



# **Approach® S5 Owner's Manual**

Owner's Manual

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## ⚠ WARNING

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

## Keys



①	⏻	Select to turn on the backlight. Hold to turn the device on and off.
②	📏	Select to measure a shot ( <a href="#">Measuring a Shot, page 3</a> ). Hold to reset the measurement.
③	☰	Select to open the menu for the current screen.
④	👆	Select to enter your score for the hole ( <a href="#">Keeping Score, page 2</a> ). Hold to view scores for all holes.
⑤	🔄	Select to use CourseView ( <a href="#">Using CourseView, page 2</a> ).
⑥	↶	Select to return to the previous screen.

## Turning on the Device

The device comes partially charged. You may need to charge the device before playing golf ([Charging the Device, page 1](#)).

**NOTE:** The time of day and date are set automatically when you go outdoors and the device locates satellites.

- 1 Hold ⏻, and follow the on-screen instructions.
- 2 Select **Start Round**.
- 3 Wait while the device locates satellites.

## Unlocking the Device

After a period of inactivity, the device goes into watch mode and the screen is locked. The device displays the time and date, but does not use GPS.

Select any key except ⏻ to unlock the device.

## Status Icons

🔋	Battery level
📶	GPS status
🔔	Alarm
📶	Bluetooth® technology status

## Charging the Device

## ⚠ WARNING

This device contains a lithium-ion battery. See the *Important Safety and Product Information* guide in the product box for product warnings and other important information.

## NOTICE

To prevent corrosion, thoroughly clean and dry the contacts and the surrounding area before charging or connecting to a computer. Refer to the cleaning instructions in the appendix.

- 1 Plug the USB cable into a USB port on your computer.

- 2 Align the charger posts with the contacts on the back of the device, and press the charger ① until it clicks.



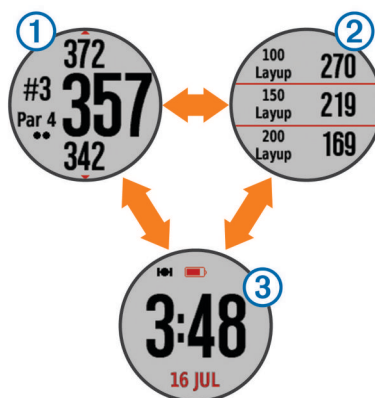
- 3 Charge the device completely.

## Playing Golf

Before you can play golf, the device must locate satellite signals. This may take 30 to 60 seconds.

- 1 Select ☰ > **Start Round**.
- 2 Select a course from the list of nearby courses.
- 3 Tap the screen to scroll through the data screens for each hole.

**TIP:** You can select ↶ to return to the previous screen.

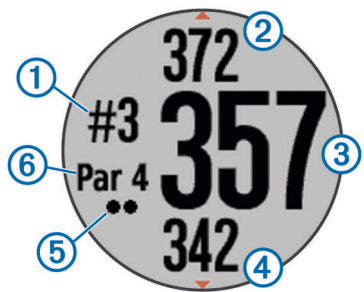


- ① displays the hole information ([Hole Information, page 1](#)).
- ② displays the layup and dogleg information ([Viewing Layup and Dogleg Distances and Saved Locations, page 2](#)).
- ③ displays the time of day.

The device automatically transitions when you move to the next hole.

## Hole Information


By default, the device calculates the distance to the front, middle, and back of the green. If you know the location of the pin, you can set it more precisely using the green view ([Viewing the Green, page 2](#)).

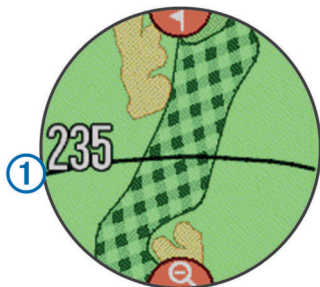



①	Current hole number
②	Distance to the back of the green
③	Distance to the middle of the green
④	Distance to the front of the green
⑤	Handicap strokes (optional)
⑥	Par for the hole
▲	Next hole
▼	Previous hole

### Using CourseView

While playing a game, you can take a closer look at the course and view any location and distance on the course map.



- 1 Select .
- 2 Touch or drag your finger to any location on the screen.  
The distance arc ① displays the distance to the new location.



- 3 To see more of the hole, select .

### Viewing the Green

While playing a game, you can take a closer look at the green and move the pin location.

