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Digital Cordless Phone



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User's manual
(Canada version)

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on purchasing your new VTech product. Before using this telephone, please read **Important safety instructions**.

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Important safety instructions

When using your telephone equipment, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock and injury, including the following:

1. Read and understand all instructions.
2. Follow all warnings and instructions marked on the product.
3. Unplug this product from the wall outlet before cleaning. Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners. Use a damp cloth for cleaning.
4. Do not use this product, except for the waterproof handset, near water such as near a bath tub, wash bowl, kitchen sink, laundry tub or a swimming pool, or in a wet basement or shower.
5. Do not place this product, on an unstable table, shelf, stand or other unstable surfaces.
6. Avoid placing the telephone system in places with extreme temperature, direct sunlight, or other electrical devices. Protect your phone from moisture, dust, corrosive liquids and fumes.
7. Slots and openings in the back or bottom of the telephone base and handset are provided for ventilation. To protect them from overheating, these openings must not be blocked by placing the product on a soft surface such as a bed, sofa or rug. This product should never be placed near or over a radiator or heat register. This product should not be placed in any area where proper ventilation is not provided.
8. This product should be operated only from the type of power source indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of power supply in your home or office, consult your dealer or local power company.

9. Do not allow anything to rest on the power cord. Do not install this product where the cord may be walked on.
10. Never push objects of any kind into this product through the slots in the telephone base or handset because they may touch dangerous voltage points or create a short circuit. Never spill liquid of any kind on the product.
11. To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not disassemble this product, but take it to an authorized service facility. Opening or removing parts of the telephone base or handset other than specified access doors may expose you to dangerous voltages or other risks. Incorrect reassembling can cause electric shock when the product is subsequently used.
12. Do not overload wall outlets and extension cords.
13. Unplug this product from the wall outlet and refer servicing to an authorized service facility under the following conditions:
 - When the power supply cord or plug is damaged or frayed.
 - If liquid has been spilled onto the product.
 - If the product has been exposed to rain or water.
 - If the product does not operate normally by following the operating instructions. Adjust only those controls that are covered by the operation instructions. Improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage and often requires extensive work by an authorized technician to restore the product to normal operation.
 - If the product has been dropped and the telephone base and/or handset has been damaged.
 - If the product exhibits a distinct change in performance.
14. Avoid using a telephone (other than cordless) during an electrical storm. There is a remote risk of electric shock from lightning.
15. Do not use the telephone to report a gas leak in the vicinity of the leak. Under certain circumstances, a spark may be created when the adapter is plugged into the power outlet, or when the handset is replaced in its cradle. This is a common event associated with the closing of any electrical circuit. The user should not plug the phone into a power outlet, and should not put a charged handset into the cradle, if the phone is located in an environment containing concentrations of flammable or flame-supporting gases, unless there is adequate ventilation. A spark in such an environment could create a fire or explosion. Such environments might include: medical use of oxygen without adequate ventilation; industrial gases (cleaning solvents; gasoline vapors; etc.); a leak of natural gas; etc.
16. Only put the handset of your telephone next to your ear when it is in normal talk mode.
17. The power adapter is intended to be correctly oriented in a vertical or floor mount position. The prongs are not designed to hold the plug in place if it is plugged into a ceiling, under-the-table or cabinet outlet.
18. For pluggable equipment, the socket-outlet shall be installed near the equipment and shall be easily accessible.
19. **CAUTION:** Use only the batteries indicated in this manual. There may be a risk of explosion if a wrong type of battery is used for the handset. Use only the supplied rechargeable batteries or replacement batteries (BT162342/BT262342) for the handset.

Do not dispose of batteries in a fire. They may explode.

20. Use only the adapter included with this product. Incorrect adapter polarity or voltage can seriously damage the product.
Base unit power adapter:
Output: 6V DC @ 400mA.

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Battery

- Use only the battery provided or equivalent. To order a replacement, visit our website at www.vtechcanada.com or call 1 (800) 267-7377.
- Do not dispose of the battery in a fire. Check with local waste management codes for special disposal instructions.
- Do not open or mutilate the battery. Released electrolyte is corrosive and may cause burns or injury to the eyes or skin. The electrolyte may be toxic if swallowed.
- Exercise care in handling batteries in order not to create a short circuit with conductive materials.
- Charge the battery provided with this product only in accordance with the instructions and limitations specified in this manual.

Precautions for users of implanted cardiac pacemakers

Cardiac pacemakers (applies only to digital cordless telephones):

Wireless Technology Research, LLC (WTR), an independent research entity, led a multidisciplinary evaluation of the interference between portable wireless telephones and implanted cardiac pacemakers. Supported by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, WTR recommends to physicians that:

Pacemaker patients

- Should keep wireless telephones at least six inches from the pacemaker.
- Should NOT place wireless telephones directly over the pacemaker, such as in a breast pocket, when it is turned ON.
- Should use the wireless telephone at the ear opposite the pacemaker.

WTR's evaluation did not identify any risk to bystanders with pacemakers from other persons using wireless telephones.

About cordless telephones

- **Privacy:** The same features that make a cordless telephone convenient create some limitations. Telephone calls are transmitted between the telephone base and the cordless handset by radio waves, so there is a possibility that the cordless telephone conversations could be intercepted by radio receiving equipment within range of the cordless handset. For this reason, you should not think of cordless telephone conversations as being as private as those on corded telephones.
- **Electrical power:** The telephone base of this cordless telephone must be connected to a working electrical outlet. The electrical outlet should not be controlled by a wall switch. Calls cannot be made from the cordless handset if the telephone base is unplugged, switched off or if the electrical power is interrupted.
- **Potential TV interference:** Some cordless telephones operate at frequencies that may cause interference to televisions and VCRs. To minimize or prevent such interference, do not place the telephone base of the cordless telephone near or on top of a TV or VCR. If interference is experienced, moving the cordless telephone farther away from the TV or VCR often reduces or eliminates the interference.
- **Rechargeable batteries:** Exercise care in handling batteries in order not to create a short circuit with conducting material such as rings, bracelets and keys. The battery or conductor may overheat and cause harm. Observe proper polarity between the battery and the battery charger.
- **Nickel-metal hydride rechargeable batteries:** Dispose of these batteries in a safe manner. Do not burn or puncture the battery. Like other batteries of this type, if burned or punctured, they could release caustic material which could cause injury.

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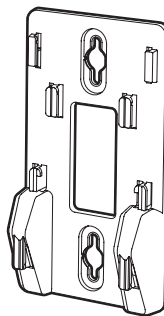
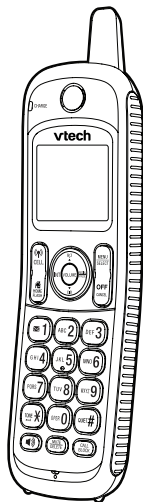
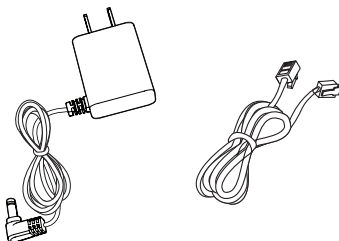
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What's in the box

Your telephone package contains the following items. Save your sales receipt and original packaging in the event warranty service is necessary.

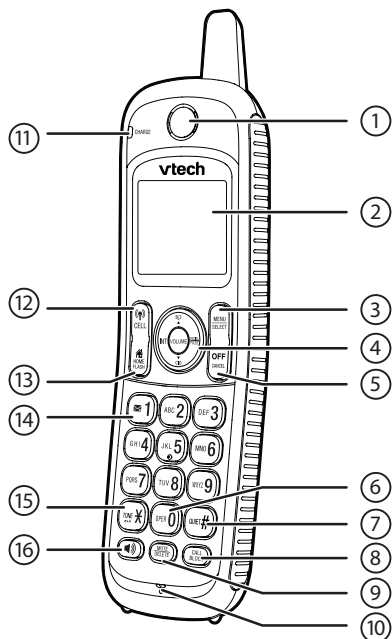
NOTE

- To purchase a replacement battery or power adapter, visit our website at www.vtechcanada.com or call **1 (800) 267-7377**.



Overview

Handset overview



1 – Receiver

2 – LCD display

3 – MENU/SELECT

- Press to show the menu.
- While in a menu, press to select an item, or save an entry or setting.

4 – /

- Press to show directory entries when the telephone is not in use.
- Press to increase the listening volume when on a call.
- Press to scroll up while in a menu.
- While entering names or numbers, press to move the cursor to the right.

/ CID

- Press to show the caller ID log when the telephone is not in use.
- Press to decrease the listening volume when on a call.

- Press to scroll down while in a menu.
- While entering names or numbers, press to move the cursor to the left.

INT

- Press to start an intercom conversation or transfer a call (for multi-handset models only).

REDIAL/PAUSE

- Press to review the redial list.
- Press and hold to insert a dialing pause while entering numbers.

5 – OFF / CANCEL

- Press to hang up a call.
- While in a menu, press to cancel an operation, return to the previous menu, or exit the menu display.
- When the handset is ringing, press to mute the ringer temporarily.
- Press and hold to erase the missed call indicator while the phone is not in use.
- Press and hold to return to idle mode, without making changes.

6 – OPER 0

- Press to add a space when entering names.

7 – QUIET#

- Press repeatedly to show other dialing options when reviewing a caller ID log entry.
- Press and hold to enter the quiet mode setting screen, or to deactivate quiet mode.

8 – CALL BLOCK

- When the handset is not in use, press to show the call block menu.

9 – MUTE/DELETE

- During a call, press to mute the microphone.
- When the handset is ringing, press to mute the ringer temporarily.

- While reviewing the redial list, directory, caller ID log or block list, press to delete an individual entry.
- While entering names or numbers, press to delete a digit or character.
- While entering names or numbers, press and hold to delete all digits or characters.

