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Galaxy Buds3 FE



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Devices and software are constantly evolving — illustrations are for reference only.

Set up your device

Learn more about your device hardware, assembling and charging, and how to get started using your new device.

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Charge the battery

Your device case is also the charger.



1. Place the earbuds into the charging case. Do not insert earbuds in the charging case if they are wet or dirty.
2. Close the charging case and connect a USB-C cable as shown. The earbuds and charging case are charged simultaneously.

CAUTION The USB-C cable and power adapter are not included. Use only Samsung charging devices rated with an output voltage of 5 V and an output current of over 150 mA (sold separately). Samsung accessories are designed for your device to maximize battery life. Using other accessories may cause damage, and damage may not be covered by warranty.

While charging, the device and the charger may become hot. This does not affect the device's lifespan or performance and is in the device's normal range of operation.

Remove the device from the charger and wait for the device to cool down.

Learn more: **https://www.samsung.com/us/support/answer/ANS00076952**

NOTE Do not disassemble, modify, or repair your device. Placing objects, such as magnetic stripe cards, including credit cards, phone cards, passbooks, and boarding passes, next to the device or charger may cause damage from the charger or device's magnetic field.

Maintaining water and dust resistance

Your device is rated IP54: dust and water resistance, protects against splashed water.

The charging case is not water-resistant.

Devices with IP ratings have been tested in controlled environments and certified to be water- and/or dust-resistant to the device rating specified under testing conditions.

Use your device in a manner consistent with the IP rating of your device. Failure to do so may result in damage to your device. Learn more: **samsung.com/us/support/legal/mobile**

The device is not impervious to dust and water damage in any situation. It is important that all compartments are closed tightly. Any device which uses accessible compartments or ports that can be opened should have these sealed or closed tightly.

The suggestions below will help you maintain your device's performance and fulfill any warranty obligations.

- If your device is exposed to liquids other than fresh water (such as saltwater), rinse your device with fresh water dry it with a clean, soft cloth, and shake it to remove any excess water.

- If the device is dropped or receives an impact that causes physical damage to the device, the water and dust-resistant features of the device may be affected. If you suspect your device has been damaged because of a fall or impact, take it to a Samsung-authorized service center for inspection.
- Make sure to allow the device to dry before attempting to charge.
- If the device has been immersed in water or the microphone or speaker is wet, sound may not be heard clearly during a call while the device is immersed or the microphone or speaker is wet.
- If your device is exposed to dust, wipe it with a soft, lint-free cloth to remove dust buildup.
- Do not put your device into a washer or dryer.
- Do not use harsh chemicals, cleaning solvents, or strong detergents to clean your device.
- Do not place any paint or painting materials (liquids) onto the device.
- Do not expose the device to water at high pressure.

Check the charge status

When you connect the earbuds and the charger case the LED indicators flash certain colors to indicate the battery status. You can display the battery indicator light by pressing the Connect button on the bottom of the case, or by opening or closing the charging case.



Color	Status
Solid red	The earbuds (if inserted) and charging case are charging.
Solid green	The earbuds (if inserted) and charging case are fully charged.
Flashing red	Charging error. Check for obstructions on the charging contacts of the earbuds or the case.
Flashing red (without earbuds)	Charging case battery power is below 10%.
Solid red (without earbuds)	Charging case battery power is between 10% and 29%.
Solid yellow (without earbuds)	Charging case battery power is between 30% and 59%
Solid green (without earbuds)	Charging case battery power is 60% or above.

NOTE You can check the battery level for the case and earbuds in the Galaxy Wearable app. Learn more: Battery level

Choose ear tips

Your device comes with the medium ear tips attached. There are additional ear tips in different sizes provided inside the box.



