Welcome to the World of PlayStation

Using your PlayStation Vita system for the first time

Turn on your PS Vita system.

Press and hold down the (Power) button for five seconds. When the power-on screen appears, press the power indicator button to turn on your PS Vita system.

If you press and hold the (Power) button for five seconds, the power indicator lights up orange. For details including approximate charging times, refer to the User's Guide.

Charging

To charge your PS Vita system, connect it to a power source as shown in the diagram on the left. While the system is charging, the power indicator lights up orange.

Check the status of your PS Vita battery by seeing how the power indicator lights up or blinks.

Use your PlayStation Vita system to play games, access the internet, and more. Before using this product, see "Safety Guide" and "Important Disclaimers" to ensure that you use it safely and responsibly.

Safeguard your PS Vita system and its accessories by always carrying them in the supplied case. Always carry the PS Vita system in a protective case.

Before using your PS Vita system, please refer to the Safety Guide and Important Disclaimers in the User’s Guide. The User’s Guide is available on the PlayStation®Network (PS®Network) or on the PlayStation®Store (PS®Store).

To read the Safety Guide, tap [Settings] > [System Settings] > [Display Settings] > [Language Settings] > [Language Settings]. For details including approximate charging times, refer to the User’s Guide.

Important Disclaimers

For important disclosures, see the Safety Guide. For information about specific applications, visit the PlayStation®Network (PS®Network) or the PlayStation®Store (PS®Store).

Report

Visit the Support Knowledge Center for additional details and technical information regarding your PS Vita system.

Quick Start Guide

English (North America)

Using the screen

When you tap the icon for an application on the home screen, the application's LiveArea™ screen appears. To exit the current LiveArea™ screen, tap the gate on the LiveArea™ screen. You can start multiple applications at the same time. The home screen can have a maximum of 10 pages.

Info bar

You can check the status of your PS Vita system on the top of the home screen.

- PS Vita system communication status
- Active applications
- Audio output status
- Remaining battery charge
- Notification indicator

Tap the notification indicator to see the new information. When a notification or other new information such as a message is received, the notification indicator turns green and to the right of the system blinks slowly in blue.

Playing games

Insert the PlayStation®Vita card.

Your PS Vita card contains PS Vita format software. When the PS Vita card is inserted, the icon for the game appears on the home screen.

Start playing the game.

On the home screen, tap the icon for the game. The LiveArea™ screen for the game appears on the home screen.

Saving data for a game

How to save data depends on the game. For details, see the instructions for the game. If you use the saved data on the memory card or the PS Vita card on a different PS Vita system, there may be times when you cannot earn trophies or save the data.

See the User's Guide for details about saved data and trophies.

Turning off the power

Turning off the screen while the application is still active (standby mode)

Press the (Power) button. The power indicator will blink in green, and the system will then enter standby mode.

To exit standby mode, press the (Power) button again or press the (PS) button.

Turning the power off completely

Press and hold the (Power) button for two seconds, and then tap [Power Off]. When turning on the system the next time, press and hold the (Power) button for two seconds.

Inserting or removing the PS Vita card

Open the PS Vita card slot cover upward, and then insert the card.

To remove the PS Vita card, press it to release it from the slot.

Do not remove the PS Vita card when the access indicator is blinking.

Downloading games and content from PlayStation®Store

PlayStation®Store has a wide variety of content you can't get anywhere else, including games, free trial versions of the latest releases, game add-ons that make the games you have even more fun to play, and videos to purchase or rent.

To use PlayStation®Store, you need a Sony Entertainment Network account and an Internet connection. To download some content, a memory card is necessary.

Using a memory card

Your PS Vita system is equipped with an internal memory card. You can start playing games and applications without a memory card. When purchasing the system, purchase a memory card that can support the size of memory card you need. After purchasing a new memory card, follow the steps below to move data from the internal memory to the new memory card.

Inserting or removing the memory card

1. Insert the memory card only when the power of your PS Vita system is off.
   Inserting or removing the memory card while the power is on might cause data corruption or loss.
2. Turn on your PS Vita system, and then follow the on-screen instructions to move the data.
   Once data has been moved, the system will automatically restart.
3. Once a memory card is properly inserted, data will be saved to it, and not to the internal memory.
   While a memory card is being inserted, the internal memory is inaccessible.

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