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Getting Started

⚠ WARNING

See the *Important Safety and Product Information* guide in the product box for product warnings and other important information.

When using the device the first time, complete these tasks.

1. Charge the device (page 1).
2. Turn on the device (page 1).
3. Start a round (page 1).

Charging the Device

⚠ WARNING

The charging cradle contains a magnet. Under certain circumstances, magnets may cause interference with some medical devices, including pacemakers and insulin pumps. Keep the charging cradle away from such medical devices.

This device contains a lithium-ion battery. See the *Important Safety and Product Information* guide in the product box for product warnings and other important information.

NOTICE

The charging cradle contains a magnet. Under certain circumstances, magnets may cause damage to some electronic devices, including hard drives in laptop computers. Use caution when the charging cradle is near electronic devices.

To prevent corrosion, thoroughly dry the contacts and the surrounding area before charging or connecting to a computer.

1. Plug the USB end of the cable into the AC adapter or a computer USB port.
2. Plug the AC adapter into a standard wall outlet.
3. Align the contacts on the back of the device with the posts on the charging cradle ①.

   The charging cradle is magnetic and holds the device in place.

   When you connect the device to a power source, the device turns on, and the charging screen appears.
4. Charge the device completely.

Turning On the Approach

The first time you use the device, you are prompted to choose your language.

NOTE: The time of day and date are set automatically when you are outdoors. You can also set it manually (page 3).

1. Hold **POWER**.
2. Select your language.
3. Go play a game of golf (page 1).

Touchscreen Tips

The device touchscreen is different than most mobile devices. The touchscreen is designed so you can operate it with your finger tip or while wearing gloves. The touchscreen is optimized to prevent accidental touches while you play.

NOTE: You must press firmly in order to select items and change pages. You should practice using the touchscreen before you play.

- Tap the touchscreen to scroll through the pages.
- Select ☰ > **Lock Screen** to lock the screen from the hole view, layup and dogleg, shot measurement, or odometer screen.
- Tap the touchscreen and swipe left to exit power save mode or to unlock the screen.
- Tap the touchscreen to confirm messages.
- Tap the top and bottom of the touchscreen to scroll through menus.
- Make each touchscreen selection a separate action.

Keys

①	**POWER/LIGHT**	Select to turn on the backlight. Hold to turn the device on and off.
②	**MEASURE**	Select to measure a shot.
③	☰	Select to open the menu for the current screen.
④	**SCORE**	Select to enter your score for the hole.
⑤	↩	Select to return to the previous screen.

Icons

	Battery is low.
	Odometer is measuring distance and time.
	Alarm is on.

Playing Golf

You cannot start playing golf until the device acquires satellite signals, which may take 30–60 seconds.

1. Select ☰ > **Start Round**.
2. Select a course from the list.

Hole View

The device shows the current hole you are playing, and automatically transitions when you move to a new hole.

NOTE: By default, the device calculates the distance to the front, middle, and back of the green. If you know the location of the pin, you can set it more precisely using Green View (page 2).

①	Current hole number.
②	Distance to the back of the green.
③	Distance to the middle of the green.
④	Distance to the front of the green.
⑤	Par for the hole.
▲	Next hole.
▼	Previous hole.

Viewing the Green

While playing a game, you can take a closer look at the green and move the pin location.

1. Begin playing a game (page 1).
2. Select ☰ > **Green View**.
3. Drag ⚑ to move the pin location.

   The distances on the hole view screen are updated to reflect the new pin location. The pin location is saved for only the current round.

Measuring a Shot

You can measure the distance of a shot at any time.

1. Select **MEASURE**.
2. Walk to your ball.

   The distance automatically resets when you move to the next hole. You can hold **MEASURE** to reset the distance at any time.

Viewing Layup and Dogleg Distances and Saved Locations

You can view a list of layup and dogleg distances for par 4 and 5 holes. Saved locations (page 2) also appear on this list.

From the hole view screen (page 1), select the middle of the screen.

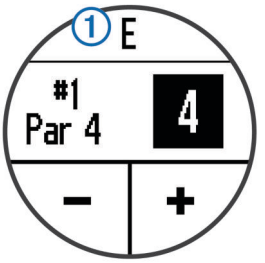
NOTE: Distances are removed from the list as you pass them.

Keeping Score

Before you begin keeping score, you must start a round (page 1).

1. From the hole view screen (page 1), select **SCORE**.
2. If necessary, select ☰ > **Change Par** to change par for the hole.
3. Select − or + to set the score.

   Your total score ① is updated.



4. Hold **SCORE** to view a list of the scores for all holes.

   From this list, you can select any hole to change the score for that hole.

Setting the Scoring Method

You can change the method the device uses to keep score.

