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1. INTRODUCTION

The Atari Lynx Model 1 is a portable handheld game system designed for on-the-go entertainment. Released by Atari, it features a color LCD screen and a unique reversible design for both right and left-handed players. This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your Lynx console.



Image: Close-up of the Atari Lynx Model 1 screen, showing the "LYNX" logo and a game title. This illustrates the console's display capabilities.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read and understand all safety precautions before using your Atari Lynx. Failure to follow these instructions may result in injury or damage to the device.

- Do not expose the console to extreme temperatures, direct sunlight, or high humidity.
- Avoid dropping or subjecting the console to strong impacts.
- Keep the console away from water and other liquids.
- Do not attempt to disassemble or modify the console. This will void the warranty.
- Use only the specified batteries or power adapter.
- Remove batteries if the console will not be used for an extended period.

3. SETUP

3.1 Battery Installation

The Atari Lynx Model 1 requires six (6) AA batteries for portable operation. For extended play, an optional AC adapter can be used.

1. Turn the console off.
2. Locate the battery compartment cover on the back of the console.
3. Slide the cover latch to open and remove the cover.
4. Insert six new AA batteries, ensuring correct polarity (+/-) as indicated inside the compartment.
5. Replace the battery compartment cover and slide the latch to secure it.



Image: Rear view of the Atari Lynx Model 1, highlighting the battery compartment cover and the game cartridge slot with instructions for insertion and removal.

3.2 Game Cartridge Insertion

To play a game, a game cartridge must be properly inserted into the console.

1. Ensure the console is turned off.
2. Locate the cartridge slot at the top of the console (when held in standard orientation).
3. Hold the game cartridge with the label facing forward.
4. Gently slide the cartridge into the slot until it clicks into place. Do not force it.
5. To remove a cartridge, press the eject button (if present, or gently pull) and slide it out. Always turn off the console before removing or inserting cartridges.

