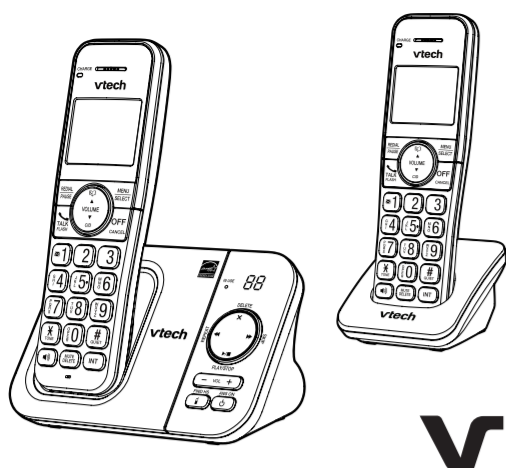Scan the QR code for support information

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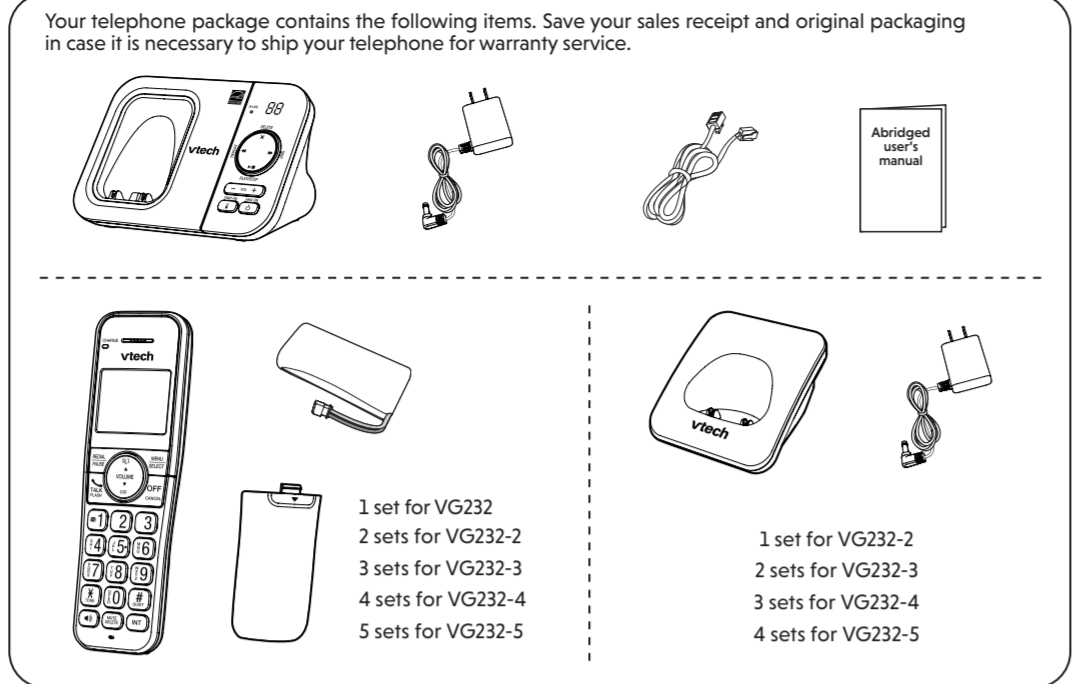
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Abridged user's manual

WHAT'S IN THE BOX

Your telephone package contains the following items. Save your sales receipt and original packaging in case it is necessary to ship your telephone for warranty service.

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1 set for VG232
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3 sets for VG232-3
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INSTALL AND CONNECT

Install the battery

① THIS SIDE UP

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Connect and charge

Connect the telephone base and charger
If you subscribe to digital subscriber line (DSL) high-speed Internet service through your telephone line, make sure you connect a DSL filter (not included) to the telephone wall jack.

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CHARGE

Mount (optional)

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SETUP

After the telephone is installed or power returns following a power outage and battery depletion, the handset will prompt you to set the date and time.

Date and time

When the handset prompts, follow the steps below to set the date and time.

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.

NOTES:
To skip setting the date and time, press **CANCEL**.

If you have skipped the prompt, you can set up again by pressing **MENU**. Scroll to **Set date/time**, and press **SELECT**. Then, follow the steps above.

Change LCD language settings

You can select English, French, or Spanish to be used in all screen displays:

