



# *snowball*

USB MICROPHONE WITH CRYSTAL-CLEAR SOUND  
QUICK START GUIDE

Congratulations on your purchase of the Snowball, the most intuitive USB microphone for any application! You'll now be able to capture studio-quality audio for voice, podcasts, game streaming, music and more. Snowball features a professional Blue condenser capsule to deliver natural sound directly to your desktop. And the simple USB connection and plug-and-play operation means you don't need any extra gear—just plug right in and start recording and streaming in amazing quality.



## GETTING STARTED WITH SNOWBALL

After unpacking your Snowball, mount the microphone on the Blue Snowball desktop tripod stand or on a standard-thread counter-weighted tripod mic stand. For reduction of low-frequency rumble and additional positioning options, mount the Snowball in the Blue Ringer shockmount, available from your authorized Blue dealer. Connect the Snowball to your computer with the supplied USB cable—the LED just above the Blue logo will glow red, indicating power has reached the Snowball. Now you can start recording and streaming in stunning audio quality.

## SOFTWARE SETUP

Whatever your favorite software is—Audacity, Garageband, iMovie, Pro Tools, Ableton, you name it—Snowball will produce amazing results. Simply plug the mic into your Mac or PC and start down the path of your next project—no drivers required. It's that easy.

For game streamers, Snowball is compatible with most popular live streaming software programs including Discord, Open Broadcaster Software (OBS), XSplit, Gameshow and more.

### USING SNOWBALL WITH PC (WINDOWS 7, 8.1, OR 10)

1. Connect to your PC using the provided USB cable.
2. From the Start menu, select the Control Panel.
3. From the Control Panel, select the Sound icon.
4. On the Recording tab, right-click on Blue Snowball and select Properties.
5. Select the Level tab, and select appropriate volume level (start at midway point of the slider & adjust from there)

### USING SNOWBALL WITH MAC (macOS 10.10 OR HIGHER)

1. Connect to your Mac using the provided USB cable.
2. Open System Preferences and select the Sound icon
3. Click the Input tab and select Blue Snowball.
4. Set input volume to the appropriate level. The mic is sensitive and may require a very low volume setting

## THREE RECORDING PATTERNS



### 1 CARDIOID

Picks up sound from the front, ideal for podcasting, game streaming or recording vocals and instruments.



### 2 CARDIOID WITH -10DB PAD

Reduces mic sensitivity so loud instruments or vocalists come in crystal clear and distortion free.

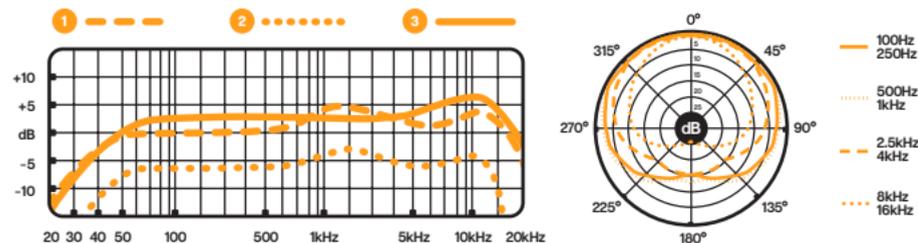


### 3 OMNI

Picks up sound all around the mic, perfect for conference calls or recording a group of musicians

## FREQUENCY RESPONSE POLAR PATTERN

These charts are a starting point for the sound provided. How the microphone reacts in a particular application will differ depending on sound source, orientation and distance from sound source, room acoustics and other factors. For more tips on miking and recording techniques, check out [bluedesigns.com](http://bluedesigns.com).



## RECORD STUDIO-QUALITY VOCALS, INSTRUMENTS, PODCASTS & MORE



### PODCASTING

Impress your podcast subscribers with rich, detailed sound and reach even bigger audiences.



### GAME STREAMING

Take your Twitch channel to the professional level with pristine audio.



### SKYPE

Host Skype/VoIP calls without missing a single detail.



### MUSIC

Capture studio-quality vocals, guitars, drums, strings, brass, woodwinds and other instruments.

## OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

**the ringer:** Universal shockmount for the Snowball—or any mic with a standard thread mount.

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

- **Boom Type:** Condenser, Pressure Gradient with USB digital output
- **Polar Patterns:** Cardioid (position 1); Cardioid with -10dB pad (position 2); Omnidirectional (position 3)
- **Frequency Response:** *Position 1-3:* 40 Hz - 18 kHz
- **Sample/word Rate :** 44.1 kHz/16 bit
- **Weight:** 460g
- **Dimensions:** 325mm (circumference)

## SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

### PC

Windows 7, 8.1, 10  
USB 1.1/2.0/3.0\*

### MAC

macOS (10.10 or higher)  
USB 1.1/2.0/3.0\*

For best performance, plug Snowball directly into your computer's USB port. Avoid using a USB hub.

\*Please see [bluedesigns.com](http://bluedesigns.com) for more details

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OFFERS FOR DISCOUNTS ON OUR WEBSTORE\*  
MORE COOL STUFF

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