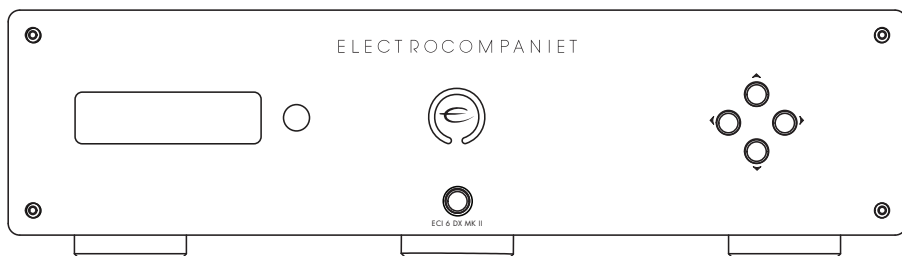




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*If music really matters™*



## **ECI 6DX MKII**

*Balanced Integrated Amplifier  
with built-in DAC and next-gen streamer*

**Owner's Manual**

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## Welcome to the world of Electrocompaniet!

We thank you for choosing an Electrocompaniet high-end product.

At Electrocompaniet we are relentlessly focused on developing audio equipment that is capable of bringing the fabulous experience of the concert hall into the very heart of your home.

Our aim when developing and testing new products is to ensure that the wonderful richness of tone and every nuance of feeling and emotion of a piece of music is delivered to you just as the artist intended.

We continually strive to give you the very best musical listening experience available whatever your preferred musical genre.

Sincerely yours,  
The Electrocompaniet team

## Unpacking the ECI 6DX MKII

Immediately upon receipt of the ECI 6DX MKII, inspect the carton for possible damage during shipment. The carton and packaging have been designed to provide the safest possible protection for transport of your integrated amplifier. Unpack the unit carefully. Save all packaging materials for future shipment.

### The contents of the carton

- 1 pc. Electrocompaniet ECI 6DX MKII Integrated amplifier
- 1 pc. AC main cord.
- 1 pc. Spare main fuse (located in the fuse drawer, 3.15AT /250VAC or 5AT/115VAC)
- 1 pc. Inspection card.
- 1 pc. Important notice.
- 1 pc. IR Remote control .
- 2 pcs. Batteries.

### Set up procedure

Before connecting the ECI 6DX MKII to the AC Power outlet, check that the main voltage indicated on the rear panel corresponds to the line voltage in the country where you intend to use the unit.

### How to avoid damages

Do not under any circumstances connect or disconnect equipment when power is turned on. The design of the RCA plug generates a huge transient when inserted. Connecting or disconnecting equipment with the power on can result in severe damage to both speakers and amplifier.

### How to avoid noise problems

The ECI 6DX MKII contains delicate circuits that are sensitive to magnetic stray fields. The unit should not be placed near power voltage transformers, TV sets etc. Care should also be taken regarding placement of the interconnect cables. Do not run interconnect cables in parallel with main cords or speaker cables. Keep interconnect cables as short as possible.

### How to avoid possible antenna problems

In some set-ups hum may occur when you connect the radio, VCR or TV to your system. The problem is caused by DC voltage coming from your antenna. Please contact your cable network operator.

## How to connect your system

Please read this page carefully and use rear panel illustration at page 17 as reference.

## Balanced XLR input and operation

The balanced mode can only be used if the signal source has a balanced output. Use an XLR interconnect with GND on pin 1, + on pin2, and - on pin 3. To use the balanced input with a single ended source, connect the ECP5XLR in the XLR.

## Single ended RCA input and operation:

The left channel is the top row on the rear, marked black. All inputs are similar regarding sonic performance. Unused inputs may be shorted to ground, using a RCA shorting plug.

## HT (Home Theatre)

HT is a direct input where the volume control is bypassed. ECI 6DX MKII will work like a power amplifier with fixed gain. When selected the output will be muted for a few seconds as a safety against accidental overload.

## Preamp out:

The preamp out is dependent on the volume control setting, and MUTE function. These outputs (balanced and single ended) can be used to control an additional power amplifier.

## Speaker output:

Never short the positive output to ground or chassis. Switch the amplifier off when connecting the speakers.

