Using your PlayStation®Vita system for the first time

Welcome to your PlayStation®Vita handheld entertainment system.
Please prepare the following types of card media:

- Memory card for the PlayStation®Vita system
- PlayStation®Vita card
- SIM card

To use your PS Vita system, you need the following types of card media:

Memory card for the PlayStation®Vita system
This card stores applications downloaded from PlayStation®Network, saved data, and content, including your purchased software.

PlayStation®Vita card
This card contains PlayStation®Vita format software. For some games, the PlayStation®Vita card also stores saved data.

SIM card
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Warning
- Some models of the PS Vita system come with card media included. Refer to the package for content volumes.
- Some games may require PS Vita memory cards. Use only genuine memory cards or compatible memory cards for optimal performance.
- Before you insert or remove a memory card or SIM card, check that the power is off. Doing so helps prevent data corruption or loss.

Insert the memory card.

1. Turn on your PS Vita system.

2. Touch the [Memory card slot cover] and then release it.

3. Insert the memory card.

4. Touch the [Memory card slot cover] again to lock the memory card.

Turn on your PS Vita system.
When turning on your system for the first time, an introductory video will play. If you press the [Power] button for five seconds, the introductory video will not play. For details, refer to the back of this guide.

Begin to set up your PS Vita system.

1. Touch the [Settings] on the home screen.

2. Touch the [Wi-Fi settings] on the home screen.

3. Select an Internet connection method.

4. Follow the on-screen instructions.

Troubleshooting gestures
- Touch lightly: Touch lightly to select an item.
- Drag: Drag lists of items to scroll and find your choice.
- Flick: Flick left or right to scroll quickly. Drag to scroll up or down.
- Double-tap: Double-tap an area to open. 
- Tap: Tap an item to select it, and then tap [Next].

Link your PlayStation®Network account to your PS Vita system.
If you already have a PlayStation®Network account, you can link your PS Vita system to your account. If you do not have a PlayStation®Network account, follow the on-screen instructions to create one.

When you access PlayStation®Network, you can purchase content or services.

Select your language, time zone, and the date and time.

Enter your PlayStation®Network account information in step 5, a PlayStation®Network sign-in screen will appear.

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Welcome Park

When an Internet connection is required, you must set up your system as follows: after completing step 4, set up your PS Vita system to use a mobile network. To connect to the Internet using a Wi-Fi access point, refer to the Wi-Fi settings screen.

Connecting to the Internet

When an Internet connection is required, you must set up your system to access PlayStation®Network services.

Complete initial setup.

Follow the on-screen instructions to complete initial setup.

You can access applications for the PS Vita system from the home screen.

Playing games and learning in Welcome Park

In Welcome Park, find new applications while rerunning the basic features of your PS Vita system.

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Using these applications when you are connected to PlayStation®Network

PlayStation®Network offers even more features, such as shopping at PlayStation®Store and communicating with friends.

PlayStation®Network account

Use your PS Vita system to use a mobile network. If several access points are available, select one that is the closest to you.

Additional age restrictions may apply.

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Using the screen

Start games and other applications from the home screen. You can also display games and applications at the same time in the LiveArea™ screen.

When you tap an icon for an application on the home screen, the application’s LiveArea™ screen appears.

On the LiveArea™ screen, tap the gate to start the application.

Info bar

You can check the status of your PS Vita system on the info bar.

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

When a notification or other new information such as a message arrives, the (PS) button lights up blue. Tap the notification indicator to see the new information.

Playing games

Insert the PlayStation®Vita card.

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

Gameplay may require a PS Vita memory card. Insert a memory card before playing games.

Start the game.

On the home screen, tap the icon for the game. The LiveArea™ screen for the game appears. If you are connected to the Internet, various details, such as the latest information about the game, appear on the LiveArea™ screen.

Start playing the game.

Tap [Start] on the gate on the LiveArea™ 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.

Pausing a game

Press the (PS) button to pause a game and return to the LiveArea™ screen. To resume playing the game, tap [Continue] on the LiveArea™ screen.

Removing the PS Vita card

Press on the PS Vita card to release it, and then remove the card.

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

Standby mode and turning off the power completely

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

Press the (power) button.

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.

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 (PS) button lights up orange. For details including approximate charging times, refer to the User’s Guide.

Supporting documentation for your PS Vita system

Safety Guide

Contains precautions for the safe use of your PS Vita system, system specifications, and service information.

Before using this product, carefully read the Safety Guide and retain it for future reference.

User’s Guide


You can also read the User’s Guide on a PC by visiting the following website:

eu.playstation.com/psvita/support/manuals/

Support Website

Visit the Support website for additional information about using your PS Vita system and for troubleshooting information.

System Update Website

Visit the System Update website for information about PS Vita system software updates.

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