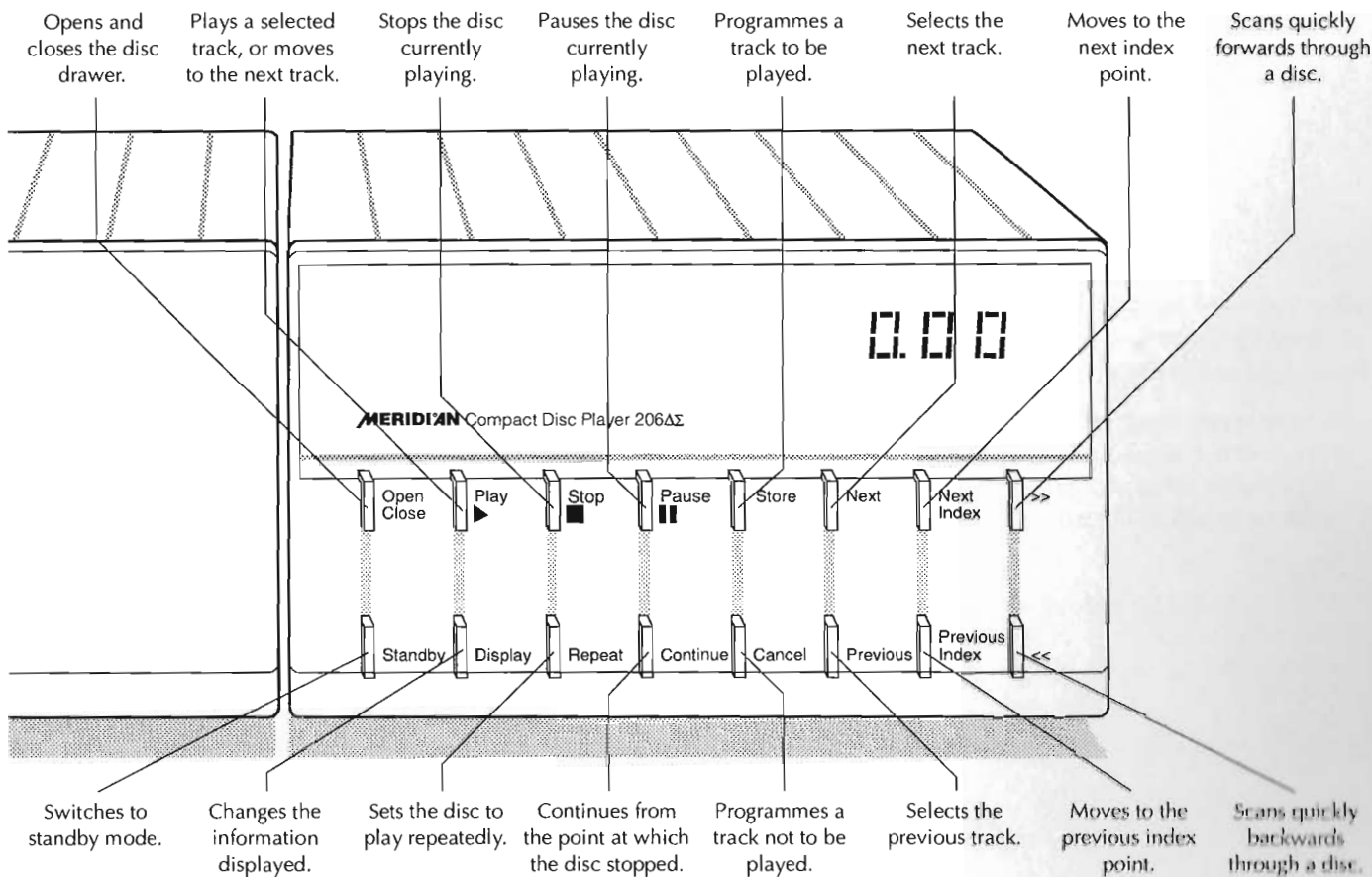
# USING THE COMPACT DISC PLAYER

This chapter provides a visual summary of the functions of the compact disc player in order to identify and help explain each of the controls which you will use to operate the unit.