## How to power up your system

You should always power up your system the following way:

Signal sources (CD player, tuner etc.) first. Allow a 30 seconds warm-up before you turn on the ECI 6DX MKII.

## When switching off your system

Start with the ECI 6DX MKII, then the signal sources. If the preamplifier output is connected to a power amplifier, then turn off the power before or at the same time as ECI 6DX MKII.

## SPDIF inputs

ECI 6DX MKII will accept optical SPDIF sources up to 96 kHz/24bit on inputs TOSLink1 and TOSLink2. Please use a optical TOSLink cable for this connection. Connect coaxial sources up to 192kHz/24bit to inputs COAX1 and COAX2. Please use a coaxial SPDIF cable for this connection.

## 12V trigger Input/Output

The 12V trigger output may be used to automatically power up a CD-player (or other equipment with 12V trigger input) when ECI 6DX MKII is powered up. When ECI 6DX MKII powers up the 12V trigger output will be set to 12V and will support up to 75 mA current output. Please keep the current draw below 75 mA by limiting the number of devices connected to the 12V trigger output.

The ECI 6DX MKII will power up (leave standby) when a voltage in range 8-20V (AC or DC) is present on the 12V trigger input, and stays powered on for as long as the voltage is present. The current draw at the 12V trigger input is 3.3mA.

## RS-232 Control Port

The RS-232 control port may be used in home installation setups or general usage for controlling basic functionality on the ECI 6DX MKII. Please refer to document "ECI6DX RS232 Command Reference V1.pdf" for further information. This document may be downloaded from [www.electrocompaniet.com](http://www.electrocompaniet.com)

## Streaming from your network, or the internet

The media streamer of the ECI 6DX MKII can connect to your network wirelessly, or using a cable. For optimal stability, a cabled connection is recommended.

Since the ECI 6DX MKII supports gigabit ethernet, category CAT5e or higher is recommended. We recommend the use of unshielded cables (UTP), to avoid ground loops.

When using a wireless connection, one has a choice between using a 2.4GHz or a 5GHz network. The optimal choice is highly dependent on the environment. Generally speaking, 5GHz is recommended for short-range since it will then offer the highest throughput and stability. At longer ranges, 2.4GHz is recommended due to its superior range.

## Direct USB input (square USB-B connector):

This connection is to use the amplifier as a sound-card for your PC. It allows you to play up to 196kHz/24bits directly through the DAC of the amplifier.

## USB media library input (rectangular USB-A connector):

This connects to the streamer and allows you to attach music storage media, such as USB sticks and hard drives. These can then be added to the music library, making these files always available for playback.

## ENABLING Bluetooth®

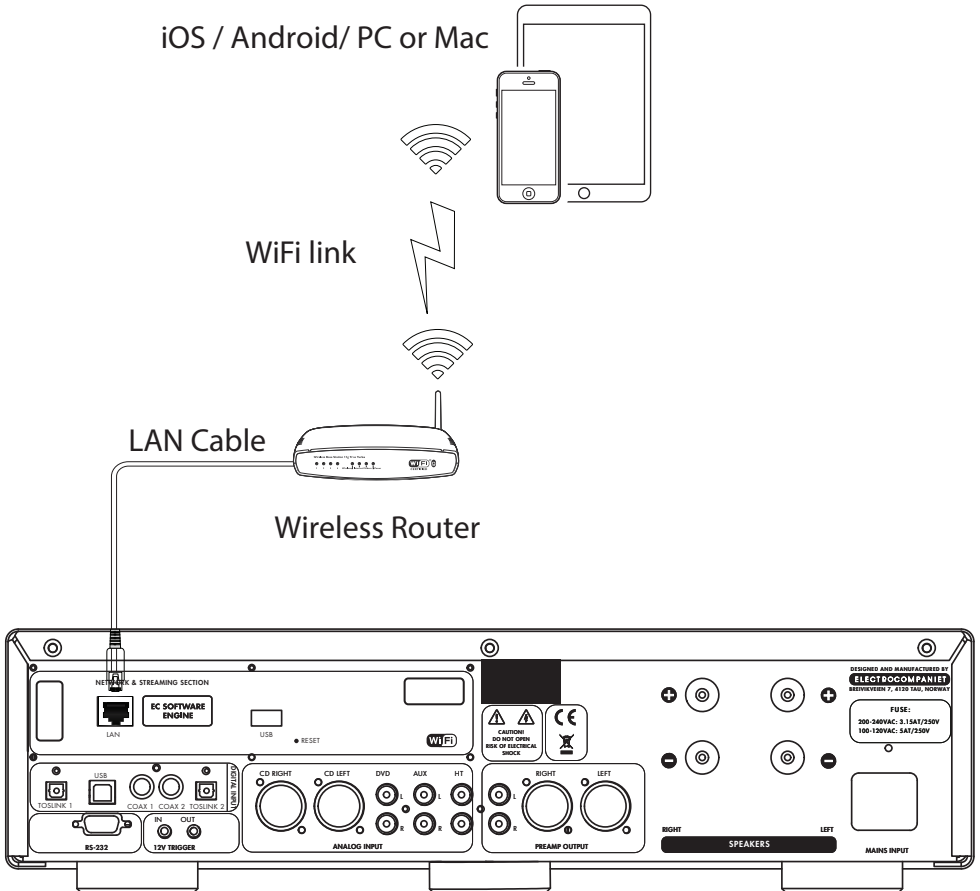
From within the app, go to More (...) -> Bluetooth to enable pairing. The red LED on the front panel flashes to indicate the unit is in pairing mode. Go to your phone or tablet's Bluetooth settings to find your unit and connect to it. Subsequent connections from the paired device will not need pairing to be enabled.

