

H715

Reference

Open-back studio headphones
with Hi-Fi connectivity



Operating
Manual

 **ADAM AUDIO**

WELCOME!

Thank you for choosing ADAM Audio!

We’ve put a lot of passion into these headphones, and we hope you enjoy your new **H715 Reference**. They were rigorously designed and manufactured to exacting standards so you can enjoy using them for many years.

Register your H715 Reference at: <https://id.focusritegroup.com/>

Thank you and greetings from Berlin,



Christian Hellinger
Chief Executive Officer

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1. IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

The intended use of this product means having read this operating manual and then following the instructions contained herein.



Explanation of Graphical Symbols

The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

- Please read this manual carefully and completely before using the product.
- Do not use an obviously defective product.
- When passing this product to a third party, always include this manual.
- Keep this product, its accessories and packaging parts out of reach of children to prevent swallowing or choking hazards.
- Do not use this product in an environment where your hearing abilities are needed.

Health

- This headphone can generate sound pressure levels in excess of 85 dB(A). High sound levels may damage your hearing. Sound exposure is a function of time and level. Longer times and lower levels can be equivalent to shorter times and higher levels. Exercise caution when using this product.
- The product generates stronger static magnetic fields which may affect pacemakers or implanted defibrillators.

Preventing damage to the product

- Do not expose this product to rain or moisture, never wet the product with any liquid and never pour or spill liquids directly onto this unit.
- Never expose this product to extremely high or low temperatures.
- Do not place product in direct sunlight.
- Only use a dry lint-free cloth for cleaning.

2. WHAT'S IN THE BOX

- 1x H715 Reference headphones
- 1x Hardshell case
- 1x 1.3 m coiled studio cable. Single-entry, stretching to 3 m, terminating with 3.5 mm TRS connection
- 1x 3 m Hi-Fi cable. Double-entry, terminating with 4.4 mm Pentaconn connector
- 1x 6.3 mm (1/4" jack) adapter
- 1x Metal pin for activating Hi-Fi mode
- 2x Soft cloth earpads
- 2x Faux leather earpads
- 1x Quick start guide

3. OPERATIONAL MODES

The H715 Reference offers two distinct operational modes; Studio and Hi-Fi. Each of these modes is activated using the common or split ground selector, a small button inset on the left earcup. **Studio is the factory default mode.**



To change to Hi-Fi mode, use the provided metal pin to press the button. An audible “click” will indicate that the common ground between the left and right earcup is now split and thus Hi-Fi mode is active. With another push of the button, the common ground is restored, and thus Studio mode is active.

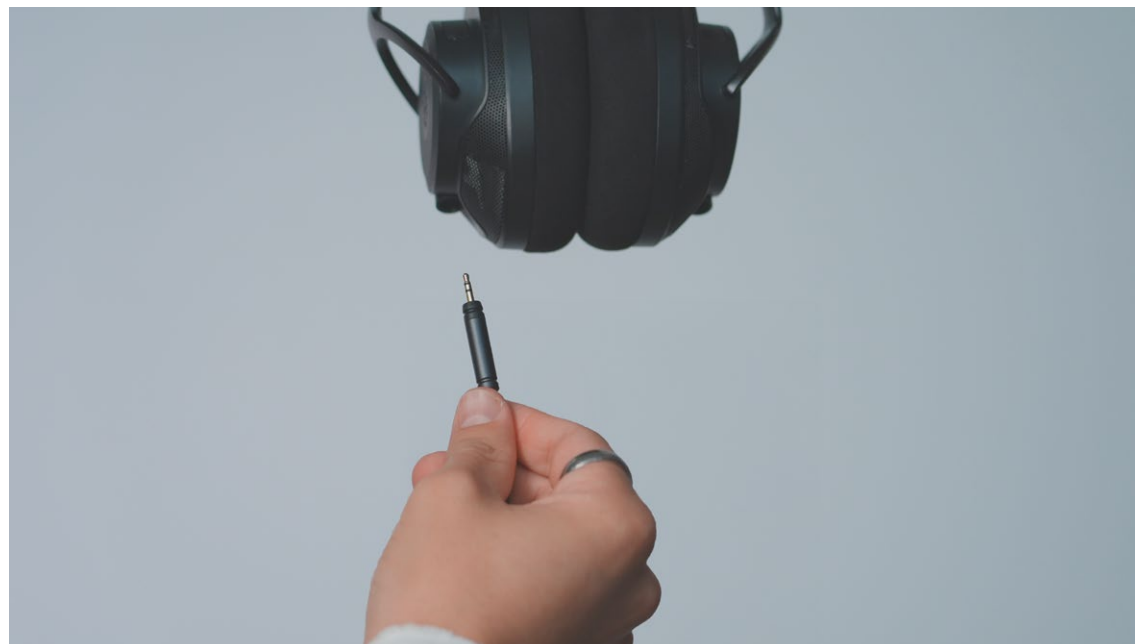
If you are uncertain about which mode is active, connect the single-entry cable to an amplifier or interface. If the sound appears on both sides – you are in Studio mode. If the sound appears only on the side where the cable is plugged into the cup – you are in Hi-Fi mode.