10 – Microphone

11 – CHARGE light

- On when the handset is charging in the telephone base.

12 – CELL

- Press to make or answer a cell call.
- During a call, press to answer an incoming cell call when you receive a call waiting alert.

13 – HOME / FLASH

- Press to make or answer a home call.
- During a call, press to answer an incoming home call when you receive a call waiting alert.

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- Press and hold to set or dial your voicemail number.
- Press repeatedly to add or remove 1 in front of the caller ID log entry before dialing or saving it to the directory.

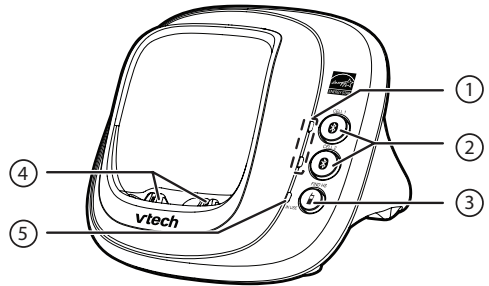
15 – TONE / a▷A

- Press to switch to tone dialing temporarily during a call if you have set the dial mode to pulse.
- While entering names, press to change the next letter to upper or lower case.

16 –

- Make or answer a call using the handset speakerphone.
- Switch between the handset speakerphone and the handset earpiece during a call.

Telephone base overview



1 – CELL 1 / CELL 2 lights

- On steadily when the telephone base is paired and connected with a Bluetooth device.
- Flashes when the telephone base is in discoverable mode.
- Flashes when there is an incoming cell call.

2 – CELL 1 / CELL 2

- Press and hold to add or replace a Bluetooth device.
- Press to re-connect a disconnected cell device.

3 – FIND HS

- Press to page your handset.











4 – Charging cradle

3 – IN USE light


- On when the telephone line is in use.
- Flashes when there is an incoming call, or another telephone sharing the same line is in use.

Display icons overview



Handset screen icons

	Flashes when the battery is low and needs charging.
	Animates when the battery is charging.
	The battery is fully charged.
ECO	The ECO mode activates automatically to reduce power consumption when the handset is within range of the telephone base.
	There are new voicemail received from your telephone service provider.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Displays when the home line is in use. Flashes when there is an incoming home call waiting or when the call is on hold. Indication of a caller ID log entry received from a home call.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are Bluetooth devices connected on the cell devices list. Indication of a caller ID log entry received from a cell call.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Displays when the cell line is in use. Flashes when there is an incoming cell call waiting or when the call is on hold.
NEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are new caller ID log entries. Indication of new missed call.
	In idle mode, the current time is displayed. In Caller ID mode, the time of the call is displayed.
	The handset ringer is turned off.
Muted	The microphone is muted.
	In idle mode, the current date is displayed. In Caller ID mode, the date of the call is displayed.

Handset lights overview

	On when the handset speakerphone is in use.
CHARGE	On when the handset is charging in the telephone base.

Telephone base lights overview

CELL 1  /CELL 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On steadily when a Bluetooth device is connected to the telephone base. Flashes when the telephone base is in discoverable mode. Flashes when there is an incoming cell call.
IN USE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On when the telephone line is in use.

Warning

The DS6161 handset is waterproof, but the telephone base is not. Do not place the telephone base in the bathroom or other humid areas.

Connect

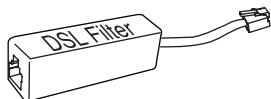
You can choose to connect the telephone base for desktop usage or wall mounting.

NOTES

- Use only the adapters provided.
- Make sure the electrical outlets are not controlled by wall switches.
- The adapters are intended to be correctly oriented in a vertical or floor mount position. The prongs are not designed to hold the plug in place if it is plugged into a ceiling, under-the-table or cabinet outlet.

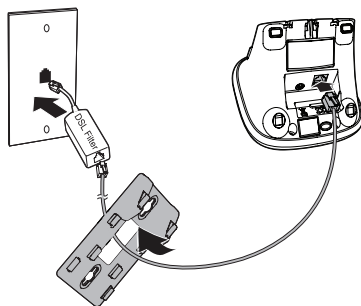
TIP

- If you subscribe to digital subscriber line (DSL) high-speed Internet service through your telephone line, make sure you install a **DSL filter** (not included) between the telephone line cord and telephone wall jack. Contact your DSL service provider for more information.

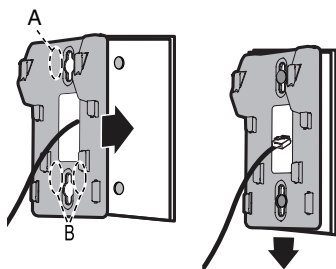


Mount the telephone base

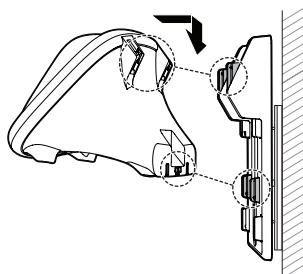
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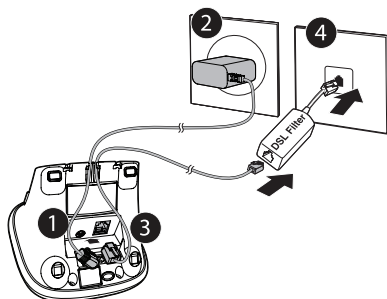
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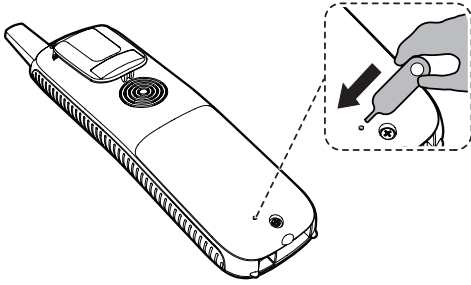
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Connect the telephone base



Activate the handset



1. Remove the wrapper and take the nail pin from it. Insert the nail pin into the hole on the back of the handset, and press the button inside.
2. Keep the nail pin for future use.

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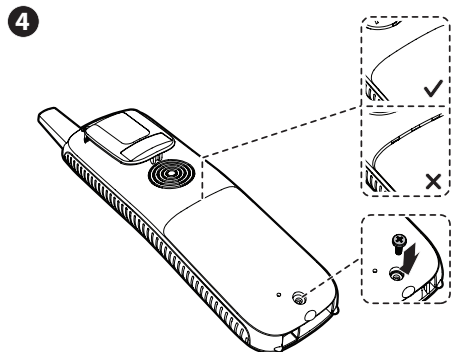
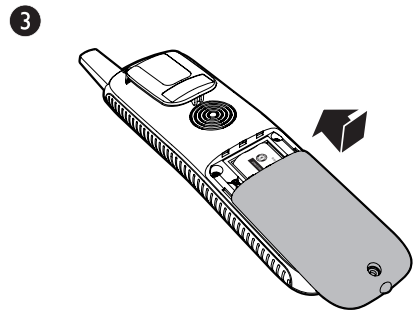
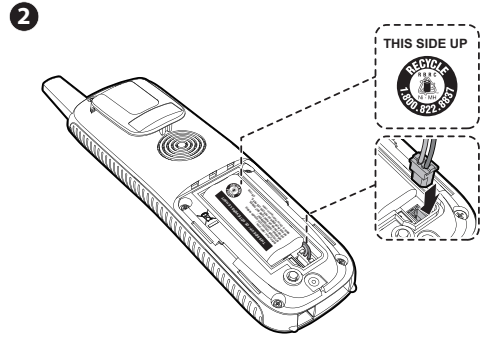
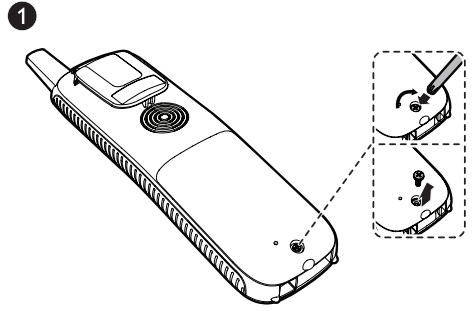
- The handset battery is pre-installed.
- Make sure the handset is activated before charging.
- When you dock the handset on the base, and the LCD displays **To power on HS, see manual**, then you have to repeat step 1 to properly activate the handset before charging.

Replace the battery

With average use, your phone's battery should last approximately one year. To order a replacement battery pack, visit our website at www.vtechcanada.com or call 1 (800) 267-7377.

NOTES

- Use a T6 Torx screwdriver to unscrew the battery door.
- Charge the battery provided with this product only in accordance with the instructions and limitations specified in this manual.
- If the handset will not be used for a long time, disconnect and remove the battery to prevent possible leakage.



Charge the battery



After you have activated the handset, place it in the telephone base to charge for at least 12 hours. While charging, the **CHARGE** light turns on.



Once you have activated the handset, the LCD display indicates the battery status (see the table below).

NOTES

- For best performance, keep the handset in the telephone base when not in use.
- The battery is fully charged after 12 hours of continuous charging.

BATTERY INDICATORS	BATTERY STATUS	ACTION
The screen is blank, or displays Place in charger and  flashes.	The battery has no or very little charge. The handset cannot be used.	Charge without interruption (at least 30 minutes).
The screen displays Low battery and  flashes.	The battery has enough charge to be used for a short time.	Charge without interruption (about 30 minutes).
The screen displays HANDSET X .	The battery is charged.	To keep the battery charged, place it in the telephone base when not in use.

When the battery is fully charged, you can expect the following performance:

OPERATION	OPERATING TIME
While in use (talking*)	Seven hours
While in speakerphone mode (talking*)	Three and a half hours
While not in use (standby**)	Five days

* Operating times vary depending on your actual use and the age of the battery.

