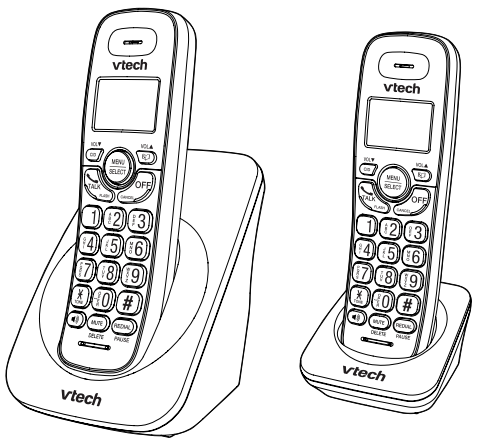


Scan the QR code for support information



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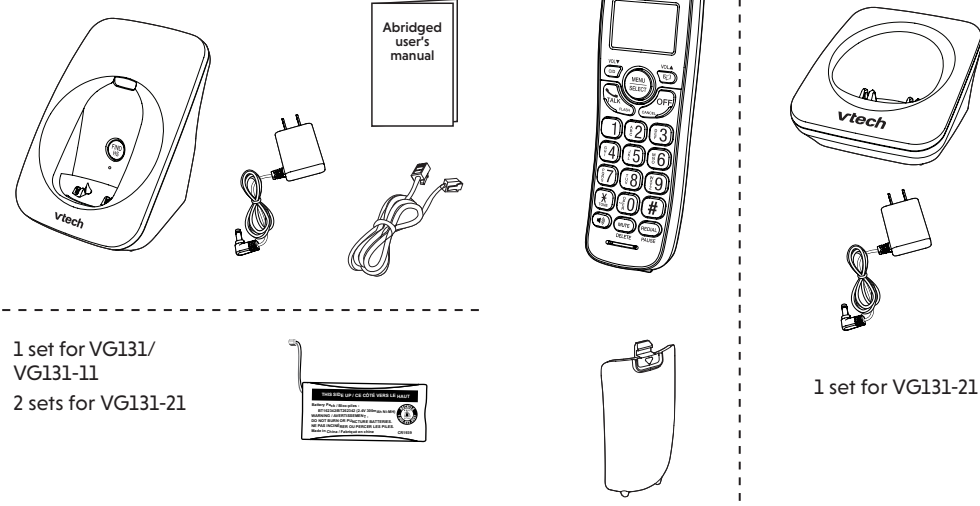


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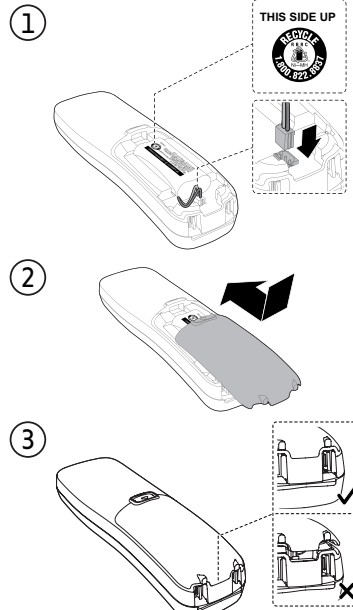
WHAT'S IN THE BOX

Your telephone package contains the following items. Save your sales receipt and original packaging in case it is necessary to ship your telephone for warranty service.