Ear tip precautions

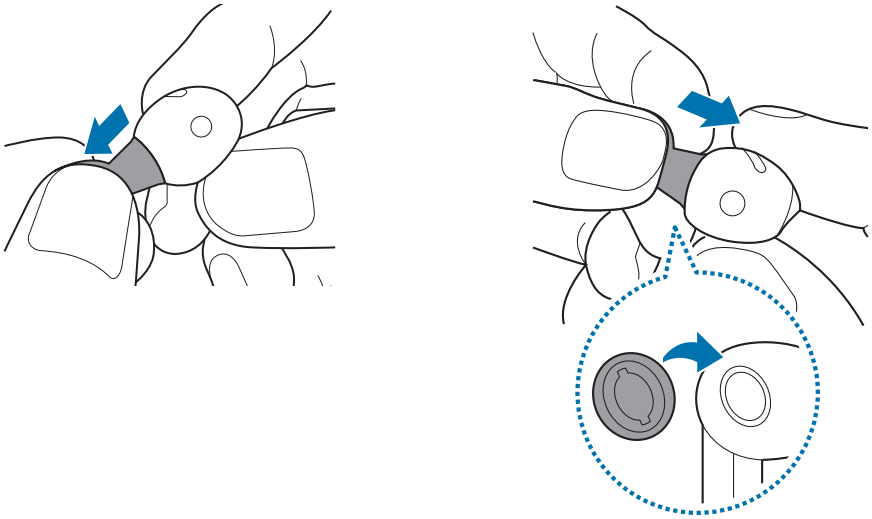
- Do not use your fingernails when attaching or detaching the ear tips from the earbuds. Doing so may cause the tips to tear.
- Do not forcefully press or twist the ear tips, and do not forcefully pull off the ear tips. This may cause them to tear.
- If an ear tip gets caught in the gap on the earbud exterior while attaching it, remove the tip and try again.
- Do not wear the earbuds without the ear tips attached, as this may cause injury to your ears.

Change the ear tip

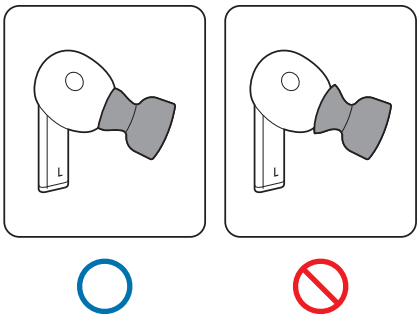
To change the ear tips:

1. Hold the main body of the earbud with one hand and invert the ear tip using your other hand.
2. Carefully grip the ear tip and pull it out to detach.
3. Choose a new ear tip that fits your ear. Align the earbud speaker with the little groove on the inside of the ear tip and push it in until it clicks into place.
4. Repeat these steps for the second ear tip.

Learn more: **samsung.com/us/support/answer/ANS10003496/**



NOTE Make sure the edges of the ear tips are attached securely. If not, remove the ear tips and reattach them.

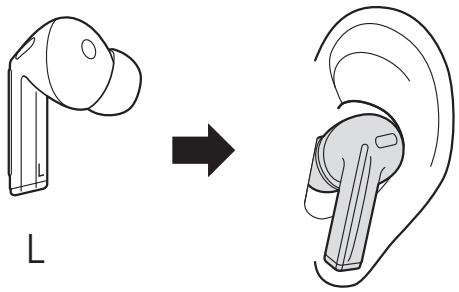


Wear the earbuds

The Galaxy Buds3 FE come with different ear tip sizes. First, find the ear tips that are the best fit for your ears. The tips should fit well so that there are no gaps between your ear and the ear tip.

Once you choose and install the best tips for your ears, wear the earbuds as follows:

1. Check the bottom of the earbuds for directional marks. Left is marked with "L", and right is marked with "R."
2. Insert the right bud into your right ear with the "R" facing you.
3. Insert the left bud into your left ear with the "L" facing you.
4. Angle the blade so that the microphone on the bottom is pointing towards your mouth (rather than straight down).
5. Rotate the buds forwards and backwards until the fit feels right.



NOTE You can optimize your earbud fit in the Galaxy Wearable app.
Learn more: Earbud fit test

Coupling earbuds

Should you lose one of the earbuds, you can buy a replacement and couple the old and new earbuds together.

1. Insert the earbuds into the charging case.
2. Press and hold the Connect button on the case for seven seconds or more. When the earbuds are coupled, the battery indicator light flashes blue and turns off.

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Connect the earbuds to your mobile device

Devices with One UI 8.0 and above use device Settings to manage buds, and devices with earlier One UI versions or other Android devices manage buds with the Galaxy Wearable app. Pairing for the first time may cause your mobile device to update to add buds features either to device Settings or to the Wearable app.

If your paired mobile device receives an upgrade to One UI 8.0 or above, buds features will move from the Wearable app to the mobile device's Settings.

Learn more: **smsng.us/galaxywearable**

To check which UI version your mobile device has:

- From Settings, tap **About phone** > **Software information** > **One UI version**.

Pair for the first time

To begin pairing, put your device in pairing mode.



