



vidster

digital video camera

Keep these instructions for future reference as they contain important information.

- For use with the Vidster™
- Requires 4 AA Alkaline batteries (not included).

Age: 8+

FCC STATEMENT: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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NOTE: Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the manufacturer responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

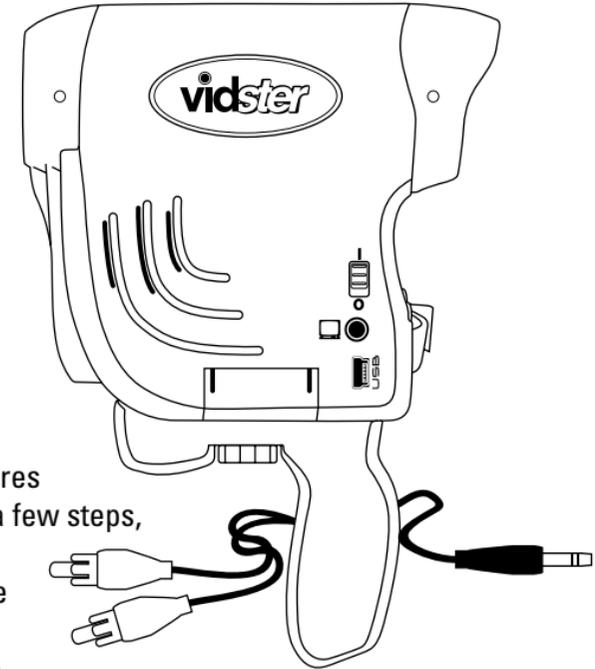
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PACKAGE CONTENTS

The following is included with every Mattel Vidster™:

- 1 Handheld Vidster™ unit with Hand Strap
- 1 A/V cable
- 1 Hand Grip
- 1 Instructions



QUICK START

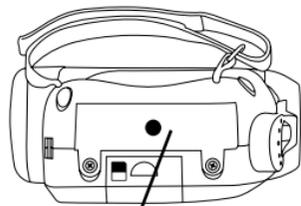
Ready to start taking pictures or making videos? In just a few steps, you'll be ready to go.

1. Install 4 AA Alkaline batteries & remove the clear protective film from the viewing screen.
2. Switch the camera to "On". |

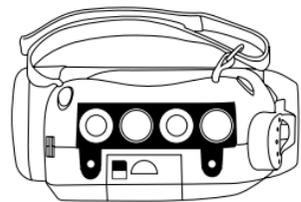
3. Set the Mode switch to "Picture" 📷 to take a digital photo, or "Video" 📹 to record a video.
4. Press the Center button to take a picture in Picture Mode or start recording in Video Mode.
5. Press the Center button a second time to stop recording in Video Mode.

Battery Installation/Replacement

The Vidster™ uses 4 AA Alkaline batteries to power it. Make sure the unit is off. Locate the battery cover on the underside of the device. (1) Use a Phillips screwdriver (not included) to loosen both screws. (2) Remove battery cover. (3) Insert four fresh "AA" alkaline batteries in the orientation shown. (4) Replace the cover and tighten both screws. For longer life, use only alkaline batteries.



Battery Cover



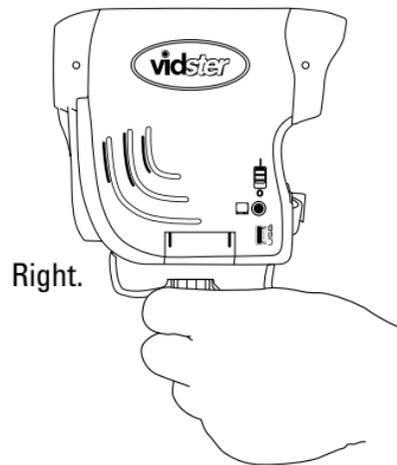
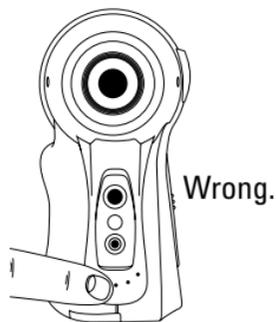
Battery Safety Information

In exceptional circumstances batteries may leak fluids that can cause a chemical burn injury or ruin your product. To avoid battery leakage:

- Do not recharge non-rechargeable batteries.
- Remove rechargeable batteries from the product before being charged (if designed to be rechargeable).
- Charge rechargeable batteries only under adult supervision (if designed to be rechargeable).
- Do not mix alkaline, standard (carbon-zinc) or rechargeable (nickel-cadmium) batteries.
- Do not mix old and new batteries.
- Use only batteries of the same or equivalent type as recommended.
- Insert batteries with the correct polarity.
- Remove exhausted batteries from the product.
- Do not short-circuit the supply terminals.
- Dispose of batteries safely.
- Do not dispose of this product in a fire. The batteries inside may explode or leak.

