



User's Manual

SpongeBob Laptop



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Dear Parent,

At **VTech**[®], we know that in order to effectively reach kids, today's learning tools have to be plugged into the fast-paced world around them. That's why we created the **Grade School Learning Series** – an engaging set of stylized, interactive computers specially designed to get grade-school kids up to speed with their fast-paced, tech-savvy world.

Every product in the **Grade School Learning Series** covers a wide range of school basics – math, language, social studies, science, and even an intro to basic Spanish. Activities are presented in a fast-paced, arcade-game style that kids will recognize and enjoy. Each learning machine is loaded with hi-tech features such as word processors, electronic address books, plug-in accessories, and PC uplinks – tools that go hand-in-hand with the way kids learn, play and use information.

As a bonus, each Grade School Learning product includes a free 1-year membership to www.planetvtech.com. Here kids can play, learn and hang out, all within a safe and secure web environment that's fun for play and approved by Mom.

With the **Grade School Learning Series**, kids can access a way to learn that closely matches the way they already live and play. We thank you for trusting **VTech**[®] with the important job of helping your child learn and succeed. We hope to help your child discover that "It's Cool to Be Smart!"

Sincerely,



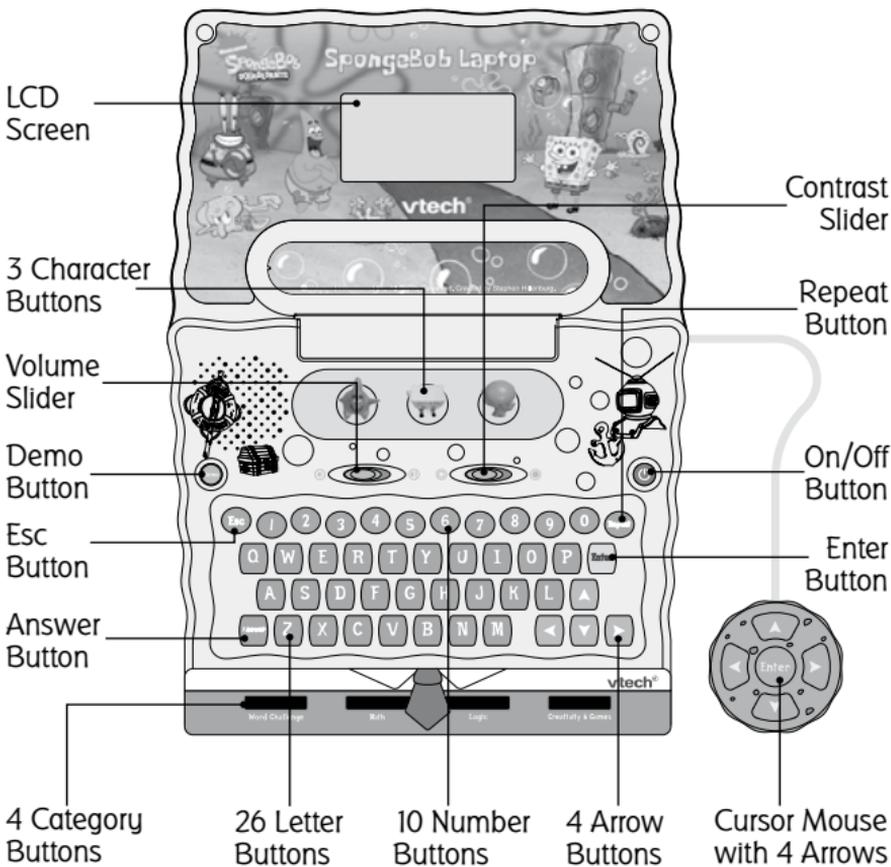
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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing the **VTech® SpongeBob Laptop!**

Join SpongeBob and friends in Bikini Bottom for a learning adventure. The **VTech® SpongeBob Laptop** provides 15 activities covering words, numbers, logic, creativity, and also includes three special mini-games. With vivid graphics, wacky sound effects, a realistic keyboard and cursor mouse, kids will experience excitement and independent play as they learn.



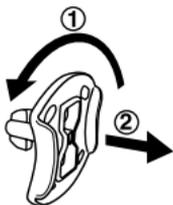
INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

- One VTech® SpongeBob Laptop learning toy
- One user's manual

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

Note: Please keep the user manual as it contains important information.