# FIRST TIME SETUP

Your ECI 6 DX MKII is equipped with a setup guide through the App that quickly configures the most common settings. In order to access this guide, the ECI 6 DX MKII should be connected to your network by ethernet cable. (not included)



*If you don't have access to a router or can't connect the system using an Ethernet cable, please go to page 10 to set up the system wirelessly."*



# INITIAL SETUP PROCEDURE WITH A CABLE CONNECTION

*The first time you set up your ECI 6DX MKII*

## RECOMMENDED

### Download the "EC PLAY" App

The free App is available at Apple store or Google Play. Search for: "EC PLAY" or "Electrocompaniet"



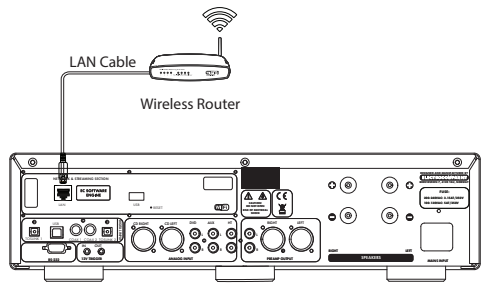
OR

Use your PC, Mac or Linux machine with a web browser

### Connect to your router

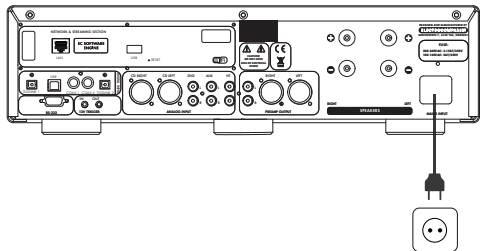
In order to establish a Wi-Fi connection you have to use a LAN cable which connects to you local network, or directly to your router.

*\*LAN cable is not included. Please use any standard RJ45 cable.*



### Connect the power cable

Power up the ECI 6DX MKII by connecting the power cable included in the box and pressing the power on button at the front panel.



## FOLLOW THE ON-SCREEN INSTRUCTIONS

### RECOMMENDED

#### Start your “EC PLAY” App

As long as you have downloaded the App following the previous instructions, you will find the App where you normally find other Apps on your device.

1. Start the App.
2. Press the “setup a new system” in the app. Follow the on-screen instructions in the app to setup your system.

OR

### ALTERNATIVE

#### Use a web browser

Enter the address of your ECI 6DX MKII in the web browser.

If you are using a Mac or Linux machine, this will be “ECI 6DX MKII-<number>.local”. Where <number> is the last 4 digits of the serial number, excluding leading zeros (e.g. “ECI6DXMKII-565.local”).

On a PC, please enter the system’s IP address. You may find this address in your router, by referencing the ECI 6DX MKII MAC address. Please follow your router manufacturer’s instructions for finding an IP address given a MAC address.