Using the camera

Use the handgrip or the hand strap to keep a proper hold on your camera.



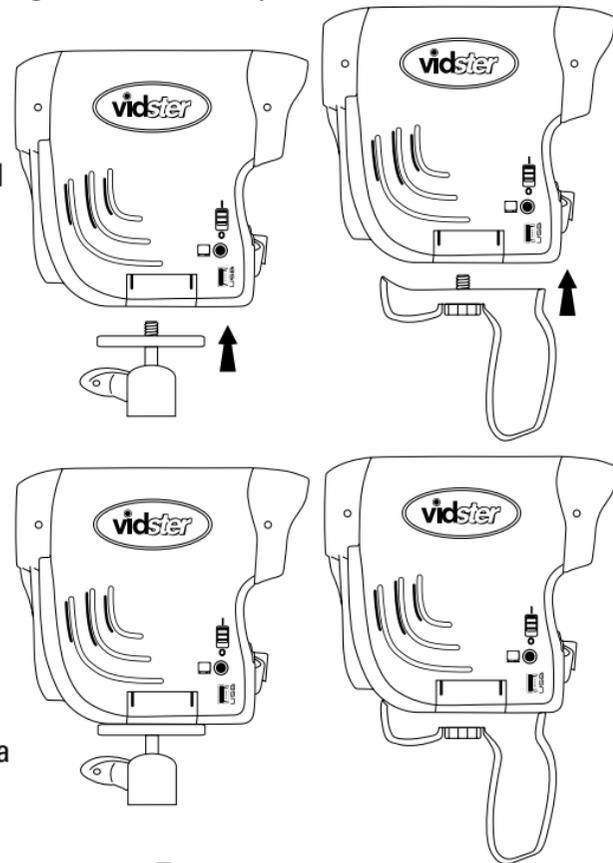
A tripod (optional) can also be purchased so that your camera can be set in one position for longer shoots or self-portraits.

To install your Grip or Tripod:

(1) Locate the threaded insert on the bottom of the Vidster™.

(2) Align and insert the threads on the grip (included) or a Tri-pod (optional) with the camera insert.

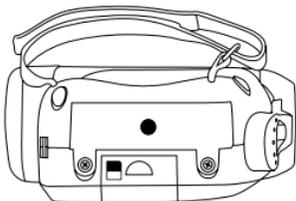
(3) Tighten the thumb-screw finger tight (do not use any tools to tighten this screw, as it may cause damage to your camera or accessory).



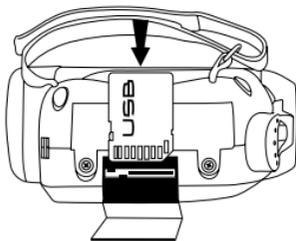
Installing SD Memory Card (Optional)

Your Vidster™ comes complete with 32MB of memory for saving pictures or video. If you want more memory, you'll need to add an SD or MMC Memory Card (sold separately) with a memory size greater than 32MB. This external memory takes priority over any internal memory. Turn –off your Vidster before installing a memory card.

To insert an SD Memory Card, (1) locate and open the memory door marked with the icon on the bottom of the Vidster™.



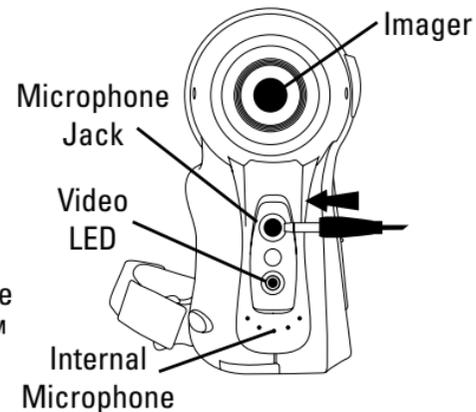
(2) Make sure the SD Memory Card is properly oriented. (3) Then push the card into the slot until it fits snugly inside. (4) The memory door may then be closed. The Vidster™ will automatically recognize when the SD Memory Card has been properly installed.