Unlock the packaging locks:

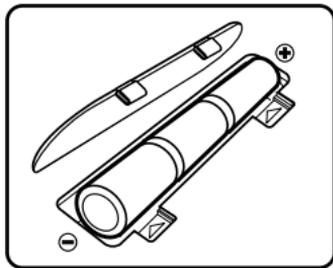


- ① Rotate the packaging locks 90 degrees counter-clockwise.
- ② Pull out the packaging locks.

GETTING STARTED

BATTERY INSTALLATION

1. Make sure the unit is OFF.
2. Locate the battery cover on the bottom of the unit.
3. Open the battery cover.
4. Install three new "AA" (AM-3/LR6) batteries into the compartment as illustrated. (The use of new, alkaline batteries is recommended for maximum performance.)
5. 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. Press the **On/Off** button again to turn the unit off.

2. Category Buttons

Press a category button to choose one of the four learning categories.



3. Character Buttons



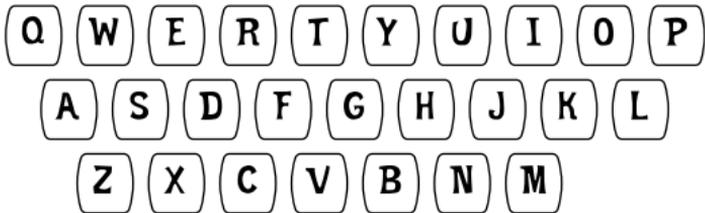
Press a character button to play a mini-game featuring that character.

4. Enter Button

Press this button to enter a choice.

5. Letter Buttons

Press a letter button to hear the letter name, or use these buttons to answer questions in the Word Challenge category.



6. Number Buttons

Press a number button to hear the number, or use these buttons to answer questions in the Math category.



7. Arrow Buttons

Press these buttons to make a selection or answer a question.



8. Repeat Button

Press this button to hear the last instruction or question repeated.

9. Answer Button

Press this button to reveal the answer.

10. Esc Button

Press this button to exit from the current game and return to the main menu.

11. Demo Button

Press this button to see a short demo of the product.

12. Volume Slider

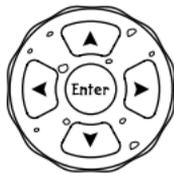
Slide this to the right to increase the volume, or slide to the left to decrease the volume.

13. Contrast Slider

Slide this to the right to darken the screen contrast, or slide to the left to make the screen contrast lighter.

14. Cursor Mouse

Use the four-directional cursor mouse to make a selection or answer a question. Press the **Enter** button in the middle to enter a choice.



15. AUTOMATIC SHUT-OFF

To preserve battery life, the **VTech® SpongeBob Laptop** will automatically turn off after several minutes without input. The unit can be turned on again by pressing the **On/Off** button.

The unit will also automatically turn off when the battery power is low. In this case, an image will indicate that the battery is low.



TO BEGIN PLAY

- Press the **On/Off** button. The unit will play a short animation and ask you to choose an activity. Use the arrow buttons to scroll between the activities and press the **Enter** button to confirm.
- You can also press any of the category buttons to select another activity to play. When a category is selected, you will be shown the activities within that category. Use the arrow buttons to scroll between the activities and press the **Enter** button to confirm.
- Alternatively, press one of the character buttons to play a mini-game.

ACTIVITIES

WORD CHALLENGE

There are three activities in this category. They teach rhyming words and spelling.

1) Rhyming Lock

Oh no! Plankton is trying to steal the Secret Recipe. Help Mr. Krabs lock up the recipe by choosing the matching rhyming word. Use the left and right arrow buttons to select the rhyming word and press the **Enter** button to answer.



2) Patty Hunt

Plankton has hidden the Krabby Patty in one of the clams and Patrick needs to find it! A word is shown with one of its letters missing. The Krabby Patty is hidden inside the clam with the correct letter. Use the left and right arrow buttons to select the correct clam and press the **Enter** button to answer. You can also press a letter button to answer.



3) Word Scramble

Help SpongeBob sort out the condiment bottles. A word is given, then it will be scrambled up. Help SpongeBob unscramble the word by placing the bottles in order. Use the left and right arrow buttons to select a bottle and press the **Enter** button. Then, choose a second bottle to swap it with. Repeat until the word is spelled out correctly.



