



Zulu 3 User Guide

Welcome

Congratulations on purchasing a Lightspeed Aviation Zulu 3 headset. Your headset is a premium product engineered to provide the highest levels of performance, comfort, and durability and is backed by the longest warranty in the industry.

If this is your first Lightspeed Aviation headset, welcome to the Lightspeed family. Together with our customers, we are building a lasting community founded on products and service that are best in class.

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Thank you for choosing a Lightspeed Aviation headset.



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Introduction

Your Zulu 3 headset package includes (clockwise, from top left on the following page):

- Carrying case
- User Guide and Quick Start Guide with warranty information
- Zulu 3 ANR headset
- Two AA batteries (not included with panelpowered headsets)
- Cord clip
- Audio device/iPhone cable with standard 3.5mm connector

Introduction



Getting Started

Fitting Your Headset

Fitting your headset properly is the key to comfortable use and superior Active Noise Reduction (ANR) capabilities. To gain peak performance from the ANR feature it is necessary to have a solid seal around your entire ear combined with a symmetrical fit on your head.

The following tips will assist you in achieving the proper fit.

- A. Fit your ears entirely within the ear cups providing a solid seal.
- B. Rest the headband on top of your head with the sliders extended fully. With your thumbs on the ear cups, place your remaining fingers on the headband and squeeze until you have a snug,

- but not overly tight, fit. Your ears should be centered inside the ear cups.
- C. Position the microphone ½ inch from your mouth, with the gain adjustment cap facing away from you (visible when you remove the mic muff).



This side of the microphone should face *away* from you.

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Tall head pad

If you feel that your ears are not centered within the ear cups, even after collapsing the sliders completely, a taller head pad might be the solution. This will move the ear cups further up the side of your head and should allow you to center your ears within the cups.

To order a complimentary tall head pad (part number A484), please call Customer Service at 800-332-2421 or email sales@lightspeedaviation.com and mention promo code FTHP. You will be asked to provide your headset serial number. See page 17 to locate the serial number.

Battery Installation

The standard Zulu 3 battery–powered headsets require two AA batteries (included). Use alkaline batteries for best performance.

- A. Open the controller battery/DIP switch door by either pressing down on the circle icon or by pulling open the door along the notched edges. Insert two AA batteries with the correct polarity positioning.
- B. The LED flashes GREEN when charged batteries are in use and the power is on.
- C. When batteries begin to run low the power LED flashes RED. If the LED flashes RED during flight the headset will continue to operate. Install new batteries as soon as possible at any indication of low batteries.

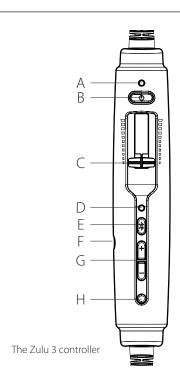
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Battery Types

Use two AA alkaline or lithium batteries. Lithium batteries may provide improved battery life in colder temperatures. We do not recommend using rechargeable batteries or mixing battery types and brands.

Battery Life

A set of batteries can provide up to 40 hours of power. However, heavy Bluetooth usage can significantly reduce battery life. Under quiet conditions Zulu 3 will auto shut off approximately five minutes after the headset is removed from your head.



Controller

- A. Power indicator LED: Flashes GREEN when power is supplied to Zulu 3 and batteries are strong. Flashes RED when batteries are low.
- B. Power button: Powers on headset, turning on Active Noise Reduction (ANR). Press button once to turn Zulu 3 on; press and hold to turn Zulu 3 off.
 - To toggle the LED brightness from bright to dim quickly press the power button twice.
- C. Volume control: Controls audio panel volume with individual sliders for each ear. Does not affect the volume of auxiliary devices.

- D. Bluetooth indicator LED: Flashes BLUE when Bluetooth mode is on and RED when Bluetooth is being turned off. In pairing mode, flashes alternating RED and BLUE.
- E. Bluetooth power button: Turns on and off the Bluetooth signal and controls Bluetoothconnected devices.
- F. Auxiliary input jack: Provides a wired input for audio and cell phone devices.
- G. Bluetooth volume buttons: Controls the volume of Bluetooth devices.
- H. ComPriority button: When enabled, automatically quiets music and audio from auxiliary devices during radio communications.