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

NOTE: If you accidentally set the LCD language to Spanish or French, press **MENU** and then enter **✱364#** to change the handset LCD language back to English while the handset is not in use.
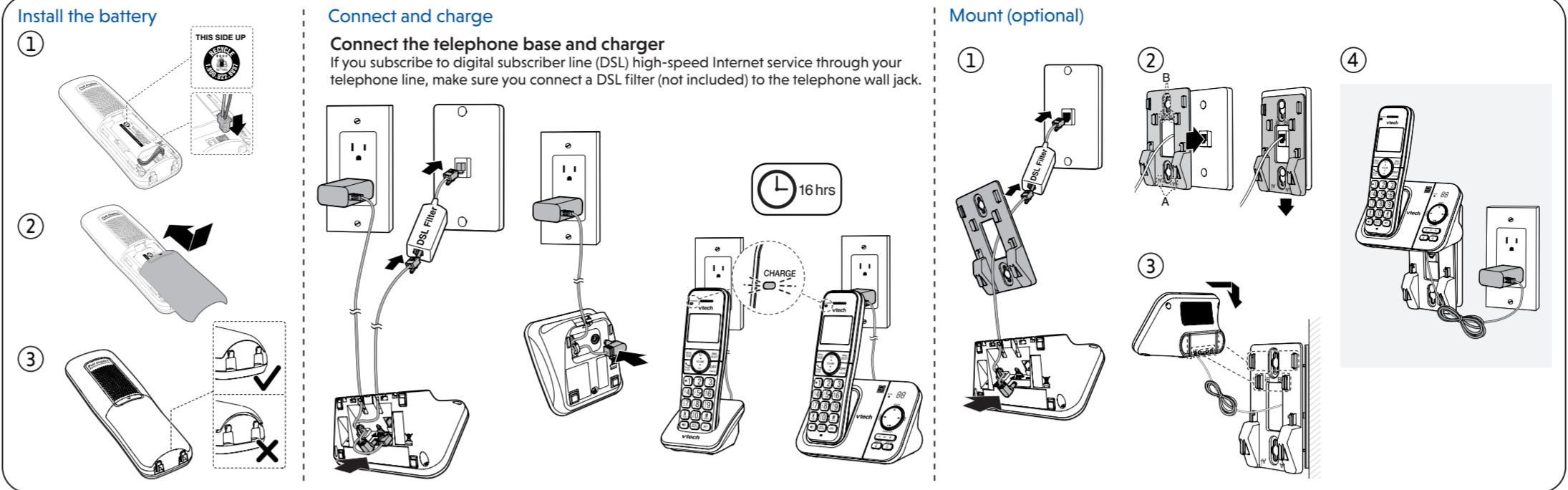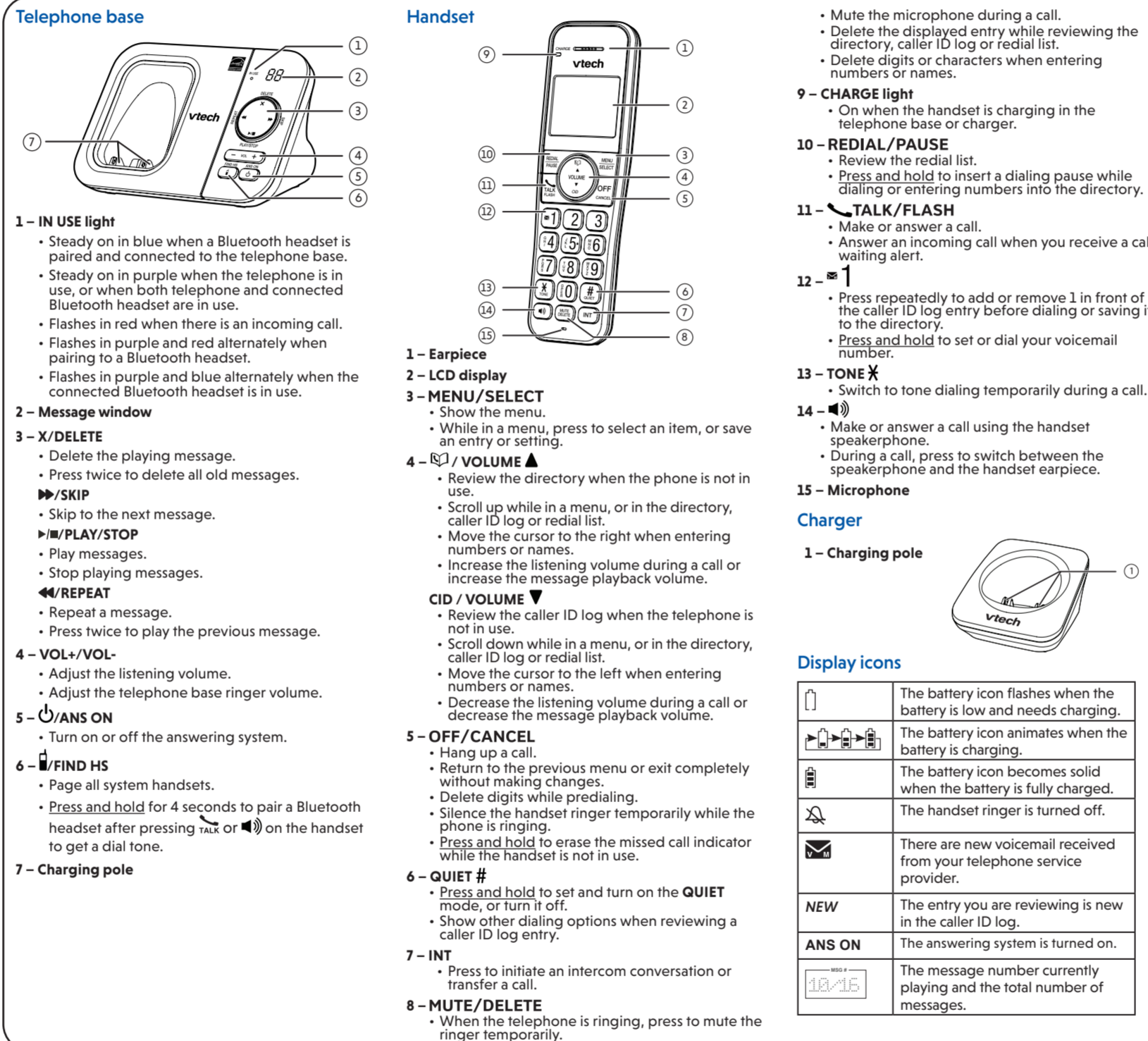
IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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. Use only with UL listed Bluetooth devices.
4. Unplug this product from the wall outlet before cleaning. Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners. Use a damp cloth for cleaning.
5. **CAUTION** : Do not install the telephone equipment at a height above 2 meters.
6. Do not use this product 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.
7. Do not place this product on an unstable table, shelf, stand or other unstable surfaces.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Do not allow anything to rest on the power cord. Do not install this product where the cord may be walked on.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. Do not overload wall outlets and extension cords.
15. 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.

