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Introduction

WARNING
See the Important Safety and Product Information guide in the product box for product warnings and other important information.

Device Overview

1. Device key
   - Press to turn on the device.
   - Press to lock or unlock the screen.
   - Hold to turn off the device.

2. Touchscreen
   - Swipe to scroll through features, data screens, and menus.
   - Tap to select.

3. Weather cap
   - Pull up to access the micro-USB power and data port.

4. Micro-USB power and data port
   - Connect a compatible USB cable to charge the device or transfer data using your computer.

Charging the Device

WARNING
This product contains a lithium-ion battery. To prevent the possibility of personal injury or product damage caused by battery exposure to extreme heat, store the device out of direct sunlight.

NOTICE
To prevent corrosion, thoroughly dry the USB port, the weather cap, and the surrounding area before charging or connecting to a computer.

The device is powered by a built-in lithium-ion battery that you can charge using a standard wall outlet or a USB port on your computer.

NOTE: The device will not charge when outside the temperature range of 0° to 40°C (32° to 104°F).

1. Pull up the weather cap from the USB port.
2. Plug the small end of the USB cable into the USB port on the device.
3. Plug the large end of the USB cable into a USB port on your computer.
4. Charge the device completely.

Turning On the Device

Press the device key.

NOTE: The first time you use the device, you are prompted to choose a language and unit of measure.

Support and Updates

Garmin Express™ (www.garmin.com/express) provides easy access to these services for Garmin® devices.

- Product registration
- Product manuals
- Software updates
- Data uploads to Garmin Connect™
- Map, chart, or course updates

Setting Up Garmin Express

1. Connect the device to your computer using a USB cable.
2. Go to www.garmin.com/express.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions.

Locking and Unlocking the Touchscreen

You can lock the touchscreen while playing a round to prevent inadvertent screen touches.

1. Press the device key.
2. Press the device key again to unlock the touchscreen.

Pairing and Setup

Garmin Connect

Garmin Connect is your online statistics tracker where you can analyze and share all your rounds. You can connect with your friends on the Garmin Connect site or mobile app. Garmin Connect gives you the tools to track and analyze your performance. To sign up for a free account, go to www.garminconnect.com.

Store your rounds: After you complete and save a round with your device, you can upload that round to Garmin Connect and keep it as long as you want.

Analyze your data: You can view more detailed information about your round, including scorecards, statistics, course information, and customizable reports.

Bluetooth® Connected Features

This device includes Bluetooth connected features for your compatible mobile device using the Garmin Connect Mobile app.

Data uploads to Garmin Connect: Sends data to Garmin Connect using the Garmin Connect Mobile app. For more information, go to www.garmin.com/intosports/apps.

Notifications: Alerts you when you receive phone messages.

Pairing Your Smartphone

To get the most out of your Approach G30 device, you should pair it with your smartphone and complete the setup using the Garmin Connect Mobile app.

NOTE: Unlike other Bluetooth devices that are paired from the Bluetooth settings on your mobile device, your Approach G30 device must be paired directly through the Garmin Connect Mobile app.

1. On your compatible smartphone, download and install the latest version of the Garmin Connect Mobile app.
2. Open the Garmin Connect Mobile app.
3. Select an option to add your device to your Garmin Connect Mobile account:
   - If this is the first device you are pairing with the Garmin Connect Mobile app, follow the on-screen instructions.
   - If you have already paired another device using the Garmin Connect Mobile app, from the settings menu, select Garmin Devices > Add Device.
5. Follow the on-screen instructions on your device and your smartphone to pair your devices.

Connecting to a Paired Smartphone

Before you can connect to your smartphone, you must pair your smartphone to your device.
When you connect to your smartphone using Bluetooth wireless technology, you can share scores and other data to Garmin Connect. You can also view phone notifications on your device.

1. On your smartphone, enable Bluetooth wireless technology.
2. On your device, select > Bluetooth > Connection > On to enable Bluetooth wireless technology.
3. Select Notifications to show or hide smartphone notifications.

**Phone Notifications**
Phone notifications require a compatible smartphone to be paired with the Approach device. When your phone receives messages, it sends notifications to your device.

**Viewing Notifications**
Before you can view notifications, you must connect to your paired phone (Connecting to a Paired Smartphone, page 1).

1. While playing a round, select > Notifications.
2. Select a notification.
3. Select ▲ or ▼ to scroll through the contents of the notification.