It also describes all aspects of using the compact disc player, beginning with essential instructions such as switching on and loading a disc, to the more advanced functions, eg programming.

The ➡ symbol indicates instructions for using the compact disc player remote control unit, where appropriate.

# FRONT PANEL



# SWITCHING ON AND OFF

During normal use the compact disc player should be left in the standby state. This uses a negligible amount of electricity, but ensures that the components of the compact disc player operate at maximum efficiency from the moment you start playing a disc.

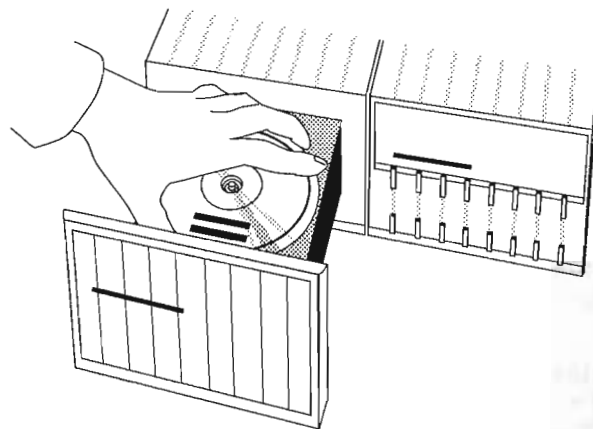
If you are not going to use the compact disc player for a period of several days, you should switch the unit completely off, at the rear panel, and disconnect it from the AC power supply.

## To switch on from standby

- Press any of the function buttons: **Open/Close**, **Play**, **Stop**, **Pause**, or **Continue**.
- Switch on any other equipment connected to the 206ΔΣ Compact Disc Player which is not part of the Meridian 200 Series.

## To insert a disc

- Press **Open/Close** to open the drawer.
- Place your disc, label side up, over the metal hub, as shown opposite.
- Press **Open/Close** again to close the drawer.



## To switch to standby

- Press **Standby**.

The display will show:



The **Standby** button will remain lit. If you have other 200 Series equipment connected to the 206ΔΣ Compact Disc Player, these units will also switch to standby.

If a disc is currently playing, switching to standby will stop the disc, and the disc can be safely left in the unit.

# PLAYING A DISC

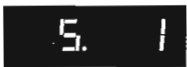
The compact disc player allows you to play an entire disc, or start playing from any track. While a disc is playing you can go back to the start of the track or skip to the start of the next track. You can also set a disc to play repeatedly.

If you have programmed a selection, these functions also work with the selection of tracks you have programmed. For information about programming; see *Programming a selection*, page 12.

## To play the disc

- Press **Play**.
- ▣▶ Press **PLAY**.

The display will indicate that track 1 is selected:



The display will then show the track being played:



## To restart the current track

- Press **Previous**.
- ▣▶ Press **TRACK ◀**.

## To move to the next track

- Press **Play**.
- ▣▶ Press **PLAY**.

## To play starting from a particular track

- Press **Next** or **Previous** to step through the track numbers until the track you want to play is displayed.

For example:



- ▣▶ Press **TRACK ◀** or **▶** to step through the track numbers until the track you want to play is displayed, or type the number of the track.

With the 209 remote control you will need to press **Track** first if you have previously been selecting a radio preset.

After a short delay the track you have selected will start to play.

If you have programmed a selection you will also need to:

- Press **Play**.
- ▣▶ Press **PLAY**.

# STOPPING AND PAUSING PLAY

After stopping a disc, the compact disc player allows you to continue playing from the point at which you stopped.

Alternatively, you can pause a disc while keeping it spinning, so that you can resume play instantly.

## To stop play

- Press **Stop**.
- ▣▶ Press **STOP**.

The display will show the total number of tracks on the disc.



For example:

## To continue after stopping

- Press **Continue**.

## To pause play

- Press **Pause**.
- ▣▶ Press **PAUSE**.

The **Pause** button will illuminate, and the disc will remain spinning.

## To continue after pausing

- Press **Pause, Play, or Continue**.
- ▣▶ Press **PAUSE** or **PLAY**.

## To start playing instantly

With the disc stopped:

- Press **Pause**.
- ▣▶ Press **PAUSE**.

