Using your PlayStation Vita system for the first time

1. Turn on your PS Vita system:
   - When you turn on your system for the first time, the Power On Camera runs for five seconds. When the power-on camera is complete, the power indicator lights up in the (Power) button area.
   - When your power indicator lights up, touch and hold the (Power) button until the system makes a beeping sound, change the system to charged status, and follow the on-screen instructions to continue the setup.

2. Begin to set up your 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. For details, refer to the User’s Guide.
   - You can link only a single account to a PS Vita system.

3. Creating a Sony Entertainment Network account
   - Connect an Internet connection to your Sony Entertainment Network account by using your PS Vita system.
   - If you cannot connect to the Internet, you must set up your PS Vita system as explained in “If you do not have an account, or if you want to sign up for an account later”. Create a master account on your PS Vita system.

4. Charging:
   - The system is charging.
   - The system is entering standby mode/power off.
   - The system is on.

5. Touchscreen gestures
   - Drag lists of items to scroll and find your choice.
   - Flick lightly (Power) button (Touchscreen gestures)

6. Select the language, time zone, and the date and time.
   - You can change the language, time zone, and the date and time only during the initial setup.
   - Touch the text entry field, and then enter text using the keyboard that appears.

7. Link your Sony Entertainment Network account to your PS Vita system:
   - You must set up your PS Vita system for trial use of PSNSM services. To make full use of PSNSM features, you must set up your master account on your PS Vita system.
   - Follow the on-screen instructions.

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

9. Creating a Sony Entertainment Network account
   - Connect an Internet connection to your Sony Entertainment Network account by using your PS Vita system.
   - If you cannot connect to the Internet, you must set up your PS Vita system as explained in “If you do not have an account, or if you want to sign up for an account later”.
   - Create a master account on your PS Vita system.

10. Complete initial setup:
    - Follow the on-screen instructions.
    - Follow the on-screen instructions.
    - You can access applications for the PS Vita system from the home screen.

11. Charging:
    - The system is charging.
    - The system is on.
    - The system is entering standby mode/power off.

12. Touchscreen gestures
    - Drag lists of items to scroll and find your choice.
    - Flick lightly (Power) button (Touchscreen gestures)

13. Select the language, time zone, and the date and time.
    - You can change the language, time zone, and the date and time only during the initial setup.
    - Touch the text entry field, and then enter text using the keyboard that appears.

14. Link your Sony Entertainment Network account to your PS Vita system:
    - You must set up your PS Vita system for trial use of PSNSM services. To make full use of PSNSM features, you must set up your master account on your PS Vita system.
    - Follow the on-screen instructions.

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

16. Charging:
    - The system is charging.
    - The system is on.
    - The system is entering standby mode/power off.

17. Touchscreen gestures
    - Drag lists of items to scroll and find your choice.
    - Flick lightly (Power) button (Touchscreen gestures)

18. Select the language, time zone, and the date and time.
    - You can change the language, time zone, and the date and time only during the initial setup.
    - Touch the text entry field, and then enter text using the keyboard that appears.

19. Link your Sony Entertainment Network account to your PS Vita system:
    - You must set up your PS Vita system for trial use of PSNSM services. To make full use of PSNSM features, you must set up your master account on your PS Vita system.
    - Follow the on-screen instructions.

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

To read the Safety Guide, see page 8 in the (Safety) button area. For important disclosures, refer to the User’s Guide or contact the service provider or person who set it up.

For more information about system functionality and images published in this document, visit the Support Knowledge Center for additional details and technical information regarding your PS Vita system. For inquiries about specific applications, visit the official PlayStation® Support website for additional support information. To contact Sony: Sony Customer Support Center (U.S.): 1-800-222-SONY (7669) Sony Customer Support Center (Canada): 1-877-295-5464

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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. To exit the LiveArea™ screen, tap the gate to start the application. You can use multiple applications at the same time.

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.

Inserting or removing the PS Vita card

Insert the PS Vita card into the PS Vita card slot.

Inserting or removing the memory card

Your PS Vita system is equipped with an internal memory card. You can start playing games and applications that require a memory card right after purchasing the system. Purchase a separate memory card when the internal memory card is full.

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

Functions

Notification indicator

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

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 more fun to play, and videos to purchase or rent.