Note: You should never remove the Memory Card while the camera is in operation.

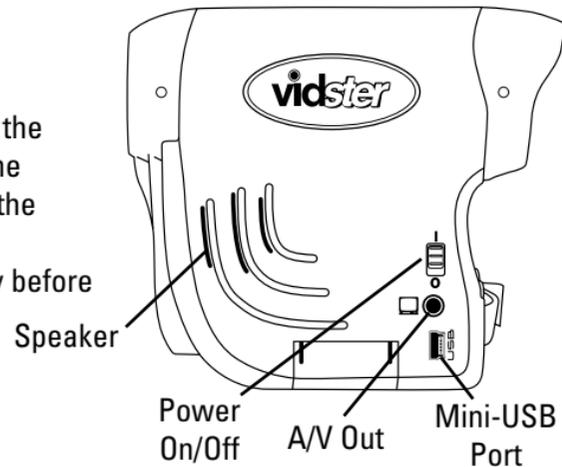
Installing Microphone (Optional)

The Vidster™ system has its own internal microphone but it can also be used with an external microphone (not included). To use an external mic, simply insert the microphone's connector into the Microphone Input Jack found in the front of the Vidster™. The Vidster™ will automatically start using the external microphone.

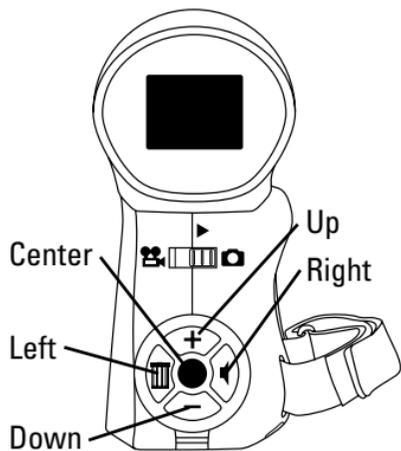


USING YOUR VIDSTER Camera Controls

To turn the camera on, find the Power ON/OFF switch on the side of the Vidster™. Push the switch to the ON position. There may be a slight delay before the screen comes to life.



Here's a list of what the buttons on the Control Pad do:



Direction Pad (D-Pad)

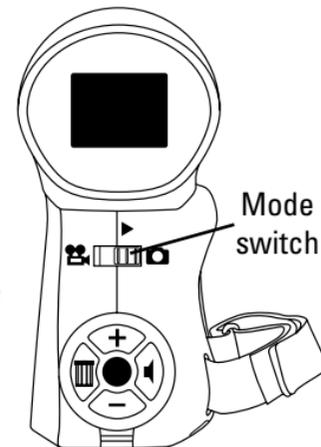
	Function
Up	Zoom In; Scroll Up, Volume Up
Down	Zoom Out; Scroll Down, Volume Down
Left	Delete (playback only)
Right	Volume Control (playback only)
Center	Start / Stop Recording; Select Option

Taking a Picture

To take a picture using the Vidster™:

1. Switch the camera ON.
2. Set the Mode switch to PICTURE.  A camera icon will appear on the screen.
3. Set the Zoom (see Zoom In / Zoom Out section for details).
4. Press the Center button to take the picture

Your picture is then displayed for you to review. If you want to delete the current picture, press the Delete (left) button on the D-Pad. This brings up the Delete menu. Select YES or NO and press the Center button to confirm your choice. Otherwise, in just a few seconds, the photo will be saved to the archive.



Video Recording

To record a video using the Vidster™:

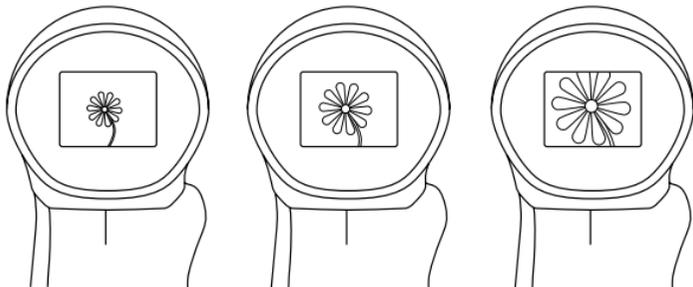
1. Switch the camera ON.
2. Set the Mode switch to VIDEO.  A video camera icon will appear on the screen.
3. If the memory is full you will get an on-screen message saying "Memory Full," you need to delete video or add an empty SD Card.
4. Set the Zoom (see Zoom In / Zoom Out section for details).