Turning ON and OFF

ON: Press the power button once to turn on the headset. The GREEN power LED flashes when power is supplied. Active Noise Reduction (ANR) is engaged when you turn on the headset.

OFF: Press and hold the power button until the GREEN power LED turns off.

Zulu 3 will auto shut off approximately five minutes after removing the headset and under quiet conditions.

The power LED flashes RED when batteries are low; see Battery Installation on page 5.

Matching Stereo/Mono Setting to an Audio Panel

The Stereo/Mono DIP switch setting should match the signal from your audio panel. OFF (the setting for stereo) should be used for a stereo panel and MONO for a mono panel. Incorrect settings result in communications being heard in only one ear. The Stereo/Mono DIP switch does not affect auxiliary devices, so you can enjoy auxiliary audio in stereo regardless of how the Stereo/Mono DIP switch is set.

Front Row Center™

Front Row Center is a built-in feature that gives you a theater-like experience, enhancing stereo sound reproduction so that audio seems to come from all around you, not just from your right and left.

ComPriority™

ComPriority is turned on or off by the bottom-most controller button. With ComPriority on and when radio communications are detected, the volume of auxiliary devices will be significantly reduced. To enable ComPriority, turn on the feature, plug into your intercom and talk into the headset microphone while playing music over a wired device. If enabled, your auxiliary music will decrease when you start to talk. During cell phone calls, the other party will be muted, so disable ComPriority before making calls.

Mic Gain Adjustment

You can think of microphone gain as a volume control for your microphone, helping balance loud and soft voices in a multi-headset environment. To access the gain adjustment dial, remove the foam

windscreen on your microphone and then remove the small cap next to the Lightspeed logo. Turn the dial clockwise to increase gain and counterclockwise to decrease gain. Move the dial in small increments (think one-hour increments on a clock face) and test it in your aircraft. Replace the cap and foam windscreen when you are satisfied with the adjustment.

Wired Auxiliary Devices

Zulu 3's wired auxiliary input allows you to connect to cell phones and to most audio devices. To connect a music player to Zulu 3's auxiliary input jack, use the cord provided. To adjust the volume on a device connected to Zulu 3's auxiliary input jack, use the controls on the device itself.

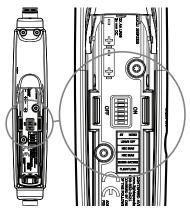
Connecting to iPhone or iPad with the Auxiliary Input Cord

If you connect to an iPhone or iPad using the wired auxiliary input cord, you can use the silver button on the cord to perform the following functions:

- Play/Pause: Press the button once to Pause music; press the button again to Play music.
- Track Forward: Press the button twice rapidly to track forward
- Answering calls: Music automatically mutes and pauses for an incoming call. Press the button to answer the call.
- Disconnecting a call: Press the button to disconnect the call; music automatically resumes.

Setting DIP Switches

DIP switches are factory set to match most aircraft audio panels. To change a DIP switch setting open the controller battery/DIP switch door. Use a small pointed object such as a wood toothpick to slide the DIP switch to ON or OFF depending on your preference.



Zulu 3 DIP Switch and Their Recommended Use

DIP switch	OFF position	ON position	Recommendations
Stereo/Mono	Stereo	Mono— Factory setting	Affects audio from the panel only and should be set to Mono in most cases. Set to Stereo only if you are using a stereo panel. If your audio panel produces a mono signal but the switch is set to Stereo, you will hear audio communications in only one ear.
Leave off	Leave set to OFF		Test mode; for factory use only.
Cell mic bias—two switches that must both be in the same position	Cell mic bias off— Factory setting for helicopter and panel-powered headsets	Cell mic bias on— Factory setting for battery-powered airplane headset	Lets you make phone calls with the headset when it is not plugged into a cockpit audio panel. Available for battery-powered headsets only. Note to helicopter pilots: The ON setting for these switches is incompatible with some helicopter audio panels. If you plan to use this feature and keep the switches set to ON, test the headset in the cockpit before takeoff.
Noise gating	Factory setting		When enabled, Noise Gating eliminates a low level threshold of sound (example: noisy intercoms). Test before using to avoid missed communications from softer radio signals.
FlightLink	Factory setting	Enables FlightLink	For FlightLink to work properly, it must be in the ON position. This will also affect cell phone usage — when in the ON position, the recipient of a cell phone call will hear all sounds on the intercom. To avoid this, unplug your headset from the panel during phone calls.