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**Playing Golf**

1. Select Play.
2. Select a course.

**Hole View**
The device shows the current hole you are playing.

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3. If necessary, select 🕹️ to zoom in on the target circle.
4. When zoomed in on the target circle, select 🕹️ to return to the map of the hole.

**Measuring a Shot**
1. Take a shot, and watch where your ball lands.
2. Select > Measure Shot.
3. Walk or drive to your ball.
4. If necessary, select Reset to reset the distance at any time.

**Keeping Score**
You can keep score for up to four players.
2. Select > Scorecard.
3. Select an option:
   - Select a player’s name to edit it.
   - Select 🕹️ to enter the number of strokes for the selected hole.
   - Select ▲ or ▼ to change holes.
   - Select > Change Par to change the par for the current hole.

**About the Scorecard**
You can view and change each player’s name, score, and handicap during a round using the scorecard.
Setting the Scoring Method
You can change the method the device uses to keep score.
1 Select an option:
   • If you are currently playing a round, select \( \rightarrow \) \( \rightarrow \) \( \rightarrow \) Setup > Scoring > Method.
   • If you are not currently playing a round, select \( \rightarrow \) \( \rightarrow \) Scoring > Method.
2 Select a scoring method.

About Stableford Scoring
When you select the Stableford scoring method (Setting the Scoring Method, page 3), points are awarded based on the number of strokes taken relative to par. At the end of a round, the highest score wins. The device awards points as specified by the United States Golf Association.

The scorecard for a Stableford scored game shows points instead of strokes.

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About Match Scoring
When you select the match scoring method (Setting the Scoring Method, page 3), one point is awarded at each hole to the player who has the fewest strokes. At the end of a round, the player who won the most holes wins.

NOTE: Match scoring is available only for two players.

When you set the device to count strokes, the device determines the winner of each round. Otherwise, at the end of each hole, select the player who had the fewest strokes, or if the number of strokes was equal, select Halved.

About Skins Scoring
When you select the skins scoring method (Setting the Scoring Method, page 3), players compete for a prize on each hole.
When you set the device to count strokes, the device determines the winner of each hole. Otherwise, at the end of each hole, select the player who had the fewest strokes. You can select multiple players if there is a tie for the win.

Viewing Round Statistics
You can view statistics for the round you are currently playing.

While playing a round, select \( \rightarrow \) \( \rightarrow \) Round Details.
The device displays details for all players in the current round.

Viewing Player Statistics
You can view statistics for an individual player for the round you are currently playing.
1 Select \( \rightarrow \) \( \rightarrow \) Round Details.
2 Select \( \rightarrow \) Player Details.
3 Select a player name.

About Individual Scorecards
The individual scorecard features a hole-by-hole overview of a player’s round. Four symbols represent the number of strokes relative to par. A par score has no symbol.

Viewing History
You can view saved shots, rounds, and player statistics.
1 Select \( \rightarrow \) History.
2 Select a round to view.
The device shows information for all players.
3 Select an option:
   • To view an individual scorecard for the round, select \( \rightarrow \) \( \rightarrow \) Player Details, and select a player name (About Individual Scorecards, page 3).
   • To view a list of each hole and its par, select \( \rightarrow \) \( \rightarrow \) Course Details.
   • To adjust individual details for that round, including each player's name, score, and handicap, select \( \rightarrow \) \( \rightarrow \) Edit Scorecard.
   • To clear the scorecard from the device history, select \( \rightarrow \) \( \rightarrow \) Delete Scorecard.

Handicap Scoring
You can set a handicap for the hole (Setting the Hole Handicap, page 4) and for each player (Setting a Player Handicap, page 4).

Enabling Handicap Scoring
1 Select \( \rightarrow \) Scoring > Scoring Handicap.
2 Select On.
Setting the Hole Handicap
Before you can score using handicaps, you must enable handicap scoring (Enabling Handicap Scoring, page 3).
The device displays the default handicap for the hole if it is available. You can set the handiacep manually.

1. While playing a round, select \ThreeBar\ > Scorecard > \ThreeBar\ > Change Handicap.
2. Enter the hole handicap.

Setting a Player Handicap
Before you can score using handicaps, you must enable handicap scoring (Enabling Handicap Scoring, page 3).

