

**SONY®**

**Safety Information**  
**Renseignements relatifs à la sécurité**

Personal Computer / Ordinateur personnel

**VGN-AW Series**



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# *For customers in USA and Canada*

# *Pour les utilisateurs aux Etats-Unis et au Canada*

## **Owner's Record**

The model number and serial number are located on the bottom, the back panel, or inside the battery compartment of your Sony VAIO® computer. Record the model and serial numbers in the space provided here, and keep in a secure location. Refer to the model and serial numbers when you call your Sony Service Center.

Model Number:	
Serial Number:	

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The Wireless LAN functionality, which is incorporated into selected models only, has passed Wi-Fi certification and complies with the interoperability specifications established by WFA (Wi-Fi Alliance).

Reverse engineering or disassembly is prohibited.

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## Safety Information and Caution

For questions regarding your product or for the Sony Service Center nearest you, visit the Sony online support Web site at <http://esupport.sony.com/EN/VAIO/> for customers in USA or at <http://www.sony.ca/support/> for customers in Canada.

- To prevent fire or shock hazard, do not expose your computer to rain or moisture.
- To avoid electrical shock, do not open the cabinet. Refer servicing to qualified personnel only.
- The socket-outlet shall be installed near the equipment and shall be easily accessible.
- Do not use your computer directly on your lap. The temperature of the base of the unit will rise during normal operation and over time could result in discomfort or burns.
- To prevent possible damage and risk of ignition to your computer during transportation, first attach any supplied connector covers and slot protectors in their appropriate locations, and secure the battery pack in the battery compartment.
- Always keep the battery pack installed while the computer is in use.
- Do not use or store your computer in a location subject to heat sources, such as radiators or air ducts; direct sunlight; excessive dust; moisture or rain; mechanical vibration or shock; strong magnets or speakers that are not magnetically shielded; ambient temperature higher than 95°F (35°C) or less than 40°F (5°C); and high humidity.
- Do not charge the battery pack in any way other than as described in the user guide or as designated by Sony in writing.
- Do not short-circuit the metal terminals of the battery pack or wet them with any liquid, for example, water, coffee, or juice.
- For your safety, Sony recommends using the genuine Sony battery pack and AC adapter that are provided with this product. If either of these items needs to be replaced during the life of the product, be sure to use a compatible genuine Sony battery pack or AC adapter. Information about compatible models can be found at <http://www.sony.com/vaio>.
- Sony disclaims and shall assume no responsibility in case of any losses and damages arising from:
  - the use of non-genuine Sony battery packs or AC adapters with your VAIO® computer.
  - the disassembly, alteration of, or tampering with any Sony battery pack.
- Do not use wireless LAN on hospital premises. Doing so may cause medical devices to malfunction.
- Do not use wireless LAN on an aircraft, as doing so may cause the aircraft's equipment to malfunction.
- If using wireless LAN near a pacemaker, make sure it is at least 8 inches (20 cm) away from the pacemaker.
- Sony is not responsible for any interference that you may experience or that may be caused when operating this device.
- For models with a TV tuner, the cable distribution system should be grounded (earthed) in accordance with ANSI/NFPA 70, the National Electrical Code (NEC), in particular Section 820.93.
- For models with an external TV tuner: the tuner shall only be used with PCG-8152L (the external TV tuner bundled models only) for safe operation.



**To change the backup battery, please contact your nearest Sony Service Center.**



**Caution - Class 3B visible and invisible laser radiation when open. Avoid direct exposure to the beam.**

**The optical disc drive of your computer is classified as a CLASS 1 LASER PRODUCT and complies with the Laser Products Safety Standard IEC/EN 60825-1.**

**Repair and maintenance of this equipment should be made only by Sony authorized technicians. Improper use and repairs can create a safety hazard.**

**The following cautions apply to the models which support the IEEE 802.11a (5 GHz) standard.**

Only use Wireless LAN indoors when using it with IEEE 802.11a (5 GHz).