The disc will pause at the start of the first track (or the first track of the selection) with the **Pause** button illuminated.

When you want to start playing:

- Press **Pause, Play, or Continue**.
- ▣▶ Press **PAUSE** or **PLAY**.

The disc will play immediately.

# REPEATING PLAY

You can set a disc to play repeatedly, so that when the disc (or selection) has played, it will begin again from the beginning.

## To continuously repeat a disc

- Press **Repeat**.
- ▣▶ Press **REPEAT**.

The **Repeat** button will be illuminated.




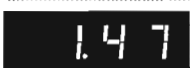
## To cancel the repeat function

- Press **Repeat** again.
- ▣▶ Press **REPEAT** again.

# DISC INFORMATION AND SCANNING

## Displaying disc information

The compact disc player allows you to select what information you display while a disc is playing:

Display	Example
Track (and index) number. This is the usual display.	
Elapsed time for the whole disc.	
Elapsed time for the current track.	
Time remaining for the whole disc.	

## To change the display

- Press **Display**.
- ▣▶ Press **TIME**.

Each time you press the appropriate button, the display will step between the four display options in the order shown.

## Scanning a disc

The scan controls allow you to move quickly to any position on the disc at approximately 20 times normal speed.

During scanning, the sound is muted and the display automatically changes to show the elapsed time for the whole disc, unless you have already selected one of the other time displays.

## To scan through a disc

- Hold down >> or <<.
- ▣▶ Hold down **SEARCH** ▶ or ◀.

The display will show your position on the disc.

Release the button when you have reached the point you want.

# PROGRAMMING A SELECTION

With the compact disc player you can programme a selection of tracks, and then play only those tracks you have programmed.

You can programme a selection either by storing the tracks you want to play, or by cancelling the tracks you do not want to play. If you programme a selection by storing the tracks you want to hear, you can play the tracks in any order and repeat tracks in the sequence.

You can programme a selection while the disc is playing, in which case the selection will be played after the current track finishes.

You can programme up to 31 tracks.

Attempting to programme more than this will display an error warning:




## To choose a track to programme

- Press **Next** or **Previous** to step through the track numbers until the track you want is displayed.
- ▣ Press **TRACK** ▶ or ◀ to step through the track numbers until the track you want is displayed, or type the number of the track you want.

## To programme by specifying the tracks you want to play

- Choose the first track you want to play, as described above.


The display will show the track number; for example:



- Press **Store**.

▣ Press **S**.

The display will change to:



You should store the track within 3 seconds, or it will begin to play.

The track will be labelled P to indicate that it has been programmed to play.

All the other tracks are initially programmed not to play, and will be labelled C (Cancelled).

## To programme the tracks you do not want to play

- Choose one of the tracks you do not want to play, as described above.

The display will show the track number; for example:



- Press **Cancel**.

The display will change to:



You should cancel the track within 3 seconds, or it will begin to play.

The track will be labelled C to indicate that it has been programmed not to play.

All the other tracks are initially programmed to play, and will be labelled P (Programmed).

Note that you cannot cancel tracks using the remote control.

## To add a track to a selection

Select the track you want to add, as described above.

- Press **Store**.

▣➔ Press **S**.

The C label will change to P to indicate that the track has been programmed.

## To remove a track from a selection

Select the track you want to remove, as described above.

- Press **Cancel**.

The P label will change to C to indicate that the track has been cancelled.

## To clear a programme

- Press **Stop** twice.

▣➔ Press **STOP** twice.

The display will show that the programme has been cancelled:



A programme is automatically cancelled if you open the disc drawer, or press **Standby**.

# USING INDEX POINTS

In addition to dividing music into tracks, some discs provide index points within each track to allow you to locate individual movements or bars.

For any disc with index points, the compact disc player's track display will show the track and index number. You can then use these index points to move rapidly to certain positions within a track.

## To display the index number

- If necessary, select the track number display.

After the first index point, the index number will be shown after the track number on the display:

For example, on track 14 index number 7 the display will show:



## To move to an index point

- Select the required track in the usual way.

Then press **Next Index** or **Previous Index** until the number of the index point you require is displayed.