1. Put the buds in the case and then open and close the case.
2. Follow the prompts on your mobile device to complete pairing.

NOTE Samsung Galaxy mobile devices with Bluetooth enabled may automatically detect the buds and prompt for pairing.

Connect to a different device

Use the Connect button to put the device into pairing mode so that it can pair to another device.



1. Put the buds in the case and then open the case.
2. Press the **Connect** button for 3 seconds.

NOTE When connecting earbuds with a mobile device that has a Samsung account, the earbud pairing information will be synced to other devices that use the same Samsung account.

Disconnect

To disconnect the earbuds from your mobile device:

1. From Settings, tap **Connections** > **Bluetooth**.
2. Tap the Galaxy Buds3 FE to disconnect it from the mobile device.

Use earbud controls

Use the touch pad on the earbuds to control your music, phone calls, and other useful shortcuts without getting out your phone.



Pinch

Lightly pinch the touch pad one time for the following options:

- Play or pause a track
- Answer or end a call

Double pinch

Quickly pinch the touch pad two times for the following options:

- Play the next track

Triple pinch

Quickly pinch the touch pad three times for the following options:

- Play previous track (if done in the first three seconds of a track)
- Start the current track over at the beginning (if done after the first three seconds of a track)

Pinch and hold

Pinch and hold the touch pad for the following options:

- Activate a custom shortcut. Learn more: Customize the pinch and hold shortcuts
- Decline incoming calls

Swipe

Swipe up or down on the touch pad to adjust the volume. Adjust the volume on your mobile device if the sound is low while at full volume on the earbuds.

- Swipe up to turn the volume up
- Swipe down to turn the volume down

Music features

Once connected to your mobile device, when you play music, videos, or other audio files the sound will come through your earbuds. You can use the touch pad on the earbuds to control how the audio is played.

Playback controls

Navigate your playlist using the touch pad on your earbuds.

Pinch	Play or pause
Double pinch	Next track
Triple pinch	Previous track
Swipe	Adjust the volume up or down

Call features

Answer and control calls using your earbuds.

Phone controls

Manage calls using the touch pad on your earbuds.

Pinch	Answer or end a call
Pinch and hold	Decline incoming calls

Call waiting

If you receive an incoming call while already on a call, the earbuds will emit a sound.

- To reject the incoming call and stay on the current call, pinch and hold the touch pad.
- To answer the incoming call and place the current call on hold, pinch the touch pad.
- To switch between the current call and one placed on hold, pinch the touch pad.