5. Press the Center button to start recording. A video time counter will appear on the screen showing the length of time of this recording.
6. Press the Center button to stop recording when you're done.

When you are recording a video the red LED light on the front of Vidster' will come on.

Zoom In / Zoom Out

If you want your view to move in closer or out farther, press the Up button or Down button to zoom. The zoom has three settings 1x, 1.5x and 2x.



* The Zoom level cannot be changed while video is being recorded.

Adjust Volume

During playback mode, you can set the speaker volume in order to listen to recorded videos. To do so, press the Right button on the D-Pad to get to the volume control. Press the Up button (Volume Up) on your

D-Pad or the Down button (Volume Down). The volume level will be immediately displayed on your LCD. You may increase or decrease the volume in increments of 1; there are 7 volume levels total.

Camera Playback

Switch the Mode button to playback. ► It will default to the last mode- video if you just shot a video, photo if you just shot a photo- and press the Down button if you want to view a Photo. Press the Center button to confirm your choice. Scroll forward using the Top button or backwards by using the Bottom button. At any time you may choose to delete a photo by pressing the Delete (left) button on the D-Pad. This brings up the Delete menu. Select YES or NO and press the Center button to confirm your choice.

At either end of your archived photos, you will return to the playback mode menu. In this menu, you can use the Up button to navigate to the Video mode or it will default to the Photo playback. Pressing the Center button will confirm your selection. While viewing your photos you may press the Center button to see a full screen image of the picture.

Camera Slideshow Playback

To start the slideshow, select any photo by pressing the Center button (photo enlarge to fill the full screen). Then select it a second time. Each photo will be shown for about three seconds until moving to the next

picture on the list. At the completion, it will return to the archived photos. At anytime you may press the Center button to exit the slideshow and return to the Camera Playback menu.

Video Camera Playback

Scroll forward (top button) or backwards (bottom button) to see the opening scene of all the videos archived. At any time you may choose to delete a video by pressing the Delete (left) button on the D-Pad. This brings up the Delete menu. Select YES or NO and press the Center button to confirm your choice.

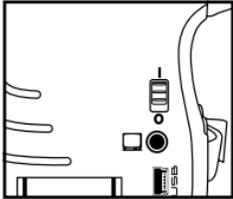
At either end of your archived videos, you will return to the playback mode menu. In this menu, you can use the down buttons to navigate to the photo playback or default to the video playback. Pressing the Center button will confirm your selection.

Navigate to any opening video scene and press the Center button to view the video. At its completion, you will be returned to the video archives or you may stop a video at any time and be returned to the video archives.

Note: If there are no pictures or scenes in the archive, use the up button to return to the main menu.

Connecting to your TV

Whether playing a scene back from the archive or showing your friends what you're doing in real time, you can hook your Vidster™ to most TV.

1. With both your Vidster™ and your TV in the off position. Locate the A/V out plug on your Vidster™. 
2. Attach your A/V cable (included) from the Vidster™ to your television video in. Plug the single plug into the side of your Vidster™ and connect the other end containing two plugs into your TV video in, matching the red plug to the TV's audio input and the yellow plug to the video input.
3. Turn on the Television and select the appropriate input (you may need to consult your Television's manual). Turn on your Vidster™.
4. Your Vidster™ screen will be blank, as the TV now becomes your viewing screen. Operate your Vidster™ normally. Any image on your Vidster™ will now be seen on your TV.

Downloading From Your Vidster™

If you want to download any of your images from your Vidster™;

1. Turn off your Vidster™ attaching a mini-USB cable (sold separately) to a compatible computer and your Vidster™.

2. Set the slide switch to Playback mode and turn on your Vidster™. Your Vidster™ cannot be used as a camera or a video camera while it's attached to your computer. The Vidster™ will show up as a 'removable drive' on your computer once it's plugged in. You can then move the images off and/or delete them, just as you would from any other storage drive.
3. Before removing or turning off your Vidster' camera, follow your computer's standard procedure for stopping & removing USB mass storage device. Then turn-off your Vidster and disconnect it from your computer.