Bluetooth Devices

Connecting Bluetooth Cell Phones for the First Time

Zulu 3's Bluetooth interface allows cell phone and stereo music streaming capability (A2DP). Before using a Bluetooth cell phone for the first time with Zulu 3 it must be "paired" or electronically connected.

To pair a Bluetooth cell phone with Zulu 3:

- Turn on the headset and verify the GREEN LED is flashing. Make sure Zulu 3's Bluetooth mode is turned OFF. BLUE or RED flashes from the Bluetooth LED should not be present (see "Bluetooth Mode—ON and OFF", page 13).
- Press and hold the Zulu 3 Bluetooth button for about five to ten seconds or until the Bluetooth LED continually flashes RED and BLUE. This indicates the Zulu 3 pairing mode setting and lasts about two minutes. If this step takes longer

- and the Bluetooth LED is no longer alternating RED and BLUE, start over from step one.
- 3. With Zulu 3 in pairing mode, follow the menu prompts on your Bluetooth phone directing it to look for Bluetooth devices.
- 4. Select Lightspeed-V### (numbers may vary) on your Bluetooth phone from the list of found devices.
- 5. If asked to enter a password or PIN, enter 0000.

Your cell phone should now be paired and ready for continued use with Zulu 3.

When you turn on the Zulu 3 Bluetooth mode it will connect to the most recently paired device.

Most Bluetooth cell phones connect to Zulu 3 automatically. If that doesn't happen it may be

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necessary to use the cell phone menu of found devices to signify Lightspeed-V### (numbers may vary).

 Use the Bluetooth volume buttons (Zulu 3's + and – buttons) to adjust the volume.

Bluetooth Features

Depending on the Bluetooth profile of the phone, you can use Zulu 3's Bluetooth buttons to perform several functions. Some typical functions are:

- Press the Bluetooth button once for voice dialing (if supported by your phone).
- Press the Bluetooth button once to answer the phone when it rings.
- Press the Bluetooth button once to disconnect from a call
- Press and hold the Bluetooth button for two seconds to redial the last number called.

Bluetooth Mode—ON and OFF

ON: With Zulu 3 turned ON, press and hold the Bluetooth button (see page 6), until you hear a high tone and the Bluetooth indicator LED flashes three BLUE pulses. For first-time pairing see instructions on page 12.

OFF: Press and hold Zulu 3's Bluetooth button for about three seconds until a high tone is emitted and the Bluetooth indicator LED flashes three RED pulses.

Note: The Bluetooth feature must be turned ON for Bluetooth connected devices to correctly function.

FlightLink

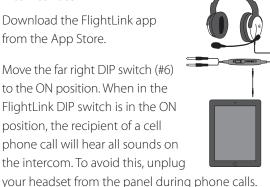
FlightLink is the first in-flight cockpit recording application for the iPad® and iPhone.® The free app works seamlessly with Zulu 3 headsets to capture and retrieve all incoming and outgoing communications.

Features

- Record all activity over the intercom, as well as in-cabin conversation
- Playback the prior two seconds or two minutes.
- Store your recording library.
- Draw notes, codes, or diagrams on the convenient iPad scratchpad for reference.

How to Activate

- Download the FlightLink app from the App Store.
- Move the far right DIP switch (#6) to the ON position. When in the FlightLink DIP switch is in the ON position, the recipient of a cell phone call will hear all sounds on the intercom. To avoid this, unplug



Tap the icon on your iPad or iPhone to begin using the app.

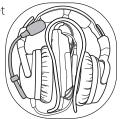
Toggling Between Apps

Press your device's Home button and select another app. Your recording will continue uninterrupted as you switch between different applications.

