



DAB+U DAB Radio Receiver



Quick Start Guide v.1.0 DBU-9201-1

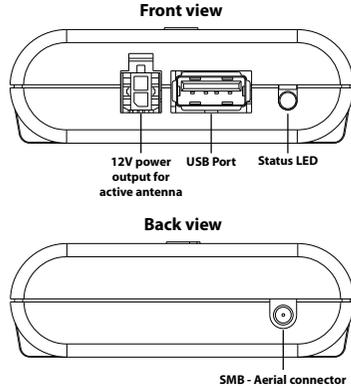
1. INTRODUCTION

The Dension **DAB+U device** is an **easy to install** solution for receiving Digital Audio Broadcast in cars or other media devices where **USB connection** is available with mp3 playback capability.

Technical details

- Supports **DAB, DAB+** and **DMB-A** standards
- Compatible with **Band III** frequency range
- SMB Antenna connector

DAB+U connectors



Package contents

- DAB+U device
- USB 'A-A' cable (Male to Male)
- 2x 3M adhesive tape
- 2x cable tie
- Cable grommet
- Quick Start Guide

Optional accessories

- DAB passive (non-amplified) antenna
- DAB active (amplified) antenna with external power source

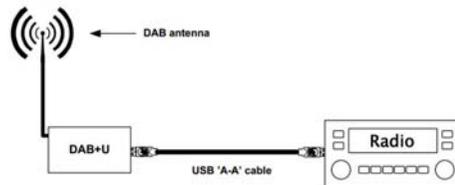
2. 'ABSA'

The Dension DAB+U device is equipped with an '**Automatic Buffer Size Assessment**' (ABSA) function. Since the buffer size may be different in each playback device (head unit) the Dension DAB+U detects the buffering time needed by the playback device to function correctly. Upon first operation the assessment process is run automatically and then the proper amount of buffering is used through all future operations. Depending on the playback device (head unit) the buffer time may vary between **15-40 seconds**, so it is not possible to have 'radio like' station changing with the Dension DAB+U, but we designed the product to be the most versatile possible.

3. DEVICE INSTALLATION

Plug the DAB antenna (passive or active with external power source) to the Dension DAB+U receiver. Connect the power cable (12V) to the antenna (only if you are using an active aerial). Use the **USB 'A-A'** (Male to Male) **cable to connect the DAB device to the Radio**. Please turn the ignition ON and check the status indicator LED on the DAB+U hardware. The steady light means that the DAB+U receives electric power. If the LED does not light up when the device is connected please check the power connection.

DAB+U installation diagram



* Schematic diagram of the installation

4. POSITIONING THE DAB ANTENNA

The DAB reception and performance depends on many factors, both in the vehicle and other external conditions. Before you start the antenna installation and/or the product testing, please **make sure** that you have a **good DAB coverage and reception**.

Important notes:

- If your vehicle comes with metalized windscreen (e.g. windscreen heating) an external antenna is required
- The DAB module supports both amplified and non-amplified aerials. For amplified antennas **12V power** is provided by the DAB+U receiver via the **2 pin molex connector**

Read the manual of the antenna used carefully and follow the instructions in order to find the right place for installation. **Always test** (read next chapter) the DAB functions **before finalizing the installation**.

5. OPERATION

Switch your car radio ON; **select the DAB+U module** as a USB source from your radio. If in doubt how to select the USB source, please check the user guide of your radio.

First you need to perform **DAB scan** to find all available stations in your area therefore please go to the '**Settings**' file folder and select / play *scanning.mp3*.

The scanning procedure usually **takes 40-60 seconds** (within this time the system displays "Scanning"

announcement). When it is finished the DAB device will **reboot** and the first DAB channel from the list of available stations will be selected and played automatically once the buffering is finished. **Please note:** all available stations will be listed as mp3 files in the root folder after scanning.