** Handset is not charging nor in use.

Before use

After you install your telephone or power returns following a power outage, the handset will prompt you to set the date and time.

Set date and time

NOTES

- Make sure you set the date and time including the year correctly; otherwise the answering system does not announce the correct day of the week for your recorded messages time stamp.
 - To skip setting the date and time, press **OFF** on the handset.
 - To manually set the date and time, refer to Configure your telephone.
1. Use the dialing keys (**0-9**) to enter the month (**MM**), date (**DD**) and year (**YY**). Then press **SELECT**.
 2. Use the dialing keys (**0-9**) to enter the hour (**HH**) and minute (**MM**). Then press **▼** or **▲** to choose **AM** or **PM**.
 3. Press **SELECT** to save.

Check for dial tone

Press  **HOME / FLASH**. If you hear a dial tone, the installation is successful.





If you do not hear a dial tone:

- Make sure the installation procedures described above are properly done.
- It may be a wiring problem. If you have changed your telephone service to digital service from a cable company or a VoIP service provider, the telephone line may need to be rewired to allow all existing telephone jacks to work. Contact your cable/VoIP service provider for more information.

Operating range

This cordless telephone operates with the maximum power allowed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Even so, this handset and telephone base can communicate over only a certain distance - which can vary with the locations of the telephone base and handset, the weather, and the layout of your home or office.

When the handset is out of range, the handset displays **Out of range or no pwr at base**.

If there is a call while the handset is out of range, it may not ring, or if it does ring, the call may not connect well when you press  **HOME / FLASH** and/or  **CELL**. Move closer to the telephone base, then press  **HOME / FLASH** and/or  **CELL** to answer the call.

If the handset moves out of range during a telephone conversation, there may be interference. To improve reception, move closer to the telephone base.

Bluetooth

Your new **DS6161** telephone system with Bluetooth wireless technology has the following features:

- Pair and connect up to a maximum of two cell phones with the telephone base to make and receive cell calls. Only one cell phone can be active on a call at a time.
- Make and receive calls using your cell phone plan while utilizing the ease and comfort of your home telephone system.
- Receive directory entries from your cell phone.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Refer to the user's manual of your Bluetooth enabled cell phone for more information about how that device uses Bluetooth connectivity.
- Bluetooth wireless technology operates within a short range (a maximum of approximately 15 feet) from the telephone base. Keep connected cell phones within this range. For optimal performance, place your cell phone next to the telephone base while using the **DS6161** cell line.
- If your cell phone has poor reception in your home, the **DS6161** cannot improve the reception. However, if there is a location in your house with better reception, you can leave your cell phone at that location while using the **DS6161** cell line.
- If you experience poor sound quality, place your cell phone closer to the **DS6161** to ensure strong Bluetooth signal strength. Make sure there are no physical obstacles between the **DS6161** and the cell phone, such as large furniture or thick walls.

- Charge your cell phone while it is connected to the telephone base. Your cell phone's battery will discharge faster while it is connected to the telephone base via Bluetooth wireless technology.
- Monitor your cell phone's usage because minutes are deducted from your cellular plan for the duration of all cell calls.

Refer to **Bluetooth setup** to learn how to set up and manage your Bluetooth enabled devices. Refer to **Telephone operation** on how to operate your Bluetooth devices with your new **DS6161** telephone system with Bluetooth wireless technology. Refer to **Frequently asked questions** if you experience difficulty using the telephone system.

Glossary of terms

Below are some terms used in this user's manual to help you become familiar with using your Bluetooth enabled cell phone and your new **DS6161** telephone system.

Bluetooth cell phone - refers to a Bluetooth enabled cellular telephone.

Cell line - the telephone line associated with your cell phone service. On your **DS6161** handset, press **(☎)/CELL** to use the cell line.

Connected - when you pair a Bluetooth cell phone to the **DS6161**, it is automatically connected. When a cell phone is connected, **1** and/or **2** displays after **(📶)** on the handset and the **(📶) CELL 1** and/or **(📶) CELL 2** light on the telephone base is on. If a cell phone loses its connection to the telephone base, it must be reconnected before you can use the cell phone with the **DS6161**.

Disconnected - when a cell phone is disconnected, the **(📶)** on the handset no longer displays and the **(📶) CELL 1** and/or **(📶) CELL 2** light on the telephone base is off.

Discoverable mode - before a Bluetooth enabled device can be paired, it must be set to this mode. When pairing your cell phone, the telephone base will be set to this mode. Depending on the manufacturer, this mode is sometimes referred to as **Find Me** or **Visibility**.

Home line - your conventional telephone land line. On your **DS6161** handset, press **⏠/HOME/FLASH** to use the home line.

Paired device - once a Bluetooth enabled cell phone has been paired with the telephone base, it appears on the cell devices list. A maximum of two cell phones can be paired with the telephone base.

Pairing - this refers to the process of Bluetooth enabled cell phone registering device information with each other. The telephone base must be paired with the Bluetooth enabled cell phone before it can be used. Depending on the manufacturer, this is also referred to as **Bonding**.

PIN - by default, the PIN is **0000** for the telephone base and for most Bluetooth devices. PIN information must be exchanged between Bluetooth devices before they can be used. This is also known as a **Passkey** or **Passcode**.

Bluetooth setup

NOTE

- Make sure your cell phone has a good cell reception near the telephone base.

To use a Bluetooth enabled cell phone with your **DS6161**, you must first pair and connect it with the telephone base. All **DS6161** handsets can be used to make or answer on the cell phone line.

Bluetooth wireless technology operates within a short range (15 feet). When you pair a Bluetooth cell phone to the telephone base, move closer to the telephone base to maintain sufficient signal strength.

NOTES

- For optimal performance, place your cell phone next to the telephone base while using the cell line.
- To avoid interference from other electronic devices, place your telephone base far away from devices such as baby monitors, wireless routers, microwaves and computers.

VTech Connect to Cell™ application

If you are using Bluetooth enabled Android® phones (OS 2.3 or higher), you can further extend the flexibility of your telephone system with use of this free application.

VTech Connect to Cell comprises **Caller ID manager** and **Alerts manager** that help you integrate your cell phone with your new **DS6161**.

To learn more or download this application via **Google Play® Store**, Scan the QR code on the right, or go to



http://www.vtechphones.com/app_connect_to_cell.

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Add a Bluetooth enabled cell phone

Before you begin, make sure that you have cellular coverage and your Bluetooth enabled cell phone is not connected to any other Bluetooth devices. Refer to your cell phone user's manual to learn how to search for or add new Bluetooth devices.

All paired cell phones are shown on the cell devices list.

Once you have paired and connected a device with the telephone base, you do not need to repeat the procedure again unless you want to replace the existing paired cell phone with a new one.

To pair and connect a cell phone:

1. Choose a slot to pair the cell phone. Press and hold **Ⓜ CELL 1** and/or **Ⓜ CELL 2** on the telephone base for about four seconds until the **Ⓜ CELL 1** and/or **Ⓜ CELL 2** light flashes.
 - If there is already a cell phone in the slot, the existing cell phone will be erased from cell devices list.

2. Turn on the Bluetooth feature of your cell phone. Once your cell phone finds your VTech phone (**VTech DS6161**), press the appropriate key on your cell phone to continue the pairing process.

- Your cell phone may prompt you to enter the PIN of the telephone base. The default PIN of the telephone base is **0000**.
- All cell phones that are connected to the telephone base are disconnected temporarily until the pairing process is complete.

When the cell phone is successfully paired and connected to the telephone base, the corresponding status icon (📶¹ or 📶₂) displays. The corresponding device light (📶 **CELL 1** and/or 📶 **CELL 2**) turns on.

The pairing process may take up to one minute. If the pairing process fails, turn off the Bluetooth feature on your cell phone and on the **DS6161** by pressing 📶 **CELL 1** / 📶 **CELL 2**. Then repeat the steps above to pair and connect again. In some cases, it may take you a few attempts to complete the pairing process.

The steps for the pairing process may vary for different cell phones. If this happens, follow the prompts on your cell phone and your **DS6161** to complete the pairing process.

If you have trouble pairing your cell phone, it may not be compatible with your DS6161. Check the Bluetooth compatibility list at www.vtechcanada.com.

Auto connection

A cell device may be disconnected from the telephone base when:

- The Bluetooth feature of your connected cell device is turned off.
- The power of your cell device is turned off.
- Your cell device is not within range of the telephone base.

After the cell device is disconnected, wait for about 1 minute. Then, power on the cell device, turn on the Bluetooth feature, or move it within range of the base, the base will try to reconnect to the cell device. If you disconnect the cell device from the cell devices list, the base will not attempt to reconnect unless your cell device is moved out of range and back in range again.

NOTE

- If your cell device does not reconnect to the base automatically, follow the section below to connect it manually.



Connect a paired cell phone

If you need to connect your paired cell phone to the telephone base manually:







1. Press 📶 **CELL 1** and/or 📶 **CELL 2** on the telephone base when it is not in use. The 📶 **CELL 1** and/or 📶 **CELL 2** light flashes.
2. When the cell phone is connected to the telephone base, the corresponding status icon (📶¹/📶₂) displays on the handset screen. The corresponding device light (📶 **CELL 1** and/or 📶 **CELL 2**) turns on.

Disconnect a paired cell phone

If you need to disconnect a paired cell phone from the telephone base, refer to the user's manuals of your cell phone for instructions to disconnect a Bluetooth device.

If you press and hold  **CELL 1** and/or  **CELL 2** on the telephone base, the existing paired cell phone in that slot will be erased. See **Add a Bluetooth enabled cell phone** on how to pair and connect a new cell phone.

Review the cell device list

1. Press **MENU** on the handset when it is not in use.
2. Press  or  to choose **Bluetooth**, and then press **SELECT**.
3. Press  or  to choose **Device list**, and then press **SELECT**.
4. Press  or  to browse.



