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Model: Gen 4 | Brand: SPOT X

1. INTRODUCTION

The SPOT Gen 4 Satellite GPS Messenger is a portable, handheld device designed to provide critical, life-saving communication when you are beyond cellular network coverage. Utilizing 100% satellite technology, it allows you to send messages, track your location, and alert emergency services, ensuring peace of mind during outdoor activities such as hiking, camping, and other remote adventures.

Key Features:

- **SOS Functionality:** Direct connection to 24/7 global search and rescue services.
- **Tracking:** Automatic location updates for sharing your progress.
- **Check-in:** Pre-programmed messages to inform contacts of your status.
- **Custom Message:** Send personalized messages with your GPS location.
- **Help/SPOT R.A.P.:** Request assistance from friends, family, or professional organizations.
- **Long Battery Life:** Capable of sending numerous messages on a single set of batteries.
- **Durable Design:** Sleek, rugged, and built for outdoor environments.



WHY SPOT GEN4?

- Send 1,250 Check In and Custom Messages on a single set of Lithium batteries
- Durable carabiner for easy strap and go use
- Sleek and rugged
- Distinct, easy to press buttons make using SPOT Gen4 a breeze

Image: Overview of SPOT Gen4 key features, highlighting its durability, battery efficiency, and user-friendly buttons.

2. GETTING STARTED

2.1 What's in the Box

- SPOT Gen4 device
- Strap and Carabiner
- USB Cable
- 4 AAA Batteries (included)
- Quick Start Guide

2.2 Battery Installation

The SPOT Gen4 requires 4 AAA batteries for operation. To install or replace batteries:

1. Locate the battery compartment cover on the back of the device.
2. Use a coin or small screwdriver to twist the cover counter-clockwise to unlock it.

3. Insert the 4 AAA batteries, ensuring correct polarity (+/-) as indicated inside the compartment.
4. Replace the cover and twist clockwise to lock it securely, ensuring a watertight seal.

2.3 Device Activation and Subscription

An active service plan is required for the SPOT Gen4 to function. Without a subscription, the device will not be able to send messages or track your location. Follow these steps to activate your device:

1. Visit the official SPOT website (refer to the Quick Start Guide for the exact URL).
2. Create an account or log in if you already have one.
3. Register your SPOT Gen4 device using its unique Electronic Serial Number (ESN) and Authorization Code, typically found on the device packaging or inside the battery compartment.
4. Select your desired service plan (Basic or Flex Basic) and complete the subscription process.
5. Configure your contacts and pre-programmed messages through the online portal.

It is crucial to activate your device and set up your messages before venturing into areas without cellular service. Ensure your service plan is active and up-to-date for uninterrupted functionality.

SPOT GEN4 SERVICE PLANS

BASIC	FLEX BASIC
<p>\$11^{.95} /MO.</p> <p>12 Month Term Applies</p>	<p>\$14^{.95} /MO.</p> <p>1 Month Minimum Term Applies</p>
UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED
CHECK IN UNLIMITED	CHECK IN UNLIMITED
CUSTOM MESSAGE UNLIMITED	CUSTOM MESSAGE UNLIMITED
BASIC TRACKING 5, 10, 30 and 60 mins	BASIC TRACKING 5, 10, 30 and 60 mins
EXTREME TRACKING Additional Charge 2 ½ mins \$4.95/mo	EXTREME TRACKING Additional Charge 2 ½ mins \$6.25/mo
ACTIVATION FEE: \$29.95	ACTIVATION FEE: \$29.95 FLEX CHARGE: \$34.95*

An active service plan is required for all SPOT products.

SEARCH AND RESCUE MEMBER BENEFIT: \$39.99 FOR AN ANNUAL PLAN

Our search and rescue coordination center provides customers access to a **24 hour Crisis Response Center Hotline**, as well as a number of Medical and Security Benefits should they experience an emergency during travel. **No additional costs for any crisis response or assistance.**

Terms and Conditions apply *Flex customers pay an annual flex fee of \$34.95 even if their device is suspended at the time of renewal. This gives the customer the ability to start and stop their service at anytime during the year.

Image: Details of the available service plans for SPOT Gen4, including monthly costs, term lengths, and included features like

unlimited check-ins and custom messages.

3. DEVICE OVERVIEW

The SPOT Gen4 features a simple, intuitive interface with clearly marked buttons and LED indicators.



Image: Front view of the SPOT Gen4, illustrating the layout of its buttons and indicators for various functions.

3.1 Buttons and Indicators

- **Power Button ():** Press and hold to turn the device on/off.
- **GPS Indicator:** Green light indicates successful GPS fix. Red indicates no GPS fix.
- **Message Sending Indicator:** Green light indicates message sent. Red indicates message not sent.
- **SOS Button:** Covered by a protective flap. Press and hold to send an emergency alert.
- **Check-in Button:** Sends a pre-programmed 'I'm OK' message.
- **Custom Message Button:** Sends a pre-programmed custom message.
- **Help/SPOT R.A.P. Button:** Sends a request for non-emergency assistance.
- **Tracking Button:** Activates/deactivates location tracking.



Image: An angled view of the SPOT Gen4, highlighting the protective cover over the SOS button and the status indicator lights.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

For optimal performance, ensure the device has a clear view of the sky and is not obstructed by dense foliage, buildings, or your body. Hold the device with the SPOT logo facing upwards.

4.1 Sending an SOS Message

The SOS function should only be used in life-threatening emergencies. When activated, it sends your GPS coordinates to the GEOS International Emergency Response Coordination Center (IERCC), who will then contact local emergency services.

