

# User's Manual

# Blast-Off Learning Laptop

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### Dear Parent,

At **VTech**®, we know how important the first day of school is for your child. To help prepare preschoolers for this important event, **VTech®** has developed the **Preschool Learning**™ series of interactive toys.

Preschool Learning™ features fun characters and inviting school themes that use technology to capture a child's attention and teach important preschool skills like spelling, counting and the alphabet. These vital skills are taught in a way that's both fun and highly engaging to maintain a child's interest. Children will also be introduced to fun school subjects such as art class, music class and even recess! With Preschool Learning™, learning is fun from day one!

At **VTech**®, we know that a child has the ability to do great things. That's why all of our electronic learning products are uniquely designed to develop a child's mind and allow them to learn to the best of their ability. We thank you for trusting **VTech®** with the important job of helping your child learn and grow!

sincerely,

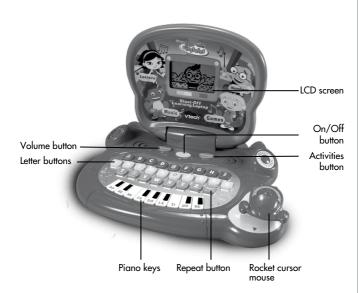
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To learn more about the **Preschool Learning**™ and other **VTech**® toys, visit www.vtechkids.com

# INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing the VTech® Blast-Off Learning Laptop!

Your little einstein will have lots of fun with this interactive laptop! With 18 fun activities your child will be introduced to age-appropriate curriculum in a fun and engaging way. Featuring an alphabetical keyboard, piano keys and LCD screen, your child will learn letters, numbers, vowels, memory skills, logic and much more. Lots of classical melodies and fun Rocket-shaped cursor mouse add to the enjoyment.



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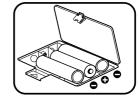
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WARNING: All packing materials, such as tape, plastic sheets, wire ties and tags are not part of this toy, and should be discarded for your child's safety.

# **GETTING STARTED**

### **BATTERY INSTALLATION**

- Make sure the unit is turned OFF.
- 2. Locate the battery cover on the bottom of the unit.
- 3. Open the battery cover.
- 4. Install 3 new "AA" (AM-3/LR6) batteries into the compartment as illustrated. (The use of new alkaline batteries is recommended for maximum performance.)



Replace the battery cover.

#### **BATTERY NOTICE**

- Install batteries correctly observing the polarity (+, -) signs to avoid leakage.
- Do not mix old and new batteries.
- Do not mix batteries of different types: alkaline, standard (carbon-zinc) or rechargeable (nickel-cadmium).
- Remove the batteries from the equipment when the unit will not be used for an extended period of time.



- Always remove exhausted batteries from the equipment.
- Do not dispose of batteries in fire.
- Do not attempt to recharge ordinary batteries.
- The supply terminals are not to be short-circuited.
- Only batteries of the same and equivalent type as recommended are to be used.

WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THE USE OF RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES.

# PRODUCT FEATURES

#### 1. ON/OFF BUTTON

To turn the unit **ON**, press the **ON/OFF BUTTON**.



### 2. **VOLUME BUTTON**

Press the **VOLUME BUTTON** repeatedly until a suitable volume is found.



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Press the **ACTIVITIES BUTTON** to view the activities on the screen.



#### 4. REPEAT BUTTON

Press the **REPEAT BUTTON** to hear an instruction or question repeated.



### 5. LETTER BUTTONS

Press the **26 LETTER BUTTONS** to answer questions in related activities.



### 6. PIANO KEYS

Press the **9 PIANO KEYS** to answer questions in related activities. The piano keys can also be used to play music within unrelated activities.



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### 7. ROCKET CURSOR MOUSE

Move the **ROCKET CURSOR MOUSE** to make a selection on the screen or to navigate in some activities. Press the button at the front of the mouse to confirm an answer. The mouse can be moved in 8 directions.



#### 8. AUTOMATIC SHUT-OFF

To preserve battery life, the **VTech® Blast-Off Learning Laptop** will automatically shut off after several minutes without input. The unit can be turned on again by pressing the **ON/OFF BUTTON**.

# TO BEGIN PLAY

- 1. To begin play, press the **ON/OFF BUTTON**.
- You will see a short animation, then will be asked to choose a game. Use the ROCKET CURSOR MOUSE to scroll through the games on the screen. These will scroll automatically if there is no input. To select a game, press the button at the front of the ROCKET CURSOR MOUSE when your chosen game is shown on the screen.







