

Victor Reader Stratus4 M



User Guide

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Tone (button 1), Volume (button 2),
Speed (button 3)

There are two keys each for the tone, volume and speed levels. Use these to adjust levels up and down. Those new to audiobooks may prefer a slower speed or find a different tone of voice easier to hear. Adjusting the speed will not affect the tone of the voice.

You can use these buttons at anytime throughout listening to the recording.

Up (button 4), Down (button 5), Left (button 6), Right (button 7)

The structure of an audiobook reflects the layout of the original print book. A book may be divided into parts, chapters, sections and subsections. In an audiobook this structure is represented by levels which allow users to ‘flip through the pages’ and find the content they are looking for. Use the up and down keys to move from one level to the next. Use the left and right keys to move through the content at that level.

Information (button 8)

Press the info key to hear details about the player (eg: version/model/serial number). If you are listening to a book and press the info key you will hear title details (eg: title, current position, page, time elapsed, time remaining, total number of pages or number of books on the file and total time).

Bookshelf (button 9)

This button will give you a list of all titles pre-loaded onto the machine. You will hear the number of the book followed by its title. Eg: “12 books, 1 Green eggs and ham ; 2 Horton hears a who ; 3 Ten apples up on top” Press the right or left keys to move through the bookshelf titles.

Bookmarks (button 10)

The bookmark key marks positions in the book so you can return to them later. This works if you are reading two or more books at once. To place a bookmark, press and hold the bookmark key. Each bookmark you place is given a number. To access your bookmark list, press the bookmark key. Use the left and right keys to search through your bookmarks. To delete all bookmarks, go to the bookmark list, then press the bookmark key twice. Press play/stop to exit the bookmark list and resume playback.

Eject (button 11)

This Victor Reader Status4 M player is preloaded with digital titles so no audiobook DAISY discs are needed. It does have the capability to play DAISY discs and to insert one, gently slide it into the slot at the bottom of the player until it is pulled into the player. The book may take a few moments to load. Once it loads, the player will announce the book title, then it will resume playback. If you are playing the book for the first time, it will start with the book info. To eject a disc, press the eject key.

Power (button 12)

Press the power key to turn the player on or off. A flashing light means the player is charging. You can use the adapter or operate on battery power.

Rewind (button 13), Fast Forward (button 15)

Located on either side of the play/stop key, these keys allow you to move through the book quickly. Press the keys once to jump 5 seconds forward or backward. The time will accelerate the longer you hold the key down. For each few seconds you hold the keys you will move forward or backward 1 minute, 2 minutes, 5 minutes, 10 minutes and so on. Release the key to resume normal playback.

Play/Stop (button 14)

Press the play/stop key (14) to pause and resume playback.

Sleep (button 16)

You can set a timer for the player to turn off. This key will voice the setting of OFF, 15, 30, 45, or 60 minutes. When the sleep function is on a light will turn on above the key.

NOTE: When the player is not connected to a power outlet, and stays in pause mode for more than 30 minutes, it will shut Off automatically to save the battery,

External connections

On the right side of the player is the ear-phones jack, which can also be used for an external speaker. Next to it, you will find a USB port and SD card slot.

On the back side of the player, slightly to the right of center, you will find the power input jack. It is used to connect the player to its power cord which can then connect the player to an electrical outlet.

On the front side of the player is the CD slot.

Playing a preloaded audiobook

Step 1: Take player out of the case. Place it flat on a table with the open handle on the bottom left and the round speaker at the top left. This ensures the buttons are in the correct position for easy manipulation.

Step 2: Plug the power cord into the wall outlet. The battery that is installed into this device will run the player for 4 hours. If you choose to use it powered by the battery - keep in mind you will need to charge it by plugging it into a wall outlet - every 4 hours.

Step 3: Press and hold the power key until the player powers on. The power key is on the rightmost side of the player in the center. You will hear a beep. The button will be green when it is on and flash amber when it is off and plugged into a power outlet. The flash indicates that the battery is recharging. When it stops flashing, the battery is fully charged. You can use the Victor Reader Stratus4 M while charging the battery.

Step 4: After several seconds you will hear a welcome message. The player will take another 15 seconds to configure. If you press a button too soon it will ask you to “please wait”. Press the Bookshelf button to hear the number of books loaded on the player.

Step 5: To hear all the titles, press the left and right arrow keys in the middle of the player to toggle between each title name.

Step 6: When you hear the name of the title you wish to listen to, press the play/stop button which is the square button in the middle at the bottom of the player. You will then hear a description of the book and information about navigating through any headings the book may have. You may hear information that the book is on CD or on cassette tape - these titles are preloaded onto the player and you do not have the actual discs or cassettes.

Step 7: The book will continue playing.



Step 8: If you do not finish listening to the title in one sitting, simply press the play/stop button to stop the book. Then press the power button to turn the player off. You will hear 2 beeps and the green light will turn off.

Step 9: When you wish to resume listening to the book, turn the player on. The book will start up again where you left off.

If you want to start a different title when you restart your player, press the bookshelf button and use the left/right buttons to hear the list of titles of the other preloaded books. Once you find the title you wish to read, press the start button to begin that selection.

Playback Buttons

You can pause and resume reading by pressing the play/stop key, which is located at the bottom center of the player between the re-wind and forward keys.

If at any time you need something repeated - press the rewind key once. It will take you back 10 seconds in the recording. Continue to go back in 10 second increments to repeat the section you need to hear again.

Navigating through a magazine

If there are magazines loaded on your player, they will be listed on the bookshelf. It is not a separate list from the book title list. The magazine title will include information about the issue number and publisher information. This will be followed by information on how to use the publication. Magazines are divided into levels. Level 1 has the 'how to use' information as well as the table of contents and the main feature articles. Levels 2, 3 and 4 have various subheadings, smaller articles and photo captions. Photo captions will always be read following the end of each article. The table of contents is generally a long recording. You can navigate through to the other levels of the magazine at any time using the play/stop button as well as the left/right/up/down keys.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



Q: I have lost myself in the menus. How do I reorient myself?

A: Press the bookshelf button to go back to your list of titles. Toggle through the titles by pressing the left/right keys. Once you hear a title you are interested in reading, press the play/stop button.

Q: I cannot hear the recording. What do I do?

A: Ensure the volume is turned up loud enough for you to hear by pressing the top button in the middle at the top of the player. The button directly below it will lessen the volume.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



Q: The player turned itself off. What should I do?

A: Plug the player into a wall outlet. It either has run through its battery and needs recharging, or has been in pause mode for more than 30 minutes and turned itself off to conserve the battery. You can listen to your book while the player is recharging.

Call the library if you have any questions or concerns. We are happy to help you!

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