### You are done, tap FINISH to complete

You have now completed the setup of your system. For test, please select **Radio** from the main screen. Select *Top100* stations and pick a station to test the system.



## ENABLING WIRELESS CONNECTION

*This step is only necessary if you want the system connected to your wireless network. If you want to continue using wired connection (LAN cable), simply skip this page. (We recommend using wired connection if possible to reduce Wi-Fi traffic and achieve best possible network stability for the system.)*

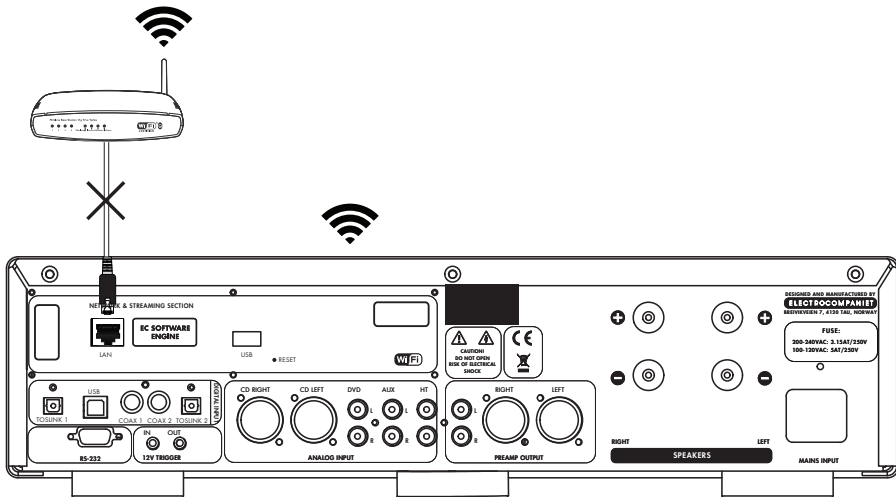
### NOTE:

There is no benefit in connecting both WiFi and cable. Please only use one or the other.

### Wireless network setup:

1. Start the EC PLAY App.
2. Tap **MORE** button at the bottom right menu.
3. Tap **NETWORK**.
4. Scroll down and tap **CONFIGURE WIFI**.
5. Select your wireless network. (Mobile/tablet must be on the same network)
6. Enter your password, tap "Join" or "OK"
7. Remove the LAN cable and wait until the Rooms button appear.  
Tap Room and reselect your ECI 6DX MKII.

*If you loose connection with the system, reconnect the network cable and check your network password carefully.*



## PERFORMING THE INITIAL SETUP WIRELESSLY

*The first time you set up your ECI 6DX MKII.*

If you can't perform the setup via ethernet cable (recommended). Then please follow the steps below. Otherwise, please skip this page.

### RECOMMENDED

#### Download the "EC PLAY" App

The free App is available at Apple store or Google Play. Search for: "EC PLAY" or "Electrocompaniet"

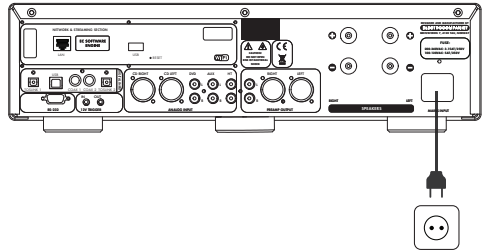


OR

Use your PC, Mac or Linux machine with a web browser

#### Connect the power cable

Power up the ECI 6DX MKII by connecting the power cable included in the box and pressing a power on button at the back panel.



### RECOMMENDED

#### iOS Apple devices:

1. Go to settings -> WiFi.
2. Wait until you see on the right side an entry under "SET UP NEW AIRPLAY SPEAKER" on the lower part of the display. The unit will appear as ECI6DXMKII - <serial nr.>. Select it. Follow the steps on screen.  
( Leave the password empty )
3. Start the EC PLAY App and follow on-screen instructions.