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# **ACTIVITIES**

### **LETTERS**

#### 1. Letter Match

Help find the small letter that matches the capital letter shown on the screen. Press the **LETTER BUTTONS** to answer.

# 2. Letter Bridge

Fill in the missing letter to complete the sequence in alphabetical order. Press the **LETTER BUTTONS** to answer.

# 3. Alphabet Grab

The letters of the alphabet are getting away! Help Rocket catch the letters by pressing the matching **LETTER BUTTONS** when the letters appear on the screen.

### 4. Beginning Letters

An object and word will be shown on the screen but the beginning letter is missing. Find the beginning letter to complete the mission. Press the **LETTER BUTTONS** to answer.

#### 5. Vowels

The five vowels will be shown on the screen. Then, three letters will appear, one of which will be a vowel. Find the vowel to complete the mission. Press the LETTER BUTTONS to answer or move the ROCKET CURSOR **MOUSE** to select your answer and press the button to confirm.

#### **GAMES**

### 1 Hide & Seek

Rocket wants to play hide and seek. Rocket will hide in one of the clouds, then the clouds will change places. Watch carefully and find the cloud Rocket is hiding behind. Move the **ROCKET CURSOR MOUSE** to select your answer and press the button to confirm.



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# 2. Flying Rocket

To help Rocket complete the mission, move the **ROCKET CURSOR MOUSE** up or down to help Rocket avoid the clouds and collect the music notes.

### 3. Shadow Match

A shadow of an instrument will be shown on the left-hand side of the screen and another instrument will be shown next to it. Move the **ROCKET CURSOR MOUSE** up or down to find the instrument that matches the shadow. Press the button to confirm

# 4. Memory Mission

Watch carefully as the characters or animals enter the house. All but one of them will leave. Remember who is still in the house to complete the mission. Move the **ROCKET CURSOR MOUSE** left or right to select your answer and press the button to confirm.

# 5. Which Way?

Can you help Rocket find the duckling? Move the **ROCKET CURSOR MOUSE** to follow the arrows and find the duckling.

#### **MUSIC**

#### 1. Sort Out

Leo will show you an instrument. Remember this instrument and find the matching one from the options shown. Move the **ROCKET CURSOR MOUSE** left or right to select your answer and press the button to confirm.

#### 2. Music Conductor

Help Rocket play some music by moving the **ROCKET CURSOR MOUSE** up, down, left and right to learn music terms and their musical symbols.

### 3. Music Box

Enjoy classical melodies by pressing the **PIANO KEYS**. Hold the **ROCKET CURSOR MOUSE** up, down, left or right while a melody is playing to make the melody faster, slower, louder or quieter.

#### 4. Bubble Fun

Some bubbles will appear on the screen. Pop them to play a tune by pressing the matching **PIANO KEYS**. If you pop all the bubbles, your tune will be played as a reward.

### 5. Music Composer

Help Quincy play a song by pressing the **PIANO KEYS**. Keep pressing to hear the whole song!

#### **NUMBERS**

### 1. Number Order

Put the numbers in the correct number order to uncover the picture. Move the **ROCKET CURSOR MOUSE** left or right to select your answer and press the button to confirm.

### 2. Counting

Count the ducklings as they jump into the pond. Move the **ROCKET CURSOR MOUSE** left or right to select your answer and press the button to confirm.

# 3. Bigger or Smaller?

Listen carefully as Leo asks which is bigger or smaller. Move the **ROCKET CURSOR MOUSE** left or right to select your answer and press the button to confirm.

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# CARE & MAINTENANCE

- 1. Keep the unit clean by wiping it with a slightly damp cloth.
- 2. Keep the unit out of direct sunlight and away from any direct heat source.
- 3. Remove the batteries when the unit is not in use for an extended period of time.
- 4. Do not drop the unit on hard surfaces and do not expose the unit to moisture or water.

# TROUBLESHOOTING

If for some reason the program/activity stops working or malfunctions, please follow these steps:

- Please turn the unit OFF.
- Interrupt the power supply by removing the batteries.
- 3. Let the unit stand for a few minutes, then replace the batteries.
- 4. Turn the unit **ON**. The unit should now be ready to play again.
- 5. If the product still does not work, replace with a new set of batteries.

If the problem persists, please call our Consumer Services Department at 1-800-521-2010 in the U.S. or 1-877-352-8697 in Canada and a service representative will be happy to help you.

#### Note:

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation.



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If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- 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.

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



#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

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