

Thrustmaster 2960623

Thrustmaster USB Joystick (Windows) Instruction Manual

Model: 2960623

INTRODUCTION

The Thrustmaster USB Joystick is designed for PC gaming, offering precise control for various applications, particularly flight simulations. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your joystick to ensure optimal performance.

Key features include an ergonomic design, a Point-Of-View button for camera control, three axes, four action buttons, and a trigger, along with a dedicated throttle control.

SETUP

1. Unpacking the Joystick

Carefully remove the joystick from its packaging. Ensure all components are present. The package should contain the Thrustmaster USB Joystick.



Figure 1: Thrustmaster USB Joystick product packaging, showing the joystick and its features.

2. Connecting to Your PC

1. Ensure your computer is powered on.
2. Locate an available USB port on your computer.
3. Plug the USB connector of the Thrustmaster USB Joystick into the USB port.
4. Windows will typically detect and install the necessary drivers automatically. A notification will appear once the device is ready for use.



Figure 2: The Thrustmaster USB Joystick, ready for connection to a PC.

3. Driver Installation (If Needed)

In most cases, the joystick is Plug & Play. If Windows does not automatically install the drivers, you may need to visit the official Thrustmaster support website to download the latest drivers for your operating system (Windows 98, ME, 2000, XP, and later versions are supported).

OPERATING THE JOYSTICK

Basic Controls

- **Joystick Handle:** Provides 2-axis control (pitch and roll) for precise movement.
- **Throttle Control:** A base-mounted lever for analog control of speed or thrust.
- **Point-Of-View (POV) Hat Switch:** An 8-way switch located on top of the joystick for easy camera control and viewing angles within games.

- **Action Buttons:** The joystick features 4 programmable buttons and 1 trigger for various in-game functions.

Ergonomics

The joystick is designed with an ergonomic handle and an enlarged palm rest for comfortable use during extended gaming sessions. It is optimized for right-handed users.

In-Game Configuration

Once connected, launch your game. Access the game's control settings or options menu to configure the joystick axes and buttons according to your preferences. Most games will automatically detect the joystick, but manual assignment of controls may be necessary for optimal gameplay.

MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Thrustmaster USB Joystick, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the joystick's surface. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or solvents, as these can damage the plastic.
- **Storage:** Store the joystick in a clean, dry environment away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Handling:** Avoid dropping the joystick or subjecting it to excessive force, which can damage internal components.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Joystick Not Detected

- **Check USB Connection:** Ensure the USB cable is securely plugged into both the joystick and the computer. Try a different USB port.
- **Restart Computer:** Sometimes a simple restart can resolve detection issues.
- **Driver Verification:** Go to Device Manager in Windows to check if the joystick is listed under 'Human Interface Devices' or 'Game Controllers'. If there's a yellow exclamation mark, drivers may need to be updated or reinstalled.

Incorrect or Unresponsive Controls

- **In-Game Settings:** Verify that the joystick controls are correctly mapped within the game's options menu.
- **Calibration:** Windows allows for joystick calibration. Search for 'Set up USB game controllers' in the Windows search bar, select your joystick, and follow the calibration steps.
- **Interference:** Disconnect other USB game controllers or input devices to rule out conflicts.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model Number:** 2960623
- **Product Dimensions:** 9.45 x 6.5 x 6.5 inches (24 x 16.5 x 16.5 cm)
- **Item Weight:** 14.3 ounces (405 grams)
- **Connectivity:** USB
- **Controller Type:** Joystick
- **Compatible Devices:** Windows PC (Windows 98, ME, 2000, XP, and later)
- **Axes:** 3 (Pitch, Roll, Throttle)
- **Buttons:** 4 action buttons + 1 trigger

- **Hat Switch:** 8-way Point-Of-View
- **Manufacturer:** Thrustmaster VG
- **Language Support:** English, French

WARRANTY

The Thrustmaster USB Joystick is covered by a two-year warranty from the date of purchase. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. For detailed warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the official Thrustmaster website or contact customer support.

SUPPORT

For further assistance, technical support, or to access updated drivers and FAQs, please visit the official Thrustmaster support website. You can also find contact information for customer service in your region on their website.