- 1 Select .
- 2 Select ① at the top of the screen.
- 3 Drag  to move the pin location.  
The distances on the hole information screen are updated to reflect the new pin location. The pin location is saved for only the current round.





### Viewing Layup and Dogleg Distances and Saved Locations

You can view a list of layup and dogleg distances for par 4 and 5 holes. Saved locations also appear on this list.

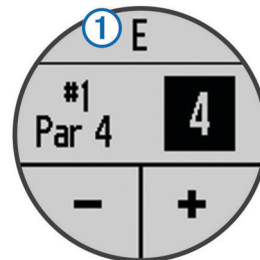
Tap the screen until the layup and dogleg information appears.


**NOTE:** Distances and locations are removed from the list as you pass them.

### Keeping Score

- 1 Select .
- 2 If necessary, select  to set up scoring or change par for the hole.
- 3 Select  or  to set the score.




Your total score ① is updated.



- 4 Hold  to view a list of the scores for all holes.
- 5 If necessary, select a hole to change the score for that hole.

### Setting the Scoring Method

You can change the method the device uses to keep score.

- 1 Select an option:
  - If you are currently playing a round, select  >  > **Setup Scoring**.
  - If you are not currently playing a round, select  > **Setup > Scoring**.

- 2 Select a scoring method.



### About Stableford Scoring

When you select the Stableford scoring method ([Setting the Scoring Method, page 2](#)), points are awarded based on the number of strokes taken relative to par. At the end of a round, the highest score wins. The device awards points as specified by the United States Golf Association.

The scorecard for a Stableford scored game shows points instead of strokes.


Points	Strokes Taken Relative to Par
0	2 or more over
1	1 over
2	Par
3	1 under
4	2 under
5	3 under

### Enabling Handicap Scoring



- 1 Select  >  > **Setup Scoring > Handicap Scoring**.
- 2 Select an option:
  - Select **Local Handicap** to enter the number of strokes to be subtracted from the player's total score.  
The number of handicap strokes appear as dots on the hole information screen. The scorecard screen displays your handicap-adjusted score for each hole.
  - Select **Index\Slope** to enter the player's handicap index and the course slope rating to calculate a course handicap for the player.

### Saving a Location

While playing a round, you can save up to five locations on each hole. Saving a location is useful for recording objects or obstacles that are not shown on the map. You can view the distance to these locations from the layup and dogleg screen ([Viewing Layup and Dogleg Distances and Saved Locations, page 2](#)).




- 1 Stand in the location you want to save.  
**NOTE:** You cannot save a location that is far from the currently selected hole.
- 2 Select  > **Save Location**.
- 3 Select a label for the location.

## Measuring a Shot

- 1 Take a shot, and watch where your ball lands.
- 2 Select .
- 3 Walk directly to your ball.  
The distance automatically resets when you move to the next hole.
- 4 If necessary, hold  to reset the distance at any time.

## Using the Odometer

You can use the odometer to record the time and distance traveled. The odometer automatically starts and stops when you start or end a round, but you can also start and stop it manually.

- 1 Select  > **Odometer** to view or start the odometer.
- 2 Select an option:
  - Select  > **Turn Off** to stop the odometer.
  - Select  > **Reset** to reset the time and distance to zero.

## TruSwing™

The TruSwing feature allows you to view swing metrics recorded from your TruSwing device. Go to [www.garmin.com/golf](http://www.garmin.com/golf) to purchase a TruSwing device.


### TruSwing Metrics

You can view swing metrics on your Approach device, on Garmin Connect™, or on the Garmin Connect Mobile app. See the owner's manual for your TruSwing device for more information.

Feature	Description	Requirements
Swing metrics on your Approach device only	The available metrics include your swing tempo, speed, club-path measurements, critical club angles, and more.	The TruSwing device must be paired with the Approach device.
Swing metrics on your Approach device and on the Garmin Connect Mobile app	The available metrics include your swing tempo, speed, club-path measurements, critical club angles, and more.	Both the TruSwing and Approach devices must be paired with the Garmin Connect Mobile app on your smartphone.

## Recording and Viewing TruSwing Metrics on Your Approach Device


Before you can view TruSwing settings on your Approach S5 device, you may need to update the software ([Updating Software and Courses, page 5](#)).