16. Avoid using a telephone (other than cordless) during an electrical storm. There is a remote risk of electric shock from lightning.
17. 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.
18. Only put the handset of your telephone next to your ear when it is in normal talk mode.
19. 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.
20. For pluggable equipment, the socket-outlet shall be installed near the equipment and shall be easily accessible.
21. **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. Disposed of used batteries according to the instruction.
    • Do not use the battery in following conditions:
      » High or low extreme temperature during use, storage or transportation.
      » Replacement of a battery with an incorrect type that can defeat a safeguard.
      » Disposal of a battery into fire or a hot oven, or mechanically crushing or cutting of a battery, that can result in an explosion.
      » Leaving a battery in an extremely high temperature surrounding environment that can result in an explosion or the leakage of flammable liquid or gas.
      » A battery subjected to extremely low air pressure that can result in an explosion or the leakage of flammable liquid or gas.
22. Use only the adapter included with this product. Incorrect adapter polarity or voltage can seriously damage the product.
23. The applied nameplate is located at the bottom or near of the product.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Battery
• Use only the battery provided or equivalent. To order a replacement, visit our website at www.vtechphones.com or call 1 (800) 595-9511. In Canada, go to phones.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.

OVERVIEW

Telephone base

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1 – IN USE light
• Steady on in blue when a Bluetooth headset is paired and connected to the telephone base.
• Steady on in purple when the telephone is in use, or when both telephone and connected Bluetooth headset are in use.
• Flashes in red when there is an incoming call.
• Flashes in purple and red alternately when pairing to a Bluetooth headset.
• Flashes in purple and blue alternately when the connected Bluetooth headset is in use.

2 – Message window

3 – X/DELETE
• Delete the playing message.
• Press twice to delete all old messages.

▶▶/SKIP
• Skip to the next message.

▶/▌▌/PLAY/STOP
• Play messages.
• Stop playing messages.

◀◀/REPEAT
• Repeat a message.
• Press twice to play the previous message.

4 – VOL+/VOL-
• Adjust the listening volume.
• Adjust the telephone base ringer volume.

5 – ⏻/ANS ON
• Turn on or off the answering system.

6 – ▌/FIND HS
• Page all system handsets.
• Press and hold for 4 seconds to pair a Bluetooth headset after pressing TALK or ◀▶) on the handset to get a dial tone.

7 – Charging pole

Handset

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1 – Earpiece
2 – LCD display
3 – MENU/SELECT
• Show the menu.
• While in a menu, press to select an item, or save an entry or setting.

4 – ◀▶) / VOLUME ▲
• Review the directory when the phone is not in use.
• Scroll up while in a menu, or in the directory, caller ID log or redial list.
• Move the cursor to the right when entering numbers or names.
• Increase the listening volume during a call or increase the message playback volume.

CID / VOLUME ▼
• Review the caller ID log when the telephone is not in use.
• Scroll down while in a menu, or in the directory, caller ID log or redial list.
• Move the cursor to the left when entering numbers or names.
• Decrease the listening volume during a call or decrease the message playback volume.

5 – OFF/CANCEL
• Hang up a call.
• Return to the previous menu or exit completely without making changes.
• Delete digits while predialing.
• Silence the handset ringer temporarily while the phone is ringing.
• Press and hold to erase the missed call indicator while the handset is not in use.

6 – QUIET #
• Press and hold to set and turn on the QUIET mode, or turn it off.
• Show other dialing options when reviewing a caller ID log.

7 – INT
• Press to initiate an intercom conversation or transfer a call.

8 – MUTE/DELETE
• When the telephone is ringing, press to mute the ringer temporarily.

• Press ▼ or ▲ to move the cursor to the left or right.
• Press and hold PAUSE to insert a dialing pause (for entering numbers only).
• Press 0 to add a space (for entering names only).

9 – CHARGE light
• On when the handset is charging in the telephone base or charger.

10 – REDIAL/PAUSE
• Review the redial list.
• Press and hold to insert a dialing pause while dialing or entering numbers into the directory.

11 – TALK/FLASH
• Make or answer a call.
• Answer an incoming call when you receive a call waiting alert.

12 – ▬1
• Press repeatedly to add or remove 1 in front of the caller ID log entry before dialing or saving it to the directory.
• Press and hold to set or dial your voicemail number.

13 – TONE ✱
• Switch to tone dialing temporarily during a call.

14 – ◀▶)
• Make or answer a call using the handset speakerphone.
• During a call, press to switch between the speakerphone and the handset earpiece.

15 – Microphone

Charger

① Charging pole

Display icons

🔋	The battery icon flashes when the battery is low and needs charging.
🔋	The battery icon animates when the battery is charging.
🔋	The battery icon becomes solid when the battery is fully charged.
🔔	The handset ringer is turned off.
✉	There are new voicemail received from your telephone service provider.
NEW	The entry you are reviewing is new in the caller ID log.
ANS ON	The answering system is turned on.
10/15	The message number currently playing and the total number of messages.

