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Model: A04806

Brand: Garmin

1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the user manual for your Garmin fēnix® 8 Multisport GPS Smartwatch. This guide provides comprehensive instructions on setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your device. The fēnix® 8 is engineered for peak performance, offering advanced features for athletes and adventurers alike. Its robust design, cutting-edge display, and extensive health and fitness tracking capabilities make it an essential tool for pushing your limits.



Figure 1: Garmin fēnix® 8 Smartwatch, showcasing its sleek design and vibrant display.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read all safety information carefully before using your fēnix® 8 smartwatch. Failure to follow these warnings and precautions could result in personal injury, damage to the device, or other property damage.

- **Battery Safety:** Do not attempt to replace the battery. Use only the provided charging cable. Avoid exposing the device to extreme temperatures or direct sunlight for prolonged periods.
- **Medical Device Disclaimer:** The fēnix® 8 is not a medical device and is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease. Data presented is intended to be a close estimation of metrics tracked. Consult a medical professional before starting or modifying any exercise program.
- **Dive Safety:** While the device has a 40-meter dive rating, always follow proper dive safety procedures and use appropriate dive computers for critical dive information.
- **Road Safety:** Do not operate the device or input data while operating a vehicle. Always pay attention to your surroundings.

3. SETUP

3.1 Initial Charging

Before first use, fully charge your fēnix® 8 smartwatch. Connect the provided charging/data cable to the charging port on the back of the watch and plug the USB end into a power source (e.g., computer USB port or USB wall adapter).

3.2 Pairing with Your Smartphone

To unlock the full potential of your fēnix® 8, pair it with your smartphone using the Garmin Connect™ app.

1. Download the **Garmin Connect™ app** from your smartphone's app store.
2. Enable Bluetooth on your smartphone.
3. On your fēnix® 8, follow the on-screen instructions to enter pairing mode.
4. In the Garmin Connect™ app, follow the prompts to add a new device and select your fēnix® 8.
5. Confirm the pairing code displayed on both devices.



GARMIN CONNECT™ APP

APP TO TRACK, ANALYZE
AND SHARE HEALTH AND
FITNESS ACTIVITIES
FOR YOUR FĒNIX® 8



FOR SMARTPHONE, TABLET
OR DESKTOP



3.3 Initial Device Setup

After pairing, the app will guide you through initial setup steps, including setting your language, time zone, and personal profile information (e.g., age, weight, height) for accurate metric tracking.

3.4 Button Calibration

If you experience mushy or unresponsive buttons, perform the following calibration:

1. On a Windows computer, open a plain text editor (e.g., Notepad). Create a new, empty file and save it as KEY_CALIBRATION.BIN. Ensure the file type is set to 'All files' or '*.bin'.
2. Connect your fēnix® 8 to the computer using the charging/data cable.
3. Locate the drive for your watch on the computer and open it.
4. Place the KEY_CALIBRATION.BIN file directly into the internal storage of your watch (not in a subfolder).
5. Disconnect your watch from the computer.
6. A button calibration screen will appear on the watch with five red checks. Press each button fully a couple of times until a green check appears next to it. All buttons should function correctly after calibration.

4. OPERATING YOUR FĒNIX® 8

4.1 Basic Navigation

The fēnix® 8 features a bright AMOLED touchscreen display and physical buttons for navigation. You can swipe on the screen, tap to select, or use the buttons for precise control, especially during activities.

