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INTRODUCTION

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the setup, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your SteelSeries Stratus XL Bluetooth Wireless Gaming Controller. Designed for seamless gaming across Windows and Android systems, this controller offers a versatile and comfortable gaming experience.



Figure 1: Front view of the SteelSeries Stratus XL controller. This image displays the controller's black finish, dual analog sticks with orange accents, a D-pad, four ABXY action buttons, and central control buttons.

SETUP

1. Battery Installation

The SteelSeries Stratus XL controller requires two AA batteries for operation. Ensure correct polarity when inserting the batteries.

1. Locate the battery compartment on the rear of the controller.
2. Open the battery compartment cover.
3. Insert two AA batteries, aligning them with the positive (+) and negative (-) indicators inside the compartment.
4. Close the battery compartment cover securely.

2. Initial Pairing (Bluetooth)

The controller connects wirelessly via Bluetooth 2.1. Follow these steps to pair your controller with your device:

- **For Android Devices (Android 3.1+):**

1. Ensure Bluetooth is enabled on your Android device.
2. On the Stratus XL controller, press and hold the Bluetooth pairing button (often located near the top or back, refer to controller diagram if available) until the indicator lights begin to flash rapidly.
3. On your Android device, go to Bluetooth settings and search for new devices.
4. Select "SteelSeries Stratus XL" from the list of available devices.

5. Once paired, the indicator lights on the controller will become solid.

- **For Windows PCs (Windows 7 and up):**

1. Ensure Bluetooth is enabled on your Windows PC.
2. On the Stratus XL controller, press and hold the Bluetooth pairing button until the indicator lights flash rapidly.
3. On your Windows PC, navigate to *Settings > Devices > Bluetooth & other devices*
4. Click "Add Bluetooth or other device" and select "Bluetooth".
5. Select "SteelSeries Stratus XL" from the list.
6. Follow any on-screen prompts to complete the pairing process. The controller's indicator lights will become solid upon successful connection.
7. *Note: A firmware update may be required for optimal performance on Windows 10. Refer to the SteelSeries support website for firmware update instructions.*

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Controller Layout and Functions

The SteelSeries Stratus XL features a standard gaming controller layout:

- **Dual Analog Sticks:** For precise 360-degree movement and camera control.
- **D-Pad (Directional Pad):** For directional input, commonly used in menu navigation or classic games.
- **ABXY Buttons:** Standard action buttons for in-game commands.
- **Shoulder Buttons (L1/R1, L2/R2):** For various in-game actions, including triggers and bumpers. The L2/R2 triggers are pressure-sensitive.
- **Home Button:** Typically used to return to the home screen or main menu of the connected device.
- **Back Button:** Often used for back navigation or accessing in-game menus.
- **Indicator Lights:** Display connection status and battery level.

Gaming Compatibility

The Stratus XL is compatible with thousands of controller-enabled games and platforms:

- **Windows PC:** Supports Microsoft's XInput and DirectInput for broad game compatibility. Works well with Steam Big Picture mode for an immersive gaming experience.
- **Android Devices:** Seamless gaming on Android 3.1+ devices.
- **VR Platforms:** Compatible with Samsung Gear VR, HTC Vive, and Oculus.

Power Management

To conserve battery life, the controller will automatically enter a low-power state after a period of inactivity. Press any button to wake it up.

MAINTENANCE

Cleaning

To maintain the appearance and functionality of your controller:

- Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe down the controller's surface.
- For stubborn dirt, slightly dampen the cloth with water. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- Do not allow liquids to enter the controller's openings.

Storage

When not in use for extended periods, it is recommended to:

- Remove the AA batteries to prevent leakage and potential damage to the controller.
- Store the controller in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Controller does not power on.	Dead or incorrectly inserted batteries.	Replace batteries with fresh AA batteries. Ensure correct polarity.
Controller does not pair with device.	Bluetooth not enabled on device; controller not in pairing mode; interference; firmware outdated (Windows).	• Ensure Bluetooth is active on your device. • Press and hold the pairing button on the controller until lights flash. • Move controller closer to the device. • For Windows, check SteelSeries support for firmware updates. • Remove controller from device's paired list and attempt to re-pair.
Input lag or unresponsive controls.	Low battery; Bluetooth interference; distance from device.	• Replace batteries. • Reduce distance between controller and device. • Minimize other active Bluetooth devices nearby.
Controller disconnects frequently.	Low battery; out of range; Bluetooth interference.	• Replace batteries. • Stay within optimal Bluetooth range (typically up to 10 meters). • Ensure no physical obstructions or strong wireless signals are interfering.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model:** 69050_CR
- **Connectivity:** Bluetooth 2.1 Wireless
- **Compatible Devices:** Windows PCs (Windows 7 and up), Android devices (Android 3.1+), Samsung Gear VR, HTC Vive, Oculus
- **Controls:** Dual Analog Sticks, D-Pad, ABXY Buttons, 4 Shoulder Buttons (L1/R1, L2/R2), Home Button, Back Button
- **Power Source:** 2 x AA Batteries (*Note: Product specifications may also list "1 Lithium Polymer batteries required" which might refer to internal components or a different variant. For user-replaceable batteries, AA are used.*)
- **Dimensions:** 2.36 x 5.91 x 4.53 inches (60 x 150 x 115 mm)
- **Weight:** 13.6 ounces (385.6 grams)
- **Color:** Black

Warranty Information

This SteelSeries Stratus XL controller, being a renewed product, typically comes with a**90-day limited hardware warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers manufacturing defects and issues arising from normal use. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

For detailed warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the documentation provided at the time of purchase or visit the official SteelSeries support website.

Customer Support

For technical assistance, troubleshooting beyond this manual, or warranty inquiries, please contact SteelSeries customer support through their official website:

SteelSeries Official Website: <https://steelseries.com/support>

Before contacting support, it is recommended to have your product model number (69050_CR) and purchase details ready.

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Question

Example: How do I reset this device or fix this error?

Details

Model number, symptoms, what you tried, or the section of the manual you are using.

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