TELEPHONE OPERATIONS

REDIAL PAUSE | MENU | TALK FLASH | OFF CANCEL | VOLUME | CID | MUTE DELETE | INT

• Mute the microphone during a call.
• Delete the displayed entry while reviewing the directory, caller ID log or redial list.
• Delete digits or characters when entering numbers or names.

Use the handset menu

1. Press **MENU** when the phone is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ until the screen displays the desired feature menu.
3. Press **SELECT**.
• Press **CANCEL** to return to the previous menu.
• Press and hold **CANCEL** to exit completely.

Make a call

• Press TALK or ◀▶), and then dial the telephone number.

Answer a call

• Press TALK, ◀▶) or any dialing keys.

End a call

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

Speakerphone

• During a call, press ◀▶) on the handset to switch between speakerphone and handset earpiece.

Volume

• During a call, press **VOLUME ▲** and **VOLUME ▼** to adjust the listening volume.

Mute

The mute function allows you to hear the other party but the other party cannot hear you.

1. During a call, press **MUTE**. The handset displays **Muted**.
2. Press **MUTE** again to resume the conversation. The handset displays **Microphone on** briefly.

Join a call in progress

You can use up to two handsets at a time on an outside call.
• When a handset is already on a call, press TALK or ◀▶) on another handset to join the call.
• To exit the call, press **OFF** on the handset or place it in the telephone base or charger. The call continues until all handsets hang up.

Call waiting

When you subscribe to call waiting service from your telephone service provider, you hear an alert tone if there is an incoming call while you are already on a call.
• Press **FLASH** to put the current call on hold and take the new call.
• Press **FLASH** at any time to switch back and forth between calls.

Find handset

Use this feature to find the system handset.

To start paging:
• Press ▌/FIND HS on the telephone base when not in use. All idle handsets ring and display **✱✱ Paging ✱✱**.

To end paging:
• Press ▌/FIND HS at the telephone base.
-OR-
• Press TALK, ◀▶), OFF or any dialing keys on the handset.
-OR-
• Place the handset in the telephone base or charger.

NOTE: Do not press and hold ▌/FIND HS for more than 4 seconds. It may lead to handset deregistration.

BLUETOOTH®

Your telephone system is enhanced with Bluetooth feature. You can pair a Bluetooth headset to your telephone system and answer calls with your Bluetooth headset.

NOTES:
Before you begin, make sure that your Bluetooth enabled headset is not connected to any other Bluetooth device. If you have trouble pairing your Bluetooth headset to your **VG232/VG232-2/VG232-3/VG232-4/VG232-5** telephone system, try turning off the Bluetooth feature of the nearby devices that your Bluetooth headset has previously paired.

Pair and connect a Bluetooth headset

1. Set your Bluetooth headset to pairing mode. Refer to your Bluetooth headset user's manual to learn how.
2. Press TALK or ◀▶) on the handset.
3. Press and hold ▌/FIND HS on the telephone base for 4 seconds.
   • The telephone base then enters pairing mode.
   • The IN USE light flashes in purple and red alternately.
   • To cancel pairing, press ▌/FIND HS on the telephone base.
4. When successfully paired and connected to the Bluetooth headset, the IN USE light becomes steady on in purple.
5. Press **OFF** on the handset or place the handset in the telephone base or charger after pairing. The IN USE light becomes steady on in blue.

Bluetooth headset connection status:
• **Pairing** - while pairing to a Bluetooth headset, the IN USE light flashes in purple and red alternately.
• **Connected** - when successfully paired and connected to a Bluetooth headset, the IN USE light becomes steady on in blue when the telephone is not in use.
  NOTE: When there is an incoming call, you hear a ringing tone on your Bluetooth headset and the IN USE light flashes in red. You can answer the incoming call with your Bluetooth headset.
• **Bluetooth headset in use** - when the connected Bluetooth headset is in use, the IN USE light flashes in purple and blue alternately.
• **Both telephone and Bluetooth headset are in use** - when both the telephone and the connected Bluetooth headset are in use, the IN USE light becomes steady on in purple.
• **No connection** - the IN USE light turns off.

Remove paired Bluetooth headset

1. Press TALK or ◀▶) on the handset.
2. Press and hold ▌/FIND HS on the telephone base for 4 seconds. The paired Bluetooth headset will be removed.

NOTES:
You can use your connected Bluetooth headset to answer calls or end the call.

Bluetooth wireless technology operates within a short range (a maximum of approximately 15 feet) from the telephone base. Keep connected headset within this range.

For more details about the Bluetooth feature, read the online Complete user's manual.

If you fail to connect your Bluetooth headset to the telephone, re-try the pairing steps above.

To pair another Bluetooth headset to the telephone, perform the pairing steps above and the current paired headset will be replaced by the new Bluetooth headset.

While on a call using your Bluetooth headset, keep your headset closer to the telephone base (within 15 feet) and make sure that there are no physical obstacles such as large furniture or thick wall in between.

REDIAL LIST

Each handset stores the last 10 telephone numbers dialed. When there are already 10 entries, the oldest entry is deleted to make room for the new entry.

Review and dial a redial list entry

1. Press **REDIAL** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press ▼, ▲ or **REDIAL** repeatedly until the desired entry displays.
3. Press TALK or ◀▶) to dial.