Download directory contacts





You can download directory entries to your **DS6161** telephone system via Bluetooth wireless technology. Each downloaded directory are stored in the handset directory with up to 24 digits for each phone number and 15 characters for each name.

Before downloading the directory, make sure the cell phone is paired and connected to the **DS6161**. Make sure the handset battery is charged for at least 10 minutes.

Place your cell phone next to the telephone base while downloading.

To download contacts from your Bluetooth cell phone:

1. Press **MENU** on the phone when it is not in use.
2. Press  or  to choose **Bluetooth**, and then press **SELECT**.

3. Press  or  to choose **Download dir**, and then press **SELECT**. The handset displays **Select a device** briefly.
 - If there is no cell phone paired to the system, the handset displays **Pair cell first** and then returns to the previous menu.
4. Press  or  to choose a desired device when necessary, and then press **SELECT**.
 - If the selected device is not available, the handset displays **DX not avail** and then returns to the previous menu.

During the download, the handset flashes **Downloading...**
All other idle system handsets display **Downloading...**

5. When the downloading process completes or when the memory is full, the handset displays **Entries added: XXX**. Then the handset returns to the Bluetooth menu.

NOTES

- Certain cell phones do not support SIM card download. If this is the case, try transferring the contacts from your SIM card to your cell phone memory first, and then download from your cell phone memory. For more information on how to transfer contacts from your SIM card to your cell phone memory, see the user's manual of your cell phone.
- When downloading the directory from your Bluetooth enabled cell phone, some data may not transfer. For example, if you have home, mobile and work numbers for a particular contact, the three categories may not transfer to your **DS6161**.
- For certain cell phones, you may need to press a key on your cell phone to confirm the directory download.
- For Android and Blackberry cell phones, you may also download your cell phone directory to your **DS6161** via the VTech Contact Share application. Scan the QR code on the right, or go to **www.vtechphones.com/apps/contact_share** for application download.

Configure your telephone

Set language

The LCD language is preset to English. You can select English, French or Spanish to be used in all screen displays.

1. Press **MENU** when the phone is not in use.
2. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **Settings** and then press **SELECT** twice.
3. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **LCD language**, then press **SELECT**.
4. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **English**, **Français** or **Español**, then press **SELECT** to confirm.

Set date and time

NOTE

- Make sure you set the date and time including the year correctly; otherwise the answering system does not announce the correct day of the week for your recorded messages time stamp.
1. Press **MENU** when the phone is not in use.
 2. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **Set date/time** and then press **SELECT**.
 3. Use the dialing keys (**0-9**) to enter the month (**MM**), date (**DD**) and year (**YY**). Then press **SELECT**.
 4. Use the dialing keys (**0-9**) to enter the hour (**HH**) and minute (**MM**). Then press **▼** or **▲** to choose **AM** or **PM**.
 5. Press **SELECT** to save your setting. You hear a confirmation tone.

Home area code

If you dial local calls using only seven digits (area code not required), you can program your home area code so that when you receive a call within your local area, the telephone number is automatically stored in the caller ID log without the area code.

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **Settings** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **Home area code**, and then press **SELECT**. The screen displays **Home area code ___**.
4. Use the dialing keys (**0-9**) to enter the desired home area code.
5. Press **SELECT** to confirm. You hear a confirmation tone.

NOTE

- If, in the future, your telephone service provider requires you to dial the area code when making a local call, or, if you move to a location that requires it, delete the home area code you have already programmed following the steps above. After you have deleted the home area code, **___** appears.

Dial mode

The dial mode is preset to touch-tone dialing. If you have pulse (rotary) service, you need to change the dial mode to pulse dialing before using the telephone.

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **Settings**, and then press **SELECT**.
3. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **Dial mode**, then press **SELECT**.
4. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **Touch-tone** or **Pulse**, then press **SELECT**. You hear a confirmation tone.

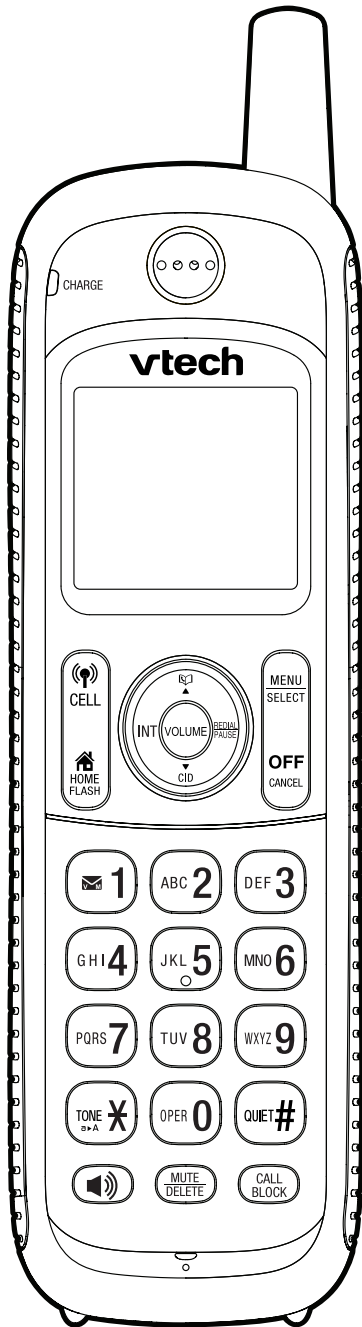
Temporary tone dialing

If you have pulse (rotary) service only, you can switch from pulse to touch-tone dialing temporarily during a call. This is useful if you need to send touch-tone signals to access your telephone banking or long distance services.

1. During a call, press **tone X**.
2. Use the dialing keys to enter the number you wish to dial. The telephone sends touch-tone signals. It automatically returns to pulse dialing mode after you end the call.

Telephone operations

Handset control key panel



Make a home call

- Press **HOME** or **PAUSE** , and then dial the telephone number.

NOTES

- The screen shows the elapsed time as you talk (in hours, minutes and seconds).
- While entering numbers, press and hold PAUSE to insert a dialing pause (a **P** appears).

Predial a home call

- Enter the telephone number using the dialing keys (**0-9**), then press **HOME** or **PAUSE** to dial.

NOTE

- When predialing (preview numbers before dialing), press **DELETE** or **CANCEL** to backspace and delete; press and hold PAUSE to insert a dialing pause (a **P** appears).

Make a cell call

- Press **CELL** , and then dial the telephone number.

NOTES

- The screen shows the elapsed time as you talk (in hours, minutes and seconds).
- While entering numbers, press and hold PAUSE to insert a dialing pause (a **P** appears).

Predial a cell call

- Enter the telephone number using the dialing keys (**0-9**), then press **HOME** or **PAUSE** to dial.

NOTE

- When predialing (preview numbers before dialing), press **DELETE** or **CANCEL** to backspace and delete; press and hold PAUSE to insert a dialing pause (a **P** appears).

Answer a home call

- Press **HOME** , **PAUSE** or any dialing key.


Answer a cell call

- Press **CELL** , **PAUSE** or any dialing key.

End a call

- Press **OFF** or put the handset back in the telephone base.

Speakerphone

During a call, press  to switch between speakerphone and normal handset use.

When the speakerphone is active, handset displays **Speaker**.

Volume control

- During a call, press **▲/VOLUME/▼** on the handset to adjust the listening volume.


If this is a cell call and the volume is too loud or quiet, try changing the volume on your cell phone. On some cell phones, changing the volume on the cell phone affects your cell call volume on the DS6161 handset.

Mute


The mute function allows you to mute your microphone, so that you can hear the other party but the other party cannot hear you.

- During a call, press **MUTE**. The screen displays **Muted** until the mute function is turned off.
- Press **MUTE** again to resume the conversation. The handset displays **Microphone on** briefly.

Answer a cell call while on a home call

While you are on a home call and you receive an incoming cell call, you hear a beep, and your handset flashes .


To answer the incoming cell call:

Press  / **CELL** on the handset. The home line is put on hold.


To resume the home call on hold:

Press  / **HOME** on the handset.

Answer a home call while on a cell call

While you are on a cell call and you receive an incoming home call, you hear a beep, and your handset flashes .


To answer the incoming home call:

Press  / **HOME** on the handset. The home line is put on hold.

To resume the cell call on hold:


Press  / **CELL** on the handset.

Call waiting on the home line

When you subscribe to call waiting service from your telephone service provider, the handset flashes  and you hear an alert tone if there is an incoming call while you are already on a call.

- Press **FLASH** on the handset to put the current call on hold and take the new call.
- Press **FLASH** on the handset at any time to switch back and forth between calls.

Call waiting on the cell line

When you subscribe to call waiting service from your telephone service provider, the handset flashes  and you hear an alert tone if there is an incoming call while you are already on a call.

- Press **FLASH** on the handset to put the current call on hold and take the new call.
- Press **FLASH** on the handset at any time to switch back and forth between calls.

Chain dialing

Use this feature to initiate a dialing sequence from numbers stored in the directory, caller ID log or redial list while you are on a call.

Chain dialing can be useful if you wish to access other numbers (such as bank account numbers or access codes) from the directory, caller ID log or redial list.

To access a number in the directory while on a call:

1. Press **MENU**.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to choose **Directory**, then press **SELECT**.
3. Press ▼ or ▲ to scroll to the desired entry.
4. Press **SELECT** to dial the displayed number.

To access a number in the caller ID log while on a call:

1. Press **MENU**.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to choose **Caller ID log**, then press **SELECT**.
3. Press **SELECT** and then press ▼ or ▲ to scroll to the desired entry.
4. Press **SELECT** to dial the displayed number.

To access a number in the redial list while on a call:


1. Press **REDIAL** to enter the redial list.
2. Press ▼, ▲ or **REDIAL** on the handset repeatedly to browse to the desired entry.
3. Press **SELECT** to dial the displayed number.