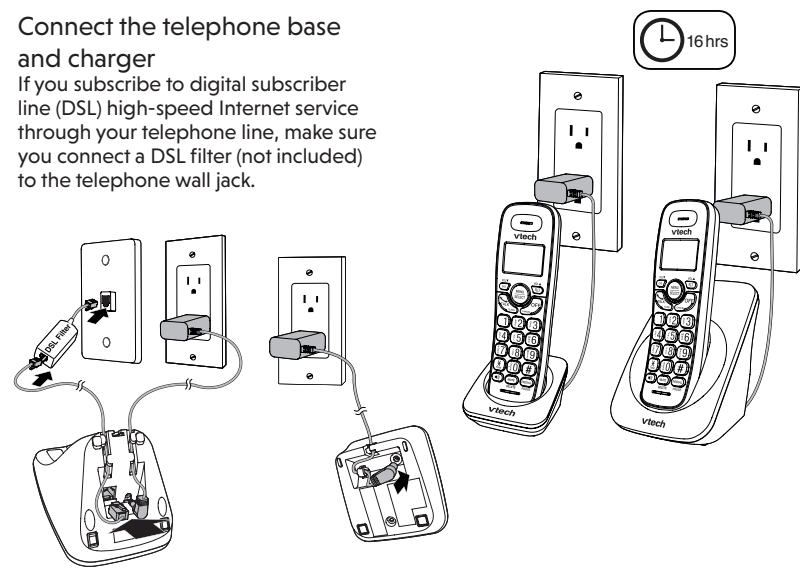
INSTALL AND CONNECT

Install the battery

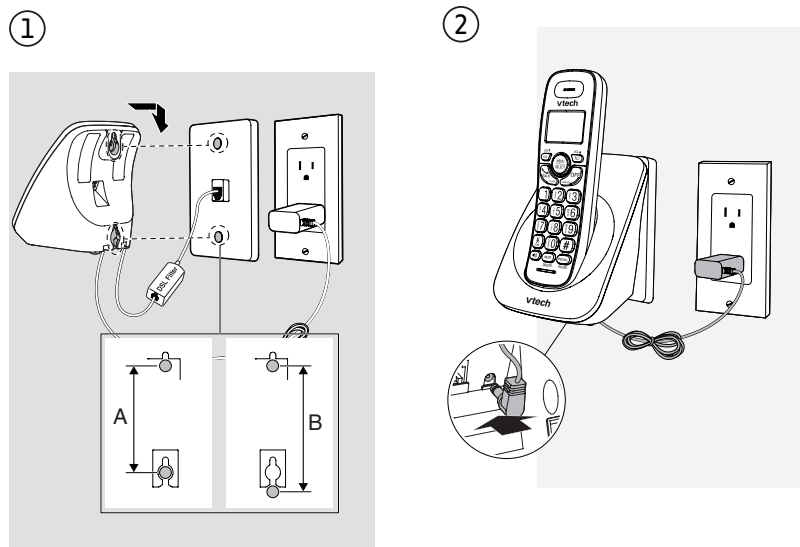


Connect and charge

Connect the telephone base and charger
If you subscribe to digital subscriber line (DSL) high-speed Internet service through your telephone line, make sure you connect a DSL filter (not included) to the telephone wall jack.



Mount (optional)



IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

When using your telephone equipment, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock and injury, including the following:

- Read and understand all instructions.
- Follow all warnings and instructions marked on the product.
- Use only with UL listed Bluetooth devices.
- Unplug this product from the wall outlet before cleaning. Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners. Use a damp cloth for cleaning.
- CAUTION:** Do not install the telephone base at a height above 2 meters.
- Do not use this product near water such as near a bath tub, wash bowl, kitchen sink, laundry tub or a swimming pool, or in a wet basement or shower.
- Do not place this product on an unstable table, shelf, stand or other unstable surfaces.
- Avoid placing the telephone system in places with extreme temperature, direct sunlight, or other electrical devices. Protect your phone from moisture, dust, corrosive liquids and fumes.
- Slots and openings in the back or bottom of the telephone base and handset are provided for ventilation. To protect them from overheating, these openings must not be blocked by placing the product on a soft surface such as a bed, sofa or rug. This product should never be placed near or over a radiator or heat register. This product should not be placed in any area where proper ventilation is not provided.
- This product should be operated only from the type of power source indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of power supply in your home or office, consult your dealer or local power company.
- Do not allow anything to rest on the power cord. Do not install this product where the cord may be walked on.
- Never push objects of any kind into this product through the slots in the telephone base or handset because they may touch dangerous voltage points or create a short circuit. Never spill liquid of any kind on the product.
- To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not disassemble this product, but take it to an authorized service facility. Opening or removing parts of the telephone base or handset other than specified access doors may expose you to dangerous voltages or other risks. Incorrect reassembling can cause electric shock when the product is subsequently used.
- Do not overload wall outlets and extension cords.
- Unplug this product from the wall outlet and refer servicing to an authorized service facility under the following conditions:
 - When the power supply cord or plug is damaged or frayed.
 - If liquid has been spilled onto the product.
 - If the product has been exposed to rain or water.
 - If the product does not operate normally by following the operating instructions. Adjust only those controls that are covered by the operation instructions. Improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage and often requires extensive work by an authorized technician to restore the product to normal operation.
 - If the product has been dropped and the telephone base and/or handset has been damaged.
 - If the product exhibits a distinct change in performance.