Delete a redial list entry

1. Search for or review the redial list entries (see **Review and dial a redial list entry**).
2. When the desired redial entry displays, press **DELETE**.

INTERCOM

Use the intercom features for conversations between two handsets.

1. Press **INT** on your handset when not in use. Use the dialing keys to enter a destination handset number if necessary.
2. To answer the intercom call, press TALK, ◀▶), INT or any dialing key on the destination handset.
3. To end the intercom call, press **OFF** or place the handset back in the telephone base or charger.

Answer an incoming call during an intercom call

If you receive an incoming call during an intercom call, there is an alert tone.
• To answer the outside call, press TALK. The intercom call ends automatically.
• To end the intercom call without answering the outside call, press **OFF**. The telephone continues to ring.

Call transfer using intercom

While on an outside call, you can use the intercom feature to transfer the call from one handset to another.
1. Press **INT** on your handset during a call. The current call is put on hold. Use the dialing keys to enter a destination handset number if necessary.

DIRECTORY

The directory can store up to 50 entries, which are shared by all handsets. Each entry may consist of a telephone number up to 30 digits, and a name up to 15 characters.

Add a directory entry

1. Enter the number when the phone is not in use. Press **MENU**, then go to Step 3.
   -OR-
   Press **MENU** when the phone is not in use, then press **SELECT** to choose **Directory**. Press **SELECT** again to choose **Add contact**.
2. Use the dialing keys to enter the number.
   -OR-
   Copy a number from the redial list by pressing **REDIAL** and then ▼, ▲ or **REDIAL** repeatedly to select a number. Press **SELECT** to copy the number.
3. Press **SELECT** to move on to enter the name.
4. Use the dialing keys to enter the name. Additional key presses show other characters of that particular key.
5. Press **SELECT** to save.

While entering names and numbers, you can:
• Press **DELETE** to backspace and erase a digit or character.
• Press and hold **DELETE** to erase the entire entry.

Review a directory entry

Entries are sorted alphabetically.
1. Press ◀▶) when the phone is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to browse through the directory, or use the dialing keys to start a name search.

Delete a directory entry

1. Search for or review the directory entries (see **Review a directory entry**).
2. When the desired entry displays, press **DELETE**.
3. When the handset displays **Delete contact?**, press **SELECT**.

Edit a directory entry

1. Search for or review the directory entries (see **Review a directory entry**).
2. When the desired entry displays, press **SELECT**.
3. Use the dialing keys to edit the number, then press **SELECT**.
4. Use the dialing keys to edit the name, then press **SELECT**.

Dial a directory entry

1. Search for or review the directory entries (see **Review a directory entry**).
2. When the desired entry appears, press TALK or ◀▶) to dial.

SPEED DIAL

You can copy up to 10 directory entries into the speed dial locations (**0**-**9**) so that you can dial these numbers using shortcuts.

Assign a speed dial entry

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to scroll to **Directory**, then press **SELECT**.
3. Scroll to **Speed dial**, then press **SELECT**.
4. Scroll to a desired speed dial location and then press **SELECT**.
   • **Reassign SD** displays.
5. Press **SELECT** again.
   • **Copy from DIR...** and the first directory entry display.
6. Scroll to a desired directory entry, then press **SELECT** to save.

Dial a speed dial entry

• Press and hold a dialing key (**0**-**9**) to dial the number stored in the corresponding location.

Delete a speed dial entry

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to scroll to **Directory**, then press **SELECT**.
3. Scroll to **Speed dial**, then press **SELECT**.
4. Scroll to a desired speed dial location and then press **DELETE**.
5. Scroll to a desired directory entry, then press **SELECT** to save.

Reassign speed dial entry

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to scroll to **Directory**, then press **SELECT**.
3. Scroll to **Speed dial**, then press **SELECT**.

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 that 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.

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.

Missed call indicator

When there are calls that have not been received in the caller ID log, the handset displays **XX missed calls**.

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 **CANCEL** on the idle handset to erase the missed call indicator. All the entries are then considered old.

Dial a caller ID log entry

1. Search for or review the caller ID log entries (see **Review a caller ID log entry**).
2. When the desired entry appears, press TALK or ◀▶) to dial.

Save the caller ID log entry to the directory

1. Search for or review the caller ID log entries (see **Review a caller ID log entry**).
2. When the desired caller ID log entry displays, press **SELECT**.
3. Use the dialing keys to edit the number, if necessary. Then press **SELECT**.
4. Use the dialing keys to edit the name, if necessary. Then press **SELECT**.

Delete the caller ID log entries

1. Search for or review the caller ID log entries (see **Review a caller ID log entry**).
2. When the desired caller ID log entry displays, press **DELETE**.

To 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** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Scroll to **Del all calls** and then press **SELECT** twice.

2. To answer the intercom call on the destination handset, press TALK, ◀▶), INT or any dialing key on the destination handset. You can now have a private conservation before transferring the call.
3. From this intercom call, you have the following options:
   • You can let the destination handset join you on the outside call in a three-way conversation. Press and hold **INT** on the originating handset.
   • You can transfer the call. Press **OFF**, or place your handset back in the telephone base or charger. The destination handset is then connected to the outside call.
   • You can press **INT** to switch between the outside call (**Outside call** displays) and the intercom call (**Intercom** displays).
   • The destination handset can end the intercom call by pressing **OFF**, or by placing the handset back in the telephone base or charger. The outside call continues with the original system handset.

