Using your PlayStation®Vita system for the first time

Turn on your PS Vita system.

When the power indicator lights up green, you can turn on the system. Charge the system for about 30 minutes before turning on the system.

Begin to set up your PS Vita system.

When you press and hold down the (Power) button for 5 seconds and the power indicator lights up green, the system is entering standby mode/power off.

Charging

You can charge your PS Vita system connected to a power source even when the system is off. When charging, charging time may vary depending on the battery charge status.

1. Connect the USB cable to the system and AC power cord to the AC adaptor.
2. Connect the AC adaptor to an electric outlet.
3. Charge the system with the USB cable.

Complete Initial setup.

Follow the on-screen instructions.

1. Confirm your Internet connection setup.
2. If you do not have an account or if you want to sign up for an account later, tap [OK] > [Set Later] > [Next], and follow the screens to complete the operation.
3. Link your Sony Entertainment Network account to your PS Vita system.
4. If you do not want 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.

Creating a Sony Entertainment Network account

You can create an account under [Settings] > [Start] > [PlayStation™Network] > [Sign Up] after the initial setup is complete.

1. Tap [Next] > [Create an Account] to create an account.
2. Enter your name, your date of birth, your email address, and password. Then, you will receive an email with a verification URL.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions.

Possible discoloration

Charging

The charging LED lights up green to indicate that the battery is charging. The charging LED blinks slowly in green when the battery charge is too low. To charge the system, connect it to a power source as shown in the diagram on the left.

Checking the status of your PS Vita system by pressing the power indicator lights up or off.

Lights up green The system is on.

Lights up orange The system is charging.

Blinks slowly in green The battery charge is low.

Blinks in green The system is entering standby mode/power off.

Check the status of your PS Vita system by pressing the power indicator lights up or off.

Lights up green The system is on.

Lights up orange The system is entering standby mode/power off.

Lights up red The system is damaged.

When you press and hold down the (Power) button for 5 seconds and the power indicator lights up red, the system will be turned off.

Solving problems

If you cannot turn on your system, press and hold down the (Power) button for 5 seconds. After the system is turned off, you can turn on the system again.

If you press and hold down the (Power) button for 5 seconds and the power indicator lights up red, follow the on-screen instructions to complete the operation.

Creating an account (sub account) for users under a certain age

Turn on your system.

1. Select the application you want to sign up for an account later.
2. Tap [Sign In] or [PlayStation™Network] to sign in.
3. Tap [Create a New Account] to create an account.
4. Tap [Sign Up] > [Next] > [Finish], and follow the screens to complete the operation.

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Touchscreen gestures

Tap Drag or

Touch lightly and then raise your finger

Flick lightly

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To scroll quickly, flick the list of items.

Tap an item to select it, and then tap [Next].

Drag lists of items to scroll and find your choice.

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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 connect to the Internet, the gate is used to select an application. You can use multiple applications at the same time.
・Your home screen can have a maximum of 10 pages.

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

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 moves toward the center of the home screen. When you tap the notification indicator, a list of information will appear. The number displayed in the notification indicator indicates the number of new notifications.

Playing games
Inserting 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.

Start the game.
Press the (PS) button to return to the LiveArea™ screen, and then press the screen.

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

Removing the PS Vita 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 play 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.

Keeping or moving data on the memory card
When turning on the system the next time, press and hold the (Power) button for 2 seconds.

Turning off the power
Turning off the screen while the application is still active (standby mode)
Press the (Power) button. The screen indicator will light up in orange, and the system will 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.