- ▢ Press **INDEX** **▶** or **◀** until the number of the index point you require is displayed.

For example, selecting track 3, index number 2 will display:



After a short delay the disc will start to play at the track and index point you have selected.

# SETTING UP THE COMPACT DISC PLAYER

This chapter explains how to install the compact disc player. It covers what you should find when you unpack the compact disc player, how you should connect it to your other audio equipment, and the siting constraints.

Before you begin installation, you should ensure that your compact disc player is the correct voltage for your local AC supply. If it is not, do not try to install the compact disc player, and contact your dealer.

You should not make any connections to the compact disc player or to any other component in your system whilst the AC power supply is connected and switched on.

# UNPACKING

The 206ΔΣ Compact Disc Player comes in a box containing the following components:

- ❑ 206ΔΣ Compact Disc Player, packaged in polystyrene and in a plastic bag.
- ❑ An accessories box.
- ❑ 1 power cord.
- ❑ This manual.

The accessories box contains:

- ❑ 1 remote control unit.
- ❑ 2 AAA batteries for the remote control unit.
- ❑ 1 network lead, labelled A, to connect the compact disc player to a preamplifier.
- ❑ 1 transit screw blanking plug.
- ❑ 1 optical connector blanking plug.

The compact disc player is fitted with a locking screw and washer, which secures and protects the laser mechanism whilst the unit is in transit.

Before using the compact disc player, transit protection **MUST** be removed.

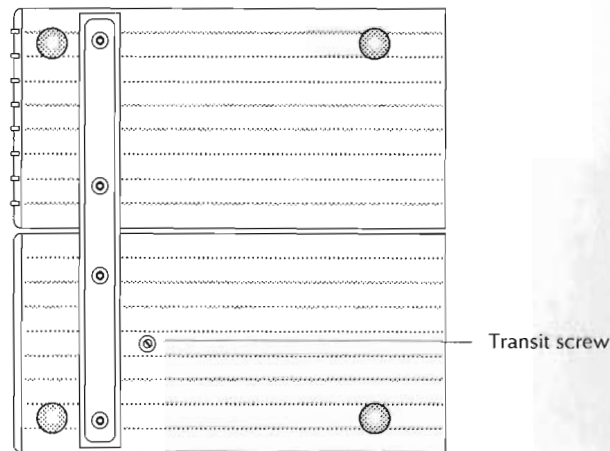
## To unpack the compact disc player

- ❑ Remove the compact disc player from its box and protective packaging. You should retain this packaging in case you need to transport the unit.

## To remove the transit protection

- ❑ Carefully stand the compact disc player on its side.
- ❑ Remove the transit screw and white plastic pillar from the unit.

This is positioned in the drawer half of the unit.



- ❑ Insert the white, plastic blanking plug in the hole left by the screw.

Remember to put the transit screw somewhere safe, in case you need to refit it.

A black, plastic blanking plug is supplied. You can insert this in the optical outlet to protect the outlet from dust if desired.

## To repack the compact disc player

If, at any time, you need to repack the compact disc player for storage or transporting, reverse the above procedure, being sure to re-insert the transit protection to protect the mechanism.

## To position the compact disc player

You should avoid the following when positioning the compact disc player:

- ❑ Placing it on top of a power amplifier, as the heat generated may damage the compact disc player. However, it can be stacked under a 201 Remote Control Preamplifier and 204 FM Stereo Tuner-Timer, if you have these Meridian components in your system.

- ❑ Direct sunlight.

- ❑ Heat sources, eg a central heating radiator.

In common with all compact disc players, the compact disc player emits some radio-frequency signals. Therefore, you should try to keep all power cables and network leads away from signal cables, including audio, antenna, and loudspeaker cables.