4.2 Key Features and Functions

- **Premium Multisport GPS Smartwatch:** Designed for serious athletes and outdoor adventurers.
- **Bright 1.4" AMOLED Display:** Offers vibrant colors and excellent readability, protected by a scratch-resistant sapphire lens.
- **Long-Lasting Battery Life:** Enjoy up to 16 days in smartwatch mode and up to 47 hours in GPS mode, allowing for extended adventures.
- **Built-in LED Flashlight:** Provides variable light intensities and a strobe mode for enhanced visibility in low-light conditions.
- **Built-in Speaker and Microphone:** Make and take calls directly from your wrist when paired with your smartphone. Use off-grid voice commands or your smartphone's voice assistant for various functions.
- **Advanced Health and Wellness Monitoring:** Track wrist-based heart rate, advanced sleep, respiration, stress, Body Battery™, and Pulse Ox. The ECG app can record heart rhythm and check for signs of atrial fibrillation (not available in all regions; for people 22 years or older).
- **Targeted Strength Training Plans:** Power up your body's performance, endurance, and resistance to injury with sport-specific workouts and real-time stamina tracking.
- **Training Readiness:** A score based on sleep quality, recovery, training load, and HRV status helps determine if you're ready for a hard workout or need to take it easy.
- **Enhanced Map Navigation:** Navigate the outdoors with superior multi-band GPS and SatIQ technology. Utilize preloaded TopoActive maps and dynamic round-trip routing for simplified planning.
- **40-Meter Dive Rating:** With leakproof metal buttons, the fēnix® 8 supports scuba and apnea dive activities, allowing you to explore new depths.

- **Smart Connectivity:** Enjoy music storage, Garmin Pay™ contactless payments (with supported country and payment network), and smart notifications (compatible smartphone required).
- **Safety and Tracking:** Send your live location to contacts manually or automatically with built-in incident detection during select outdoor activities.



Figure 3: The fēnix® 8 is designed for outdoor adventures, providing reliable tracking and navigation.



PREMIUM MULTISPORT GPS SMARTWATCH



**SPORT-SPECIFIC STRENGTH
WORKOUTS**



**BUILT-IN SPEAKER AND
MICROPHONE**



ENHANCED MAP NAVIGATION

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Figure 4: Key features of the fēnix® 8 including sport modes, speaker, and mapping capabilities.



**BRIGHT, CRISP AMOLED
DISPLAY**



BATTERY LIFE FOR WEEKS



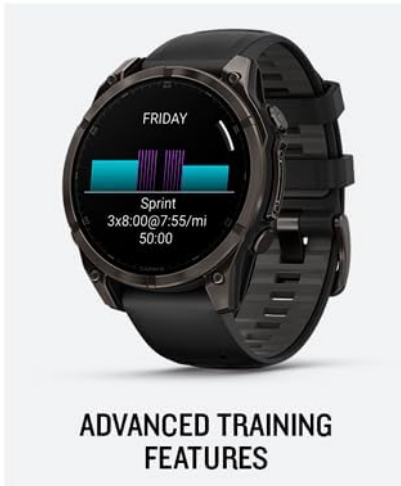
BUILT-IN LED FLASHLIGHT

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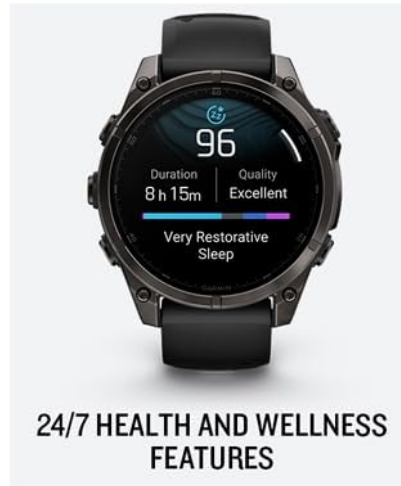
Figure 5: Visual representation of the fēnix® 8's bright AMOLED display, extended battery life, and built-in LED flashlight.



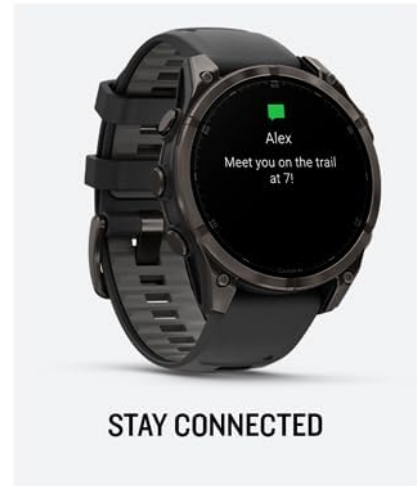
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**ADVANCED TRAINING
FEATURES**



