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Victor Reader Stratus

Quick Start Guide

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Getting Started

The **Power** key may glow amber or green. It will blink amber when the player is off and plugged into a power outlet. The flashes indicate that the battery is recharging. When it stops flashing, the battery is fully charged.

Please note that you can use Victor Reader Stratus while charging the battery.

Power key

Playback Buttons

You can pause and resume reading by pressing the **Play/Stop** key, which is located at the bottom center of the player between the **Rewind** and **Forward** keys.

Rewind

Play/Stop

Forward

Sound Settings

On the top center of the player are three pairs of up and down keys. From left to right, these are the **Tone**, **Volume** and **Speed** keys.
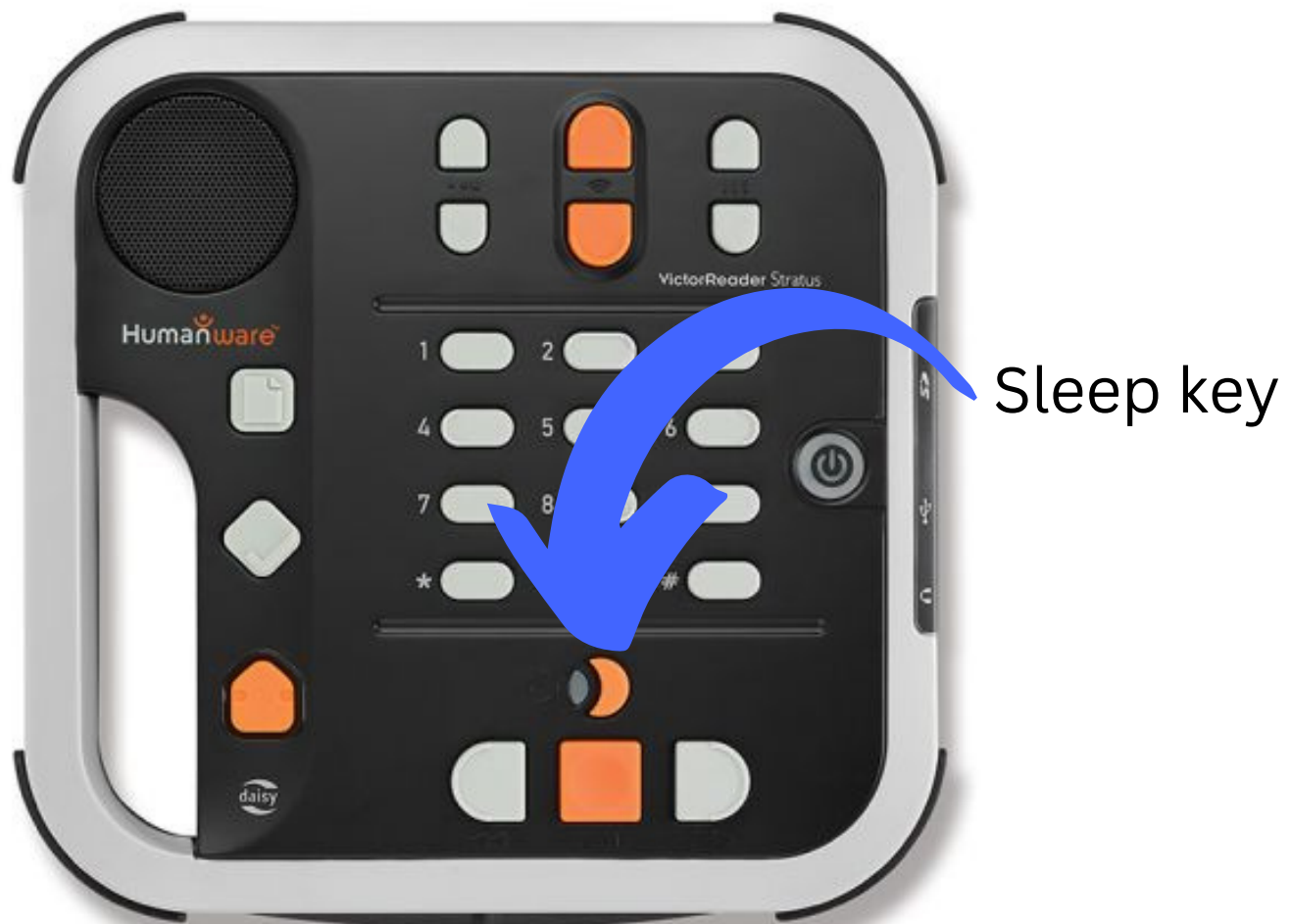
Numeric Keypad

Beneath the sound controls, you will find a telephone style **numeric keypad**. There is a raised dot on the **number 5** key. You will use this numeric keypad to move through the structure of a book as well as enter bookmark or page numbers. Keys **2, 4, 6** and **8** will often be used as logical arrows used for navigation, representing Up, Left, Right and Down respectively. To the left of the 0 key is the **Star (*) or Cancel** key and to the right of the 0 key is the **Pound (#) or Confirm** key.