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SOUND SETTINGS

Key tone

You can turn the key tone on or off.

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to scroll to **Settings** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Scroll to choose **Key tone**, then press **SELECT**.
4. Scroll to choose **On** or **Off**, then press **SELECT**.

Ringer tone

You can choose from different ringer tones for each handset.

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to scroll to **Ringers** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Scroll to **Ringer tone**, then press **SELECT**.
4. Scroll to sample each ringer tone, then press **SELECT** to save.

📝 **NOTE:** If you turn off the ringer volume, you will not hear ringer tone samples.

Ringer volume

You can adjust the handset ringer volume level, or turn the ringer off.

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to scroll to **Ringers** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Press **SELECT** again to choose **Ringer volume**.
4. Scroll to choose a volume level. A sample of each ringer volume plays as you scroll through the choices.
5. Press **SELECT** to save.

📝 **NOTES:**
- If you turn off the volume, the handset will be silenced and displays **Ringer off**.
- When the ringer volume is set to **Off**, you can still ring when you press 📞/**FIND HS** at the telephone base.

Temporary ringer silencing

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

To silence the handset ringer:
- Press **MUTE** or **OFF**. The handset displays **Ringer muted**.

Quiet mode

You can turn on the quiet mode for a period of time. During this period, all tones (except paging tone) and call screening are muted.

1. Press and hold **QUIET** on the handset when it is not in use.
2. Use the dialing keys (0-9) to enter the duration, and then press **SELECT** to save.
- To turn off the quiet mode, **press and hold QUIET** on the handset when it is not in use.

ABOUT THE BUILT-IN ANSWERING SYSTEM AND VOICEMAIL SERVICE

For message recording, your telephone has a built-in answering system, and it also supports voicemail service offered by your telephone service provider (subscription is required, and fee may apply).

The main differences between them are:

Category	Built-in answering system	Voicemail from telephone service
Storage	Messages are stored in the telephone base.	Messages are stored in a server or system provided by your telephone service provider.
	Your messages will not be deleted automatically. You have to delete your messages manually.	Your messages may be automatically deleted after a period of time. Contact your telephone service provider for more details.
Display new message	When you received new messages, the handset displays **XX new messages**, and the message window on the telephone base flashes.	When you received new messages, the handset displays 📧 and **New voicemail**.
Method to retrieve messages	To retrieve messages: • Press 📞/▶ on the telephone base; or • Press **MENU** on the handset, and then select **Play messages**; or • Access remotely with an access code.	Press 📧 on the dialpad, and enter an access number from your telephone service provider; - OR - **Press and hold** 📧 to dial if you have saved the access number.

New message indication

When there are new messages in the built-in answering system, the handset displays **XX new messages**, and the message window on the telephone base flashes.

Message window display	Description
0	No messages.
0 (flashing)	After a power failure, the number in the message window flashes to indicate that the date and time need to be set.
1-99	Total number of old messages and memos recorded.
	The current message number during old message playback.
0-99 (flashing)	• Total number of new messages and memos. The number flashes when there are new messages that have not been reviewed. • Current message number during new message playback. • After a power failure, the number in the message window flashes. • Indicate that the date and time need to be set.
1-99 & F (alternating)	Memory is full. Messages must be deleted before new messages can be recorded.
1-8	The telephone base speaker volume level while adjusting.
0-6	The telephone base ringer level while adjusting.
	• The answering system is being programmed by a system handset. • The answering system is answering a call or recording a memo or announcement. • The answering system is being accessed remotely. • The directory or caller ID log is being accessed by a system handset.

TURN ON/ OFF THE ANSWERING SYSTEM

The answering system must be turned on to answer and record messages.

When the answering system is turned on, the 🔆/**ANS ON** light on the telephone base turns on and **ANS ON** displays on the handset.

Press 🔆/**ANS ON** on the base to turn the answering system on or off. **- OR -**

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to choose **Answering sys** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Scroll to choose **Answer on/off** and then press **SELECT**.
4. Scroll to choose **On** or **Off**, then press **SELECT** to save.

ANSWERING SYSTEM SETTINGS

Set your built-in answering system

The answering system can record and store up to 99 messages. Each message can be up to 3 minutes in length. The total storage capacity for the answering system, messages and memos is approximately 14 minutes. The actual recording time depends on individual message characteristics. Messages remain available for replay until you delete them.

If the answering system has less than 3 minutes of recording time left, "*Less than 3 minutes to record*" is announced before the message playback and **Rec mem low** appears on the handset screen.

If the memory is full, the answering system announces, "*Memory is full.*" The number of messages and F flash, alternatively, in the message window, and **Rec mem full** appears on the handset screen. You must delete some messages before recording new ones.

Your answering system allows you to set your announcement, to save and delete messages, activate call screening, to set number of rings before pick up, and to access remotely.

Voice language

📝 **NOTE:** This feature is available in Canada version only.

The voice prompt language is preset to English. You can select English or French to be used for all voice prompts.

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to choose **Settings** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Scroll to choose **Voice language** and then press **SELECT**.

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4. Scroll to choose **English** or **Français** and then press **SELECT**.

Announcement

Your outgoing announcement plays when calls are answered by the answering system. The telephone has a default outgoing announcement, "*Hello, please leave a message after the tone.*" You can use this announcement, or record your own.

Record a new outgoing announcement:

The announcement can be up to 90 seconds in length.