NOTE

- Press **OFF** on the handset to exit redial list, directory or caller ID log when you are on a call.

Find handset

Use this feature to find all system handsets.

- Press **FIND HS**  on the telephone base when not in use. All idle handsets ring and display **** Paging ****.

To end paging:

- Press **FIND HS**  again on the telephone base.


-OR-

- Press  **HOME**,  **CELL**, , **OFF** or any of the dialing key on the handset.

-OR-

- Place the handset in the telephone base.

NOTES

- Press **MUTE** to turn off the ringer of a handset temporarily. Paging tone continues on the other handset.
- Do not press and hold **FIND HS**  for more than four seconds. It may lead to handset deregistration. If the handset displays **To register, see user manual**, refer to the **Frequently asked questions** section to register the handset back to the telephone base.




Redial list

Each handset stores the last 10 telephone numbers dialed (up to 30 digits). Entries are shown in reverse chronological order. When there are already 10 entries, the oldest entry is deleted to make room for the new entry.




Review the redial list

1. Press **REDIAL** on the handset when the phone is not in use.
2. Press ▼, ▲ or **REDIAL** repeatedly to browse.

Dial a redial list entry

1. Search for the desired entry in the redial list (see **Review the redial list**).
2. When the desired entry displays, press  **HOME**, or  to dial using the home line, or press  **CELL** to dial using the cell line.

-OR-

1. Press  **HOME**, or  to use the home line, or press  **CELL** to use the cell line when the handset is not in use.
2. Press **REDIAL** on the handset.
3. Press ▼ or ▲ until the desired entry displays, then press **SELECT** to dial.

Save a redial list entry

1. Search for the desired entry in the redial list (see **Review the redial list**).
2. When the desired entry appears, press **SELECT** twice. The screen displays **Enter number**.
3. Use the dialing keys to edit the number, then press **SELECT**. The screen displays **Enter name**.
4. Use the dialing keys to edit the name. Additional key presses show other characters of that particular key. The first character of every word is capitalized.
5. Press **SELECT** to save. You hear a confirmation tone.

Delete a redial list entry



1. Search for the desired entry in the redial list (see **Review the redial list**).
2. When the desired entry appears, Press **DELETE** to delete the displayed number. You hear a confirmation tone.

Multiple handset use

(For multi-handset models only)

Join a call in progress

Another handset can join you on a home call. That call continues until all parties hang up. You can share an outside call with up to two handsets at the same time.






- During a call, press  **HOME** or  on another handset to join the call.
- To exit the call, press **OFF** or place the handset in the telephone base. The call continues on other handset until all participants hang up.

NOTE

- If you have paired a DECT 6.0 cordless headset and speakerphone to the telephone base, you can also join a call in progress using the paired device. Refer to the user's manuals of the respective product for more information.

Intercom


Use the intercom feature for conversations between two devices.


1. Press **INT** when the handset is not in use.
-OR-
Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use. Press  or  to scroll to **Intercom**, then press **SELECT**.
2. The screen displays **Intercom to:**
3. Use the dialing keys to enter a device number(1-5). The handset shows **Calling HS X**. The destination handset rings and shows **HS X is calling**.
4. To answer the intercom call on the destination handset, press  **HOME**,  **CELL**,  or any dialing key. Both handsets now display **Intercom**.
5. To end the intercom call on either handset, press **OFF**, or place the handset back in the telephone base. Both handsets now display **Intercom ended**.





NOTES

- You can cancel the intercom call before it is answered by pressing **OFF** on the handset.
- You can press **MUTE** or **OFF** on the destination handset to temporarily silence the intercom ringer.
- If the destination device does not answer the intercom call within 100 seconds, is accessing the answering system, on a call or out of range, the originating device displays **Unable to call**. and then returns to idle mode.
- Only one intercom call can be established at a time.

Answer an incoming call during an intercom call






If you receive an incoming home call during an intercom call, you will hear an alert tone. The handset flashes  and displays the caller ID.

If you receive an incoming cell call during an intercom call, you will hear an alert tone. The handset flashes  and displays the caller ID.

- To answer a home call, press  **HOME** or  on the handset. The intercom call ends automatically.
- To answer a cell call, press  **CELL** or  on the handset. The intercom call ends automatically.
- To end the intercom call without answering the outside call, press **OFF** on the handset. The telephone continues to ring.

Call transfer using intercom

Use the intercom feature to transfer an outside call from one device to another.

1. During a call, press **MENU**.
2. Press  or  to choose **Intercom**, then press **SELECT**.
3. The screen displays **Intercom to:**. Use the dialing keys to enter a device number (**1-5**). The outside call is put on hold. Your handset displays **Calling HS X**. The destination handset rings and its screen displays **HS X is calling**.
4. To answer the intercom call on the destination handset, press  **HOME**,  **CELL**,  or any dialing key. Both handsets now display **Intercom**.

The outside call is still on hold and both devices now display **Intercom**. You can now have a private conversation with the destination device.

5. From this intercom call:
 - You can transfer the call. Press **OFF** on the initiating handset or place it back in the telephone base. The other device automatically connects to the outside call.
 - The destination device can end the intercom call by pressing **OFF**, or by placing the handset back in the telephone base. The outside call continues with the original device.

NOTES





- You can cancel the intercom call before it is answered by pressing **OFF** on the handset.
- You can press **MUTE** or **OFF** on the destination handset to temporarily silence the intercom ringer.
- If the destination device does not answer the intercom call within 100 seconds, is accessing the answering system, on a call or out of range, the originating device displays **Unable to call**, and then returns to idle mode.
- Only one intercom call can be established at a time.

Directory

The directory can store up to 1000 entries, which are shared by all handsets and the telephone base. Each entry may consist of a telephone number up to 30 digits, and a name up to 15 characters.

Any additions, deletions or edits made on one handset will be reflected on other handsets.

Add a directory entry

1. Enter the number when the handset is not in use. Press **SELECT**, then go to Step 4.
-OR-
Press **MENU** when the phone is not in use. Press  or  to scroll to **Directory**, then press **SELECT**.
2. Press  or  to scroll to **Add new entry**, then press **SELECT**.


- When **Enter number** displays, use the dialing keys to enter the number.
-OR-
Copy a number from the redial list by pressing **REDIAL**. Then press ▼, ▲, or **REDIAL** repeatedly to find the desired number. Press **SELECT** to copy the number.
- Press **SELECT** to move on to the name. The screen displays **Enter name**.
- Use the dialing keys to enter the name. Additional key presses show other characters of that particular key. The first character of every word is capitalized.
- Press **SELECT** to save. You hear a confirmation tone.

While entering names and numbers, you can:

- Press ▼ or ▲ to move the cursor to the left or right.
- Press **DELETE** to backspace and erase a digit or character.
- Press and hold **DELETE** to erase the entire entry.
- Press and hold **PAUSE** to insert a dialing pause (for entering numbers only).
- Press **0** to add a space (for entering names only).
- Press **tone** **X** to change the next letter to upper or lower cases.

Review a directory entry

Entries are sorted alphabetically.

- Press  when the phone is not in use.
- Press ▼ or ▲ to browse.
-OR-
- Press **MENU** when the phone is not in use.
- Press ▼ or ▲ to scroll to **Directory**, then press **SELECT**.
- Press ▼ or ▲ to scroll to **Review** and then press **SELECT**.
- Press ▼ or ▲ to browse.




Alphabetical search

- Follow the steps in **Review a directory entry** to enter the directory.
- Use the dialing keys to enter the letter associated with the name. For example, if you have entries for Jenny, Jessie, Kristen and Laura in your directory, press **5** (JKL) once to see Jenny (when **Jenny** displays, press ▼ to see Jessie, twice to see Kristen, or three times to see Laura. If there is no name entry matching your search, the next closest match in alphabetical order appears. If necessary, press ▼ or ▲ to browse.

Edit a directory entry

- Search for the desired entry in the directory (see **Review a directory entry** or **Alphabetical search**).
- When the desired entry appears, press **SELECT**. The screen displays **Enter number** and the stored number.
- Use the dialing keys to edit the number, then press **SELECT**. The screen displays **Enter name** and then the stored name.
- Use the dialing keys to edit the name. Additional key presses show other characters of that particular key. The first character of every word is capitalized.
- Press **SELECT** to save. You hear a confirmation tone.

Dial a directory entry

- Search for the desired entry in the directory (see **Review a directory entry** or **Alphabetical search**).
- When the desired entry appears, press  **HOME**, or  to dial using the home line; or press  **CELL** to dial using the cell line.

Delete a directory entry

1. Search for the desired entry in the directory (see **Review a directory entry** or **Alphabetical search**).
2. When the desired entry appears, press **DELETE**. The screen displays **Delete entry?**
3. Press **SELECT** to confirm. The screen displays **Deleting...** briefly. Then you hear a confirmation tone.

Delete all directory entries

1. Press **MENU** when the phone is not in use.
2. Press **SELECT** again to select **Directory**.
3. Press **▼** or **▲** to scroll to **Delete all** and then press **SELECT**. The screen displays **Delete all?**
4. Press **SELECT** to confirm. The screen displays **Deleting...** briefly. Then you hear a confirmation tone.

Caller ID

If you subscribe to caller ID service, information about each caller appears after the first or second ring. If you answer a call before the caller information appears on the screen, it will not be saved in the caller ID log.

The caller ID log stores up to 50 entries. Each entry has up to 24 digits for the phone number and 15 characters for the name.

If the telephone number has more than 15 digits, only the last 15 digits appear. If the name has more than 15 characters, only the first 15 characters are shown and saved in the caller ID log.

Entries appear in reverse chronological order. When the caller ID log is full, the oldest entry is deleted to make room for new incoming call information.