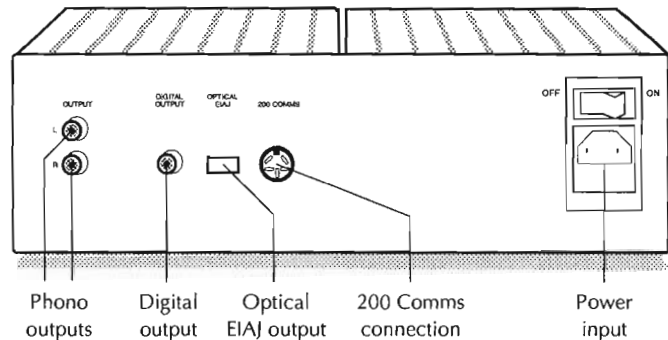
## Radio interference

**FCC Warning:** This equipment generates and can radiate radio frequency energy and if not installed and used correctly in accordance with our instructions may cause interference to radio communications or radio and television reception. It has been type-tested and complies with the limits set out in Subpart J, Part 15 of FCC rules for a Class B computing device. These limits are intended to provide reasonable protection against such interference in home installations.

**EEC:** This product has been designed to comply with the limits set out in EN55013 and EN55020C.

# CONNECTING THE COMPACT DISC PLAYER

## Rear panel



The compact disc player provides three alternative signal outputs to allow you to choose the highest-possible method of connection available on the system to which you are connecting.

The following table lists the equipment which uses each of the three output types:

Use this output	To connect to this
Optical EIAJ	D600 Digital Active Loudspeakers, a D/A converter, digital preamplifier, or digital recorder, using optical fibre.
Digital Output	D600 Digital Active Loudspeakers, a D/A converter, digital preamplifier, or digital recorder, using digital cable.
Phono outputs	A 201 Remote Control Preamplifier, or other audio equipment, using conventional analogue audio leads.

## To connect to a conventional preamplifier

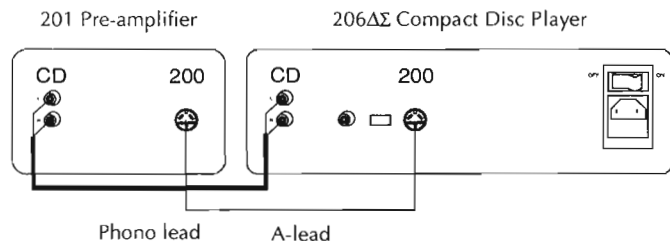
- Connect the sockets marked OUTPUT L and OUTPUT R on the rear panel of the compact disc player to an appropriate input on your preamplifier.

You should consult the manufacturer's manual to determine which input to use, but generally it will be labelled CD or AUX.

You should either use a twin-screened audio cable, or a pair of single-screened audio cables. These cables can have a considerable effect on the quality of the sound, and you are advised to seek your dealer's advice on the best type of cables for your system.

**Note: Do not**, under any circumstances, connect audio equipment other than 200 Series to the socket marked 200 COMMS on the rear of the compact disc player.

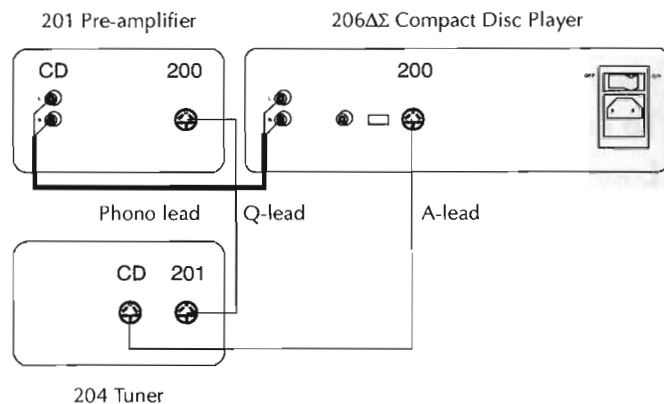
### To connect to a 201 Remote Control Pre-amplifier



- ❑ Connect the sockets marked OUTPUT L and OUTPUT R on the rear panel of the compact disc player to the CD input on the rear panel of the 201 Remote Control Pre-amplifier.

- ❑ Connect the socket marked 200 COMMS on the rear panel of the compact disc player to the socket marked 200 COMMS on the rear panel of the 201 Remote Control Pre-amplifier, using the A-lead supplied in the Multiroom components box.

### To connect to a 201 Remote Control Pre-amplifier and 204 FM Stereo Tuner-Timer



- ❑ Connect the sockets marked OUTPUT L and OUTPUT R on the rear panel of the compact disc player to the CD input on the rear panel of the 201 Remote Control Pre-amplifier.

