Getting Started

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

To turn on the Approach®, press . To turn off the Approach, press and hold .

Installing the Batteries

WARNING: Do not use a sharp object to remove user-replaceable batteries. Contact your local waste disposal department to properly recycle the batteries.

The Approach operates on two AA batteries (not included). Use alkaline, NiMH, or lithium batteries.

Use premium batteries for optimal performance and maximum battery life. The best performance is provided by lithium batteries and NiMH rechargeable batteries that are less than one year old with a capacity greater than 2500 mAh.

To install the batteries:
1. Lift the latch, and remove the battery cover.
2. Insert the batteries, observing polarity.

3. Replace the battery cover, and push the latch down.

**NOTE:** Remove the batteries when you do not plan to use the Approach for several months. When you remove the batteries, stored data is not lost.

**Play**

1. From the main menu, touch **Play**.
2. Select a course from the list.

**NOTE:** In play mode, your location on the course is represented by a golf ball.

**Using the Map**

The map shows an overview of the current hole you are playing. The bottom arrows allow you to preview upcoming holes. You can view the distance to the middle of the green, or use Touch Targeting to measure the distance to any point on the map.

**NOTE:** Because pin locations change, the Approach calculates the distance to the middle of the green and not the actual pin location.

**Distance to the middle of the green. Touch to go to Green View.**

Current hole. Touch to access the utility menu. The number of dots indicates par. For example, the current hole is a par three.

Touch to view the holes
**Touch Targeting**
1. To measure the target distance, touch anywhere on the screen.
2. Touch and drag your finger to position the red target circle.
3. Touch Done to return to the map of the hole.

**Distance**
- to the middle of the green from target circle
- to target circle

**Green View**
The Green View is a detailed view of the green that allows you to set a more accurate pin location.
1. From the map, touch the distance bubble in the upper-right corner.

**Keeping Score**
The Approach allows you to keep score for up to four players.
1. From the map, touch the hole number in the upper-left corner.
2. From the utility menu, touch Keep Score.
   - Touch to change par.
   - Touch and hold to view the individual scorecard.
3. Touch to enter the score.
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**NOTE:** Touch the par button at the top of the scorecard to change the par for the hole.

4. Touch and hold **Player** or the player’s name for an individual scorecard overview.

   Touch and hold to edit the player’s name.

5. Touch and hold **Player** or the player’s name to edit the name using the on-screen keyboard.

6. Touch □ to save the player’s name.

After using the scorecard the first time, the scorecard button appears on the main menu. Touch **Scorecard** to review the scorecard from your last round of golf.

**NOTE:** The Approach only saves the scorecard from your last round of golf. Once you start a new scorecard, it replaces the previous scorecard. To view scorecards on your computer, see page 6.

### Measuring a Shot

1. From the map, touch the hole number in the upper-left corner.

2. From the utility menu, touch **Measure Shot**.

3. Touch **Begin Measurement**.

4. Walk to your ball.

5. To clear the distance or start a new measurement, touch **Reset**.

**NOTE:** Touch **Back > Back >** to return to the map page while measuring. Measuring continues until you touch **Reset**.
Finding a Course Near You
Touch **Preview > Search Near You**. A list of the closest courses appears. Choose a course to preview.

Finding a Course by City
1. Touch **Preview > Spell City**.
2. Using the on-screen keyboard, enter letters in the name of the city. Touch ✓.
3. Select the city from the list.
4. Select the golf course from the list.

Finding a Course by Spelling the Name
1. Touch **Preview > Spell Course**.
2. Using the on-screen keyboard, enter letters in the name of the course. Touch ✓.
3. Select the golf course from the list.

Previewing a Course
Once you have found a course to preview, the Approach provides you with a hole-by-hole overview of the selected course.

Touch anywhere on the screen to enable Touch Targeting. Touch the distance bubble in the upper-right corner to go to Green View.

**NOTE:** The Keep Score and Measure Shot buttons are not active in preview mode.

Touch **Quit** to return to the main menu.
**Settings**

**Hole Transitioning**—select **Automatic** or **Manual** transitioning to the next hole.

**Units of Distance**—select **Yards** or **Metric**.

**Battery Type**—select **Alkaline**, **Lithium**, or **Rechargeable NiMH**.

**Viewing Scorecards on the Computer**

While only the most recent scorecard can be viewed on the unit, every scorecard recorded on the Approach can be viewed on your computer.

1. Lift the weather cap on the bottom of the Approach.

2. Connect the Approach to your computer using the mini-USB cable. Your Approach appears as a removable drive in My Computer on Windows computers and as a mounted volume on Mac computers.

   **NOTE:** Some operating systems or computers with multiple network drives cannot display the Approach drive. See your operating system Help file to learn how to map the drive.

3. Open the Garmin Approach drive, and double-click **ScorecardViewer.html**.

4. Select the scorecard you want to view.

**Acquiring GPS Satellites**

1. Go outdoors to an open area, away from tall buildings and trees.

2. Turn on the Approach. Acquiring satellite signals can take a few minutes.
When the satellite signal is weak, a blinking question mark appears on the map.

**Using the Clip**

You can use the clip to mount the Approach on your belt, pocket, or bag.

**To attach the clip:**
1. Position the spine attachment in the slots on the mounting spine of the Approach.
2. Slide the spine attachment up until it locks in place.

**Tips**

- To lock or unlock the screen, press and quickly release 🔄. Touch **Lock Screen** (or **Unlock Screen**).
- To stop playing at any time during the round, touch the hole number in the upper-left corner > **Quit Round**.

**Course Updates**

This product may be eligible for free course map updates. Go to [www.garmin.com/products/approachg5](http://www.garmin.com/products/approachg5).
Clearing User Data

**CAUTION:** This deletes all user-entered information.

1. Turn off your Approach.
2. Press your finger on the upper-left corner of the touch screen.
3. While holding your finger on the touch screen, turn on the Approach. Continue to hold your finger on the touch screen until the message appears.
4. Touch **Yes** to clear all user data.

All original settings are restored. Any items that you have saved are erased.

Specifications

Physical

**Size:** W × H × D: 1.4 × 4.5 × 2.3 in. (114 × 58 × 36 mm)

**Weight:** 6.8 oz. (192.8 g) without batteries

Display: diagonal: 3 in. (76 mm) backlit 65K color TFT display (240 × 400 pixels)

Case: Rugged, waterproof to IPX7

**Temperature Range:** From -4°F to 158°F (from -20 to 70°C)*

*The temperature rating of the Approach may exceed the usable range of some batteries. Some batteries can rupture at high temperatures.

**Power**

**Source:** Two AA batteries (alkaline, NiMH, or lithium)

**Accuracy**

**GPS:** < 33 ft. (10 m) 95% typical*

*Subject to accuracy degradation to 100 m 2DRMS under the US DoD imposed Selective Availability (SA) Program when activated.

**Velocity:** 0.328 ft./sec. (0.1 m/sec) steady state

**Interface:** USB mass storage device

**Data Storage Life:** Indefinite; no memory battery required
Performance

Receiver: more than 12 channels, high-sensitivity

Acquisition Times: < 1 second (warm start)
< 33 seconds (cold start)
< 36 seconds (Autolocate)

Update Rate: 1/second, continuous

Contact Garmin

Contact Garmin Product Support if you have any questions while using your Approach. In the USA, go to www.garmin.com/support, or contact Garmin USA by phone at (913) 397.8200 or (800) 800.1020.

Declaration of Conformity (DoC)

Hereby, Garmin, declares that this Approach is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Directive 1999/5/EC.

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