Caller ID log entries are shared by all system handsets. Any deletions made on one handset are reflected on all other handsets.

NOTE

- This product can provide information only if both you and the caller are in areas offering caller ID service and if both telephone service providers use compatible equipment. The time and date are sent by your telephone service provider along with the call information.

Review a caller ID log entry

1. Press **CID** when the phone is not in use.
2. Press **▼** or **▲** to browse through the caller ID log.

-OR-

1. Press **MENU** when the phone is not in use.
2. Press **▼** or **▲** to scroll to **Caller ID log**, then press **SELECT**.
3. Press **▼** or **▲** to scroll to **Review** and then press **SELECT**.
4. Press **▼** or **▲** to browse.

NOTES

- You hear two beeps when you reach the beginning or end of the caller ID log.
- Only one handset can review the caller ID log at a time. If another device tries to enter the caller ID log, it shows **Not available at this time**.

Memory match

When the incoming telephone number matches the last seven digits of a telephone number in your directory, the screen displays the stored name of the directory entry.

For example, if Linda Jones calls, her name appears as **Linda** if this is how you entered it into your directory.

NOTE

- The number shown in the caller ID log is in the format sent by the telephone service provider. It usually delivers 10-digit telephone numbers (area code plus phone number). If the last seven digits of the incoming telephone number does not match a number in your directory, the name appears as it is delivered by the telephone service provider.

Missed call indicator

When there are calls that have not been reviewed in the caller ID log, the corresponding line message, **XX missed calls**, shows on screen.


Each time you review a caller ID log entry marked **NEW**, the number of missed calls decreases by one. When you have reviewed all the missed calls, the missed call indicator no longer displays.

If you do not want to review the missed calls one by one, press and hold **OFF** on the idle handset to erase the missed call indicator. All the entries are then considered old.

View dialing options

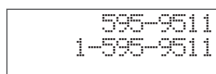
Although the caller ID log entries may contain 10 digits (the area code plus the seven-digit number), in some areas, you may need to dial only the seven digits, or a **1** plus the seven digits, or a **1** plus the area code plus the seven digits. You can change the number of digits that you dial from or store to the directory.

While reviewing the caller ID log, press **QUIET #** repeatedly to show different dialing options for local and long distance numbers before dialing or saving the telephone number in the directory.

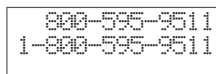
Press  **1** repeatedly if you need to add or remove **1** in front of the telephone number before dialing or saving it in the directory.



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800-595-9511
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1-595-9511
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Dial a caller ID log entry

1. Search for the desired entry in the caller ID log (see **Review a caller ID log entry**).
2. When the desired entry appears, press  **HOME**, or  to dial using the home line; or press  **CELL** to dial using the cell line.

Save a caller ID log entry to the directory

1. Search for the desired entry in the caller ID log (see **Review a caller ID log entry**).
2. When the desired caller ID log entry displays, press **SELECT**.
3. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **To Directory**, then press **SELECT**. The screen displays **Enter number** and the stored number.
4. Use the dialing keys to modify the number, if necessary. Then, press **SELECT**. The screen displays **Enter name**.
5. Use the dialing keys to enter the name. Press **SELECT** when done. You hear a confirmation tone.

While entering names and numbers, you can:

- Press **▼** or **▲** to move the cursor to the left or right.
- Press **DELETE** to backspace and erase a digit or character.
- Press and hold **DELETE** to erase the entire entry.
- Press and hold **PAUSE** to insert a dialing pause (for entering numbers only).
- Press **0** to add a space (for entering names only).
- Press **TONE X** to change the next letter to upper or lower cases.

Delete a caller ID log entry

1. Search for the desired entry in the caller ID log (see **Review a caller ID log entry**).
2. When the desired caller ID log entry displays, press **DELETE**. You hear a confirmation tone.

Delete all caller ID log entries

1. Press **MENU** when the phone is not in use.
2. Press **▼** or **▲** to scroll to **Caller ID log**, then press **SELECT**.
3. Press **▼** or **▲** to select **Del all calls**, then press **SELECT**.
4. The screen displays **Delete all calls?**. Press **YES** to confirm. You hear a confirmation tone.

Call block

If you have subscribed to caller ID service, you can set the telephone to block unknown calls and certain undesired calls. The call block list stores up to 20 entries.

If a home line call is blocked, you may pick up the call during the first ring when there is no caller ID information. Otherwise, the call disconnects.

Block unknown calls

All incoming calls with unknown numbers will be blocked.

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **Call block**, then press **SELECT**.
3. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **Calls w/o num**, then press **SELECT**.
4. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **Unblock** or **block**, then press **SELECT**. You hear a confirmation tone.

Add a call block list entry

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **Call block**, then press **SELECT**.
3. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **Block list**, then press **SELECT**.
4. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **Add new entry**, then press **SELECT**.

When **Enter number** displays, use the dialing keys to enter a number (up to 30 digits).

-OR-

Copy a number from the redial list by pressing **REDIAL**. Then press **▼**, **▲** or **REDIAL** repeatedly to find the desired number. Press **SELECT** to copy the number.

5. Press **SELECT** to move on the name.
6. When **Enter name** displays, use the dialing keys to enter a name (up to 15 characters). Additional key presses produce other characters on that key. The first character of every word is capitalized.
7. Press **SELECT** to save. You hear a confirmation tone.

Review block list

1. Press **Call block** when the phone is not in use.
-OR-
Press **MENU** when the phone is not in use. Press **▼** or **▲** to scroll to **Smart call blk** and then press **SELECT**.
2. Press **SELECT** to choose **Block list**.
3. Press **SELECT** to choose **Review**.
4. Press **▼** or **▲** to browse through the call block list.

NOTE

- **List empty** appears if there are no block entries.

Edit a block entry

1. Search for the desired entry in the call block list (see **Review call block list**).
2. When the desired entry appears, press **SELECT**. The screen displays **Enter number** and the stored number.
3. Use the dialing keys to edit the number, then press **SELECT**. The handset displays **Enter name** and then the stored name.
4. Use the dialing keys to edit the name. Additional key presses show other characters of that particular key. The first character of every word is capitalized.
5. Press **SELECT** to save. You hear a confirmation tone.

Save a caller ID log entry to the block list

1. Search for the desired caller ID log entry (see **Review the caller ID log**).
2. When the desired caller ID log entry displays, press **SELECT**.
3. Press ▼ or ▲ to scroll to **To Call block**. The screen displays **Enter number** and the stored number.
4. Use the dialing keys to modify the number, if necessary. Then press **SELECT**. The screen displays **Enter name** and then the stored name.
5. Use the dialing keys to modify the name, if necessary. Press **SELECT** when done. You hear a confirmation tone.

Delete a block entry

1. Search for the desired entry in the block list (see **Review block list**).
2. When the desired entry displays, press **DELETE**. You hear a confirmation tone.


Sound settings

Key tone

You can turn the key tone of the handset on or off. The default setting is on.



1. Press **MENU** when the phone is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to choose **Settings** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Press ▼ or ▲ to choose **Key tone**, then press **SELECT**.
4. Press ▼ or ▲ to choose **On** or **Off**, then press **SELECT** to save. You hear a confirmation tone.

Ringer volume

You can set the ringer volume for each telephone line. A ringer off icon  shows in the idle screen when the volume is set to off.

1. Press **MENU** when the phone is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to choose **Ringers** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Press ▼ or ▲ to choose **Home volume** or **Cell volume**, then press **SELECT**.
4. Press ▼ or ▲ to choose the desired ringer volume level, then press **SELECT** to save. You hear a confirmation tone.

NOTES

- The ringer volume level also determines the ringer volume levels of intercom calls.
- When the ringer volume is set to off, the idle screen displays .
- When the ringer volume is set to off, the handset still rings when you press **FIND HS**  at the telephone base.

Ringer tone

You can choose the ringer tone for your home line and cell line.

1. Press **MENU** when the phone is not in use.
2. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **Ringers** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **Home ringtone** or **Cell ringtone**, then press **SELECT**.
4. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose the desired ringer tone, then press **SELECT** to save. You hear a confirmation tone.

NOTE

- If you turn off the ringer volume, you will not hear ringer tone samples.

Temporary ringer silencing

When the telephone is ringing, you can temporarily silence the ringer without disconnecting the call. The next call rings normally at the preset volume.

- Press **MUTE** or **OFF** on the handset. The screen displays **Ringer muted** and .

Quiet mode

You can turn on the quiet mode for a period of time (1-12 hours). During this period, all tones (except paging tone) are muted.

To turn on the quiet mode:

1. Press and hold **QUIET #** when the phone is not in use.
2. The screen displays **Quiet: __ hours [1-12]**. Use the dialing keys (**0-9**) to enter the desired duration (1-12).
3. Press **SELECT** to save. You hear a confirmation tone.

The screen shows .

To turn off the quiet mode:

- Press and hold **QUIET #** when the phone is not in use. The screen displays **Quiet mode off** briefly.


NOTE

- When you change the settings of the ringer tone or ringer volume, you can still hear the samples even if the quiet mode is on.

Retrieve voicemail from telephone service

Voicemail is a feature available from most telephone service providers. It may be included with your telephone service, or may be optional. Fees may apply.


Retrieve voicemail

When you received a voicemail, the screen displays . To retrieve, you typically dial an access number provided by your telephone service provider, and then enter a security code. Contact your telephone service provider for instructions on how to configure the voicemail settings and listen to messages.

NOTE

- After you have listened to all new voicemail messages, the indicators on the handset turn off automatically.

Set your voicemail number

You can save your access number on each handset for easy access to your voicemail. After you saved the voicemail number, you can press and hold  **1** to retrieve voicemail.