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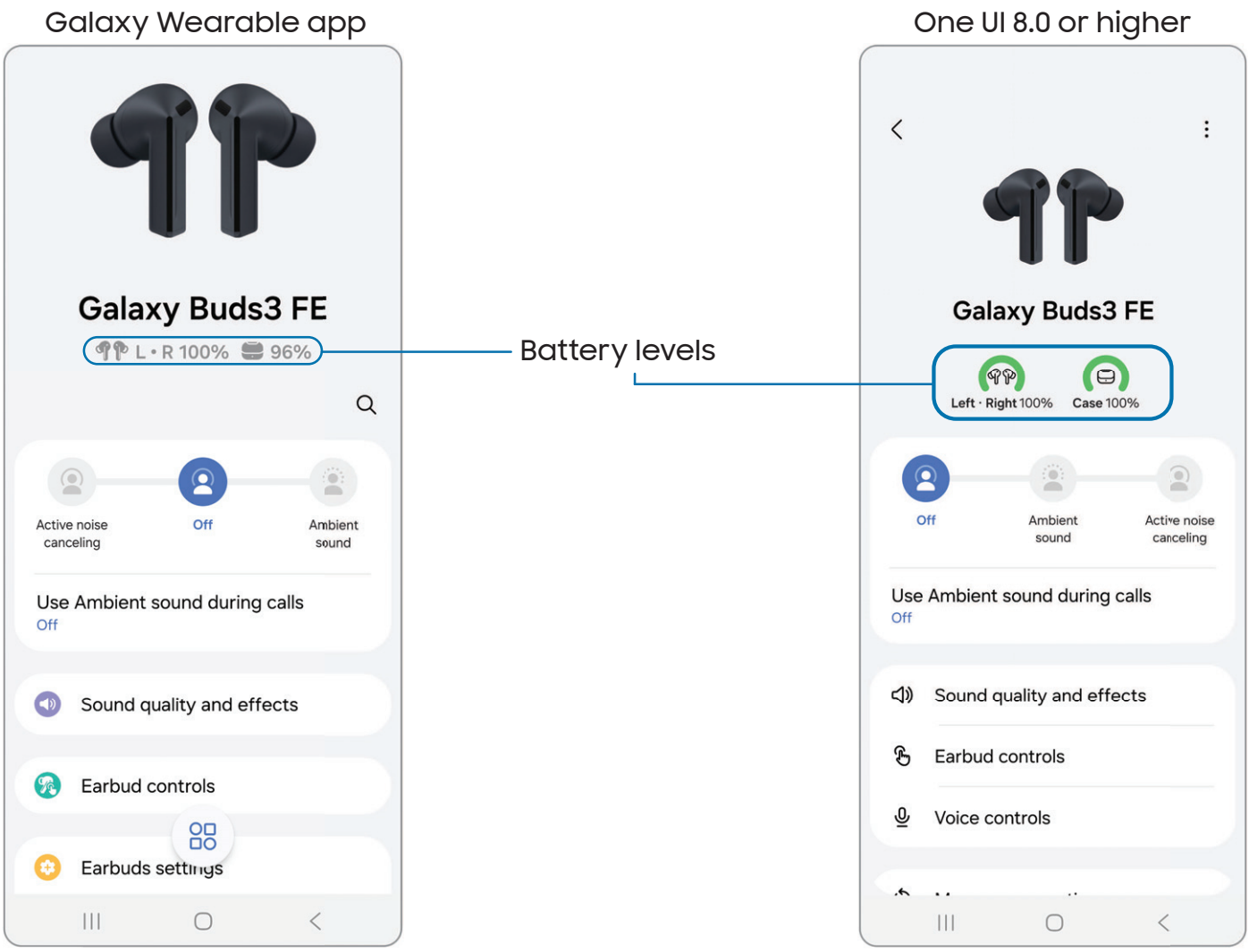
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Access the Galaxy Buds3 FE features

The location of Galaxy Buds3 FE features on your mobile device depends on the One UI version installed.

- If your device has One UI 8.0 or higher, tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]**.
- Otherwise, tap **Galaxy Wearable**.



Battery level

Use your smartphone to view the battery level for both the earbuds and case at the top of the screen. When the battery is low a notification is displayed on your mobile device.

To check the battery percentage on your mobile device:

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable**.

Noise controls

Use intelligent noise controls to enhance your listening experience. Change your noise control settings using your mobile device or by using the touch pad on your earbuds.

Learn more: Earbud controls

TIP To avoid feedback when noise controls are activated, make sure the microphone area of the earbuds are not covered.

Turn off noise controls

Disable all noise canceling and ambient sound features.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable**.

To disable noise controls:

- Tap **Off**.

Ambient sound

Enable ambient sound while wearing the earbuds.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable**.

To enable ambient sound:

- Tap **Ambient sound**.
  - Tap and drag the **Ambient sound volume** slider to adjust the volume.
  - Tap **Use Ambient sound during calls** to turn on the feature.

Active noise canceling

Quiet unwanted background noise and ambient sounds.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable**.

To activate noise canceling:

- Tap **Active noise canceling**.
  - Tap and drag the **Active noise canceling level** slider to adjust.
  - Tap **Use Ambient sound during calls** to turn on the feature.

Sound quality and effects

Learn more about your device's sound quality and effects options.

Sound effects

Customize sound effects for all apps or set custom sound effects for each app.

360 audio

Hear vivid, immersive sound coming from all directions so you feel like you are right in the action when you watch videos or listen to music.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable**.

To access 360 audio:

- Tap **Sound quality and effects** > **360 audio**.

Equalizer

Select from several different equalizer presets for a unique sound.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable**.

To access Equalizer:

1. Tap **Sound quality and effects** > **Equalizer**.
2. Choose an available option to change the sound settings.

Boost dialogue

Increase the volume of speech in videos that have other background sound.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable**.

To access Boost dialogue:

- Tap **Sound quality and effects** > **Boost dialogue** to enable the feature.

Loudness normalization

Adjust the recording based on perceived loudness. Normalization adjusts the gain by a constant value.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable**.

To access Loudness normalization:

- Tap **Sound quality and effects** > **Loudness normalization** to enable the feature.

