Using your PlayStation Vita system for the first time

Turn on your PS Vita system.

Press the (Power) button for 5 seconds. When the power indicator blinks orange, the system is in standby mode. When you press the (Power) button to return to standby mode, the power indicator lights up orange or blinks in orange, charge the system in accordance with the diagram on the left.

Begin to set up your PS Vita system.

To start making initial settings, drag your finger from the top right to the bottom left of the home screen and then tap the figure on the top left. Touchscreen gestures

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

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

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If you do not have an account, or if you want to sign up for an account later.

Completing the initial setup.

You can also create an account using a PlayStation®3 system, a PlayStation®4 system, or a computer. The created account can be linked to a PlayStation® Network account.

Creating a Sony Entertainment Network account

You can create an account on your PS Vita system for the first time after step 1.

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Safety Guide

Refer to the safety guide included with this product for important instructions.

Important Disclaimers

Important instructions for using your PS Vita system. Please read and understand these instructions before using your PS Vita system.

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Safety Guide

Screwdriver

Turn off the PS Vita system.

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

To set up your PS Vita system, you need an Internet connection.

You can also link only a single account to a PS Vita system.

To create an account (sub account) for users under a certain age, you must first create an account for a parent or guardian (master account) using a PS3™ system, a PS4™ system, or a computer.

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Initial settings

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Use the system as explained in the "If you do not have an account, or if you want to sign up for an account later." section.

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Using the screen

When you tap the icon for an application on the home screen, the application’s LiveArea™ screen appears. If you tap the icon for an online service, you can go to the online service’s website. You can run multiple applications at the same time. The home screen can have a maximum of 10 pages.

**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. If you are connected to the Internet, various details, such as the latest information about the game, appear 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.

- **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.

**Turning the power off completely**

Press and hold the (Power) button for 2 seconds, and then tap [Power Off]. When turning on the system the next time, press and hold the (Power) button for 2 seconds.

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**Using a memory card**

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**Inserting or removing the PS Vita card**

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

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**Inserting or removing the memory card**

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