High power radars are allocated as primary users (meaning they have priority) of 5250-5350 MHz and 5650-5850 MHz and these radars could cause interference and/or damage to this device.

This device uses the 5 GHz band for wireless LAN communication and the maximum gain of the antenna in this device is 5 dBi.

## **Wireless LAN Security**

Creating security settings for the Wireless LAN is extremely important. Sony assumes no responsibility for any security problems that may arise from the use of the Wireless LAN.

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## **Avertissement**

Pour toute question concernant ce produit, veuillez écrire à Sony Customer Information Service Center au 12451 Gateway Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33913, USA ou se trouve le Sony Customer Service (service consommateur de Sony) sur Internet à : <http://www.sony.ca/support/>.

- Pour prévenir tout risque d'incendie ou d'électrocution, garder cet appareil à l'abri de la pluie et de l'humidité.
- Pour prévenir tout risque d'électrocution, ne pas ouvrir le châssis de cet appareil et ne confier son entretien qu'à une personne qualifiée.
- L'appareil doit être le plus près possible d'une prise murale pour en faciliter l'accès.
- Ne posez pas l'ordinateur directement sur vos genoux. Durant le fonctionnement normal, la température augmente et cela pourrait créer un inconfort ou des brûlures.
- Afin de prévenir des indemnités à votre ordinateur pendant le transport, attachez d'abord tous les volets de connecteurs et protecteurs d'emplacements comme il convient, et insérez la batterie dans le logement de la batterie.
- Toujours conserver la batterie installée pendant que l'ordinateur est en cours d'utilisation.
- Évitez d'utiliser ou de ranger votre ordinateur dans un endroit soumis à : des sources de chaleur telles que des radiateurs ou des bouches d'aération, la lumière directe du soleil, une poussière excessive, l'humidité ou la pluie, des vibrations ou des chocs mécaniques, des aimants puissants ou des haut-parleurs dépourvus de blindage antimagnétique, une température ambiante supérieure à 35°C (95°F) ou inférieure à 5°C (40°F), et une forte humidité.
- N'essayez pas de charger le module batterie d'une autre façon que celle décrite dans le Guide de l'utilisateur ou dans la documentation écrite de Sony.
- Ne court-circuitez pas les bornes métalliques de la batterie et ne les humidifiez pas avec un liquide comme de l'eau, du café ou du jus.
- Pour votre sécurité, Sony recommande d'utiliser uniquement le module batterie et l'adaptateur secteur de marque Sony fournis avec ce produit. Si l'un de ces éléments devait être remplacé durant le cycle de vie du produit, veuillez à utiliser un module batterie ou un adaptateur secteur compatibles de marque Sony. Des informations sur les modèles compatibles sont disponibles sur : <http://www.sony.com/vaio>.
- Sony rejette toute responsabilité en cas de perte ou de dommages engendrés par l'utilisation de modules batterie ou d'adaptateurs secteur de marque autre que Sony avec votre ordinateur VAIO®, ou par le désassemblage ou l'altération des modules batterie Sony.
- Ne pas utiliser le réseau local sans fil dans les hôpitaux car cela risquerait de provoquer le mauvais fonctionnement des appareils médicaux.
- Ne pas utiliser le réseau local sans fil dans un avion car cela risquerait de provoquer le mauvais fonctionnement des appareils de vol.
- Si vous utilisez le réseau local sans fil à proximité d'un stimulateur cardiaque, assurez-vous qu'il est au moins à 8 pouces (20 cm) du stimulateur cardiaque.
- Sony n'est pas responsable des interférences que vous risquez de rencontrer ou qui risquent d'être provoquées lors du fonctionnement de cet appareil.
- Pour modèles munis d'un syntoniseur télé, le système de cablodistribution devrait être mis à la terre conformément à la norme ANSI/NFPA 70, en particulier à l'article 820.93 du National Electrical Code (NEC) des États-Unis.