App sound settings

When a media app is playing sound, you can press and hold the volume slider in the Quick panel to open a window that allows you to customize sound settings for that app. Those settings are saved and applied the next time you use that app. You can review those settings in App sound settings.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable**.

To access App sound settings:

- Tap **Sound quality and effects** > **App sound settings** to review the settings for each app.

Earbud fit test

Check your earbud fit to make sure you are getting the best sound and active noise canceling.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable**.

To access Earbud fit test:

1. Tap **Sound quality and effects** > **Earbud fit test**.
2. Tap **Start** to begin and follow the prompts.

Earbud controls

Use the touch pad on your earbuds to activate different controls.

Learn more: Use earbud controls

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable**.

To access Earbud controls:

1. Tap **Earbud controls**.
2. Tap an option to enable the earbud control feature and customize options.
   - Media controls
   - Left (Pinch and hold controls)
   - Right (Pinch and hold controls)
   - Answer call or end call
   - Decline call

Customize the pinch and hold shortcuts

The left and right earbuds can be assigned different shortcuts.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable**.

To access Earbud controls:

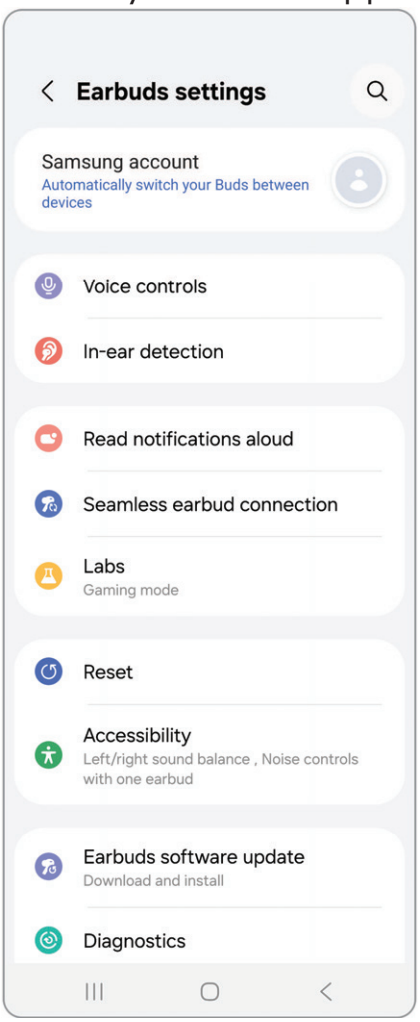
1. Tap **Earbud controls**.
2. Tap **Left** or **Right** under Pinch and hold controls, and tap an option to set a shortcut:
   - **Switch noise controls** (default): Customize the noise canceling and ambient sound features. Learn more: Noise controls
   - **Digital assistant**: Activate the assistant through your Google Account (One UI 8.0 only).
   - **Bixby**: Activate the Bixby feature.
   - **Apps**: Choose an app to launch (One UI 8.0 only).
   - **Interpreter**: Launch the Interpreter feature (Galaxy Wearable app only).
   - **Mindfulness**: Resume playing whatever was last played in the Mindfulness section of Samsung Health (Galaxy Wearable app only).
   - **Spotify**: Launch the Spotify app (Galaxy Wearable app only).

Earbuds settings

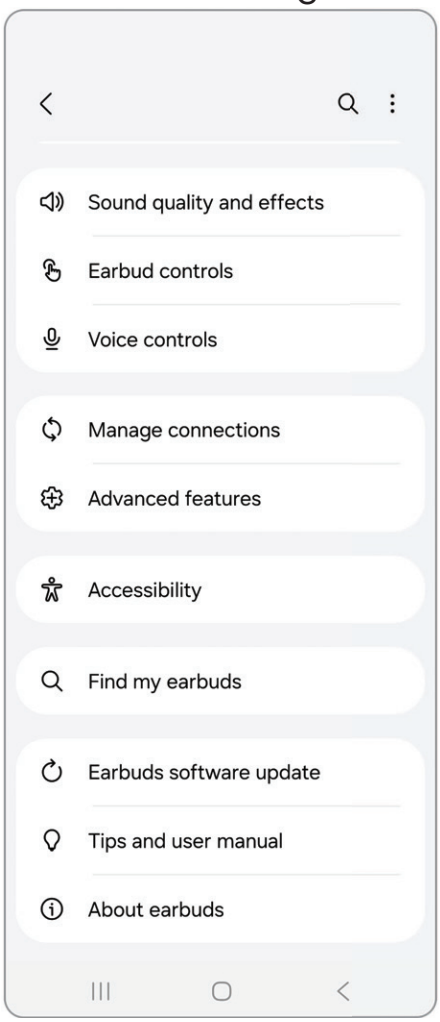
Learn more about your device's settings and options. To access earbud settings:

- If your device has One UI 8.0, tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]**.
- Otherwise, tap **Galaxy Wearable** > **Earbuds settings**.