- 1 Verify your TruSwing device is securely mounted to your club.  
See the owner's manual for your TruSwing device for more information.
- 2 Turn on your TruSwing device.
- 3 On your Approach S5 device, select  > **TruSwing**.  
Your Approach S5 device pairs with the TruSwing device.
- 4 Select a club.
- 5 Hit a shot.


Your Approach S5 device displays swing measurements after each swing.

You can tap the screen to scroll through the recorded swing metrics.


### Changing Your Club

- 1 From the TruSwing screen, select  > **Change Club**.
- 2 Select a club.

### Changing Handedness

- 1 From the TruSwing screen, select  > **Handedness**.
- 2 Select an option.

## Disconnecting Your TruSwing Device

From the TruSwing screen, select  > **End TruSwing**.











## Customizing Your Device

### Tracking Statistics

You can enable statistics tracking on the device. You can view statistics, compare rounds, and track improvements using your Garmin Connect account ([Garmin Connect, page 3](#)).

Select  >  > **Setup Scoring** > **Stat Tracking** > **On**.

### Recording Statistics

- 1 Select .
- 2 Select  or  to set the number of strokes taken.  
Your total score updates.
- 3 Select .
- 4 Select  or  to set the number of putts taken.
- 5 Select .
- 6 Select an option:
  - If your ball hit the fairway, select .
  - If your ball missed the fairway, select  or .

### Garmin Connect

Garmin Connect is your online statistics tracker where you can analyze and share all your rounds. You can connect with your friends on the Garmin Connect site or mobile app. Garmin Connect gives you the tools to track, analyze, share, and encourage each other. To sign up for a free account, go to [www.garminconnect.com/golf](http://www.garminconnect.com/golf).

**Store your rounds:** After you complete and save a round with your device, you can upload that round to Garmin Connect and keep it as long as you want.

**Analyze your data:** You can view more detailed information about your round, including scorecards, statistics, course information, and customizable reports.

**Share your activities:** You can connect with friends to follow each other's activities or post links to your activities on your favorite social networking sites.


### Phone Notifications

Phone notifications require a compatible smartphone to be paired with the Approach S5 device. When your phone receives messages, it sends notifications to your device.

### Enabling Bluetooth Notifications

**NOTE:** Your smartphone must support Bluetooth Smart in order to pair with your Approach S5 device and synchronize data. See the application store for compatibility information.

**NOTE:** Enabling Bluetooth notifications reduces battery life while in watch mode ([Specifications, page 4](#)).

- 1 On your smartphone, enable Bluetooth wireless technology.
- 2 Bring your smartphone within 10 m (33 ft.) of your Approach S5 device.
- 3 Go to [www.garmin.com/apps](http://www.garmin.com/apps) or the application store for your smartphone, and download the Garmin Connect Mobile app.
- 4 Open the Garmin Connect Mobile app, and follow the on-screen instructions to connect a device.
- 5 On your Approach S5 device, select  > **Setup** > **Bluetooth** > **Pair Mobile Device**.
- 6 Follow the on-screen instructions.

When your Approach S5 device receives a notification, it displays a message. You can select the message to open the notification.

### Viewing Notifications

- 1 Select  > **Notifications**.

- 2 Select a notification.
- 3 Select ▼ or ▲ to scroll through the contents of the notification.

## System Settings

Select ≡ > **Setup**.

**Bluetooth:** Enables Bluetooth wireless technology (*Phone Notifications*, page 3).

**Tones:** Turns audible tones on or off.

**Display:** Sets the background color (*Changing the Display Color*, page 4) and the accent color.

**Scoring:** Sets the scoring method, enables or disables handicap scoring, and turns statistics tracking on or off (*Keeping Score*, page 2).

**Time:** Sets the time to automatic or manual (*Setting the Time Manually*, page 4).

**Format:** Sets the time format to 12- or 24-hour.

**Language:** Sets the text language on the device.

**NOTE:** Changing the text language does not change the language of user-entered data or map data.

**Units:** Sets the unit of measure for distance.

**Driver Dist.:** Sets your saved driver distance from the tee box. This distance appears as an arc on the CourseView screen.

**Handedness:** Sets the device for a right-handed or left-handed player. This setting is important for the TempoTraining and SwingStrength™ features.

**Lock Screen:** Allows you to choose if the device times out and locks the touchscreen while you are playing golf or using the golf features. When you are not playing golf or using the golf features, the watch automatically times out after a period of inactivity (*Unlocking the Device*, page 1).