**Pour changer la pile de recharge, veuillez contacter votre centre de service Sony le plus près.**



**Avertissement - Rayonnement laser visible et invisible de classe 3B en cas d'ouverture. Evitez toute exposition au faisceau.**

**Le lecteur de disque optique de votre ordinateur est classé comme étant un PRODUIT LASER de CLASSE 1. De plus, il est conforme à la norme de sécurité sur les produits laser IEC/EN 60825-1.**

**La réparation et l'entretien de ce produit ne doivent être effectués que par un technicien autorisé par Sony. Une utilisation ainsi que des réparations inadéquates peuvent entraîner un risque pour la sécurité.**

**Les avis suivants se rapportent aux modèles qui prennent en charge la norme IEEE 802.11a (5 GHz).**

Utiliser le réseau local sans fil à l'intérieur uniquement lorsqu'il est utilisé avec IEEE 802.11a (5 GHz).

Les radars à haute puissance sont alloués en tant qu'usagers principaux (ce qui signifie qu'ils ont la priorité) de 5 250-5 350 MHz et 5 650-5 850 MHz et ces radars pourraient provoquer des interférences ou encore des dommages à l'appareil.

Ce périphérique utilise une bande de fréquences 5 GHz lors de communication sans fil LAN et le gain maximal de l'antenne de l'appareil est de 5 dBi.

## **Sécurité du réseau local sans fil**

La création de paramètres de sécurité pour le réseau local sans fil est extrêmement importante. Sony n'est pas tenu responsable des problèmes de sécurité susceptibles de se produire lors de l'utilisation du réseau local sans fil.

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## Regulatory Information

If you have questions about this product, you can write to the Sony Customer Information Service Center at 12451 Gateway Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33913, USA or find Sony Customer Service on the Web site at: <http://esupport.sony.com/EN/VAIO/> for customers in USA or <http://www.sony.ca/support/> for customers in Canada.

The following FCC statement applies only to the version of this model manufactured for sale in the USA. Other versions may not comply with FCC technical regulations.

### Declaration of Conformity

Trade Name:	SONY
Model No.:	PCG-8152L
Responsible Party:	Sony Electronics Inc.
Address:	16530 Via Esprillo, San Diego, CA 92127, USA
Telephone: (For FCC-related matters only.)	858-942-2230

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and
- (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

### Model No.: A313A (For models equipped with TV and personal video recording features)

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and
- (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

## FCC Information

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.



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

NOTE: The manufacturer is not responsible for any radio or TV interference caused by unauthorized modifications to this equipment. Such modifications could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Only peripherals (computer input/output devices, terminals, printers, etc.) that comply with FCC Class B limits may be attached to this computer product. Operation with noncompliant peripherals is likely to result in interference to radio and television reception.

All cables used to connect peripherals must be shielded and grounded. Operation with cables connected to peripherals that are not shielded and grounded may result in interference to radio and television reception.

## ***Industry Canada Notice***

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

**Model No.: A313A (For models equipped with personal video recording features)**  
Supplementary Television Broadcasting Receiving Apparatus, Canada.

## ***Avis de L'Industrie Canada***

Cet appareil numérique de la classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

**Numéro de modèle : A313A (pour modèles dotés de fonctions d'enregistrement personnel de vidéo)**  
Appareils supplémentaires de réception de télévision, Canada.

## ***FCC/IC Radio Frequency Exposure***

This equipment complies with FCC/IC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment should be installed and operated with minimum distance 8 inches (20 cm) between the radiator and your body (excluding extremities: hands, wrists, feet, and ankles).

This device and its antenna(s) must not be co-located or operating with any other antenna or transmitter except Grant condition. Users are not permitted to modify this transmitter device. Any unauthorized changes made to this device could void your authority to operate this device.

For models with the Bluetooth functionality, the notebook computer contains a Wireless LAN transmitter which is co-located and operating simultaneously with a 2.73mW Bluetooth module FCC ID: QDS-BRCM1026.

