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Dear Parent,

At **VTech®**, we know that every year, children are asking to play video games at younger and younger ages. At the same time, we understand the hesitation of most parents to expose their children to the inappropriate content of many popular video games. How can you feel confident in allowing your childen to play these games, and still educate and entertain them in a healthy, age-appropriate manner?

Our solution to this on-going debate is the **V.Smile™** Learning System—a unique video game system created especially for children aged 3 to 8. The **V.Smile™** Learning System combines a kid-friendly design, age-appropriate curriculum, entertaining graphics, and fun game play into a unique experience that your child will love and you can support. The **V.Smile™** Learning System engages your child with two modes of play: the Learning Adventure—an exciting exploratory journey in which learning concepts are seamlessly integrated, and the Learning Zone—a series of games designed to focus on specific school skills in a fun, engaging way. Both of these educational modes offer your child hours of learning fun.

As part of the **V.Smile™** Learning System, **VTech®** offers a library of game Smartridges™ based on popular children's characters that engage and encourage your child to play while learning. The library is organized into three levels of educational play – Early Learners (ages 3-5), Junior Thinkers (ages 4-6) and Master Minds (ages 6-8) – so that the educational content of the system grows with your child.

At **VTech®**, we are proud to provide you with a much-needed solution to the video game dilemma, as well as another innovative way for your child to learn while having fun. We thank you for trusting **VTech®**, with the important job of helping your child explore a new world of learning!

Sincerely,

Your Friends at VTech®

To learn more about the **V.Smile™ Learning System** and other **VTech®** toys, visit <u>www.vtechkids.com</u>

# INTRODUCTION

Join Truckles the Truck as he goes on a new quest to help his friends and become a good citizen! Use your math, logic and vocabulary skills to help Truckles on his adventures, and learn cool new things about road rules and recycling. Let's get on the road to learning fun!

# **GETTING STARTED**

# STEP 1: Choose Your Play Mode

Move the joystick up and down to choose the play mode you want. Press the **ENTER** button when you have finished.

# Learning Adventure



In this play mode, you can explore different places and help Truckles' friends. You can play through the whole story by choosing "Adventure Play," or play each game separately by choosing "Quick Play."



#### (1) Adventure Play



When you turn the unit **OFF**, **V.Smile** remembers your place in the Learning Adventure game. To continue your game, simply turn the unit back **ON** and select "Continue Game" under the Adventure Play menu. Please note that you can only do this if "Whiz Kid Wheels" has not been removed from the unit, and there has been no interruption of power.

#### (2) Quick Play

In the Quick Play menu, choose an adventure game you would like to play. To choose "Easy" or "Difficult" level, move the joystick left or right to the one-star icon or the two-star icon. Press the **ENTER** button to choose. Using the joystick, move the cursor to a game and press **ENTER** to play.

Note: For the details of all Learning Adventure games, please refer to the "Activities – Learning Adventure" section.

# **Learning Zone**

In the Learning Zone menu, choose a game you would like to play. To choose "Easy" or "Difficult" level, move the joystick to the one-star icon or the two-star icon. Press the **ENTER** button to enter your choice. Using the joystick, move the cursor to a game, and press **ENTER** to play.

Note: For the details of all Learning Zone games, please refer to the "Activities – Learning Zone" section.

# **Options**

Move the joystick up and down to choose between Music and Horn Sounds.



Move the joystick left or right to turn the background music "On" or "Off." Press **ENTER** when you have finished.

Move the joystick to choose a horn sound. Press **ENTER** when you have finished.

Move the joystick down to the ✓ icon and press **ENTER** to make your choice.

# STEP 2: Choose Your Game Settings

If you are happy with the current settings, press the **ENTER** button to continue. Otherwise, move the joystick to change the game settings. When you have finished, move down to the  $\checkmark$  icon and press **ENTER**.

The Quick Play and Learning Zone modes each have their own settings on the game selection page.

#### STEP 3: Start Your Game

For Learning Adventure, please go to the "Activities – Learning Adventure" section.

For Learning Zone, please go to the "Activities – Learning Zone" section.

# **FEATURES**

#### **HELP Button**

Press the **HELP** button to hear the instructions again.

#### **EXIT Button**

When you press the **EXIT** button, the game will pause. A "Quit Game?" icon will pop up to make sure you want to quit.

The **EXIT** button also allows you to get back to the previous menu.

# **LEARNING ZONE Button**

The **LEARNING ZONE** button is a shortcut that takes you to the Learning Zone game selection screen. When you press the **LEARNING ZONE** button, the game will pause. A "Quit Game" icon will pop up to make

sure you want to quit.

Move the joystick to  $\checkmark$  to go to the Learning Zone, or to  $\mathbf{x}$  to cancel the screen and keep playing. Press **ENTER** when you have finished.