Galaxy Wearable app



One UI 8.0 or higher



Voice controls

Activate Bixby by saying "Hi Bixby" while wearing your earbuds. Not all Bixby functions are available. This option is available only when connected to Bixby-enabled Samsung phones.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable** > **Earbuds settings**.

To access Voice controls:

1. Tap **Voice controls**.
2. Tap to enable a feature:
   - **Set up Google digital assistant**: Talk to your digital assistant on your Buds (One UI 8.0 only).
   - **Bixby voice wake-up**: Activate Bixby by saying "Hi Bixby" while wearing your earbuds.

In-ear detection

Play calls through your earbuds when they are in your ears and through your phone when they are not. Turn this off to play calls through your earbuds even when they are not in your ears.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]** > **Advanced features**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable** > **Earbuds settings**.

To access In-ear detection:

1. Tap **In-ear detection**.
2. Tap to enable the feature.

Read notifications aloud

Have text notifications from your phone read aloud on your earbuds.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]** > **Advanced features**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable** > **Earbuds settings**.

To access Read notifications aloud:

1. Tap **Read notifications aloud**.
2. Tap to enable the feature.
   - To receive notifications from your phone on your earbuds, even while using your phone, tap **Read aloud while using phone**.
   - To choose which app notifications are read aloud, tap an app in the list.

Seamless earbud connection

Switch to nearby devices without disconnecting your earbuds or turning on pairing mode. This works with any nearby device that's signed in to your Samsung account, even if it has never paired with your earbuds before.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]** > **Manage connections**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable** > **Earbuds settings**.

To access Seamless earbud connection:

1. Tap **Seamless earbud connection**.
2. Tap to enable the feature.

Labs

Explore the earbud's experimental features.

Gaming mode

Minimize the audio delay for vivid, synchronized gaming sound. For the best experience, keep your earbuds near your mobile device. This feature is only available when connected with a Samsung mobile device.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]** > **Advanced features**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable** > **Earbuds settings**.

To access Gaming mode:

1. Tap **Labs**.
2. Tap **Gaming mode**, then tap to enable the feature.

Reset

Reset settings to their factory default values and delete all data.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]** > **Manage connections**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable** > **Earbuds settings**.

To access Reset:

1. Tap **Reset**.
2. Tap **Reset** to confirm.

Accessibility

Customize the sound accessibility features of your device.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable** > **Earbuds settings**.

To access Accessibility:

1. Tap **Accessibility**.
2. Tap an option to customize:
   - Drag the slider to customize the right and left sound balance.
   - **Noise controls with one earbud**: Use noise controls like ambient sound and noise canceling when only wearing one earbud.

Earbuds software update

Update your earbud's software for the latest features.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable** > **Earbuds settings**.

To access Earbuds software update:

- Tap **Earbuds software update**.
  - **Download and install**: Check for software updates for your earbuds.
  - **Auto update**: Choose to automatically update software never, using Wi-Fi, or using Wi-Fi and mobile data when the earbuds are in the case.

Diagnostics

Access Samsung Members support page for your device. Options may vary by service provider.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable** > **Earbuds settings**.

To access Diagnostics:

- Tap **Diagnostics**.

About earbuds

View information about the earbuds.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable** > **Earbuds settings**.

To access About earbuds:

- Tap **About earbuds** for the following information:
  - Product name, model, and serial number
  - Legal information
  - Software information
  - Battery information

Find my earbuds

If you misplace your earbuds, your mobile device can help you find them.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable**.

To access Find my earbuds:

- Tap **Find my earbuds**.

Tips and user guide

Learn useful tips to get the most out of your device, and access the user guide.

- One UI 8.0 or higher: Tap **Settings** > **[Your earbuds]**.
- Otherwise: Tap **Galaxy Wearable**.

To access Tips and user guide:

- Tap **Tips and user guide**.
  - Tap a tip for more details.
  - Tap **User guide** to open the guide.

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