1. Press **MENU** when the phone is not in use.
2. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **Settings** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **Voicemail #** and then press **SELECT**.
4. Use the dialing keys to enter the voicemail number (up to 30 digits).
5. Press **SELECT** to save. You hear a confirmation tone.

Turn off the new voicemail indicators

If you have retrieved your voicemail while away from home, and the handset still displays the new voicemail indicators, use this feature to turn off the indicators.

NOTE

- This feature turns off the indicators only, it does not delete your voicemail messages.
1. Press **MENU** when the phone is not in use.
 2. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **Settings** and then press **SELECT**.
 3. Press **▼** or **▲** to choose **Clr voicemail** and then press **SELECT**. You hear a confirmation tone.

Cell phone voicemail

If you have voicemail service active on your cell phone, and you do not answer the incoming call, the call will be answered by your cell phone's voicemail. Contact your cell phone service provider for more information about voicemail service.

Expand your telephone system

You can add new handsets to your telephone system. All accessories are sold separately. Your telephone base supports a maximum of 5 devices.

For more details, refer to the user's manual that comes with your new device.

Screen messages

Blocked call	An incoming call is blocked.
Calling HS X	The handset is calling another handset (for intercom calls).
Cell line busy	Another handset is using the cell line.
Cell <X> low batt	The paired cell device has low battery.
C<X>: <Service_name>	The phone receives an alert from your cell phone.
Downloading...	The telephone system is downloading the directory from a cell phone.
Ended	You have just ended a call.
HS X is calling	Another system handset is calling (for intercom calls).
Intercom	The device is on an intercom call.
Intercom ended	The intercom call has just ended.
List empty	There are no entries.
Low battery	The battery needs to be charged.
Microphone on	Mute is off and the person on the other end can hear you.
Muted	You have turned off the handset microphone. The other party cannot hear you but you can hear the other party.
New voicemail	There are new voicemail messages from your telephone service provider.

No battery	The battery is not properly installed or there is no battery installed.
No line	There is no telephone line connected.
Out of range or no rnr at base	The telephone base has lost power, or the handset is out of range.
** Paging **	The cordless handset is paged by the telephone base.
Pair cell first	You need to pair a cell phone before make a cell call.
Place in charger	The battery is very low. Place the handset in the telephone base for recharging.
Quiet mode off	The quiet mode is turned off.
Ringer muted	The ringer is off temporarily while the device is ringing.
To power on HS, see manual	Screen display before handset activation.
Unable to call	You tried to make an intercom call, but the handset you are calling is busy, out of range, or has no power.
XX missed calls	There are calls that have not been reviewed in the caller ID log.

Frequently asked questions

Below are the questions most frequently asked about the cordless telephone. If you cannot find the answer to your question, visit our website at www.vtechcanada.com or call **1 (800) 267-7377**.

<p>My telephone does not work at all.</p>	<p>Make sure the telephone base is installed properly, and battery is installed and charged correctly. For optimum daily performance, return the handset to the telephone base after use.</p>
<p>The display shows No line. I cannot hear the dial tone.</p>	<p>Disconnect the telephone line cord from your telephone and connect it to another telephone. If there is no dial tone on that other telephone either, then the telephone line cord may be defective. Try installing a new telephone line cord.</p> <p>If changing the telephone line cord does not help, the wall jack (or the wiring to this wall jack) may be defective. Contact your telephone service provider.</p> <p>You may be using a new cable or VoIP service, the existing telephone jacks in your home may no longer work. Contact your service provider for solutions.</p>
<p>I cannot dial out.</p>	<p>Make sure there is a dial tone before dialing. It is normal if the handset takes a second or two to synchronize with the telephone base before producing a dial tone. Wait an extra second before dialing.</p> <p>Eliminate any background noise. Mute the handset before dialing, or dial from another room in your home with less background noise.</p>

<p>The display shows To power on, see manual. The handset does not work at all.</p>	<p>The handset is not activated.</p> <p>Take the nail pin from the wrapper. Insert it into the hole on the back of the handset and press the button inside.</p>
<p>The display shows To register HS... see manual. The handset does not work at all.</p>	<p>The handset is deregistered from the telephone base.</p> <p>Place the handset in the telephone base to register it back. The handset shows Registered and you hear a beep when the registration process completes.</p>
<p>I cannot add and connect my cell phone to the telephone base.</p>	<p>Make sure you have cellular coverage and the Bluetooth function of your cell phone is turned on. See the user's manual of your cell phone for more information.</p>
	<p>Make sure that the telephone base is in discoverable mode.</p>
	<p>Carefully follow the pairing instructions in this manual.</p>
	<p>Make sure that your Bluetooth cell phone is not connected to any other Bluetooth device, and is connected to the telephone base and active on the device list.</p>
<p>The cell phone reception in my house is poor and I cannot connect it to my DS6161.</p>	<p>Turn off your cell phone, and then turn it on again.</p> <p>If there is a location in your house with better reception, you can leave your cell phone at that location while you use the DS6722 cell line. In order for this to work, the telephone base must be within 15 feet of the cell phone.</p>
<p>The telephone does not ring when there is an incoming call.</p>	<p>Make sure the ringer volume is not set to off.</p>
	<p>The handset may be too far from the telephone base. Move it closer to the telephone base.</p>

My handset beeps and is not performing normally.	Move the handset closer to the telephone base. It may be out of range.
I hear noise on the cordless handset and the keys do not work.	Make sure the telephone line cord is plugged in securely.
I hear other calls when using the telephone.	Disconnect the telephone base from the telephone wall jack. Plug in a different telephone. If you still hear other calls, the problem is probably in the wiring or telephone service. Contact your telephone service provider.
There is interference during a telephone conversation. My calls fade out when I am using the cordless handset.	The handset may be out of range. Move it closer to the telephone base.
	If you subscribe to high-speed Internet service (DSL - digital subscriber line) through your telephone line, you must install a DSL filter between the telephone line cord and the telephone wall jack. The filter prevents noise and caller ID problems caused by DSL interference. Contact your DSL service provider for more information about DSL filters.
	Appliances or other cordless telephones plugged into the same circuit as the telephone base can cause interference. Try moving the appliance or telephone base to another outlet.
	The location of your telephone base can impact the performance of your cordless phone. For better reception, install the telephone base in a centralized location within your home or office, away from walls or other obstructions. In many environments, elevating the telephone base improves overall performance.

The telephone does not receive caller ID or the telephone does not show caller ID during call waiting.	Caller ID is a subscription service. You must subscribe to this service from your telephone service provider for this feature to work on your telephone.
	Both your and the caller's telephone service providers must use equipment compatible with the caller ID service.
	The caller may not be calling from an area which supports caller ID.
	The caller ID information displays after the first or second ring.
My telephone block calls from someone I know.	You may have saved the caller's number to your block list. To remove the number from the block list, see Delete a block entry .
The display shows Out of range OR no power at base .	The handset may be out of range. Move it closer to the telephone base.
	Make sure the power cord is securely plugged into the telephone base. Use a working electrical outlet not controlled by a wall switch.
I subscribe to a nontraditional telephone service that uses my computer to establish connections, and my telephone doesn't work.	Make sure your computer is powered on, and your Internet is working properly.
	Make sure to plug your USB telephone adapter into a dedicated USB port on your computer. Do not plug into a multiple port USB hub (USB splitter) that is not powered.
	In a few rare instances, the USB port on your computer may not have enough power. In these instances, try using a USB hub with its own external power supply.
	If you are using a firewall, it may prevent access to your nontraditional telephone service. Contact your service provider for more information.

I accidentally set my LCD language to Spanish or French, and I don't know how to change it back to English.

While the handset is not in use, press **MENU** and then enter ***364#** to change the LCD language back to English.

ECO mode

This power conserving technology reduces power consumption for optimal battery performance. The ECO mode activates automatically whenever the handset is synchronized with the telephone base.

General product care

Taking care of your telephone

Your cordless telephone contains sophisticated electronic parts, so it must be treated with care.

Avoid rough treatment

Place the handset down gently. Save the original packing materials to protect your telephone if you ever need to ship it.

Avoid water

Your telephone base can be damaged if it gets wet. Do not use the telephone base outdoors in the rain, or handle it with wet hands. Do not install the telephone base near a sink, bathtub or shower.

Electrical storms

Electrical storms can sometimes cause power surges harmful to electronic equipment. For your own safety, take caution when using electrical appliances during storms.

Cleaning your telephone

Your telephone has a durable plastic casing that should retain its luster for many years. Clean it only with a dry non-abrasive cloth. Do not use dampened cloth or cleaning solvents of any kind.

Using the waterproof handset

Your DS6161 is waterproof but your telephone base is not. Follow these instructions to maintain the waterproof performance of the device in good condition.

1. Make sure that the battery door is tightly closed.
2. Do not immerse the device in water deeper than 1 meter (3 feet) and do not keep it submerged for more than 30 minutes.
3. Do not expose the device to salt water, ionized water, soapy water or water moving with force, such as ocean waves or waterfalls.
4. Do not open the battery door when using wet hands, when the device is wet, or in very humid places, such as swimming pools or bathrooms.
5. Avoid pressing buttons on the device while it is underwater. This could allow water to enter into the casing and damage the device.
6. Make sure the device is completely dry before charging it.
7. If the device gets wet, dry it thoroughly with a clean, soft cloth.
8. If the device has been immersed in water, or the microphone or the speaker is wet, sound may not be heard clearly during a call. Ensure that the microphone or the speaker is clean and dry by wiping it with a dry cloth.
9. Your handset has been tested in a controlled environment and certified to be waterproof and dust-resistant in specific conditions (meet requirements of classification IP67). Despite this classification, your device is not impervious to water damage in any situation.

The RBRC® seal

The RBRC® seal on the nickel-metal hydride battery indicates that VTech Communications, Inc. is voluntarily participating in an industry program to collect and recycle these batteries at the end of their useful lives, when taken out of service within the United States and Canada.