Recommended minimum system configuration

- 550 MHZ Pentium III, AMD K-6, or equivalent processor with MMX support
- 128MB RAM or more
- 16MB video RAM or more
- Microsoft DirectX 9.0 installed
- 7200 RPM or faster hard disk
- Operating System: Windows ME, Windows 2000, Windows XP

VIDSTER' FEATURES & SPECIFICATIONS

Features

- 2x Digital Zoom Vidster™
- 32MB Memory

- Expandable memory via SD/MMC card
- Composite Video Out
- MJPEG video format
- QVGA Video resolution

Specifications

- SD/MMC card support up to 512MB
- DCIM nomenclature for picture directory
- Automatically detects video cables
- Quality: For Scene mode QVGA (320x240) video at 15 FPS
- MJPEG format
- 1.3 Megapixel photo resolution
- Screen: Internal LCD or TV selected via hardware. If nothing is plugged into the A/V out connection, all screen data is channeled to the LCD. If something is plugged into the A/V out connection, all data is sent in NTSC format.

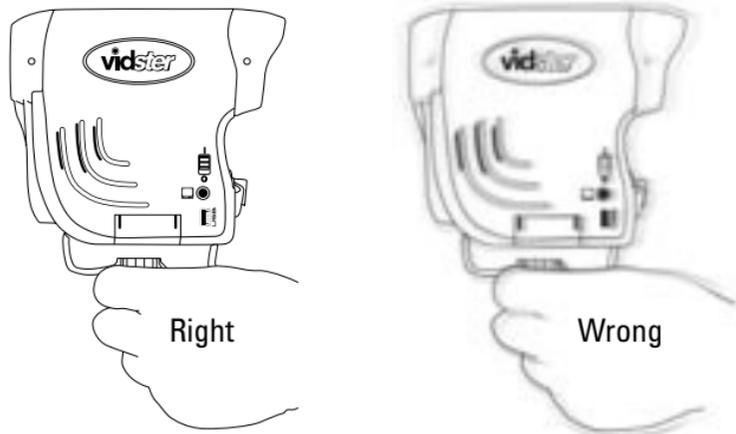
TIPS & TROUBLESHOOTING

Tips for the New User

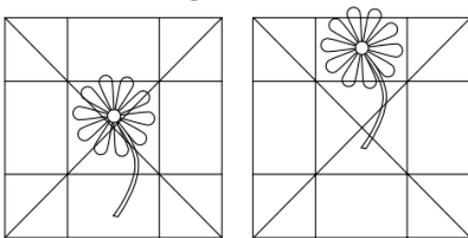
Try and keep whatever you're shooting well lit from the front. And always have adequate light!



Keep the camera level and steady; even when you're shooting a video, move slowly and steadily.



Keep your subject in the 'X', to get the best shot.



Try and tell a story with your pictures! For example, if you're at a birthday party, get a picture of the cake.

Always turn off your Vidster™ after each use. Remove batteries for extended storage. Your Vidster™ screen will say "Goodbye" when powering down. Your Vidster™ will go to sleep automatically after approximately 2 minutes of no operation. It may be restarted by pressing the Center button.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem

"Batteries Low"
Appears on screen

Resolution

Batteries low: If you see this, it will soon be time to replace the batteries.

"Memory Full"
Appears on screen

When you see this, the Vidster™ memory is full. Please delete or download any images or scenes you no longer wish to keep.

Unit won't turn on

If the Record (center) button hasn't been pressed for a while, the LCD will turn off. Pressing the record button will turn it back on. If that doesn't work, try turning the power switch off and then on again. If the problem persists, change the batteries.

No image on the TV	Check your connections. Is the white cable in the audio slot? Is the yellow cable hooked up to the video port? Is the TV on? Is the Vidster™ on?
Image comes out too dark	Always make sure there is adequate light!
Scene ended too early	Did you turn off the camera while recording? That ends the scene. Is there enough memory left? That will close a scene as well.

NINETY-DAYS LIMITED WARRANTY

Mattel, Inc. warrants to the original consumer purchaser that this product will be free of defects in material and workmanship for ninety (90) days (unless specified in alternate warranties) from the date of purchase. Mattel will replace the product, in the event of such a defect within the warranty period.

In the event of a defect covered under this warranty, first call the toll-free number listed below. Many problems can be solved in this manner. If necessary, you will be instructed to return the product, postage prepaid and insured, to the address below. Enclose your name, address, dated sales receipt, and a brief explanation of the defect. Replacement, and return shipment, will be free of charge.

This warranty does not cover damage resulting from unauthorized modification, accident, misuse or abuse. If the product is returned without a dated sales receipt the product may be excluded from coverage under this warranty.

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