Buffering (the device loads the data ahead of the player) is required to compensate internal (USB playback function of the radio) or external (signal loss) factors in order to keep the playback from stuttering.

The total buffering time usually takes **15-40 seconds** (within this time the status indicator LED is flashing) while the device announces "**Please Wait**". **Please note:** This is playback device dependent. For more information please refer to **chapter #2: 'ABSA'**."

During playback the **station name will be displayed** on the radio screen or on the cluster display (radio dependent). You may need to press additional button(s) e.g. '**Disp**' / '**Info**' to change the type of information displayed.



You can select a different channel by pressing the **next / previous track** button on your radio or steering wheel.

Alternatively you can browse and select the desired station from the list of mp3 files (available DAB stations) in the root folder of your USB source menu on your radio.

Important notes:

- When travelling frequently between different locations it is recommended to **rescan** all stations since the items in the previously saved list **might not be available** anymore
- The '**Scan**' function available on most of the mp3 playback devices plays certain amount of time from all available files on the drive, therefore it **CANNOT** be used to rescan the DAB stations. Please **do not use** this function because it might result in malfunction. To rescan the DAB stations always use the *scanning.mp3* file in the '**Settings**' file folder
- If you are listening to a station while switching off the device, the last played station name will be **displayed** when turning the device back ON and the station's name will be **marked with 'I'**. This is part of the **normal operation** and **will not cause any malfunction**

6. ABOUT SETTINGS MENU OPTIONS

The following items are available in the DAB settings Folder:

- **About:** provides information about the DAB device (e.g. software version)
- **Scanning:** use this option to scan all available stations in your area

7. FIRMWARE UPDATE

We recommend to visit our website on a regular bases in order to get continuous software updates for your product to enjoy the best performance and features.

How to:

1. Plug the DAB+U device to your PC
2. Wait until it is recognized
3. Unzip and copy the update file (DBU01x00.bin) to the root folder of the device
4. The update procedure will start automatically. When it is finished the device will be disconnected and reconnected automatically
5. Select the DAB device from the File explorer and run '**About.mp3**' from the '**_Settings**' folder
6. Check the ID3 tag information on the player's screen. If it displays the same version what you uploaded, that means the update procedure was successful

8. TROUBLESHOOTING

Symptom	Possible cause	Solution
No DAB channels available after scanning	1. Antenna position is not correct / not connected properly / compatible / or faulty 2. Poor DAB coverage	1. Check the installation and the specifications of the antenna 2. Test DAB reception with a different device or run scan at a different location
Playback is intermittent	Bad DAB coverage or antenna position	Try to change the antenna position
Missing channel	DAB signal strength is weak	Repeat scanning later
Station is selected but not played	Station is not available at the given territory	Apply scanning to see the stations currently available

9. DISCLAIMER AND WARRANTY

If your car's electrical system begins to behave erratically, please disconnect the DAB+U device physically immediately and have it checked by your installer. Dension and its authorized distributors and retailers are not liable for any incidental consequential or indirect damages or loss and do not assume liability for any diagnostic fees.

The use of handheld devices while driving may be subject to government legislation. Please ensure that your use of the Dension device complies with applicable traffic laws. Dension does not assume liability for any events resulting from the illegal or irresponsible use of handheld devices while driving.

Dension reserves the right to modify its products or specifications without prior notice.

Warranty

Dension devices carry a one-year limited warranty that protects you from defects in material and workmanship of products sold by Dension or its authorized distributors and retailers. Dension does not warrant any installation work or assume liability for any damage caused due to negligence, improper installation or operation. For warranty claims, proof of purchase is required

10. SUPPORT AND COMPATIBILITY

Please check the download section for the latest firmware version and product documentation of your DAB+U device, as these may provide additional features or easier use of the product.

Further assistance

If you need further assistance in using your Dension product, please contact your local supplier or visit www.dension.com and click on '**Support**'.

Compatibility

Please visit our website and check the list of recommended aerials from there.