1. While playing a game, select \ThreeBar\ > Scorecard.
2. Select \ pessimism > for the player whose handicap you want to enter or change.
3. Select an option:
   • To enter the number of strokes that will be subtracted from the player's total score, select Local Handicap.
   • To enter the player's handicap index and the course slope rating to calculate a course handicap for the player, select Index \ Slope Method.

Saving a Location
You can mark a location on a hole using your current location or touch targeting.

1. While playing a game, select \ThreeBar\ > Save Location.
2. Select an option:
   • Select Use Current Location to place a marker at your current location on the hole.
   • Select Use Touch Targeting to select a location on the map.

Clearing Saved Locations
You can clear all saved locations for the current hole.

Select \ThreeBar\ > \ThreeBar\ > Clear Locations.

Ending a Round
Select \ThreeBar\ > End Round.

Finding Courses
You can use the device to locate a golf course that is nearby or in a specific city. You can also locate a golf course by name.

1. Select Preview.
2. Select an option:
   • Select Search Near You to find courses closest to your current location.
   • Select Spell City to find courses in a specific city.
   • Select Spell Course to find a course by name.

About Course Preview
When you find a course, the device provides a hole-by-hole overview of the selected course. You can view a close up of the green (Viewing the Green, page 2) or measure distances (Measuring Distance with Touch Targeting, page 2).

Preview Mode
When you preview a course, you can view a simulation of the course. The map gradually zooms in on the green to simulate the way it performs when you play through a hole.
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Hole Transitioning: Sets automatic or manual hole transitioning.

Units of Distance: Sets the unit of measurement for distance.

About: Displays the unit ID, software version, regulatory information, and license agreement.

Appendix

Device Care

**NOTICE**
Do not store the device where prolonged exposure to extreme temperatures can occur, because it can cause permanent damage.

Never use a hard or sharp object to operate the touchscreen, or damage may result.

Avoid chemical cleaners, solvents, and insect repellents that can damage plastic components and finishes.

Secure the weather cap tightly to prevent damage to the USB port.

Cleaning the Touchscreen

1. Use a soft, clean, lint-free cloth.
2. If necessary, lightly dampen the cloth with water.
3. If using a dampened cloth, turn off the device and disconnect the device from power.
4. Gently wipe the screen with the cloth.

Cleaning the Device

**NOTICE**

Even small amounts of sweat or moisture can cause corrosion of the electrical contacts when connected to a charger. Corrosion can prevent charging and data transfer.

1. Wipe the device using a cloth dampened with a mild detergent solution.
2. Wipe it dry.

After cleaning, allow the device to dry completely.

Using the Backlight

- At any time, tap the touchscreen to turn on the backlight.
  
  **NOTE:** Alerts and messages also activate the backlight.

- Select ☀ > Display.

- Select an option:
  
  ◦ To adjust the amount of time the backlight stays on, select Backlight Timeout.
  
  ◦ To adjust the backlight brightness, select Brightness.

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*The device withstands incidental exposure to water of up to 1 m for up to 30 min. For more information, go to [www.garmin.com/waterrating](http://www.garmin.com/waterrating).

Clearing User Data

**NOTE:** This deletes all user-entered data.

1. Hold the device key to turn off the device.
2. Press the device key to turn on the device.
3. When text displays at the bottom of the screen, tap the upper-left corner of the screen.
4. Select Yes.

Using the Clip

**NOTE:** The device can be reversed in the clip to protect the screen when not in use.

You can use the clip to attach the device to your belt, pocket, or bag.

**NOTE:** This accessory is not included in all areas. Go to [www.garmin.com/golf](http://www.garmin.com/golf) to purchase accessories for your device.

1. Slide the bottom of the device into the clip until it clicks.
2. To remove the device, slide the device out of the clip.

Attaching the Lanyard Carabiner

You can use the lanyard carabiner to attach the device to a bag or belt loop.

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1. Thread the fabric end of the lanyard through the slot on the back of the device ①.
2. Thread the fabric end of the lanyard through the plastic loop ② on the opposite end of the lanyard.
3. Insert the carabiner ③ through the fabric loop on the end of the lanyard.
Saving Energy While Charging the Device
You can turn off device features while charging.

1. Connect your device to an external power source.
2. Hold the device key for 4 to 5 seconds.
   - The backlight turns off, and the device goes into a low power, battery charging mode.
3. Charge the device completely.
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