1. Lift the protective flap covering the SOS button.
2. Press and hold the **SOS** button for approximately 3 seconds until the SOS LED indicator turns green.
3. The device will attempt to acquire a GPS fix and send your location. The GPS LED will flash green during acquisition and turn solid green upon success. The Message Sending LED will flash green while sending and turn solid green upon successful transmission.
4. Leave the device on and in a clear view of the sky until help arrives.

4.2 Tracking Your Location

The tracking feature allows you to automatically send and save your location at pre-set intervals, which can be viewed by your contacts via a cloud-based mapping system.

1. Press the **Tracking** button. The Tracking LED will illuminate.
2. The device will begin sending location updates at your chosen interval (configurable via your online SPOT account: 2.5, 5, 10, 30, or 60 minutes).
3. To stop tracking, press the **Tracking** button again. The Tracking LED will turn off.

The SPOT Gen4 features motion and vibration sensors, meaning tracking will pause when the device is stationary and resume when it detects movement, without needing to be reset for up to 24 hours.

STAY CONNECTED *and* STAY PROTECTED



SPOT GEN4 gives you a critical, life-saving line of communication when you travel beyond the boundaries of reliable cellular service.

- Select tracking intervals of 2½, 5, 10, 30, or 60 minutes and share your adventures in near real-time.
- With motion and vibration sensors, tracking doesn't stop until you do — no need to re-set after 24 hours.

Image: Information on SPOT Gen4's tracking capabilities, including selectable intervals and the benefit of motion and vibration sensors for continuous tracking.

4.3 Sending Check-in and Custom Messages

These messages allow you to communicate your status or specific information to your pre-selected contacts.

1. Press the **Check-in** button or the **Custom Message** button.
2. The device will attempt to acquire a GPS fix and send the corresponding pre-programmed message with your location.
3. The Message Sending LED will flash green while sending and turn solid green upon successful transmission.

4.4 Sending a Help/SPOT R.A.P. Message

This function is for non-life-threatening situations where you require assistance from your personal contacts or a professional assistance organization (if subscribed to SPOT R.A.P. services).

1. Press and hold the **Help/SPOT R.A.P.** button for approximately 3 seconds.
2. The device will attempt to acquire a GPS fix and send your location to your designated contacts.
3. The Message Sending LED will flash green while sending and turn solid green upon successful transmission.

Sleek and rugged

MEANT FOR ADVENTURE

SOS

SOS

With the push of the SOS button, SPOT's 24/7 global search & rescue service provides your GPS location coordinates to local authorities for the quickest response to your emergency.



TRACK

Automatically send and save your location and allow contacts to track your progress using cloud-based mapping.



CHECK IN

Let contacts know where you are and that you're okay with a pre-programmed message.



CUSTOM MESSAGE

Let contacts know where you are by sending a pre-programmed message with your GPS location.



HELP/SPOT R.A.P.

Request help from your friends and family at your GPS location or ask for help from professional assistance organizations.

Image: Visual representation of the core functionalities of the SPOT Gen4, including SOS, tracking, check-in, custom messaging, and help requests.

5. CARE AND MAINTENANCE

5.1 Cleaning Your Device

To clean your SPOT Gen4, use a soft, damp cloth. Do not use harsh chemicals, cleaning solvents, or strong detergents, as these can damage the device's exterior and internal components. Ensure the device is dry before storing or using.

5.2 Battery Care and Replacement

Always use high-quality AAA batteries. If the device will not be used for an extended period, remove the batteries to prevent leakage and potential damage. Replace batteries when the low battery indicator illuminates or before long trips.

5.3 Storage

Store your SPOT Gen4 in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Ensure the battery

compartment is sealed properly to prevent moisture ingress.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your SPOT Gen4, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Messages not sending (Red Message LED)	No clear view of the sky; expired/inactive service plan; low batteries; device obstruction.	Move to an open area with a clear view of the sky. Verify your service plan is active. Replace batteries. Ensure no obstructions (e.g., backpack, body) are blocking the device's view of the sky.
No GPS fix (Red GPS LED)	Device indoors; obstructed view of the sky; initial acquisition time.	Move outdoors to an area with a clear, unobstructed view of the sky. Allow up to 20 minutes for initial GPS acquisition.
Device not powering on	Dead or incorrectly installed batteries.	Replace batteries with fresh ones, ensuring correct polarity.
Contacts not receiving messages	Incorrect contact information; spam filters; network delays.	Verify contact details in your online SPOT account. Advise contacts to check spam folders. Be aware that satellite message delivery can sometimes experience minor delays.

For further assistance, refer to the FAQs on the SPOT website or contact customer support.

7. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Specification	Detail
Model	Gen 4
Item Model Number	9020-0235-01
Manufacturer	SPOT LLC
Dimensions (L x W x H)	11.42 x 1.97 x 5.51 inches
Item Weight	5 ounces
Batteries	4 AAA batteries (included)
Material	Plastic
Connectivity Technology	USB
Special Features	Globalstar satellite, GPS, subscription, tracker







Image: Side view of the SPOT Gen4, illustrating its compact and ergonomic design.

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

8.1 Warranty Information

For detailed warranty information regarding your SPOT Gen4 device, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official SPOT website. Warranty terms typically cover manufacturing defects for a specified period from the date of purchase.

8.2 Customer Support

If you require technical assistance, have questions about your service plan, or need to report an issue, please contact SPOT customer support. Contact information and support resources can be found on the official SPOT website (findmespot.com). Ensure you have your device's ESN readily available when contacting support.