

Dragon Discos & Karaoke

Dry Hire Agreement Terms & Conditions

This Dry Hire Agreement establishes a legally binding contract between **Dragon Discos and Karaoke** ("the Owner") and the individual or company booking the equipment ("the Hirer"). Because this is a **Dry Hire agreement**, the Hirer takes full responsibility for the setup, operation, safety, and return of the equipment without the assistance of the Owner's technicians.

1. Dry Hire & Permitted Use

- **No Technicians:** This is a Dry Hire arrangement; no technicians or operators are provided by the Owner.
- **Competency:** The Hirer warrants that they possess the technical knowledge required to operate the gear safely.
- **Instruction:** The Hirer must follow all provided setup guides and manufacturer instructions.
- **Sub-hiring:** The Hirer must not sub-hire, lend, or transfer possession of the equipment to any third party.
- **Location:** Equipment must stay at the designated venue and cannot be moved to another site without prior written approval.

2. Hire Period & Equipment Inspection

- **Duration:** The hire period begins at pickup/delivery and concludes at return as specified in the booking summary.
- **Late Fees:** Delays in returning gear will trigger late fees billed at a flat rate of **£50.00 per day** until all equipment is returned to the Owner.
- **Immediate Inspection:** The Hirer must test and inspect all audio gear immediately upon taking possession.
- **Defect Reporting:** Any functional defects or missing components must be reported to the Owner within **2 hours** of pickup, or the gear will be deemed received in perfect working order.

3. Payment, Security Deposit & 14-Day Cancellation Policy

- **Accepted Payment Methods:** Payments can be made via **BACS (Bank Transfer), Credit/Debit Card, or Cash**.
- **Booking Deposit:** A **£100.00** security deposit is required immediately upon booking via **BACS** or **Card** to secure the equipment.
- **Deposit Refund:** This deposit is fully refundable after the event via the original payment method or **BACS**, subject to all equipment being returned on time, clean, and in **good working order**.
- **Final Balance:** The full hire fee balance must be cleared on or before the day of collection using any of our accepted payment methods.
- **14-Day Cancellation:** If the Hirer cancels the booking **14 days or less** before the scheduled start date, the booking deposit is forfeited to cover loss of business.

4. Delivery & Fuel Costs

- **Delivery Service:** Where delivery and collection are arranged, the Owner will transport the equipment to the venue.
- **Fuel Surcharge:** For delivery locations **exceeding a 10-mile radius from Andover**, fuel costs will be added to the final invoice.
- **Mileage Rate:** This fuel surcharge will be calculated at a rate of **£1.50 per mile** for the total round-trip journey outside the 10-mile zone.

5. Cables & Small Accessories Policy

- **Inventory Check:** All cables, adapters, clips, and small accessories are documented before handover.
- **Missing Items:** The Hirer will be charged a flat replacement fee of **£15.00** per missing or uncoiled/damaged standard cable (e.g., XLR, IEC, Jack).
- **Specialist Cables:** Missing specialist multicore, Speakon, or long-distance power cables will be billed at full replacement retail cost.
- **Deduction:** These replacement fees will be deducted automatically from the refundable security deposit.

6. Site Requirements & Technical Conditions

- **Power Supply:** The Hirer is responsible for providing a stable, surge-protected power source suitable for pro-audio equipment.
- **Environmental Protection:** The Hirer must shield the equipment from rain, moisture, liquid spills, and direct, excessive sunlight at all times.
- **Licensing:** The Hirer must secure all venue permits, noise exemptions, and public performance rights required for the event.

7. Liability, Damage, & Loss

- **Full Responsibility:** The Hirer assumes full financial and legal responsibility for the audio package from the moment it leaves the Owner's custody until it is safely returned.
- **Damage & Replacement:** The Hirer must pay the full repair or replacement cost for any gear damaged by incorrect wiring, power surges, blowing speakers (overdriving), liquid spills, drops, or theft.
- **Deposit Surcharge:** If repair or replacement costs exceed the held booking deposit, the Hirer remains liable for the remaining balance.
- **Security:** Equipment must never be left unattended in unsecured vehicles or venues.
- **Limitation of Liability:** The Owner is not liable for any event disruptions, financial losses, or third-party injuries resulting from the Hirer's operation of the equipment.

8. Governing Law

- **Jurisdiction:** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of **England and Wales**. Both parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

Acceptance of Terms: By booking and paying the deposit, you confirm you have read and accept these terms and conditions.