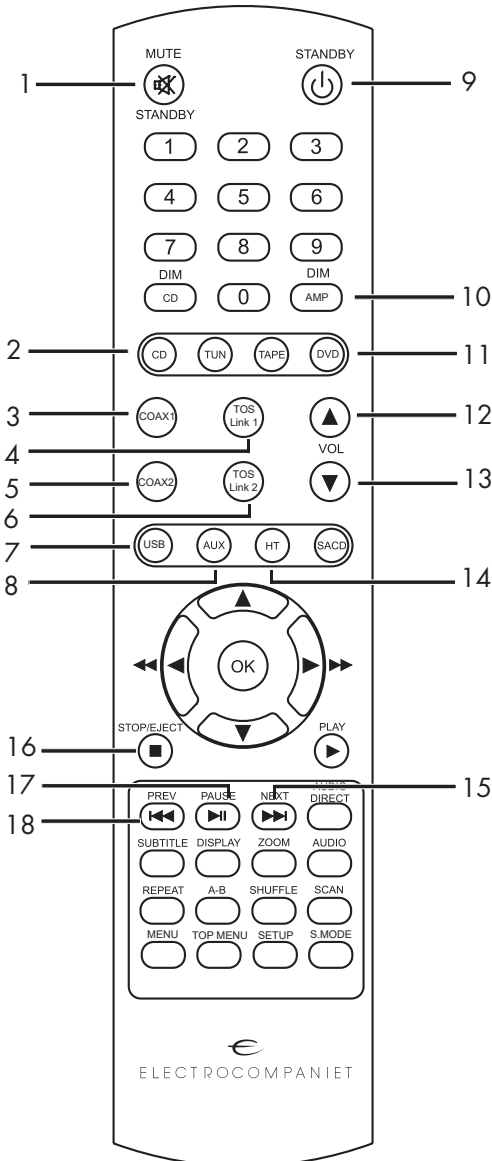
OR



#### Android devices:

1. Go to settings -> WiFi
2. Select the system access point in your Wi-Fi settings. The access point will be named after your system and serial number. For example, "ECI6DXMKII -10",
3. Start the EC PLAY App and follow on-screen instructions.

## Remote control



1. Mute - on/off.

Standby mode - hold mute 1-2 sec. to set the ECI 6DX MKII into a standby mode.

2. CD - switch to CD input

3. COAX1 - switch to COAX 1 input.

4. TosLink1 - switch to TosLink1 input.

5. COAX 2 - switch to COAX 2 input.

6. TosLink2 - switch to TosLink2 input.

7. USB - switch to USB input.

8. AUX - switch to AUX input.

9. Standby - not in use with the amplifiers. Work as Standby with a players.

10. Amp DIM - dimming the amplifiers display.

11. DVD - switch to DVD input.

12. Volume up - increase the volume.

13. Volume down - decrease the volume.

14. HT - switch to a Home theater input.

15. Next track

16. Stop

17. Play/Pause

18. Previous track

## Replacing batteries

Use 2pcs AAA or LR03 batteries.

Observe correct polarization when

inserting batteries. Please remove

batteries when the remote is not used for a prolonged period of time.

## Using the remote

When using the remote control, the front end of the remote control should be pointed to the front panel of your ECI 6DX MKII. A free line of sight is required between the remote and the infrared sensor on the front panel.

## Navigator window

Audio Source	Display Text	Description
CD	CD	Analog balanced XLR input
AUX	AUX	Analog single-ended RCA input
DVD	DVD	Analog single-ended RCA input
HT	HT	Analog single-ended home theater RCA input
COAX 1	COAX1	Coaxial S/PDIF input up to 192 kHz/24 bit
COAX 2	COAX2	Coaxial S/PDIF input up to 192 kHz/24 bit
TosLink 1	TOSLNK1	Optical S/PDIF input up to 96 kHz/24 bit
TosLink 2	TOSLNK2	Optical S/PDIF input up to 96 kHz/24 bit
USB	USB	Asynchronous High Speed USB 2.0 input up to 192kHz/24bit
Streamer	<Current source>	Streaming audio from network or internet. Streaming source is shown on the display (e.g. "TIDAL")

## Front panel (see illustration, page 15)

The main switch is located in the center of the lower part of the front panel. In daily operation, switch off the ECI 6DX MKII by press and hold the Mute button on the remote control (see page 17). If the ECI 6DX MKII has been switched off, allow two hours of warm-up for optimal sonic performance. When the ECI 6DX MKII is not to be used for a long period of time, use the main switch to turn the unit off. Then disconnect the AC main cord for maximum safety.

