



Force Band™ USER MANUAL

Product User Manual

This Important Product Information Guide contains safety, handling, disposal, recycling, and regulatory information as well as the limited warranty for Force Band™. Read all safety information and operating instructions before using Force Band to avoid injury or harm. For a downloadable version of the Force Band User and Product Guides, visit www.sphero.com/manuals.

IMPORTANT SAFETY AND HANDLING INFORMATION

Read the following warning before you or your child play with Force Band. Failing to do so may cause injury.

CAUTION: To reduce the risk of damage or injury, do not attempt to disassemble Force Band's casing; please refer all non-routine servicing questions to Sphero, Inc. No user-serviceable parts are contained inside.

General

- Read all safety and operating instructions before operating Force Band. Follow all operating and use instructions.
- Retain the safety and operating instructions for future reference.
- Do not attempt to service Force Band yourself. Refer all non-routine servicing to Sphero.

Seizure, Blackouts and Eyestrain

A small percentage of people may be susceptible to blackouts or seizures (even if they have never had one before) when exposed to flashing lights or light patterns such as when playing games or watching video. If you have experienced seizures or blackouts or have a family history of such occurrences, you should consult a physician before playing video games or watching videos. Discontinue use of Force Band and your smart device controller and consult a physician if you experience headaches, blackouts, seizures, convulsion, eye or muscle twitching, loss of awareness, involuntary movement, or disorientation. To reduce risk of headaches, blackouts, seizures, and eyestrain, avoid prolonged use, hold your smart device controller some distance from your eyes, use Force Band in a well-lit room, and take frequent breaks.

Repetitive Injury

When you perform repetitive activities such as playing games on your smart device controller, you may experience occasional discomfort in your hands, arms, shoulders, neck, or other parts of your body. Avoid excessive play. It is recommended that parents monitor their children for appropriate play. Take frequent breaks and if you have discomfort during or after such use, stop use and see a physician.

WARNING: Choking Hazards

Force Band has small parts inside its casing, which may present a choking hazard to small children and pets. Keep Force Band and its accessories away from small children.

Keeping Force Band Within Acceptable Temperatures

Operate and store Force Band in a place where the temperature is between 0° and 40° C (32° to 104° F). Low or high-temperature conditions might temporarily shorten battery life or cause Force Band to temporarily stop working properly. Avoid dramatic changes in temperature or humidity when using Force Band, as condensation may form on or within Force Band. Don't leave Force Band in your car, because temperatures in parked cars can exceed this range. When you're using Force Band or charging the battery, it is normal for Force Band to get warm. The exterior of Force Band functions as a cooling surface that transfers heat from inside the unit to the cooler air outside.

Use and Maintenance

WARNING: Force Band is not suitable for use by children under 8 years of age.

Never:

- Abuse, submerge in water, throw, drop, puncture, violently kick or step on Force Band. This can damage the device and compromise its safe operation.
- Operate Force Band in dangerous, hazardous or public areas where use is not permitted (high voltage power lines, train stations, airports, trains). Check whether use of Force Band is permitted before using it in public areas or public transport.
- Use the Sphero supplied USB cord to charge any device other than Force Band.

Always:

- Keep Force Band strapped to your wrist at all times when operating it to avoid injuries or damages to people, animals or property.
- Ensure that no one is standing nearer than 1 yard (1 meter) from Force Band users when in operation and that you keep a safe distance between people, animals and property.
- Periodically examine Force Band for potential hazards such as cracked, damaged or otherwise broken parts. In the event of such damage, do not use Force Band until it can be replaced or repaired.



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Battery Warning

- Lithium Polymer batteries are extremely hazardous and liable to cause serious injuries to persons or property. The user accepts liability for the use of a Lithium Polymer battery. As the manufacturer and the distributor cannot ensure the battery is used correctly (charging, discharging, storage, etc.), they cannot be held liable for damages caused to persons or property by improperly used batteries.
- In the event of battery leakage, avoid the liquid coming into contact with skin and eyes. In case of contact with the skin, wash copiously with soap and water. In case of contact with the eyes, rinse copiously with cold water and consult a doctor. If you notice a suspicious smell or noise or observe smoke around the charger, disconnect it immediately.
- Non-compliance with the instructions below could result in gas being given off, fire, electric shock or an explosion.