3.1 STUDIO CONNECTIONS



1) Identify

When using your headphones in a studio or other environment where professional equipment is present, please use the COILED studio cable.



2) Attach

Insert the single 2.5mm mini jack into **either the left or right earcup socket** on the H715 Reference. The cable is properly attached when you hear an audible click.

With the power turned off, attach the other end to your studio equipment using the other end of the cable. A 3.5 mm (1/2") to 6.3 mm (3/4") is provided with the box contents.



Stereo output is delivered through the single connector regardless of which earcup it is connected to. Left and right channels will also playback correctly in either case.

3) Adjust

If Hi-Fi mode has previously been activated, audio will only be heard through one earcup. please deactivate by using the metal pin as previously described.

Once connections and adjustments are made, power on your equipment with the volume at the lowest setting. While playing some source material, gradually increase to a safe and comfortable level.

3.2 HI-FI CONNECTIONS

1) Identify

When pairing your headphones with Hi-Fi equipment please use the double-entry STRAIGHT 3 m Hi-Fi cable. This cable terminates with a 4.4 mm Pentaconn connector for use with Hi-Fi devices.



2) Attach

Insert both 2.5 mm mini jacks connectors to the **left and right earcups** on the H715 Reference until you hear two audible clicks.

With the power turned off, attach the other end of the cable to your audio source using the 4.4mm Pentaconn connector.

3) Adjust

With the source equipment still powered off, use the metal pin to activate Hi-Fi mode as previously described. This will split the common ground, allowing independent phase-inverted signals to reach the earcups from your Hi-Fi device.

Once connections and adjustments are made, power on your equipment with the volume at the lowest setting. While playing some source material, gradually increase to a safe and comfortable level.

4. WEARING THE H715 REFERENCE

Position the H715 Reference correctly on your head by checking the **L (left)** and **R (right)** markings on the earcups.



Pull both earcups down until they rest comfortably over your ears. The earcups also rotate, allowing them to adapt to the shape of the head around the ear and evenly distribute pressure.



5. SWAPPING THE EARPADS

For optimal comfort in a range of applications, the H715 Reference includes two sets of earpads as part of the package contents. Soft Cloth is the factory installed option, and Faux Leather is the alternative.

Both feature a magnetic attachment system for easy swapping. To remove an earpad, simply pull the earpad away from the driver housing until it detaches from the mounting surface. Reverse this process to install alternative or replacement pads.