## Navigator

Button	Function	Description
UP	Volume Up	Increases the volume level.
DOWN	Volume Down	Decreases the volume level.
LEFT	Select source left	Selects the next source to the left.
RIGHT	Select source right	Selects the next source to the right.

## Replacing a blown main fuse

The main fuse is located in a small drawer inside the AC inlet of the unit. If, for some reason the fuse is blown, turn the unit off, and remove the AC cord from the AC inlet. Open the drawer with a small screwdriver and remove the blown fuse. The spare fuse is located inside a holder in front of the main fuse.

1. Remove the spare fuse gently by pushing it sideways out of its holder.
2. Insert the spare fuse as the active fuse.
3. Push the drawer gently back to closed position.
4. Re-insert the AC cord and turn the unit on.

**Never replace the fuse with another value than indicated on the unit!**

## Input configurations

XLR input: 1 = ground 2 = positive 3 = negative  
RCA: Center = positive Circle = ground.

## Output configurations

XLR output: 1 = ground 2 = positive 3 = negative  
Speaker: Red = positive Black or White = ground

ECP5XLR:

RCA to XLR adapter: 1 & 3; ground and negative = shorted 2 = positive

## Updating the ECI 6DX MKII firmware

When connected to the internet, the ECI 6DX MKII will automatically download and install the latest firmware.

For release notes and further information, please refer to our website, in the "Firmware and software" area (under "Downloads").

## ERROR CODES

If the ECI 6DX MKII is not working properly, the display will show an error code.








The error codes are:

Display Error text	Description	What to do
DC FAULT LEFT	DC voltage left channel	Please contact service center.
DC FAULT RIGHT	DC voltage right channel	
DC	DC left + right channels	
OVERLOAD FAULT LEFT	Overload of left channel	Make sure that the + and – leads of the loudspeaker cables are not shorted, and that the speaker cables are not in contact with the chassis of ECI 6DX MKII.
OVERLOAD FAULT RIGHT	Overload right channel	
OVRLOAD	Overload left+right channels	
TEMPERATURE	Over temperature left+right channel	The amplifier is overheated. This is caused by either playing too loud for a long period of time, or not enough free space on the sides or above the ECI 6DX MKII. Turn down the volume and make sure there is enough free space around the amplifier.

For troubleshooting please contact your local dealer or our support department. All contact information you will find at [www.electrocompaniet.com](http://www.electrocompaniet.com)


## ECI 6DX MKII STATUS INDICATORS (see illustration, page 17)

There are three status LEDs on a front panel indicating the status of your system.


System state	Led state	Colour
 Start-up	Flashing fast, then on only for 10s	Green
 Scanning library	Flashing slow. Will turn off when the scanning is completed	Green
 No network	Solid	Orange
 Bluetooth pairing	Flashing fast for 1 minute	Red
 Recovery	Solid	Red
 Recovering USB	Solid / Flashing	Green/Red
 Ready for Airplay WAC setup	Solid	Green

## TIPS AND TROUBLESHOOTING

### Streaming from Apple devices

On Apple devices, it is possible to stream all audio from your iPhone/iPad to the ECI 6DX MKII via "Airplay". This is represented by this symbol 

We do not recommend using this system playing from Spotify, Qubuz and Tidal. Instead, use our EC PLAY App to control playback.

For Spotify, use Spotify connect, as represented in the Spotify App by the device icon.  This will allow the ECI 6DX MKII to stream directly from the internet, which optimizes the bandwidth, and saves battery life on your iPhone/iPad.

### Connecting to WiFi

We recommend that the ECI 6DX MKII has a link quality of minimum 70%, and better than 40 Mb/s link speed. This can be verified in our App, in the More -> Network menu. Higher link quality and speed is recommended for a better user experience. We recommend a wireless AC router with MIMO technology for maximum performance.