**24/7 HEALTH AND WELLNESS
FEATURES**

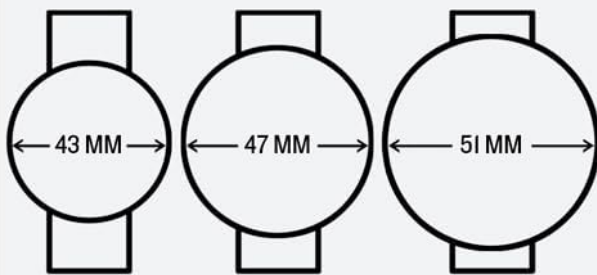


STAY CONNECTED

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Figure 6: The fenix® 8 supports advanced training and provides comprehensive health and wellness data.

BE LIMITLESS



AVAILABLE IN 3 SIZES

**FĒNIX® 8 SERIES
DIVE-RATED WITH
LEAKPROOF METAL
BUTTONS**

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Figure 7: The fēnix® 8 series is available in three sizes and features a dive rating with leakproof metal buttons.

5. MAINTENANCE

5.1 Cleaning Your Device

Regular cleaning helps maintain the appearance and functionality of your fēnix® 8. Rinse the device with fresh water after exposure to chlorine, saltwater, sunscreen, cosmetics, alcohol, or other harsh chemicals. Use a soft, lint-free cloth to wipe the device clean. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or solvents.

5.2 Battery Care

To prolong battery health, it is recommended to keep the charge level between 20% and 80% during regular use. Avoid fully discharging or constantly keeping the battery at 100% charge when not necessary.

5.3 Software Updates

Garmin regularly releases software updates to improve performance and add new features. Connect your device to the Garmin Connect™ app or Garmin Express on your computer to check for and install available updates.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

6.1 Common Issues and Solutions

- **Device not turning on:** Ensure the device is fully charged. Connect it to the charging cable and a power source.
- **Buttons unresponsive/mushy:** Perform the button calibration procedure described in Section 3.4.
- **GPS signal not acquired:** Ensure you are in an open area with a clear view of the sky. Allow several minutes for the device to acquire satellite signals.
- **Heart rate sensor not reading:** Ensure the watch is worn snugly on your wrist, above the wrist bone. Clean the sensor regularly.
- **Bluetooth connectivity issues:** Ensure Bluetooth is enabled on both your watch and smartphone. Try unpairing and re-pairing the devices in the Garmin Connect™ app.

6.2 Resetting Your Device

If you encounter persistent issues, you may need to perform a soft reset or a factory reset. Refer to the Garmin support website or your device's on-screen help for specific instructions on performing these resets, as they may erase user data.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Model Number	A04806
Product Dimensions	0.54 x 1.85 x 1.85 inches
Item Weight	2.82 ounces (80 Grams)
Batteries	1 Lithium Ion battery required (included)
Standing Screen Display Size	1.4 Inches
Memory Storage Capacity	32 GB
Operating System	Garmin OS
Special Features	Touchscreen, Multisport Tracker, Activity Tracker, GPS, Notifications
Connectivity Technology	Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, USB
Wireless Communication Standard	Bluetooth
GPS	Built-in GPS
Shape	Round

7.1 What's in the Box

- fēnix® 8 series smartwatch
- Charging/data cable
- Documentation

ACCESSORIES

**GET THE MOST OUT OF
FĒNIX® 8 BY ADDING
ACCESSORIES**



BIKE MOUNT KIT



HRM-PRO™



QUICKFIT® BANDS

Figure 8: Various accessories are available to enhance your fēnix® 8 experience.

8. WARRANTY

Your Garmin fēnix® 8 smartwatch is covered by a limited warranty. For detailed warranty terms and conditions, including coverage period and claims process, please refer to the official Garmin website or the warranty information included with your product documentation. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

9. SUPPORT

For additional support, troubleshooting, or to access the full range of Garmin resources, please visit the official Garmin support website:

support.garmin.com

You can also find FAQs, video tutorials, and contact customer service through the website. Ensure your device is registered with Garmin Connect™ for personalized support and updates.