Charging

- Examine the unit regularly for damage to the cord, plug, enclosure or other parts. Never use a damaged cord or power adapter. Use only supplied USB cable and powered USB port or power adapter rated at 5vDC 500mA. Misuse can cause electrical shock.
- Never charge a leaky battery or one that has been damaged.
- Do not charge the battery near inflammable materials or on an inflammable surface (carpet, wooden flooring, wooden furniture, etc.) or conducting surface. Do not leave Force Band unattended during charging.
- It is essential to avoid short circuits. Use only suitable power chargers and adapters for charging Force Band. Do not use USB hubs for charging.
- Never charge the device immediately after use while it is still hot. Let it cool down to room temperature.
- Batteries are only to be charged under adult supervision.
- Do not cover your product while the battery is charging. Recharge the battery at a temperature of between 0° and 40° C (32° to 104° F).
- The AC/DC adaptor is not a toy and should only be operated by adults.

Use and storage

- Do not use Force Band if its cover has been broken and the battery's plastic cover has been cracked or compromised in any way.
- Do not expose the battery to excessive physical shock.
- Do not expose Force Band and its battery to heat or dispose of in a fire.
- Do not put Force Band in a microwave oven or in a pressurized container.
- Do not attempt to dismantle, pierce, distort or cut the battery and do not attempt to repair the battery. Do not place any heavy objects on Force Band.
- Do not clean Force Band with a solvent, denatured alcohol or other inflammable solvents. When cleaning, be sure to unplug the power adapter and charger.
- Do not subject Force Band and its battery to large temperature variations. Do not place your Force Band near a source of heat.
- Disconnect the cord when you are not charging the battery.

Battery disposal

Discarding Force Band and its batteries in your general household waste can be harmful to the environment. Damaged or unusable batteries must be disposed of in a container specially reserved for this purpose. When disposing of the battery, follow appropriate local guidelines and regulations. For further information, contact your local solid waste authority.

Warranty

Limited Warranty to Original Purchaser

This Sphero Force Band product, as supplied and distributed by Sphero, Inc. or its authorized distributor or reseller, and delivered new, in the original carton to the original purchaser, is warranted by Sphero, Inc. against manufacturing defects in materials and workmanship for a period of 1 year, or such longer period as applicable local law requires. If purchased directly from Sphero, Sphero will repair or replace this product, at our option and at no charge, with new or reconditioned parts, if found to be defective during the limited warranty period specified above. If purchased from an authorized Sphero distributor or reseller, such authorized party will replace this product, at no charge, with new or reconditioned parts, if found to be defective during the limited warranty period specified above.

If a defect arises:

Please contact us at support@sphero.com to be provided with a Return Material Authorization Request (RMA) number. Provide this number with your package when shipping. We do not accept returns without the RMA number. Purchaser is responsible for all shipping costs.

Software License

Use of Force Band is subject to the Force Band Software License Agreement found at: www.sphero.com.



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Exclusions and Limitations

This warranty covers the normal and intended use of Force Band. It applies only to the hardware product "Force Band" manufactured by or for Sphero, Inc. that can be identified by the "Sphero" trademark, trade name or logo affixed to it. The Limited Warranty does not apply to any non-Sphero hardware product or any software, even if packaged or sold with the Force Band hardware product. Refer to the software license agreement accompanying the software for details of your rights with respect to its use.

Sphero does not warrant that the operation of Force Band will be uninterrupted or error-free. Sphero is not responsible for damage arising from failure to follow instructions relating to Force Band's use. This warranty does not apply to:

- a) Consumable parts, such as batteries, or protective coatings designed to diminish over time unless failure has occurred due to a defect in materials or workmanship;
- b) Damage caused by use with non-Force Band products;
- c) Damage caused by accidents, misuse, abuse, neglect, misapplication, fire, water, lightning or other acts of nature; incorrect electrical line voltage, fluctuations or surges; damage caused by improper installation; product alteration or modification; improper or unauthorized repair; exterior finish or cosmetic damage;
- d) Damage caused by operating Force Band outside the intended uses described by Sphero;
- e) Defects caused by normal wear and tear or otherwise due to the normal aging of the Force Band product.

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Governing Law and Arbitration.

This Limited Warranty shall be governed by the laws of the State of Colorado without giving effect to any conflict of laws principles that may provide the application of the law of another jurisdiction. Any claim or dispute in connection with this Limited Warranty shall be resolved in a cost effective manner through binding non-appearance-based arbitration. The arbitration shall be initiated through an established alternative dispute resolution provider mutually agreed upon by the parties. The alternative dispute resolution provider and the parties must comply with the following rules:

- a) The arbitration shall be conducted by telephone, online and/or be solely based on written submissions, the specific manner shall be chosen by the party initiating the arbitration;
- b) The arbitration shall not involve any personal appearance by the parties or witnesses unless otherwise mutually agreed by the parties; and
- c) Any judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction.