- ❑ Connect the socket marked 201 Remote Control Preamplifier on the rear panel of the 204 FM Stereo Tuner-Timer to the socket marked 200 COMMS on the rear panel of the 201 Remote Control Preamplifier, using the Q-lead supplied with the 204 FM Stereo Tuner-Timer.
- ❑ Connect the socket marked CD on the rear panel of the 204 FM Stereo Tuner-Timer to the socket marked 200 COMMS on the rear panel of the compact disc player, using the A-lead supplied with the compact disc player.

### **To connect to D600 Digital Active Loudspeakers**

- ❑ Connect the socket marked DIGITAL OUTPUT on the rear panel of the compact disc player to the M-lead, supplied with the D600 speakers.
- ❑ Follow the instructions provided in the D600 manual for connecting to a compact disc player.

The D600s are fully programmable, and you should consult your manual before deciding which input to use. If you have any doubts, your dealer will be able to assist you.

For superior audio performance, use optical interconnections for the digital signal. Optical digital cables do not generate any radio-frequency, and are immune to such interference themselves.

Suitable cables are available from your Meridian dealer, or Meridian Audio Limited.

# PREPARING THE REMOTE CONTROL

The compact disc player is supplied with a remote control which provides control over most of the front panel functions, in addition to direct, numeric track selection.

The compact disc player can also be used with the optional 209 remote control, which provides control over a 201 Remote Control Preamplifier and 204 FM Stereo Tuner-Timer, or D600 Digital Audio Loudspeakers, in addition to the compact disc player.

## To fit batteries into the remote control

This remote control unit is operated by two AAA batteries. When renewing the batteries, you are advised to use only high-quality, leak-proof ones.

You should remove the batteries if you are not going to use the remote control for any length of time.

- Remove the cover on the back of the remote control by pressing on the edge next to the recess.
- Insert the batteries in the unit, observing the polarity marked inside the unit.

**FAILURE TO OBSERVE THE CORRECT POLARITY WILL DAMAGE THE UNIT.**

- Clip the cover back into place.

## To fit a battery into the 209 Remote Control

This remote control unit is operated by a PP9 radio battery. When renewing the battery, you are advised to use a high-quality one.

As with the 206 $\Delta$  $\Sigma$  Compact Disc Player remote control, you should remove the battery if you are not going to use the 209 for any length of time.

- Unscrew the four screws from the back of the remote control and lift off the panel. You will need a Posidrive screwdriver.
- Insert the battery in the space provided.
- Screw back the four screws.

# TROUBLESHOOTING

This section describes problems you may encounter when using the compact disc player, and includes suggested solutions.

If these suggestions fail to cure the problem, please contact your Meridian dealer for further assistance.

## No lights are displayed when switching on

- Check that your AC power supply is connected correctly.
- Check that the **ON OFF** switch on the rear panel is in the ON position.
- Check that the fuse on the compact disc player rear panel and the fuse in the unit's power plug have not blown; see *Changing the mains fuse*, page 25.

## The drawer will not open

- Check that the **Standby** button is lit.
- Check that the transit protection has been removed.

If the **Standby** button is lit and the transit protection has been removed:

- Switch off the compact disc player and disconnect it from the AC power supply.
- Try opening the drawer gently, by hand. Do not use force.
- Restore power to the compact disc player.

## There is no sound when playing a disc

- Check that your preamplifier is switched on, and the volume is at an appropriate level.
- Check that the compact disc player is connected correctly to the other components of your system; see *Connecting the compact disc player*, page 18.
- Check that the correct source has been selected on your preamplifier.
- Check that the **Pause** button is not lit.
- Try playing another disc. If this disc works, check the problem disc for signs of dirt or damage.

## **There is interference on the radio and/or television when the compact disc player is switched on**

Before following the steps below, ensure all units are switched off first.

If this equipment does cause or suffer from interference to/from radio or television reception then the following measures should be tried:

- Reorient the receiving aerial (or antenna) or route the antenna cable of the receiver as far as possible from the 206ΔΣ and its cabling.
- Ensure that the receiver uses well-screened antenna cable.
- Relocate the receiver with respect to the compact disc player.
- Connect the receiver and this product to different AC outlets.