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to choose **Answering sys** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Press **SELECT** to choose **Announcement**.
4. The screen displays **Play [2] Del [3] Rec [7]** and it announces, "*To play, press 2. To record, press 7.*" Press **7** to record.
5. The handset announces, "*Record after the tone. Press 5 when you are done.*" and it displays **Recording... Stop [5]**.
6. After the tone, speak towards the handset microphone.
7. Press **5** when finished. The handset plays back the recorded announcement. Press **5** or **OFF** to stop the playback at any time. To listen to the recorded announcement again, wait after playback has completed, then press **2**.

📝 **NOTE:** Announcements shorter than two seconds will not be recorded.

Play your announcement:

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to choose **Answering sys** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Press **SELECT** to choose **Announcement**.
4. The screen displays **Play [2] Del [3] Rec [7]** and it announces, "*To play, press 2. To record, press 7.*" Press **2** to play the current announcement.

Options during playback:

1. Press **VOLUME ▼** or **VOLUME ▲** to adjust the listening volume.
2. Press **5** or **OFF** to stop at any time.

Delete your announcement:

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to choose **Answering sys** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Press **SELECT** to choose **Announcement**.
4. The screen displays **Play [2] Del [3] Rec [7]** and it announces, "*To play, press 2. To record, press 7.*" Press **3** to delete your recorded announcement. The handset displays **Annc**

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4. Scroll to choose **English** or **Français** and then press **SELECT**.

deleted and announces "*Announcement deleted.*"

📝 **NOTE:** After you deleted your own recorded announcement, the answering system answers calls with the default announcement.

Set number of rings

You can set the answering system to answer an incoming call after two, three, four, five or six rings, or select toll saver.

If you choose toll saver, the answering system answers a call after two rings when you have new messages, or after four rings when you have no new messages. This enables you to check for new messages and avoid paying unnecessary long distance charges if you are calling from outside your local area.

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to choose **Answering sys** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Scroll to choose **Ans sys setup** and then press **SELECT**.
4. Scroll to choose **# of rings** and then press **SELECT**.
5. Scroll to choose from **2, 3, 4, 5, 6** or **Toll saver**. Press **SELECT** to save.

Turn on or off the message alert tone

When the message alert tone is set to on, and there is at least one new message, the telephone base beeps every 10 seconds. The tone stops when all new messages have been reviewed.

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to choose **Answering sys** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Scroll to choose **Ans sys setup** and press **SELECT**.
4. Scroll to choose **Msg alert tone** and press **SELECT**.
5. Scroll to choose **On** or **Off**, then press **SELECT** to save.

📝 **NOTE:** The message alert tone beeps only if all the following conditions are met.
- Answering system is on.
- Message alert tone setting is on.
- There are new messages.

Playback messages

You can listen to messages at the telephone base or on a cordless handset. When playback begins, the total number of messages is announced. Before each message, you hear the day and time of the recording. After the last message, you hear, "*End of messages.*" Make sure you set the date and time correctly. Refer to **Set date and time** for more details.

To listen to messages at the base:

- Press 📞/**PLAY/STOP** when the phone is not in use. When you have no message in the answering system, the telephone base announces, "*You have no message.*"

Options during playback

- Press **VOL** - or **VOL** + to adjust the listening volume.
- Press ▶/**SKIP** to skip to the next message.
- Press ◀/**REPEAT** to repeat the playing message. Press ◀/**REPEAT** twice to listen to the previous message.
- Press **X/DELETE** to delete the playing message. The telephone base advances to the next message.
- Press 📞/**PLAY/STOP** to stop the playback.

To listen to messages with the handset:

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use. The handset displays **Play messages**.
2. Press **SELECT**. If you have either new or old messages, the messages play automatically.
- The system announces the number of messages, and then begins playback. The message sequence is shown on the handset's screen.
3. Press **OFF** to stop the playback.

Options during playback

- Press **VOLUME ▼** or **VOLUME ▲** to adjust the listening volume.
- Press 6 to skip to the next message.
- Press 4 to repeat the playing message. Press 4 twice to listen to the previous message.
- Press 3 to delete the playing message. The telephone base advances to the next message.
- Press **OFF** to stop the playback.

Delete all messages

Using the base

1. Press **X/DELETE** when the telephone is not in use. The telephone announces - *To delete all old messages, press DELETE again.*
2. Press **X/DELETE** again. All previously reviewed messages are erased and the telephone announces - *All old messages deleted.*

Using the handset

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to choose **Answering sys** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Scroll to choose **Delete old** and then press **SELECT**.
4. Press **SELECT** to confirm. The handset displays **Deleting...** and then **No old messages**. It returns to the previous menu, and you hear a confirmation tone.

Answering system remote access

You can reach your answering system remotely by dialing your home telephone number from any touch-tone telephone.

1. Dial your telephone number from any touch-tone telephone.
2. Once the system plays your announcement, enter the two-digit remote access code (**19** is the default code).
- The system automatically announces the number of new or old messages (if any), and then begins to play them.

You can also enter the following remote commands.

Command	Description
1	Play all messages.
2	Play only new messages.
3	Delete the current message (during playback).
33	Delete all old messages.
4	Repeat the current message (during playback).
5	Stop.
*5	Hear a list of remote commands.
6	Skip to the next message (during playback).
*7	Record a new announcement.
8	End the call.
0	Turn the answering system on or off.