## ***Exposition aux radiofréquences FCC/IC***

Cet équipement est conforme aux limites d'exposition aux rayonnements FCC/IC définies pour un environnement non réglementé. Cet équipement doit être installé et utilisé à une distance minimale de 8 pouces (20 cm) entre l'élément rayonnant et votre corps (à l'exception des extrémités : mains, poignets, pieds et chevilles).

Cet appareil et sa ou ses antennes ne doivent pas être placés à proximité d'autres antennes ou émetteurs ni fonctionner avec eux, sauf autorisation spéciale. Les utilisateurs ne sont pas autorisés à modifier cet émetteur. Toute modification non autorisée apportée à cet émetteur peut annuler vos droits d'utilisation de l'appareil.

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## ***IC RSS-210 (Canada)***

Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

To prevent radio interference to the licensed service, this device is intended to be operated indoors and away from windows to provide maximum shielding. Equipment (or its transmit antenna) that is installed outdoors is subject to licensing.

L'utilisation de ce dispositif est autorisée seulement aux deux conditions suivantes : (1) il ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et (2) l'utilisateur du dispositif doit être prêt à accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique reçu, même si ce brouillage est susceptible de compromettre le fonctionnement du dispositif.

Pour empêcher que cet appareil cause du brouillage au service faisant l'objet d'une licence, il doit être utilisé à l'intérieur et devrait être placé loin des fenêtres afin de fournir un écran de blindage maximal. Si le matériel (ou son antenne d'émission) est installé à l'extérieur, il doit faire l'objet d'une licence.

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## **Disposal Information**

### **Disposal of mercury containing products (United States)**

Lamp in this product contains mercury. Disposal of these materials may be regulated due to environmental considerations.

For disposal or recycling information, please contact your local authorities or the Electronic Industries Alliance (<http://www.eiae.org>).

## **Recycling Information**

### **RECYCLING LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES**

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Lithium-Ion batteries are recyclable.

You can help preserve our environment by returning your used rechargeable batteries to the collection and recycling location nearest you.



For more information regarding recycling of rechargeable batteries, call toll free 1-800-822-8837, or visit <http://www.rbrrc.org/>.

### **RECYCLAGE DES ACCUMULATEURS AUX IONS DE LITHIUM**

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Les accumulateurs aux ions de lithium sont recyclables.

Vous pouvez contribuer à préserver l'environnement en rapportant les piles usées dans un point de collection et recyclage le plus proche.



Pour plus d'informations sur le recyclage des accumulateurs, téléphonez le numéro gratuit 1-800-822-8837 (Etats-Unis et Canada uniquement), ou visitez <http://www.rbrrc.org/>.



**Do not handle damaged or leaking lithium ion batteries.**

**Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Discard used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.**

**The battery pack used in this device may present a fire or chemical burn hazard if mistreated. Do not disassemble, heat above 140°F (60°C) or incinerate. Dispose of used battery promptly. Keep away from children.**

**Do not short-circuit.**



**Ne pas utiliser des batteries au lithium ionisé qui sont endommagées ou qui fuient.**

**Une batterie non conforme présente un danger d'explosion. La remplacer seulement par une batterie identique ou de type équivalent recommandé par le fabricant. Évacuer les batteries usées selon les directives du fabricant.**

**La manutention incorrecte du module de batterie de cet appareil présente un risque d'incendie ou de brûlures chimiques. Ne pas démonter, incinérer ou exposer à une température de plus de 60°C. Évacuer promptement la batterie usée. Garder hors de portée des enfants.**

**Évitez les courts-circuits.**

### ***Specifications of the supplied battery pack***

Model number	VGP-BPS13/B, VGP-BPL13
Maximum charge current	2.0 A
Maximum charge voltage	12.57 V







VAIO Support Homepage

<http://esupport.sony.com/EN/VAIO/> (for customers in USA)

<http://www.sony.ca/support/> (for customers in Canada)

<http://esupport.sony.com/LA/> (for customers in Spanish speaking Latin American countries or areas)

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