

Atari VCS Classic & Wireless Controllers

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Model: VCS Classic & Wireless Controllers

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides instructions for the setup, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Atari VCS Classic and Wireless Modern Controllers. Please read this manual thoroughly before use to ensure proper functionality and longevity of your controllers.

2. PACKAGE CONTENTS

- Atari VCS Wireless Modern Controller
- Atari VCS Classic Wireless Controller (if included in bundle)
- USB Charging Cable(s)
- User Manual (this document)

3. CONTROLLER OVERVIEW

3.1 Atari VCS Wireless Modern Controller

The Atari VCS Wireless Modern Controller features a contemporary design with dual analog sticks, a D-pad, action buttons, and shoulder triggers, providing precise control for a wide range of games.

GAME WITH TOTAL CONTROL

Play the games of today and tomorrow.



A close-up, low-angle shot of an Atari VCS Wireless Modern Controller. The controller is black with a matte finish and features a prominent red joystick on the left. The right side has a large analog stick and several buttons, including a red one. The background is dark and out of focus, with some blurred lights. The Atari VCS logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the image.

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Image: Atari VCS Wireless Modern Controller. This image displays the ergonomic design of the modern controller with its various buttons and joysticks.

PRECISE CONTROL

Ultra-responsive D-pad and thumbsticks



Image: Hands holding the Atari VCS Wireless Modern Controller. This image highlights the ultra-responsive D-pad and thumbsticks for precise control.

3.2 Atari VCS Classic Wireless Controller

The Atari VCS Classic Wireless Controller is designed to evoke the original Atari joystick experience, featuring a single joystick with a twist (spinner) function and a fire button. It is ideal for classic arcade and paddle games.



Image: Atari VCS Classic Wireless Controller. This image shows the classic joystick design with a single stick and button.

4. SETUP AND CONNECTION

4.1 Charging the Controllers

1. Connect the supplied USB charging cable to the charging port on the controller.
2. Connect the other end of the USB cable to a powered USB port (e.g., on your Atari VCS console, PC, or a USB wall adapter).
3. The controller's indicator lights will show charging status. Refer to the controller's specific light patterns for full charge indication.

4.2 Pairing via Bluetooth

Both controllers utilize Bluetooth for wireless connection. Ensure the controller is charged before attempting to pair.

1. **Power On:** Press and hold the power button on the controller until the indicator lights activate.
2. **Enter Pairing Mode:** Refer to your controller's specific instructions for entering Bluetooth pairing mode. Typically, this involves holding a dedicated pairing button or a combination of buttons until the indicator lights flash rapidly.
3. **On Atari VCS:** Navigate to the Bluetooth settings menu on your Atari VCS console. Select the controller from the list of available devices to pair.
4. **On PC:** Go to your computer's Bluetooth settings (e.g., Windows: Settings > Devices > Bluetooth & other devices; macOS: System Preferences > Bluetooth). Select the controller from the list of available devices and follow on-screen prompts to complete pairing.
5. **Confirmation:** Once paired, the controller's indicator lights will typically show a solid light or a specific pattern to confirm connection.

PLAY MORE AND DO MORE

Connect easily through Bluetooth wireless



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Image: Two Atari VCS Wireless Modern Controllers. This image illustrates the wireless connectivity capability of the controllers via Bluetooth.

CROSS-PLATFORM COMPATIBILITY

Play your favorites on PC or the Atari VCS

A photograph showing two Atari VCS Wireless Modern Controllers and an Atari VCS console. The controllers are black with red and blue accents. The console is black with a red Atari logo. The background is dark with diagonal lines.

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Image: Atari VCS Wireless Modern Controllers shown with an Atari VCS console. This demonstrates the cross-platform compatibility with both PC and the Atari VCS.

5. OPERATING THE CONTROLLERS

5.1 Atari VCS Wireless Modern Controller Functions

- **Analog Sticks:** For precise 360-degree movement in games.
- **D-Pad:** For directional input, often used in menu navigation or specific game genres.
- **Action Buttons (A, B, X, Y):** For in-game actions such as jumping, attacking, or interacting.
- **Shoulder Buttons/Triggers:** For additional in-game actions, often used for aiming, firing, or special abilities.
- **System Buttons:** For accessing console menus or specific controller functions.

5.2 Atari VCS Classic Wireless Controller Functions

- **Joystick:** Provides 8-directional movement for classic games.

- **Spinner Function:** The joystick can be twisted to act as a spinner, ideal for games like *Circus Atari* or *Kaboom!*. To ensure proper function, twist the stick until it finds the correct position to avoid unintended directional input.
- **Fire Button:** The primary action button for classic gameplay.

6. MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the exterior of the controllers. For stubborn dirt, a slightly damp cloth can be used, but ensure no moisture enters the controller.
- **Storage:** Store controllers in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Battery Care:** For optimal battery life, avoid fully discharging the controller frequently. Charge regularly and avoid leaving it uncharged for extended periods.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Controller does not power on.	Low or no battery charge.	Charge the controller using the provided USB cable.
Controller fails to pair via Bluetooth.	Controller not in pairing mode; device Bluetooth off; interference; incompatible Bluetooth profile.	Ensure controller is in pairing mode. Verify Bluetooth is enabled on your device. Move closer to the device. Some devices (e.g., Apple TV 4K) may have specific Bluetooth profile requirements not supported by the controller. Try pairing with a different device (Atari VCS, PC, Android).
Joystick/D-pad movement not registering correctly.	Hardware malfunction; calibration issue; software conflict.	Restart the controller and the connected device. Check for firmware updates. If using an emulator (e.g., Stella), clear and re-map joystick settings. If the issue persists, contact support.
Classic Controller spinner function is erratic.	Joystick not in optimal position for spinner input.	Twist the joystick until you find the correct position where the spinner function operates smoothly without unintended directional input.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

- **Controller Type:** Button Control (Modern), Joystick/Spinner (Classic)
- **Connectivity:** Bluetooth Wireless
- **Additional Features:** Ergonomic design (Modern Controller)
- **Compatibility:** Atari VCS Console, PC (Windows, macOS, Linux with appropriate drivers/emulators)
- **Power:** Rechargeable Internal Battery (via USB)
- **Model Number:** B0D7DW38S5 (ASIN)

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the official Atari website or contact Atari customer service. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

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