# **ACTIVITIES**

# **Educational Curriculum**

# Learning Adventure

Cargo Rally Classification

Magic Garden Spelling, Spatial Skills

Snowball Town Number Patterns

Maze Town Spatial Skills

Recycle Town Environmental Awareness

Express Town Math

Racetrack Driving Role Play

Learning Zone

Traffic Rules Traffic Rules, Math, Observation

Snow Match Vocabulary
Special Delivery Classification
Word Mower Spelling

# Learning Adventure BASIC OPERATIONS

 (★)
 Move left
 (★)
 Move up & right

 (★)
 Move right
 (★)
 Move up & left

 (★)
 Move forward
 (★)
 Move down & left

(★) Move backward (★) Move down & right

**ENTER** Speed Up



Truckles: the character you control in the game Object: things to collect during the game

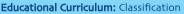
Obstacle: things to avoid or jump over during the game the points you have earned in the current game Question: the puzzle to be solved before you can continue Time bar: the time left for Truckles to complete his mission things that can help Truckles complete his mission Tool:

# Cargo Rally

#### Game Play

Oh no! Ms. Cargo Van has dropped some of her cargo on the road! Help Truckles pick up the type of cargo shown on the screen, as quickly as you can. Look out for the wrong type of cargo and other obstacles, and collect useful tools to help you along the way!







Easy Level: More familiar objects; fewer wrong objects and obstacles.



Difficult Level: Lesser-known objects; more wrong objects and obstacles.

# Magic Garden

#### **Game Play**

What a beautiful garden - but the grass grows too quickly for Mr. Mower to cut it! Help Truckles mow the grass by spelling out the word for the object shown on the screen. Be sure to cut the letters in the correct order, and be careful - if Truckles takes a wrong step, the grass will grow again!



**Educational Curriculum:** Spelling, Spatial Skills



Easy Level: Simple path with elementary words.

**Difficult Level:** Complex path with advanced words.

#### **Snowball Town**

# **Game Play**

Ms. Mail Car has dropped some letters on the ice! Help Truckles pick up the letters that complete the number pattern at the top of the screen. Watch out for the rolling snowball, and don't forget about the time limit.



Educational Curriculum: Number Patterns



**Easy Level:** Count by 2, 3 and 4 (1 to 30).

Difficult Level: Count by 5, 6 and 7 (1 to 50).

#### **Maze Town**

#### **Game Play**

Help! There's been an emergency, but Ms. Ambulance can't find the way out of town to the hospital! Help Truckles lead Ms. Ambulance to the hospital, and watch out for obstacles on the road.

Educational Curriculum: Spatial Skills



Easy Level: Simpler road.

**Difficult Level:** More complex road.



#### **Recycle Town**

#### Game Play

Mr. Garbage Truck has a very important job to do! He has to sort garbage into the right containers, so that we can recycle and reuse the waste. Help Truckles put the trash in the riaht recyclina bin!



Educational Curriculum: Environmental Awareness



Easy Level: 2 kinds of recyclables.



Difficult Level: 3 kinds of recyclables.

# **Express Town**

# Game Play

Help Truckles deliver the packages to the right loading docks. Solve the math problem at the top of the screen and deliver the package to the dock with the answer. Watch out for obstacles in the road!



Educational Curriculum: Math



Easy Level: Answer range 1 to 20.



Difficult Level: Answer range 21 to 50.

#### Racetrack

#### **Game Play**

Good job, pal! With your help, Truckles helped all his friends and got a good citizen award. Let's go celebrate by having a fun race at the Racetrack! Don't forget to look out for other cars.



# Learning Zone

#### **Traffic Rules**





# Game Play

Let's see if you know your traffic rules! Different colored vehicles are moving through the intersection, and some of them are breaking crosswalk, speed and traffic light rules. Press the colored button that matches the rule breaker. You will also see a math problem at the top of the screen – use the colored buttons to choose the correct answer.

Educational Curriculum: Traffic Rules, Math, Observation

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Easy Level: Low-speed vehicles; answer range 1 to 21.



Difficult Level: High-speed vehicles; answer range 21 to 50.

#### Snow Match

# **Game Play**

Shoveling snow can be fun! Clear the snow to see the hidden word, and press the colored button with the matching picture.

Educational Curriculum: Vocabulary



Easy Level: Simple vocabulary.



Difficult Level: Advanced vocabulary.



# Special Delivery

#### **Game Play**

Delivery time! Trucks are driving by with certain types of goods on them. Press the colored button when the truck passes the warehouse that matches its cargo.

Educational Curriculum: Classification



Easy Level: Fewer goods to be delivered.



Difficult Level: More goods to be delivered

#### **Word Mower**

#### **Game Play**

Mow the grass to see the word hidden underneath. Press the colored button that matches the missing letter in the word.

Educational Curriculum: Spelling



Easy Level: Simple vocabulary.



☆ ☆ Difficult Level: Advanced vocabulary.





# **CARE & MAINTENANCE**

- Keep your V.Smile<sup>™</sup> clean by wiping it with a slightly damp cloth. Never use solvents or abrasives.
- 2. Keep it out of direct sunlight and away from direct sources of heat.
- 3. Remove the batteries when not using it for an extended period of time.
- 4. Avoid dropping it. Never try to dismantle it.
- 5. Always keep the  $V.Smile^{TM}$  away from water.

# **TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

If you have a problem that cannot be solved by using this manual, we encourage you to visit us online or contact our Consumer Services Department with any problems and/or suggestions that you might have. A support representative will be happy to assist you.

Before requesting support, please be ready to provide or include the information below:

- The name of your product or model number (The model number is typically located on the back or bottom of your product.)
- The actual problem you are experiencing.
- The actions you took right before the problem occurred.

If you wish to buy additional joysticks for your  $V.Smile^m$ , please visit us online, or contact our Consumer Services Department.

Internet: www.vtechkids.com

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- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

**Caution:** Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.





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