## Setting the Time Manually

By default, the time is set automatically when the device acquires satellite signals.

- 1 Select ≡ > **Setup** > **Time** > **Manual**.
- 2 Select — and + to set the hour and minute.
- 3 Select **AM** or **PM**.

## Changing the Display Color

You can change the background color on the device.

- 1 Select ≡ > **Setup** > **Display**.
- 2 Select an option:
  - Select **White** to display black text on a white background.
  - Select **Black** to display white text on a black background.

## Changing the Accent Color

You can change the accent color on the device.

- 1 Select ≡ > **Setup** > **Display** > **Accent**.
- 2 Select an accent color.

## Setting the Alarm

- 1 Select ≡ > **Alarm** > **Setup Alarm**.
- 2 Select — and + to set the hour and minute.
- 3 Select **AM** or **PM**.
- 4 Select **Once**, **Daily**, or **Weekdays**.

## Device Information

### Specifications

Battery type	Lithium-ion
Battery life	Watch only: 20 weeks Watch with Bluetooth notifications: 15 hours Playing golf: 10 hours  <b>NOTE:</b> The actual battery life of a fully charged battery depends on how much time you use GPS, the backlight, and power save mode. Exposure to extremely cold temperatures also reduces battery life.
Operating temperature range	From -20° to 60°C (from -4° to 140°F)
Charging temperature range	From 5° to 40°C (from 40° to 104°F)
Water rating	5 ATM <sup>1</sup>
Radio frequency/protocol	Bluetooth Smart wireless technology

### Device Care

#### NOTICE

Avoid extreme shock and harsh treatment, because it can degrade the life of the product.

Avoid pressing the keys under water.

Do not use a sharp object to clean the device.

Never use a hard or sharp object to operate the touchscreen, or damage may result.

Avoid chemical cleaners, solvents, and insect repellents that can damage plastic components and finishes.

Thoroughly rinse the device with fresh water after exposure to chlorine, salt water, sunscreen, cosmetics, alcohol, or other harsh chemicals. Prolonged exposure to these substances can damage the case.

Do not store the device where prolonged exposure to extreme temperatures can occur, because it can cause permanent damage.

### Cleaning the Device

#### NOTICE

Even small amounts of sweat or moisture can cause corrosion of the electrical contacts when connected to a charger. Corrosion can prevent charging and data transfer.

- 1 Wipe the device using a cloth dampened with a mild detergent solution.
- 2 Wipe it dry.

After cleaning, allow the device to dry completely.

**TIP:** For more information, go to [www.garmin.com/fitandcare](http://www.garmin.com/fitandcare).

## Troubleshooting

### Touchscreen Tips

The touchscreen on this device is different than most mobile devices. You can operate the touchscreen with your finger tip or while wearing gloves. The touchscreen is optimized to prevent accidental touches while you play.

**NOTE:** You must press firmly in order to select items and change pages. You should practice using the touchscreen before you play golf.

- Tap the touchscreen to scroll through the pages.
- Tap the touchscreen to confirm messages.
- Make each touchscreen selection a separate action.

<sup>1</sup> The device withstands pressure equivalent to a depth of 50 m. For more information, go to [www.garmin.com/waterrating](http://www.garmin.com/waterrating).





## Getting More Information

- Go to [www.garmin.com/intosports](http://www.garmin.com/intosports).
- Go to [www.garmin.com/learningcenter](http://www.garmin.com/learningcenter).
- Go to <http://buy.garmin.com>, or contact your Garmin® dealer for information about optional accessories and replacement parts.

## Resetting the Device




If the device stops responding, you may need to reset it.

**NOTE:** Resetting the device may erase your data or settings.

- 1 Hold  for 15 seconds.  
The device turns off.
- 2 Hold  for one second to turn on the device.

## Clearing User Data

**NOTE:** This deletes all user-entered data.

- 1 Hold  to turn off the device.
- 2 Hold , and select .
- 3 Select **Yes**.

## Support and Updates

Garmin Express™ ([www.garmin.com/express](http://www.garmin.com/express)) provides easy access to these services for Garmin devices.

- Product registration
- Product manuals
- Software updates
- Map, chart, or course updates

## Updating Software and Courses

**NOTE:** Updating the software does not erase any of your data or settings.

- 1 Connect your device to a computer using the charging cable.
- 2 Go to [www.garmin.com/express](http://www.garmin.com/express).
- 3 Follow the on-screen instructions.

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