## **The display shows Err. when attempting to play a disc**

- Check that the disc is positioned correctly in the drawer, with the label uppermost; see *To insert a disc*, page 7.
- Try playing another disc. If this disc works, check the problem disc for signs of dirt or damage.

## **The display shows Err. when attempting to programme a disc**

- Check that the disc includes the track number you are attempting to programme.
- Check that you have not already programmed 31 tracks, the maximum number.

## The display shows Er followed by an error number

These errors indicate a problem with the disc, or a fault in operating the compact disc player. If you cannot cure the problem please contact your dealer.

Error	Description
Er 1	Drawer cannot open.
Er 2	Drawer cannot close.
Er 3	Not used.
Er 4	Disc defect.
Er 5	Disc defect.
Er 6	Disc defect.
Er 7	Disc defect.

Error	Description
Er 8	Not used.
Er 9	Not used.
Er 10	Reset, possibly caused by a supply interruption.
Er 11	Disc forced to stop, probably by shock.
Er 12	Searching outside disc boundary.

# MAINTENANCE

## Cleaning

When cleaning the compact disc player bear in mind that the main body of the compact disc player is epoxy-enamelled aluminium, the display panel is glass, and the keypad is plastic.

Disconnect the power cord before cleaning the unit.

**Note:** Do not use abrasive cleaners on any part of the compact disc player.

## To clean the case

- ❑ Use a cloth hardly moistened with a solution of mild detergent and water.

Ensure that no water is allowed to get inside the case, and do not reconnect the power until you are certain that the compact disc player is completely dry.

## To clean the display panel and keypad

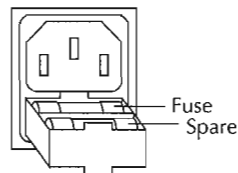
- ❑ Use a slightly damp chamois leather.

## To clean the audio connections

The audio sockets on the rear of the compact disc player are gold-plated and need no cleaning if gold-plated phono plugs are used. Otherwise, it is recommended that you unplug and replace the plugs at least once a year. A proprietary contact cleaner can be used to some advantage.

The electrical digital output should be treated in a similar way.

## Changing the mains fuse



- ❑ Remove the mains connector, and pull out the drawer below the power input to access the fuses.

Before replacing a blown fuse, if possible ascertain the cause of the failure.

The fuse drawer includes a spare fuse. This should be replaced by one of the same rating.

# SERVICE AND GUARANTEE

## Service

The Meridian 200 Series of hi-fi components have been carefully designed to give years of untroubled service. There are no user-serviceable parts inside the case, nor do the units require any form of maintenance.

In the unlikely event that your compact disc player fails to function correctly, it should be returned, in its original packing, to your Meridian dealer.

In case of difficulty within the UK, please write to:

Meridian Audio Limited  
14 Clifton Road  
Huntingdon  
Cambs  
PE18 7EJ  
England

In case of difficulty outside the UK, contact the importing agent for the territory. A list of Meridian agents abroad is available from the above address.

No responsibility can be accepted for the compact disc player whilst in transit to the factory or an agent, and customers are therefore advised to insure the unit.

## Guarantee

The 206ΔΣ Compact Disc Player is guaranteed against defects in material and workmanship for 12 months from the date of purchase.

The guarantee is void if the 206ΔΣ Compact Disc Player has been subject to misuse, accident, or negligence, or has been tampered with or modified in any way without the written authorisation of Meridian Audio Limited.

Note that connecting anything other than the correct network lead to the socket marked 200 COMMS may cause damage to the 206ΔΣ Compact Disc Player which will not be covered by this guarantee. Attempted servicing by unauthorised people may also invalidate this guarantee.

Labour and carriage charges are not covered unless by local agreement. When seeking service under guarantee, proof of the date of purchase will be required.

Outside the UK, local warranty liability is restricted to equipment purchased within the territory. Our agents abroad are only under contractual obligation to service under guarantee equipment sold through them. They are entitled to make a non-refundable charge for any service carried out on other equipment.

This guarantee does not limit your statutory rights within the United Kingdom.

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