The RBRC® program provides a convenient alternative to placing used nickel-metal hydride batteries into the trash or municipal waste, which may be illegal in your area.

VTech's participation in RBRC® makes it easy for you to drop off the spent battery at local retailers participating in the RBRC® program or at authorized VTech product service centers. Please call

1 (800) 8 BATTERY® for information on Ni-MH battery recycling and disposal bans/restrictions in your area. VTech's involvement in this program is part of its commitment to protecting our environment and conserving natural resources.

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FCC, ACTA and IC regulations

FCC Part 15

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the requirements for a Class B digital device under Part 15 of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules. These requirements are intended 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.

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

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. Privacy of communications may not be ensured when using this telephone.

RF Radiation Exposure Statement

To ensure safety of users, the FCC has established criteria for the amount of radio frequency energy that can be safely absorbed by a user or bystander according to the intended usage of the product.

This product has been tested and found to comply with the FCC criteria. For body worn operation, this handset has been tested and meets the FCC RF exposure guidelines. Use of other accessories may not ensure compliance with FCC RF exposure guidelines. The handset may be safely held against the ear of the user. The telephone base shall be installed and used such that parts of the user's body other than the hands are maintained at a distance of approximately 20 cm (8 inches) or more.

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian requirement:
CAN ICES-3 (B)/NMB-3(B).

FCC Part 68 and ACTA

This equipment complies with Part 68 of the FCC rules and with technical requirements adopted by the Administrative Council for Terminal Attachments (ACTA). The label on the back or bottom of this equipment contains, among other things, a product identifier in the format US:AAAEQ##TXXXX. This identifier must be provided to your telephone service provider upon request.

The plug and jack used to connect this equipment to premises wiring and the telephone network must comply with applicable Part 68 rules and technical requirements adopted by ACTA. A compliant telephone cord and modular plug is provided with this product. It is designed to be connected to a compatible modular jack that is also compliant. An RJ11 jack should normally be used for connecting to a single line and an RJ14 jack for two lines. See the installation instructions in the user's manual.

The Ringer Equivalence Number (REN) is used to determine how many devices you may connect to your telephone line and still have them ring when you are called.

The REN for this product is encoded as the 6th and 7th characters following the US: in the product identifier (e.g., if ## is 03, the REN is 0.3). In most, but not all areas, the sum of all RENs should be five (5.0) or less. For more information, please contact your telephone service provider.

This equipment must not be used with Party Lines. If you have specially wired alarm dialing equipment connected to your telephone line, ensure the connection of this equipment does not disable your alarm equipment. If you have questions about what will disable alarm equipment, consult your telephone service provider or a qualified installer.

If this equipment is malfunctioning, it must be unplugged from the modular jack until the problem has been corrected. Repairs to this telephone equipment can only be made by the manufacturer or its authorized agents. For repair procedures, follow the instructions outlined under the Limited warranty.

If this equipment is causing harm to the telephone network, the telephone service provider may temporarily discontinue your telephone service. The telephone service provider is required to notify you before interrupting service. If advance notice is not practical, you will be notified as soon as possible. You will be given the opportunity to correct the problem and the telephone service provider is required to inform you of your right to file a complaint with the FCC. Your telephone service provider may make changes in its facilities, equipment, operation, or procedures that could affect the proper functioning of this product. The telephone service provider is required to notify you if such changes are planned.

If this product is equipped with a corded or cordless handset, it is hearing aid compatible.

If this product has memory dialing locations, you may choose to store emergency telephone numbers (e.g., police, fire, medical) in these locations. If you do store or test emergency numbers, please:

Remain on the line and briefly explain the reason for the call before hanging up.

Perform such activities in off-peak hours, such as early morning or late evening.

Industry Canada

This device contains licence-exempt transmitter(s)/receiver(s) that comply with Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's licence-exempt RSS(s).

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.

Privacy of communications may not be ensured when using this telephone.

The term "IC:" before the certification/ registration number only signifies that the Industry Canada technical specifications were met.

The Ringer Equivalence Number (REN) for this terminal equipment is 1.0. The REN indicates the maximum number of devices allowed to be connected to a telephone interface. The termination of an interface may consist of any combination of devices subject only to the requirement that the sum of the RENs of all the devices not exceed five.

This product meets the applicable Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada technical specifications.

Limited warranty

What does this limited warranty cover?

The manufacturer of this VTech Product warrants to the holder of a valid proof of purchase ("Consumer" or "you") that the Product and all accessories provided in the sales package ("Product") are free from defects in material and workmanship, pursuant to the following terms and conditions, when installed and used normally and in accordance with the Product operating instructions. This limited warranty extends only to the Consumer for Products purchased and used in the United States of America and Canada.

What will VTech do if the Product is not free from defects in materials and workmanship during the limited warranty period ("Materially Defective Product")?

During the limited warranty period, VTech's authorized service representative will repair or replace at VTech's option, without charge, a Materially Defective Product. If we repair the Product, we may use new or refurbished replacement parts. If we choose to replace the Product, we may replace it with a new or refurbished Product of the same or similar design. We will retain defective parts, modules, or equipment. Repair or replacement of the Product, at VTech's option, is your exclusive remedy. VTech will return the repaired or replacement Products to you in working condition. You should expect the repair or replacement to take approximately 30 days.

How long is the limited warranty period?

The limited warranty period for the Product extends for ONE (1) YEAR from the date of purchase. If VTech repairs or replaces a Materially Defective Product under the terms of this limited warranty, this limited warranty also applies to the repaired or replacement Product for a

period of either (a) 90 days from the date the repaired or replacement Product is shipped to you or (b) the time remaining on the original one-year warranty; whichever is longer.

What is not covered by this limited warranty?

This limited warranty does not cover:

1. Product that has been subjected to misuse, accident, shipping or other physical damage, improper installation, abnormal operation or handling, neglect, inundation, fire, water or other liquid intrusion.
2. Product that has been subjected to contact with liquid, water, rain, extreme humidity or heavy perspiration, sand, dirt or the like; but then only to the extent the damage was not caused by incorrectly securing the waterproof handset's protective elements, for example, failing to properly close a seal), or such protective elements are damaged or missing (e.g. a cracked battery door), or subjecting a Product to conditions beyond its stated specifications or limits (e.g. 30 minutes in 1 meter of fresh water).
3. Product that has been damaged due to repair, alteration or modification by anyone other than an authorized service representative of VTech;
4. Product to the extent that the problem experienced is caused by signal conditions, network reliability, or cable or antenna systems;
5. Product to the extent that the problem is caused by use with non-VTech accessories;
6. Product whose warranty/quality stickers, product serial number plates or electronic serial numbers have been removed, altered or rendered illegible;

7. Product purchased, used, serviced, or shipped for repair from outside the United States of America or Canada, or used for commercial or institutional purposes (including but not limited to Products used for rental purposes);
8. Product returned without a valid proof of purchase (see item 2 below); or
9. Charges for installation or set up, adjustment of customer controls, and installation or repair of systems outside the unit.

How do you get warranty service?

To obtain warranty service, please visit our website at www.vtechcanada.com or call 1 (800) 267-7377.

NOTE: Before calling for service, please review the user's manual - a check of the Product's controls and features may save you a service call.

Except as provided by applicable law, you assume the risk of loss or damage during transit and transportation and are responsible for delivery or handling charges incurred in the transport of the Product(s) to the service location. VTech will return repaired or replaced Product under this limited warranty. Transportation, delivery or handling charges are prepaid. VTech assumes no risk for damage or loss of the Product in transit. If the Product failure is not covered by this limited warranty, or proof of purchase does not meet the terms of this limited warranty, VTech will notify you and will request that you authorize the cost of repair prior to any further repair activity. You must pay for the cost of repair and return shipping costs for the repair of Products that are not covered by this limited warranty.

What must you return with the Product to get warranty service?

1. Return the entire original package and contents including the Product to the VTech service location along with a description of the malfunction or difficulty; and
2. Include a "valid proof of purchase" (sales receipt) identifying the Product purchased (Product model) and the date of purchase or receipt; and
3. Provide your name, complete and correct mailing address, and telephone number.

Other limitations

This warranty is the complete and exclusive agreement between you and VTech. It supersedes all other written or oral communications related to this Product. VTech provides no other warranties for this Product. The warranty exclusively describes all of VTech's responsibilities regarding the Product. There are no other express warranties. No one is authorized to make modifications to this limited warranty and you should not rely on any such modification.

State/Provincial Law Rights: This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights, which vary from state to state or province to province.

Limitations: Implied warranties, including those of fitness for a particular purpose and merchantability (an unwritten warranty that the Product is fit for ordinary use) are limited to one year from the date of purchase. Some states/provinces do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you. In no event shall VTech be liable for any indirect, special, incidental, consequential, or similar damages (including, but not limited to lost profits or revenue, inability to use the Product or other associated equipment, the cost of substitute equipment, and claims by third parties) resulting from the use of this Product. Some states/provinces do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

Please retain your original sales receipt as proof of purchase.

Technical specifications

Frequency control	Crystal controlled PLL synthesizer
Transmit frequency	Handset: 1921.536-1928.448 MHz Telephone base: 1921.536-1928.448 MHz Bluetooth: 2402.000-2480.000 MHz
Channels	DECT channel: 5 Bluetooth channel: 79
Nominal effective range	Maximum power allowed by FCC and IC. Actual operating range may vary according to environmental conditions at the time of use.
Power requirements	Handset: 2.4V Ni-MH battery Telephone base: 6V DC @ 400mA
Memory	Directory: 1000 memory locations; up to 30 digits and 15 characters Caller ID log: 50 memory locations; up to 24 digits and 15 characters Call block: 20 entries

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