

# Using a USB Microphone with Windows XP

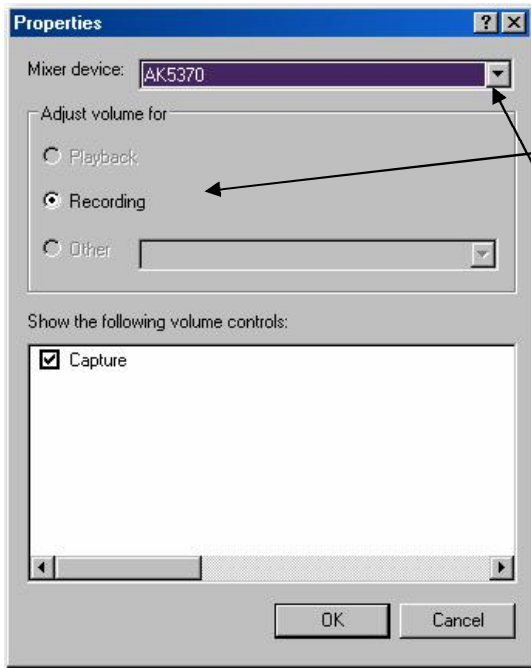
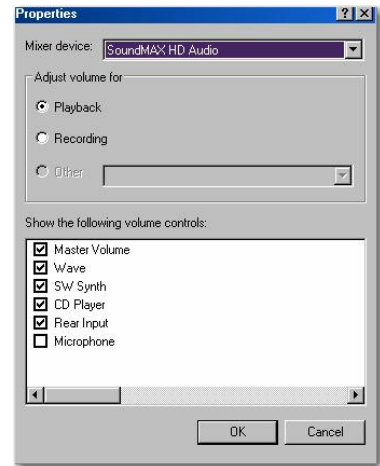


Using a USB microphone can be tricky to set up. Computers recognize the device as **AK5370**. Address the settings for sound input at the computer and then within an application. You may address each setting correctly and find that the computer will not recognize or record from the microphone. When this happens save your project and restart the computer without unplugging or turning off the USB microphone. Try again.

Connect the microphone to the computer and turn it on. Open the computer's volume control. In the IMC double click on the icon on the Taskbar.



On other computers select **Start > Programs > Accessories > Entertainment > Volume Control**. Select **Options > Properties**. This window displays.

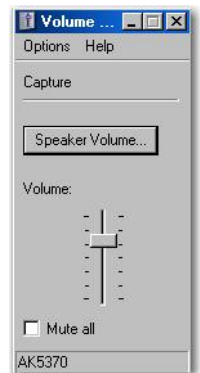


Select **Recording**.

Then select **AK5370** for Mixer Device.

Confirm that a volume control is selected. It may display Capture, Wave In, Stereo Mix, etc. Select **OK**.

Adjust recording level.

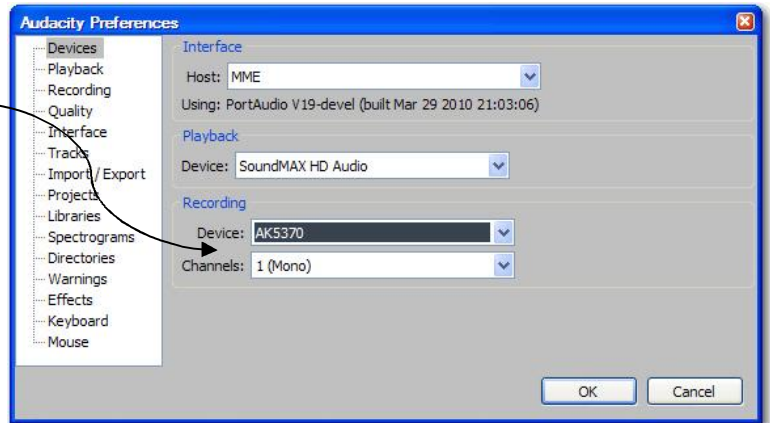


Adjust settings in the Audio application if necessary. See next page for Audacity.

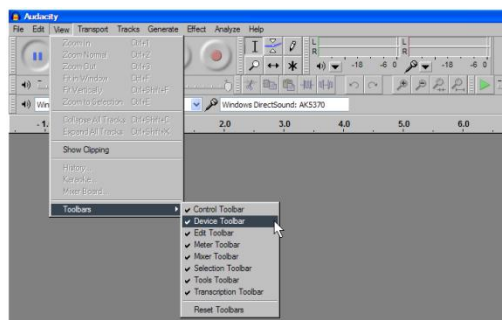
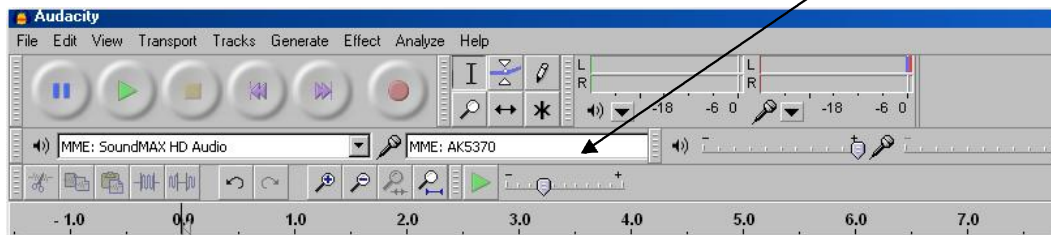
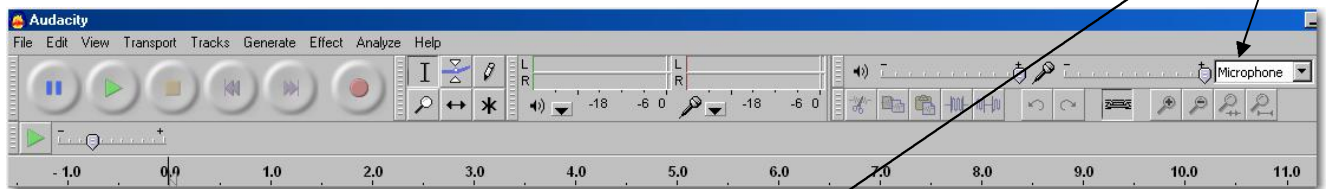


## Adjusting settings in Audacity, version 1.3.8

Open Audacity and select **Edit > Preferences**. Select the **Devices** tab. See settings in diagram for **Recording device (AK5370)** and use **1 (Mono) channel**. Click **OK**.



Within the session, the recording device should adjust accordingly. Depending on the computer, the device may state ...AK5370, Microphone, Stereo Mix, etc. To test, record by pressing the red button. To stop recording, press the yellow square button. If recording fails change the recording device. If recording continues to fail, save the project and restart the computer without unplugging or turning off the USB microphone. Try again.



**NOTE:** In Audacity version 1.3.12 the Device toolbar may not automatically display. Select **View > Toolbars > Device toolbar**

Written by Heather Bergstraesser, IMC Student Assistant, 12/2008; revised 4/10