The tuning of the headphones is optimized for the pre-installed Soft Cloth earpads. An optimization for the Faux Leather alternative can be selected using the included Headphone Utility Plug-In. **Please see Section 7 for more information.**

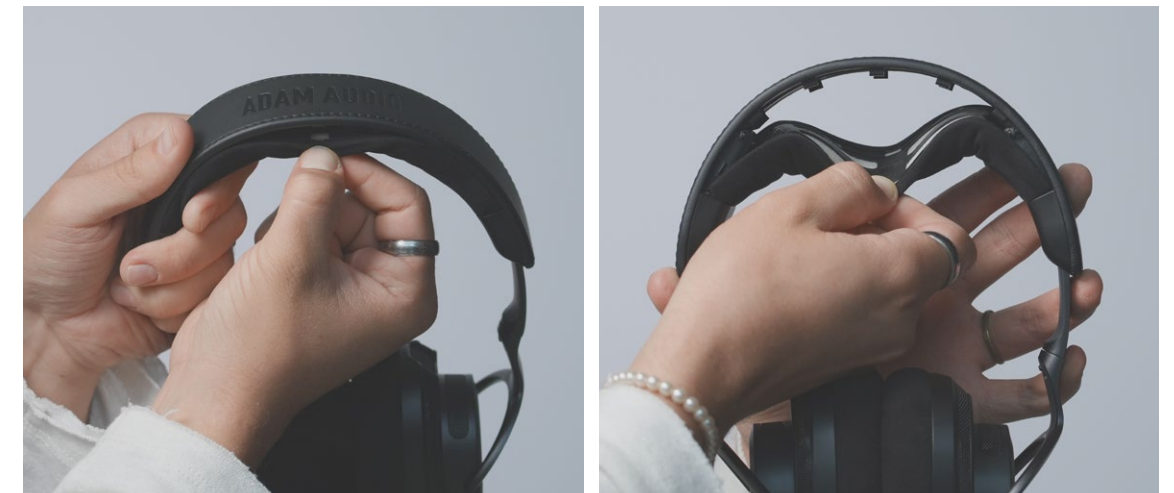


Because earpads can degrade over time, we recommend replacing them after every two years of use. This will maintain both comfort and optimal acoustic performance.

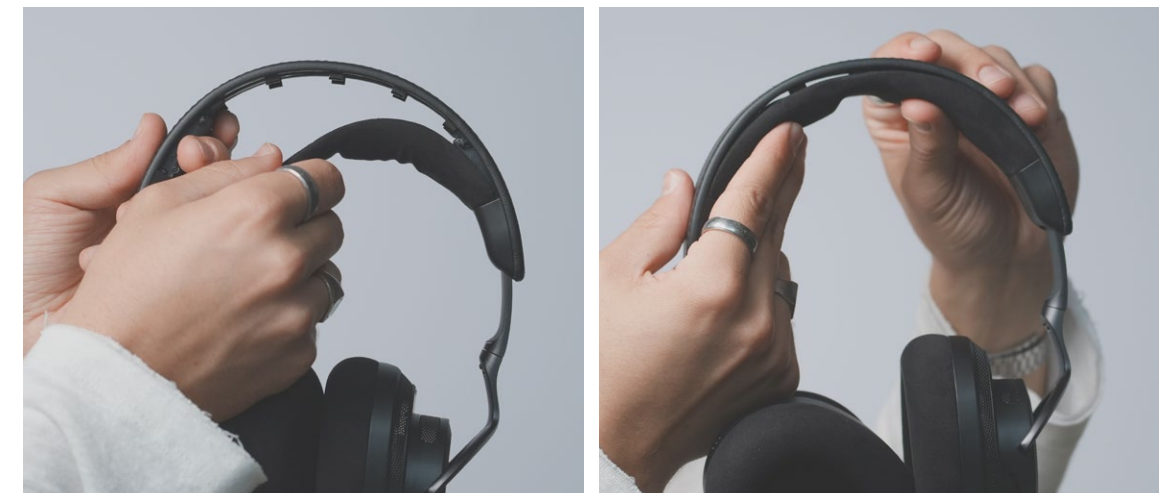
6. REPLACING THE HEADBAND

Just like earpads, headbands can degrade over time and the design of the H715 Reference ensures they can be easily replaced when required. Replacement headbands can be sourced directly from <https://shop.adam-audio.com/> or from your local dealer.

To remove the headband padding, simply pull firmly from the middle until it has fully clipped out of the headband.