### Resetting your system

If your system acts strangely, it can be reset to its default settings by using a paperclip to press the RESET button in the back ( see illustration "rear panel overview") The yellow led will blink a few times, after which the green led will start to blink. The unit will have restarted into the initial setup and you can then follow the steps in this quick start guide. To fully reset the software of the system, please go to Firmware and Software chapter under support on [www.electrocompaniet.com](http://www.electrocompaniet.com) and follow the instructions for software download.

### WI-FI Setup with WAC ( Wireless accessory configuration)

- If airplay speaker is not shown, or my unit does not appear there?

Make sure that the green LED is on. If it is off, press the RESET button. This resets and restarts the unit, and it will be back online in about one minute.

If the LED still not turns on green, please contact support. If the LED is on but the unit still does not appear, please temporarily connect the unit to the network by Ethernet cable, and follow the steps on page 7.

## Technical specifications ECI 6DX MKII:

The following technical data were measured on randomized test objects and are typical data. All measurements are made at 120V / 240V // 50Hz / 60Hz. Clipping point of the amplifier is set to a level where total harmonic distortion (THD) is 0.2 %. Fuse value: 250VAC/ 3.15AT, 115VAC/5AT.

### Preamplifier section:

Input impedance (Balanced input).....	47 kOhm
Noise floor (1Vrms, 20 - 20 kHz, balanced).....	< -135 dB
THD + N (1Vrms, 20 - 20 kHz, balanced) .....	<0,003%
Gain (Balanced).....	0 dB

### Amplifier section:

Output Impedance .....	< 0,02 Ohm
Frequency response (- 3 dB).....	1 – 150 kHz
Channel separation.....	> 120 dB
THD + N (20 - 20 kHz).....	< 0,004%
Maximum peak current.....	>100A
Damping factor (8 ohm load).....	>350
Input sensitivity (125W output).....	1.3Vrms
Input sensitivity HT (125W output).....	1Vrms
Gain HT (input).....	31dB (x36)

SPDIF inputs.....	2 x Coax, 2 x TOSLink
USB.....	1x 192kHz/24bit

### Streamer section:

- Advanced 802.11 AC WiFi with MIMO
- 1x Gigabit Ethernet (1000Mbps)
- 1x USB for external storage
- iOS, Android and web app

Rated output power 10 % change in line voltage will give approximately 20 % change in output power.

8 Ohm.....	2 x 125 W
4 Ohm.....	2 x 200 W
2 Ohm.....	2 x 370 W

Power consumption (no load or signal).....	110 W
Standby.....	1W

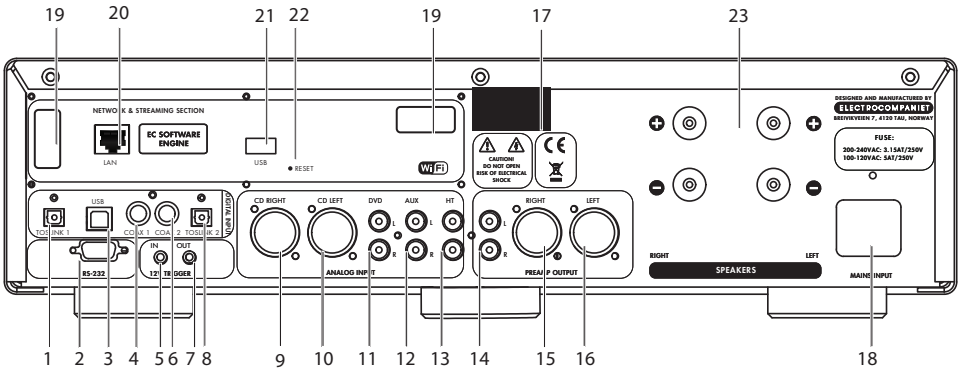
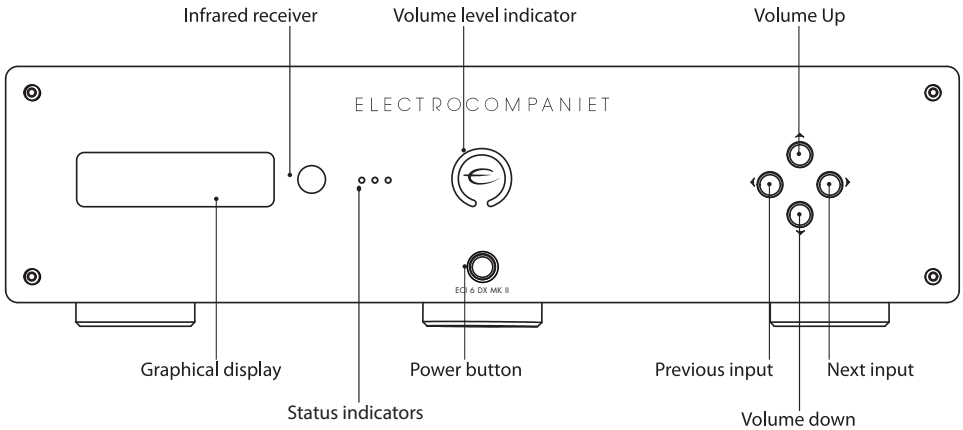
### Dimensions