- Avoid using a telephone (other than cordless) during an electrical storm. There is a remote risk of electric shock from lightning.
- Do not use the telephone to report a gas leak in the vicinity of the leak. Under certain circumstances, a spark may be created when the adapter is plugged into the power outlet, or when the handset is replaced in its cradle. This is a common event associated with the closing of any electrical circuit. The user should not plug the phone into a power outlet, and should not put a charged handset into the cradle, if the phone is located in an environment containing concentrations of flammable or flame-supporting gases, unless there is adequate ventilation. A spark in such an environment could create a fire or explosion. Such environments might include: medical use of oxygen without adequate ventilation; industrial gases (cleaning solvents; gasoline vapors; etc.); a leak of natural gas; etc.
- Only put the handset of your telephone next to your ear when it is in normal talk mode.
- The power adapter is intended to be correctly oriented in a vertical or floor mount position. The prongs are not designed to hold the plug in place if it is plugged into a ceiling, under-the-table or cabinet outlet.
- For pluggable equipment, the socket-outlet shall be installed near the equipment and shall be easily accessible.
- CAUTION:** Use only the batteries indicated in this manual. There may be a risk of explosion if a wrong type of battery is used for the handset. Use only the supplied rechargeable batteries or replacement batteries (BT162342/BT62342) for the handset. Do not dispose of batteries in a fire. They may explode. Dispose of used batteries according to the instruction.
 - Do not use the battery in following conditions:
 - High or low extreme temperature during use, storage or transportation.
 - Replacement of a battery with an incorrect type that can defeat a safeguard.
 - Disposal of a battery into fire or a hot oven, or mechanically crushing or cutting of a battery, that can result in an explosion.
 - Leaving a battery in an extremely high temperature surrounding environment that can result in an explosion or the leakage of flammable liquid or gas.
 - A battery subjected to extremely low air pressure that can result in an explosion or the leakage of flammable liquid or gas.
- Use only the adapter included with this product. Incorrect adapter polarity or voltage can seriously damage the product.
- The applied nameplate is located at the bottom or near of the product.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Battery

- Use only the battery provided or equivalent. To order a replacement, visit our website at www.vtechphones.com or call 1 (800) 595-9511. In Canada, go to phones.vtechcanada.com or call 1 (800) 267-7377.
- Do not dispose of the battery in a fire. Check with local waste management codes for special disposal instructions.
- Do not open or mutilate the battery. Released

electrolyte is corrosive and may cause burns or injury to the eyes or skin. The electrolyte may be toxic if swallowed.

- Exercise care in handling batteries in order not to create a short circuit with conductive materials.
- Charge the battery provided with this product only in accordance with the instructions and limitations specified in this manual.

Precautions for users of implanted cardiac pacemakers

Cardiac pacemakers (applies only to digital cordless telephones):
Wireless Technology Research, LLC (WTR), an independent research entity, led a multidisciplinary evaluation of the interference between portable wireless telephones and implanted cardiac pacemakers. Supported by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, WTR recommends to physicians that:

- Pacemaker patients**
 - Should keep wireless telephones at least six inches from the pacemaker.
 - Should NOT place wireless telephones directly over the pacemaker, such as in a breast pocket, when it is turned ON.
 - Should use the wireless telephone at the ear opposite the pacemaker.

WTR's evaluation did not identify any risk to bystanders with pacemakers from other persons using wireless telephones.

ABOUT CORDLESS TELEPHONES

- Privacy:** The same features that make a cordless telephone convenient create some limitations. Telephone calls are transmitted between the telephone base and the cordless handset by radio waves, so there is a possibility that the cordless telephone conversations could be intercepted by radio receiving equipment within range of the cordless handset. For this reason, you should not think of cordless telephone conversations as being as private as those on corded telephones.
- Electrical power:** The telephone base of this cordless telephone must be connected to a working electrical outlet. The electrical outlet should not be controlled by a wall switch. Calls cannot be made from the cordless handset if the telephone base is unplugged, switched off or if the electrical power is interrupted.
- Potential TV interference:** Some cordless telephones operate at frequencies that may cause interference to televisions and VCRs. To minimize or prevent such interference, do not place the telephone base of the cordless telephone near or on top of a TV or VCR. If interference is experienced, moving the cordless telephone farther away from the TV or VCR often reduces or eliminates the interference.
- Rechargeable batteries:** Exercise care in handling batteries in order not to create a short circuit with conducting material such as rings, bracelets and keys. The battery or conductor may overheat and cause harm. Observe proper polarity between the battery and the battery charger.
- Nickel-metal hydride rechargeable batteries:** Dispose of these batteries in a safe manner. Do not burn or puncture the battery. Like other batteries of this type, if burned or punctured, they could release caustic material which could cause injury.

SETUP

After the telephone is installed or power returns following a power outage and battery depletion, the handset will prompt you to set the date and time.

Date and time

When the handset prompts, follow the steps below to set the date and time.