Sleep Key

Above the Play/Stop key is the **Sleep** key. It is crescent shaped and has an orange LED indicator to its left. Press it once to hear the current time and date, or press it multiple times to set different time intervals after which the Stratus will automatically power off.

Sleep key

External Connections

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

SD card slot

USB port

earphones jack

External Connections

Located on the back side of the player, slightly to the right of center, you will find the **power input jack**. It is used to connect the player to an electrical outlet.

On the front side of the player you will find the **CD-ROM slot**.

power input jack

CD-ROM slot

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Miscellaneous Keys

To the left of the numeric keys, about midway down the player, are three more keys aligned vertically. The first and highest key is the **Go To** key that allows you to go directly to an item such as a page heading, file, or book number. The **Bookmark** key is below the Go To Key and is used to go to, add or remove bookmarks. The third and lowest key is the **Eject k**ey. It is used to eject CDs from the CD drive.

Go To

Bookmark

Eject

Playing a Book by CD

To play a book by CD, turn On Victor Reader Stratus by pressing and holding the **Power** key. You will hear a beep and a welcome message. Insert your CD in the slot, which is located on the front side of the player. Gently push the CD forward. The drive mechanism will take over and finish inserting the CD. After a few seconds, Victor Reader Stratus will announce the title. Press the **Play/Stop** key to start playing the book.

NOTE: If you accidentally insert a CD upside down, it will be ejected within 15 seconds without damage.

CD-ROM slot

Playing a Digital Book

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While the device is powered on press the **1 key** on the number pad to enter the **bookshelf** and keep pressing it until you hear "bookshelf, other books". Press the **2 key** until you hear "level one" and use the **4** and **6 keys** to move through the categories. The categories are titled, Adult fiction, Adult non-fiction, Teen, Children and Custom (if you requested custom content). When you hear the category you would like to browse press the **8 key** until you hear "level two". You can now use the **4** and **6 keys** to browse all of the titles in that category.

Press the **Play key** to select the book you would like to listen to.

If you would like to browse the other categories again press the **cancel (*) key** and start the process over again by pressing the **1 key** to enter the bookshelf and repeating the aforementioned steps.

Playback

To Move Back or Forward at High Speed

Press and hold the **Rewind** or **Forward** key until you reach the desired spot, then release. The normal play speed will be resumed.

To Pause a Reading Session

Press the **Play/Stop** key. To resume reading where you left off, press the **Play/Stop** key again. Note that if your player is not connected to a power outlet, and if it stays in pause mode for more than 30 minutes, it will shut off automatically to save battery life.

To End a Reading Session

Simply turn the player off by pressing and holding the Power key until the player announces that it is closing. Victor Reader Stratus will remember where you left off in the book for your next reading session.

Playback

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To Start a New Reading Session in the Same Book

Turn On your Victor Reader Stratus by pressing and holding the **Power** key. After a few seconds, you will hear the title of the book and a beep. Pressing the **Play/Stop** key will make the player resume where you left off in your last reading session.

To Eject a CD

To eject a CD, press the **Eject** key. Victor Reader Stratus will announce "eject" and after a few seconds the motorized mechanism will gently slide the CD out of the drive.

Key Describer Mode

You can enter the **Key Describer** by pressing and holding the **Information key (0)**. In this mode, anytime a key is pressed, the player announces a short description of its function. This can be useful when learning how to use the player. Press and hold the Information key again to exit Key Describer mode.

FAQ's

Q: How do I stop the DAISY Reader Stratus from ejecting the disc after a few seconds?

A: If the disc is put in upside down, the Stratus will eject the disc after a few seconds. Flip the disc over and re-enter it into the CD-ROM slot.

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

A: Press the star (*) key a few times and that will take you back to the main menu of the Reader.

Q: I want to go from reading a book on CD to a digital book. How do I do that?

A: It is recommended that you eject the CD as it makes it easier to navigate the bookshelf. Once the CD is ejected follow the instructions in the Playing a Digital Book section of this quick start guide (page 11).

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If you require further assistance please give us a call at **519-743-0271 ext. 260**.