1. Select an option:
   - If you are currently playing a round, select **SCORE** > **Scoring**.
   - If you are not currently playing a round, select ☰ > **Setup** > **Scoring**.
2. Select a scoring method.

About Stableford Scoring

When you select the Stableford scoring method (page 2), points are awarded based on the number of strokes taken relative to par. At the end of a round, the highest score wins. The device awards points as specified by the United States Golf Association.

NOTE: The scorecard for a Stableford scored game shows points instead of strokes.

Points	Strokes Taken Relative to Par
0	2 or more over
1	1 over
2	Par
3	1 under
4	2 under
5	3 under

Viewing Scorecards on a Computer

You can view all saved scorecards on your computer.

1. Connect the device to a USB port on your computer using the charging cradle (page 1).
2. The device appears as a removable drive in My Computer in Windows® computers, and as a mounted volume on Mac® computers.
3. Open **ScorecardViewer.html** to view your scorecards.

Saving a Location

While playing a round, you can save up to five locations on each hole.

1. Stand in the location you want to save.

   NOTE: You cannot save a location that is far from the currently selected hole.
2. Select ☰ > **Save Location**.
3. Select a label for the location.

Clearing Locations

While playing a round, you can clear previously saved locations for the current hole.

Select ☰ > **Clear Locations**.

Using the Odometer

You can use the odometer to record the time and distance traveled. The odometer automatically starts and stops when you start or end a round, but you can also start and stop it manually.

1. Select ☰ > **Odometer** to view or start the odometer.
2. Select an option:
   - Select ☰ > **Turn Off** to stop the odometer.
   - Select ☰ > **Reset** to reset the time and distance to zero.

Customizing Your Device

Settings

Select ☰ > **Setup** to customize device settings and features.

Tones: Turns audible tones on or off.

Display: Sets the background color to black or white (page 3).

Scoring: Sets the scoring method (page 2).

Time: Sets the time to automatic or manual (page 3).

Format: Sets the time format to 12- or 24-hour.

Language: Sets the language.

Units: Sets to measure distance in yards or meters.

Setting the Time Manually

By default, the time is set automatically when the device acquires satellite signals.

1. Select ☰ > **Setup** > **Time** > **Manual**.
2. Select − and + to set the hour and minute.
3. Select **AM** or **PM**.

Setting the Alarm

1. Select ☰ > **Setup Alarm**.
2. Select − and + to set the hour and minute.
3. Select **AM** or **PM**.
4. Select **Once**, **Daily**, or **Weekdays**.

Changing the Display Color

You can change the background color on the device.

1. Select ☰ > **Setup** > **Display**.
2. Select an option:
   - Select **White** to display black text on a white background.
   - Select **Black** to display white text on a black background.

Appendix

Device Care

NOTICE

Do not store the device where prolonged exposure to extreme temperatures can occur, because it can cause permanent damage.

Never use a hard or sharp object to operate the touch screen, or damage may result.

Avoid chemical cleaners and solvents that can damage plastic components.

Cleaning the Device

1. Wipe the device with a cloth dampened with a mild detergent solution.
2. Wipe it dry.

Specifications

Battery type	Lithium-ion
Battery life	Watch only: 4 weeks Playing golf: 8 hours **NOTE:** The actual battery life of a fully charged battery depends on how much time you use GPS, the backlight, and power save mode. Exposure to extremely cold temperatures will also reduce battery life.
Operating temperature range	From -4º F to 140º F (from -20º C to 60º C)
Charging temperature range	From 40º F to 104º F (from 5º C to 40º C)
Water resistance	IPX7

Power Save

After a period of inactivity, the device goes into power save mode. The device displays the time and date but does not use GPS. The device will not enter power save mode if the odometer is on. You can select any button or tap the screen, then swipe left across the screen to exit power save mode.

Clearing User Data

NOTE: This deletes all user-entered data.

1. Hold **POWER** to turn off the device.
2. Hold **SCORE**, and select **POWER**.
3. Select **Yes**.

Getting More Information

You can find more information about this product on the Garmin® website.

- Go to www.garmin.com/intosports.
- Go to www.garmin.com/learningcenter.
- Go to http://buy.garmin.com, or contact your Garmin dealer for information about optional accessories and replacement parts.

Registering Your Device

Help us better support you by completing our online registration today.

- Go to http://my.garmin.com.
- Keep the original sales receipt, or a photocopy, in a safe place.

Updating Software and Courses

Before you can update your device software, you must download Garmin CourseView Updater. Go to www.garmin.com/support/courseview_updater.html for more information.

1. Connect the device to a USB port on your computer using the charging cradle (page 1).
2. Start CourseView Updater.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions.

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