Peak Performance Tips

- Start with an excellent fit—see "Fitting your headset," on page 4.
- Set Zulu 3's Stereo/Mono DIP switch to match the signal from your audio panel (see "Matching Stereo/ Mono Setting to an Audio Panel" on page 8).
- Keep cell phones at least 12 inches from the Zulu 3 controller and headset when making calls to reduce static noise during phone calls.
- To conserve battery life, turn off Bluetooth mode when not in use.
- You can use auxiliary devices such as a music player by connecting to Zulu 3's auxiliary input jack and a cell phone by connecting via Bluetooth, or through the 3.5mm audio device/ iPhone cable provided.

- To ensure peak ANR performance and comfort, replace the ear seals, head pads, and mic muffs every 18 months. These are wear items that are not covered by the Lightspeed warranty and are available for purchase on our website at LightspeedAviation.com/Accessories.
- We encourage you to register your headset at our website, <u>LightspeedAviation.com</u>. In the event your headset may require service, registration helps assure quick and efficient processing (see "Where is my product serial number" on page 17).
- When packing your headset into its case, close the sliders and place the mic over the headband to avoid chafing the boom.



FAQs

Why do I hear radio communications in only one ear?

Zulu 3's Stereo/Mono DIP switch is probably set to Stereo while your audio panel is transmitting a mono signal. To fix this, change Zulu 3's Stereo/ Mono DIP switch to Mono. This setting does not affect music or audio from auxiliary devices; you can hear stereo sound on auxiliary devices even when the Stereo/Mono DIP switch is set to Mono.

When pairing Zulu 3 with my Bluetooth phone, why does my phone indicate it cannot connect?

The headset may not be in pairing mode. To enter pairing mode, you must start with Bluetooth mode turned fully OFF; (see "Connecting Bluetooth Cell Phones," on page 12).

Why doesn't my Bluetooth phone accept Zulu 3's 0000 passcode?

Your headset may not be in pairing mode. Some phones prompt for a pass code without checking for pairing mode. When the phone cannot pair with the headset, it rejects the passcode. To enter pairing mode, you must start with Bluetooth mode turned fully OFF (see "Connecting Bluetooth Cell Phones," on page 12).

How can I reduce static noise during cell phone calls?

To reduce RF interference during phone calls, keep cell phones at least 12 inches from the Zulu 3 controller and headset when making calls.

When flying, what causes a warbling noise in the ear cup?

If your ear is not entirely inside the cup, with a tight seal, air can seep in and cause the ANR to compensate for uneven internal cup pressure.

Where is my product serial number?

The Zulu 3 serial number (a small, white, bar-code sticker with numbers) can be found on the headset underneath the head pad. The head pad, located on the inner radius of the headband, must be removed to reveal the serial number. Simply



pinch the cushioned part of the head pad, pull down and it will snap out.

Specifications

Zulu 3 Configurations

Model	Power Source	Cord	Connector
Zulu 3 (PN4064)	Two AA batteries	Straight	Dual general aviation connectors with .250-inch commercial stereo headphone plug and .206-inch MIL-SPEC microphone plug
Zulu 3:P (PN4065)	Audio Panel	Straight	LEMO
Zulu 3:H (PN4069)	Two AA batteries	Straight	U-174

Specifications

General

Battery power supply: 3V, two AA batteries Weight: 14.6 oz. (including ear seals and mic boom) Panel aircraft 8-40 VDC

Headphone

Transducer: 40mm moving coil Frequency response: 20 Hz-20 kHz Nominal impedance @ 1 kHz:

OFF—Mono: 200 ohms, ON—Mono: 280 ohms OFF—Stereo: 400 ohms, ON—Stereo: 560 ohms

ANR

Maximum SPL: Greater than 125 dB at 100 Hz

Microphone

Transducer principle: Noise-canceling electret

Frequency response: 200 Hz-6000 Hz

Maximum SPL: 114 dB

Terminating impedance: 220–2200 ohms

Operating voltage: 8V-16V DC

Warranty Information

7-Year Limited Warranty for New Aviation Headsets Sold by Lightspeed Aviation, Inc.

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