Width: 470 mm - 18,5 inch  
 Depth: 430 mm - 16,9 inch  
 Height: 128 mm - 5,0 inch  
 Weight: 20,5 Kg - 45 lbs

\*Specifications are subject to change without further notice.



## ECI 6DX MKII Front and Rear panel illustrations



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## IR Remote control codes

RC5 codes are denoted as xx.yy where xx is 5 bit adress and yy is 6 bit command/ data. All numbers are in decimal. RC6 codes are denoted as xxx.yyy. xxx is 8 bit adress. yyy is 8 bit command code. All numbers in decimal. All RC6 codes are mode 0.

Key label	Code Type	Code Hex	Comments
MUTE	RC5	10.0D	Same as on the integrated- and pre-amplifiers.
DIM AMP	RC5	10.0F	
NEXT	RC6	04.20	
PREV	RC6	04.21	
STOP	RC6	04.31	
PAUSE	RC6	04.30	
VOL UP	RC5	10.10	Same as on the integrated- and pre-amplifiers.
VOL DOWN	RC5	10.11	Same as on the integrated- and pre-amplifiers.
COAX1	RC5	10.12	
COAX2	RC5	10.13	
TOSLink1	RC5	10.0A	
TOSLink2	RC5	10.0B	
HT	RC5	10.3A	
AUX	RC5	10.3C	
DVD	RC5	10.39	
CD	RC5	10.14	
TUNER	RC5	10.15	
USB	RC5	10.1C	

## If service is needed

Your dealer will have all relevant information regarding the service centers in your area, and will ensure that your unit is serviced with minimum delay. It is our general policy to have your unit returned to you within five working days. This is an average time and can vary locally, depending on the workload at that particular service station. If, for some reason there are no service facilities available in your country, contact Electrocompaniet support first. If requested to do so by technical personell, please ship the unit to the following address:

EC Living AS,  
Breivikveien 7,  
N-4120 Tau,  
Norway

Web: [www.electrocompaniet.com](http://www.electrocompaniet.com)

Service department: [support.electrocompaniet.com](mailto:support.electrocompaniet.com)

The end user is responsible for all shipping charges, insurance, re-import and dutycharges.

When shipping a product to the factory for service, always include the following:

1. A sales slip or other proof of purchase if repair is claimed under warranty.
2. A proforma invoice with value of goods, stating that the ECI 6 DX MKII is returned to Norway for repair.
3. An accompanying letter describing faults, symptoms, or problems with the unit.
4. Always ship the unit in its original carton and packaging material to prevent damage in transit.

Electrocompaniet will not cover damages incurred in transit. If you require further information concerning the operation of the unit, or if you have any questions related to service, please do not hesitate to contact your dealer or your national distributor.

## User Manual Updates Online

An updated version of the User Manual may be available online at the Electrocompaniet web site. Occasional updates are needed to reflect new features added to the player since the user Manual was printed. As future firmware updates bring in new features and functions, the online version of the user Manual will be updated accordingly.

## Copyright Protection

Reverse engineering or disassembly is prohibited. Part of the software is open-sourced under the GPL license. Please contact us for availability.



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### **Warning!**

To avoid risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this appliance to rain or moisture. Verify line voltage before use. Do not remove cover. No user serviceable parts inside. Refer servicing to qualified service personal. The warranty is void if the product is tampered by non-authorized personnel. Use only authorized Electrocompaniet service center.

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