3. Hang up or press **8** to end the call.

📝 **NOTES:**
- If you do not press any key after you enter the remote access code, all new messages play. If there are no new messages, all old messages play.
- Once the new messages have played, the telephone announces the help menu options. If you do not press any key within 20 seconds, the remote access call automatically disconnects.
- When the answering system is turned off, the telephone answers after 10 rings, and announces, "*Please enter your remote access code.*"
- When the memory is full, the answering system answers incoming calls after 10 rings and announces, "*Memory is full. Enter your remote access code.*"

Change remote access code

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to choose **Answering sys** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Scroll to choose **Ans sys setup** and press **SELECT**.
4. Scroll to choose **Remote code** and press **SELECT**.
5. Use the dialing keys to enter a two-digit number.
  -OR-
  Scroll to a desired two-digit number.
6. Press **SELECT** to confirm.

Call intercept while using answering system

When a caller is leaving a message on your answering system, you can stop recording and talk to the caller by pressing 📞 on the handset.

Recording memo

Memos are your own recorded messages used as reminders for yourself or others using the same answering system. You can record your own memos using a system handset. Playback and delete them in the same way as incoming messages.

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to choose **Answering sys** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Scroll to choose **Record memo** and then press **SELECT**. The handset displays **Recording... Stop [5]** and announces, "*Record after the tone. Press 5 when you are done.*"
4. Speak towards the handset microphone. Press **5** or **OFF** when you finish recording. The handset announces "*Recorded.*"

📝 **NOTES:**
- If you record a memo when the answering system memory is full, the system announces, "*Memory is full.*"
- Each memo can be up to three minutes in length. Memos shorter than two second are not recorded.
- When the answering system has less than three minutes of recording time left, the handset announces, "*Less than three minutes to record,*" and displays **Rec mem low**.

Turn on or off the call screening

Use this feature to choose whether incoming messages can be heard over the telephone base when they are being recorded. If you turn call screening on, you hear the incoming message.

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to choose **Answering sys** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Scroll to choose **Ans sys setup** and press **SELECT**.
4. Press **SELECT** again to choose **Call screening**.
5. Scroll to choose **On** or **Off**, then press **SELECT** to save.

Screen a call with answering system

Screen a call at the cordless handset:

If the answering system is on and a call is being answered by the answering system, the handset shows **To screen call** and press **[SELECT]** alternately. Press **SELECT** to screen the call on your handset. The handset shows **Screening....**

Option while a message is being recorded
- Press **VOLUME ▼** or **VOLUME ▲** on the handset to adjust the call screening volume.

Screen calls at the base:

If the answering system and call screening are on, the announcement and the incoming message broadcast at the telephone base when a call is answered by the answering system.

Option while a message is being recorded
- Press **VOL -** or **VOL +** on the telephone base to adjust the call screening volume.
- Press 📞/**PLAY/STOP** to temporarily turn on the screening if the call screening is set to off.

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

If you subscribe to a voicemail service offered by your telephone service provider, the handset displays 📧 and **New voicemail** when you received a voicemail. 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 speed dial voicemail number

You can save the voicemail number to 📧 on each handset for easy access. When you want to retrieve voicemail messages, **press and hold 1**. Contact your

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telephone service provider for more information and assistance about your voicemail service.

1. Press **MENU** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to scroll to **Settings** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Scroll to choose **Voicemail #**, then press **SELECT**.
4. Use the dialing keys to enter the voicemail number (up to 30 digits), then press **SELECT**.

Clear 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 clear the indicators.

📝 **NOTE:** This feature clears the indicators only, it does not delete your voicemail messages.

1. Press **MENU** when the phone is not in use.
2. Press ▼ or ▲ to scroll to **Settings** and then press **SELECT**.
3. Scroll to choose **Clr voicemail** and then press **SELECT** twice.

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.

NEED HELP?

For operations and guides to help you using your telephone, and for the latest information and supports, go and check the online help topics and online FAQs.

Use your smartphone or mobile device to access our online help.

- Go to https://help.vtechphones.com/vg232 (US); QR https://phones.vtechcanada.com/en/support/general/manuals?model=vg232 (Canada)

- Scan the QR code on the right. Launch the camera app or QR code scanner app on your smartphone or tablet. Hold the device's camera up to the QR code and frame it. Tap the notification to trigger the redirection of the online help.

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- If the QR code is not clearly displayed, adjust your camera's focus by moving your device closer or further away until it is clear.

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You can also call our Customer Support at 1 (800) 595-9511 (in US) or 1 (800) 267-7377 (in Canada) for help.

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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 can be damaged if it gets wet. Do not use the handset 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 remain 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.

[The remaining lower portion consists of multilingual safety, regulatory and warranty text in English and French — including battery safety instructions (CONSERVEZ CES INSTRUCTIONS), THE RBRC SEAL, FCC, ACTA AND IC REGULATIONS, CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION BATTERY CHARGING TESTING INSTRUCTIONS, The Ringer Equivalence Number (REN), TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS, DISCLAIMER AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY, LIMITED WARRANTY, and related sections.]

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Frequency control	Crystal controlled PLL synthesizer
Transmit frequency	Handset: 1921.536-1928.448 MHz Telephone Base: 1921.536-1928.448 MHz
Channels	DECT channel: 5
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 requirement	Handset: 2.4V Ni-MH battery Telephone base: 6V DC @ 0.4A Charger: 6V DC @ 0.4A
Memory	Directory: 50 memory locations; up to 30 digits and 15 characters Caller ID log: 50 memory locations; up to 24 digits and 15 characters

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