If the foregoing arbitration clause does not apply for any reason, you agree to submit to the personal jurisdiction of the state courts located within Boulder County, Colorado and the federal courts in Denver, Colorado for the purpose of litigating all such claims or disputes, which courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction of such claims or disputes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Sphero may seek injunctive or other equitable relief to protect its intellectual property rights in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Changes to this Product Information Guide

The explanations and specifications in this guide are given for information only and may be modified at any time without prior notice. The latest version of this guide will be available from our website at www.sphero.com/manuals. The explanations and specifications contained in this guide are correct at the time of printing. Sphero reserves the right to amend or improve the product design or user guide without any restrictions and without any obligation to notify users.

As part of our ongoing effort to upgrade and improve our products, the product that you have purchased may therefore differ slightly from the model described in this guide.



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End of Life Product Disposal

At the end of this product's life, do not dispose of this product in your general household waste. Instead, in order to prevent possible harm to the environment or human health from uncontrolled waste disposal, please dispose of this product separately in accordance with your local laws and regulations. For more information on the separate collection systems for waste electrical and electronic equipment that are available for consumers, near your home, free of charge, please contact your local municipality authority. You can also contact the retailer from which you purchased your Force Band – they might have put in place recycling services or may be part of a specific recycling program.

This product will be then treated in an environmentally sound manner at a licensed recycling plant and its components will be recovered, recycled or reused in the most efficient manner, in compliance with the requirements of the Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (2012/19/EU) of 14 February, 2014 (as subsequently amended or replaced).

IMPORTANT!

Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

Technical Specification:

Transmit Frequency: BLE 4.0 (2402MHz – 2480MHz)

Maximum RF Output Power: <10dBm

FCC/ Industry Canada

FCC ID: SXO-AFB01 / IC: 10016A-AFB01 (Model: AFB01)

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This device complies with Industry Canada's licence-exempt RSSs. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause interference; and (2) This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Cet appareil est conforme à la partie 15 des règles de la FCC. Son fonctionnement est soumis aux deux conditions suivantes: (1) cet appareil ne doit pas provoquer d'interférences, et (2) cet appareil doit accepter toute interférence, y compris les interférences qui peuvent causer un mauvais fonctionnement de la dispositif.

Cet appareil est conforme avec Industrie Canada exempts de licence standard RSS (s). Son fonctionnement est soumis aux deux conditions suivantes: (1) cet appareil ne doit pas provoquer d'interférences, et (2) cet appareil doit accepter toute interférence, y compris les interférences qui peuvent causer un mauvais fonctionnement de la dispositif.

NOTE: 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.

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

CAN ICES-3 (B)/NMB-3(B)

Cet appareil numérique de la classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada

This equipment complies with radiation exposure limits set forth for uncontrolled environment. The antenna(s) used for this transmitter must be installed to provide a separation distance of at least 20 cm from all persons and must not be collocated or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

Cet équipement est conforme aux limites d'exposition aux rayonnements établies pour un environnement non contrôlé.

L'antenne utilisée pour ce transmetteur doit être installée de manière à fournir une séparation d'au moins 20 cm de toute personne, et ne doit pas être co-placé ou fonctionner en conjonction avec une autre antenne ou un autre transmetteur.



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WEEE

This symbol on the product or on its packaging indicates that this product must not be disposed of with your other household waste. Instead, it is your responsibility to dispose of your waste equipment by handing it over to a designed collection point for the recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment. The separate collection and recycling of your waste equipment at the time of disposal will help to conserve natural resources and ensure that it is recycled in a manner that protects human health and the environment. For more information about where you can drop off your waste equipment for recycling, please contact your local city office, your household waste disposal service, or the shop where you purchased the product.

Software

Your Force Band product can connect with special Sphero, Inc. copyrighted software to assist in its operation. Parts of this software may contain copyrighted elements that are licensed under the GPL, MIT, and Creative Common licenses among others. Additionally, your Force Band product contains proprietary firmware developed and copyrighted by Sphero, Inc. On our web site, free source code of sample software is available for developers; please visit www.sphero.com for more information.

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EC Declaration of Conformity

Hereby, Sphero, Inc. declares that Force Band model AFB01 is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Radio Equipment Directive (RED) 2014/53/EU.

The EC Declaration of Conformity can be found at the link below.

<https://support.sphero.com/support/solutions/articles/9000091303-declarations-of-conformity>



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