- Use the dialing keys (**0-9**) to enter the month (**MM**), date (**DD**) and year (**YY**). Then press **SELECT**.
- Use the dialing keys (**0-9**) to enter the hour (**HH**) and minute (**MM**). Then press **▼** or **▲** to choose **AM** or **PM**.
- Press **SELECT** to save.

NOTE: If you have skipped the prompt, you can set up again by pressing **MENU**. Scroll to select **Set date/time**, and then press **SELECT**. Then, follow the steps above.

Change LCD language settings

You can select English, French, or Spanish to be used in all screen displays:

- Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
- Press **▼** or **▲** to scroll to **Settings** and then press **SELECT**.
- Press **SELECT** again to choose **LCD language**.
- Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **English**, **Français** or **Español**, and then press **SELECT** twice to save.

NOTE: If you accidentally set the LCD language to Spanish or French, press **MENU** and then enter ***364#** to change the handset LCD language back to English while the handset is not in use.

To end paging:

- Press **FIND HS** at the telephone base.
- OR-**
- Press **TALK** or any dialing keys on the handset.

NOTE: Do not press and hold **FIND HS** for more than 4 seconds. It may lead to handset deregistration.

BLUETOOTH®

Your telephone system is enhanced with Bluetooth feature. You can pair a Bluetooth headset to your telephone system and answer calls with your Bluetooth headset.

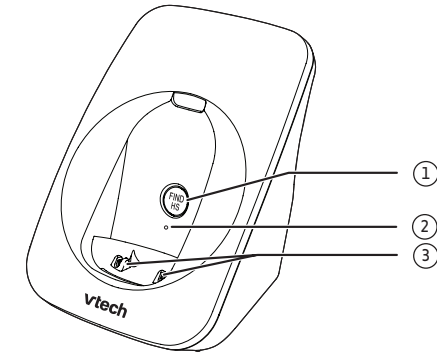
NOTES:
Before you begin, make sure that your Bluetooth enabled headset is not connected to any other Bluetooth device.

Bluetooth wireless technology operates within a short range (a maximum of approximately 15 feet) from the telephone base. Keep connected headset within this range.

For more details about the Bluetooth feature, read the online Complete user's manual.

OVERVIEW

Telephone base

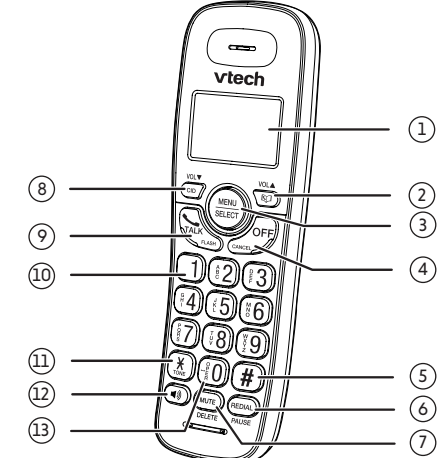


1 - FIND HS

- Page all system handsets.
 - Press and hold** for 4 seconds to pair a Bluetooth headset after pressing **TALK** or **FLASH** on the handset to get a dial tone.
- #### 2 - Bluetooth LED
- Flashes quickly when pairing.
 - Steady on when paired and connected to a Bluetooth headset or when the connected Bluetooth headset is in use.
 - Off when no Bluetooth headset is paired.

3 - Charging pole

Handset



1 - LCD display

2 - TALK / VOL ▲

- Review the phonebook when the phone is not in use.

- Scroll up while in a menu, or in the phonebook, caller ID log or redial list.
- Move the cursor to the right when entering numbers or names.
- Increase the listening volume during a call.

3 - MENU/SELECT

- Show the menu.
- While in a menu, press to select an item, or save an entry or setting.

4 - OFF/CANCEL

- Hang up a call.
- Return to the previous menu or exit completely without making changes.
- Delete digits while predialing.
- Silence the handset ringer temporarily while the phone is ringing.
- Press and hold** to erase the missed call indicator while the handset is not in use.

5 -

- Show other dialing options when reviewing a caller ID log entry.

6 - REDIAL/PAUSE

- Review the redial list.
- Insert a dialing pause while dialing or entering numbers into the phonebook.

7 - MUTE/DELETE

- Mute the microphone during a call.
- Delete the displayed entry while reviewing the phonebook, caller ID log, or redial list.
- Delete digits or characters when entering numbers or names.

8 - CID / VOL ▼

- Review the caller ID log when the telephone is not in use.
- Scroll down while in a menu, or in the phonebook, caller ID log or redial list.
- Move the cursor to the left when entering numbers or names.
- Decrease the listening volume during a call.