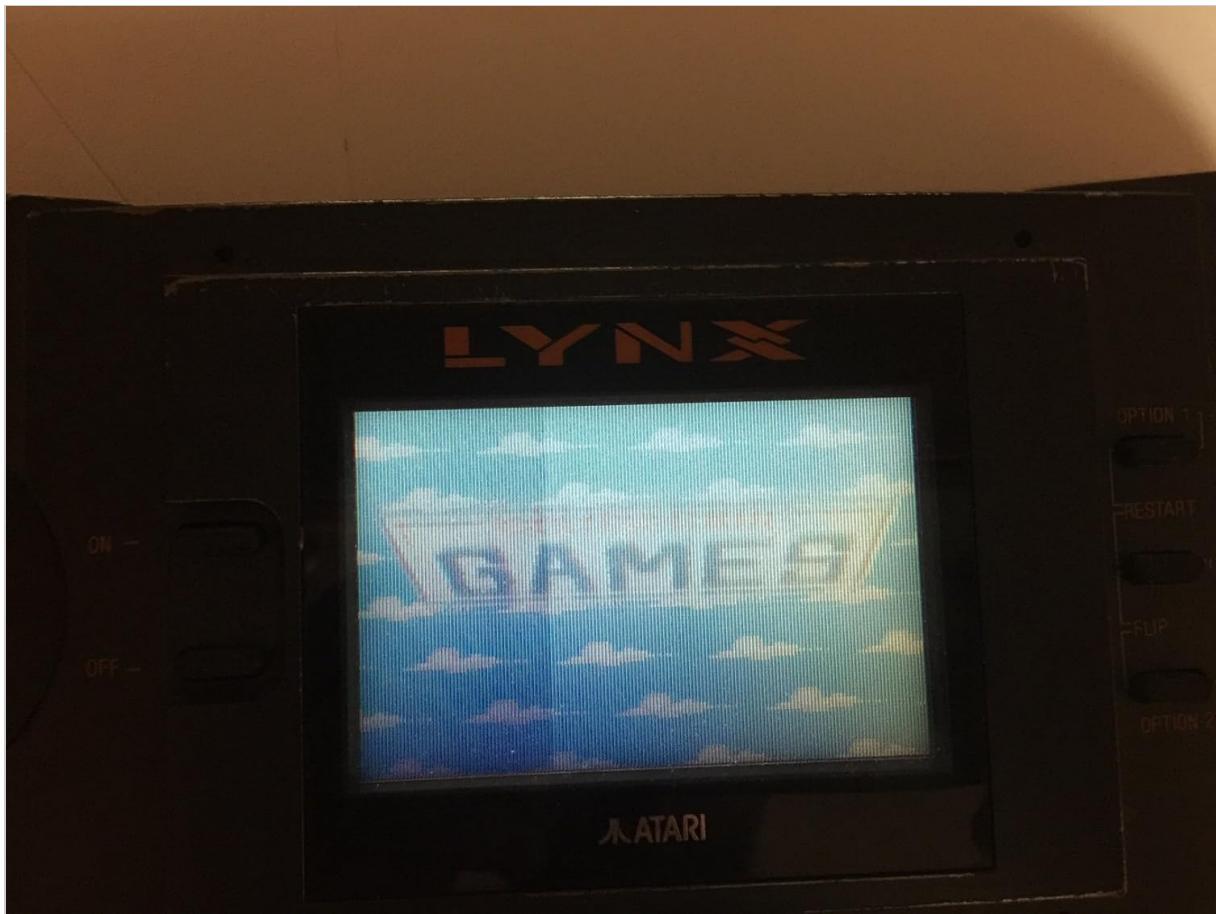


Image: Front view of the Atari Lynx Model 1, showing a game cartridge fully inserted into the top slot and the screen displaying game content.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Powering On/Off

- To turn on the console, slide the "ON/OFF" switch located on the left side of the console to the "ON" position.
- To turn off the console, slide the "ON/OFF" switch to the "OFF" position.

4.2 Controls Overview

The Atari Lynx features a directional pad (D-pad) and several action buttons for gameplay.



Image: Front view of the Atari Lynx Model 1, clearly showing the D-pad on the left, A and B buttons on the right, and the Option 1, Option 2, Restart, and Flip buttons located between the screen and the right-hand buttons.

- **Directional Pad (D-pad):** Located on the left side, used for character movement or menu navigation.
- **A Button:** Primary action button, typically used for jumping, firing, or confirming selections.
- **B Button:** Secondary action button, often used for secondary actions or canceling selections.
- **Option 1 & Option 2 Buttons:** Used for various in-game functions, such as pausing, selecting items, or special moves, depending on the game.
- **Restart Button:** Resets the current game.
- **Flip Button:** Rotates the screen 180 degrees, allowing for comfortable play by left-handed users or for two-player games where players share the console.

4.3 Adjusting Volume and Brightness

- **Volume Control:** A dial or slider located on the console (typically on the side) adjusts the audio output level.
- **Brightness Control:** A dial or slider (if present) adjusts the screen's backlight brightness.

5. MAINTENANCE

Proper care and maintenance will extend the life of your Atari Lynx.

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the console's exterior. For the screen, use a soft, lint-free cloth specifically designed for electronics. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Storage:** Store the console in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. If storing for an extended period, remove the batteries.
- **Cartridge Care:** Keep game cartridges clean and free of dust. Avoid touching the metal contacts. Store them in their protective cases when not in use.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Atari Lynx, refer to the following common solutions:

- **Console does not power on:**

- Check if batteries are inserted correctly with proper polarity.
- Replace old batteries with new ones.
- Ensure the ON/OFF switch is fully in the "ON" position.
- If using an AC adapter, ensure it is properly connected and functional.

- **Game does not load or displays errors:**

- Ensure the game cartridge is fully and correctly inserted into the slot.
- Remove and re-insert the cartridge.
- Clean the cartridge contacts gently with a cotton swab and rubbing alcohol (allow to dry completely before re-inserting).
- Try a different game cartridge to determine if the issue is with the console or the cartridge.

- **No sound:**

- Check the volume control and ensure it is not set to minimum.
- Ensure headphones (if used) are properly connected.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Key technical specifications for the Atari Lynx Model 1:

Feature	Detail
Model Number	1
Dimensions (Package)	10.9 x 4.3 x 2.1 inches
Weight (Item)	1.25 pounds
Power Source	6 AA Batteries or AC Adapter (sold separately)
Display	Color LCD
Manufacturer	Atari
First Available	February 16, 2007 (on Amazon, original release was earlier)

8. WARRANTY INFORMATION

This product is an older model. Original warranty terms may no longer apply. For information regarding any remaining warranty or repair services, please contact the seller or a specialized vintage electronics repair service. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

9. CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For technical assistance or inquiries regarding your Atari Lynx Model 1, please refer to the following:

- **Online Resources:** Search for "Atari Lynx Model 1 support" or "Atari Lynx user manual" on official Atari archives or reputable retro gaming communities for additional information and troubleshooting tips.
- **Seller Contact:** If purchased recently, contact the seller for specific support related to your purchase.
- **Specialized Repair:** For hardware issues, consider contacting vintage console repair specialists.

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