To replace the headband padding, insert one end into the end cap then clip the padding on the headband, starting from the inserted end and working towards the other. Insert the far end into the other end cap.



After several clicks the replaced headband padding should sit flush with the headband again.

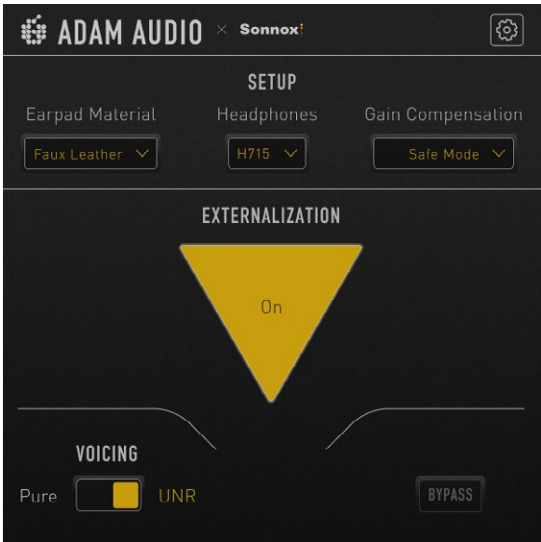
7. INCLUDED SOFTWARE

The H715 Reference comes with a suite of software designed to expand the feature set and enhance the overall user experience. The software can be downloaded here:
<https://downloads.adam-audio.com/adam-audio/headphones>

7.1 HEADPHONE UTILITY PLUGIN

The Headphone Utility Plug-In offers a range of features to optimize the acoustic performance of ADAM Audio headphones.

Feature overview



Earpad Material	Applies a bespoke EQ curve optimized for the different earpad materials.
Headphones	Select the ADAM Audio headphone model that you are using.
Gain Compensation	Adjusts gain in relation to earpad EQ to maintain perceived loudness.
Safe Mode	Prevents any positive gain from being applied during equalization.
Externalization	User adjustable crossfeed to better translate loudspeakers mixes to headphones.
Voicing PURE	Highly accurate and neutral profile for mixing, mastering, and critical listening applications.

Voicing UNR	Uniform Natural Response is a dynamic, natural-sounding response curve of ADAM Audio's own design. It stems from a variety of iconic legacy products and lends itself to production, composition and songwriting when creativity and flow is needed.
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The Headphone Utility Plug-In is available with VST3, AU, and AAX support. It is designed to run in DAWs, but can also run standalone via ListenHub. Please see the following section.

7.2 SONNOX LISTENHUB

ListenHub is an advanced audio analyzer, mix comparator and virtual monitor control system built by equalization experts Sonnox. It provides digital IO to route audio in via DAWs, streaming services, or locally stored audio files. Spectral and stereo width analysis allow users to isolate specific frequency bands as well as spatial boundaries of the mix, supporting optimal decision making.

In addition, the output stage of the system allows users to switch between two different monitoring systems, including both headphones and loudspeakers.

More information is available here: <https://sonnox.com/products/listenhub>



For MacOS users, ListenHub is available as a standalone application and a distinct audio output in your computer's audio settings. Plug-ins can be hosted on ListenHub's outputs, and therefore H715 Reference users can load the Headphone Utility Plug-In and benefit from system-wide and source-independent calibration.

8. SHIPPING

We recommend keeping your product packaging in case the headphones ever need to be shipped or returned. In this case, please pack the headphones in the provided carry case. Without the complete original packaging it is extremely difficult to protect your headphones from damage in-transit. **ADAM Audio cannot accept responsibility for any shipping damage caused by improper packing.**

9. TECHNICAL DATA

For detailed technical specifications, see the ADAM Audio H715 Reference product pages at <https://www.adam-audio.com/headphones>

10. SPARE PARTS

Compatible accessories can be found at the ADAM Audio web shop:
<https://shop.adam-audio.com/>

11. SERVICING

Apart from the components outlined in this manual, any defects or other issues affecting use or performance of the product should be referred to our service department. Please see <https://www.adam-audio.com> for more details.

12. NOTES

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