MATH

There are three activities in this category. They teach counting, addition, subtraction, and the concept of weight.

4) Weighty Food

There are two scales weighing three different foods. From the selection of food shown, you will be asked to find the heaviest or lightest food. Use the left and right arrow buttons to select the correct food and press the **Enter** button to answer.



5) Add Seasoning

Help SpongeBob add seasoning to the Krabby Patty. A formula is shown, along with five condiments. Each condiment displays a different number. Select two condiments that will make the formula work. Use the left and right buttons to select the condiments and press the **Enter** button to confirm. You can also press a number button to answer.



6) Boating Bubble

Help Patrick drive safely to pick up the Krabby Patty buns. On the way, Patrick will encounter bubbles with different numbers. You will be asked to count in multiples of a certain number to help Patrick along his way. Steer with the up and down arrow buttons and catch the correct bubbles as you go.



LOGIC

There are three activities in this category. They teach memory, logic, and patterns.

7) Assembling Patties

There are three Krabby Patties on the grill, and each one has a different pattern. Help SpongeBob keep track of the Krabby Patty with the given pattern. Watch carefully as SpongeBob flips the Patties over and swaps their places. Then, use the left and right arrow buttons to select the correct Krabby Patty and press the **Enter** button to answer.



8) Jellyfishing

There are eight jellyfish on the screen and only two of them look exactly the same. Watch carefully and catch the two jellyfish that match each other. Use the arrow buttons to select and press the **Enter** button to confirm.



9) Patty Catch

SpongeBob bumped into the shelf and all the ingredients are falling down! Help SpongeBob make some Krabby Patties with the falling ingredients by following the model on the side of the screen. Use the left and right arrow buttons to catch the correct ingredients, and use the down arrow button to make the ingredients fall faster.



CREATIVITY AND GAMES

There are three activities in this category.

10) Patty Deco

Help SpongeBob decorate the Krabby Patty before serving it to the customers. Use the left and right arrow buttons to browse between different decorating items and press the **Enter** button to choose. The item you selected will appear on the plate. Use the arrow buttons to move the decoration around the plate and press the **Enter** button to confirm its location. You can add five decorations to each plate.



11) Patty Chain

SpongeBob is sending out Krabby Patties from the kitchen. Help Squidward catch all of them, so they don't hit the ground and go to waste! Use the up and down arrow buttons to move the plate and collect the Krabby Patties.



12) Wobbly Walk

Squidward is serving a Krabby Patty to a customer, but the Krabby Patty is too tall! Help Squidward keep his balance by pressing the left and right arrow buttons.



MINI-GAMES

13) Patrick Photo Catch

Patrick is dancing. He wants SpongeBob to take a picture of him in a goofy pose! Remember which pose Patrick wants, and press the **Enter** button to take a picture when Patrick strikes that pose.



14) SpongeBob Typing Bubbles

SpongeBob wants to blow a super large bubble! Help him by typing the letters as fast as possible. The largest bubble will travel up to the top of the sea!



15) Squidward's Puzzles

Help Squidward reach a high score in his puzzle game. Points are earned if three or more of the same objects are lined up together vertically or horizontally. You can choose and swap two objects by using the arrow buttons and pressing **Enter**.



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 onto a hard surface and do not expose the unit to moisture or water.

TROUBLESHOOTING

1. If your **VTech® SpongeBob Laptop** stops working or does not turn on:
 - Check your batteries. Make sure the batteries are fresh and properly installed.
 - If you are still having problems, visit our website at www.vtechkids.com for troubleshooting tips.
2. If nothing happens when you press the **On/Off** button:
 - Check to see that the batteries are aligned correctly.

3. If you cannot hear any sound:
 - Adjust the volume switch to adjust the sound level of the speaker.

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 error message or problem you are experiencing.
- The actions you took right before the error message or problem occurred.

Internet: www.vtechkids.com

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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. 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.

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

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Creating and developing **VTech® Grade School Learning** products is accompanied by a responsibility that we at **VTech®** take very seriously. We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information that forms the value of our products. However, errors sometimes can occur. It is important for you to know that we stand behind our products and encourage you to call our Consumer Services Department at 1-800-521-2010 in the U.S. or 1-877-352-8697 in Canada with any problems and/or suggestions that you might have. A service representative will be happy to help you.

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