9 - TALK/FLASH

- Make or answer a call.
 - Answer an incoming call when you receive a call waiting alert.
- #### 10 - 1
- Press repeatedly to add or remove 1 in front of the caller ID log entry before dialing or saving it to the phonebook.

11 - TONE X

- Switch to tone dialing temporarily during a call.

Pair and connect a Bluetooth headset

- Set your Bluetooth headset to pairing mode. Refer to your Bluetooth headset user's manual to learn how.
- Press **TALK** or **FLASH** on the handset.
- Press and hold FIND HS** on the telephone base for 4 seconds.
 - The telephone then enters pairing mode.
 - The blue LED below the **FIND HS** key on the telephone base flashes.
 - To cancel pairing, press **FIND HS** on the telephone base.
- Press **OFF** on handset or place the handset in the telephone base or charger after pairing.

Bluetooth headset connection status:

- Pairing** - while pairing to a Bluetooth headset, the blue LED flashes quickly.
- Connected** - when successfully paired and connected to a Bluetooth headset, the blue LED becomes steady on.
- NOTE:** When there is an incoming call, you hear a ringing tone on your Bluetooth headset and the blue LED will turn off. You can answer the incoming call with your Bluetooth headset.
- Bluetooth headset in use** - when the connected Bluetooth headset is in use, the blue LED becomes steady on.
- No connection** - the blue LED turns off.

Remove paired Bluetooth headset

- Press **TALK** or **FLASH** on the handset.
- Press and hold FIND HS** on the telephone base for 4 seconds. The paired Bluetooth headset will be removed.

NOTES:

- You can use your connected Bluetooth headset to answer calls or end the call.

If you fail to connect your Bluetooth headset to the telephone, re-try the pairing steps above.

To pair another Bluetooth headset to the telephone, perform the pairing steps above and the current paired headset will be replaced by the new Bluetooth headset.

While on a call using your Bluetooth headset, keep your headset closer to the telephone base (within 15 feet) and make sure that there are no physical obstacles such as large furniture or thick wall in between.

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REDIAL LIST

Each handset stores the last 5 telephone numbers dialed. When there are already 5 entries, the oldest entry is deleted to make room for the new entry.

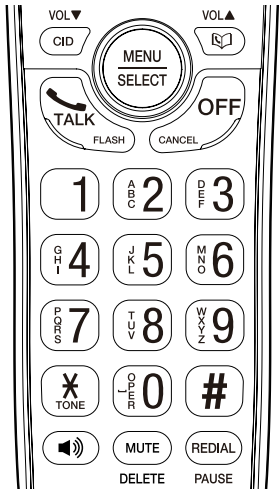
Review and dial a redial list entry

- Press **REDIAL** when the handset is not in use.
- Press **▼**, **▲** or **REDIAL** repeatedly until the desired entry displays.
- Press **TALK** or **FLASH** to dial.

Delete a redial list entry

- Search for or review the redial list entries (see **Review and dial a redial list entry**).
- When the desired redial entry displays, press **DELETE**.

TELEPHONE OPERATIONS



Use the handset menu

- Press **MENU** when the phone is not in use.
- Press **▼** or **▲** until the screen displays the desired feature menu.
- Press **SELECT**.
- To return to the previous menu, press **CANCEL**.
- To exit completely, **press and hold CANCEL**.

Make a call

- Press **TALK** or **FLASH**, and then dial the telephone number.

Answer a call

- Press **TALK**, **FLASH** or any dialing keys.

End a call

- Press **OFF** or put the handset back in the telephone base or charger.

Speakerphone

- During a call, press **FLASH** on the handset to switch between speakerphone and handset earpiece.

Volume

- During a call, press **VOL▲** and **VOL▼** to adjust the listening volume.

Mute

The mute function allows you to hear the other party but the other party cannot hear you.

- During a call, press **MUTE**. The handset displays **Muted**.
- Press **MUTE** again to resume the conversation. The handset displays **Microphone on** briefly.

PHONEBOOK

The phonebook can store up to 30 entries, which are shared by all handsets. Each entry may consist of a telephone number up to 30 digits, and a name up to 15 characters.

Add a phonebook entry

- Enter the number when the phone is not in use. Press **MENU**, then go to Step 3.
- OR-**
Press **MENU** when the phone is not in use, then press **SELECT** to choose **Phonebook**. Press **SELECT** again to choose **Add contact**.
- OR-**
Copy a number from the redial list by pressing **REDIAL** and then press **▼**, **▲** or **REDIAL** repeatedly to select a number. Press **SELECT** to copy the number.
- Press **SELECT** to move on to enter the name.
- Use the dialing keys to enter the name. Additional key presses show other characters of that particular key.
- Press **SELECT** to save.

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