



User Manual

TV Time Manager



Because kids should be kids.™

How to Use BOB

- 1) Enter a PIN.
- 2) Turn TV on within 30 seconds.
- 3) Watch TV.
- 4) Turn TV off, BOB automatically goes to standby mode.

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Note: BOB works with TVs, video game systems, or computers. Throughout this user manual, these items are referred to as the “connected device.”

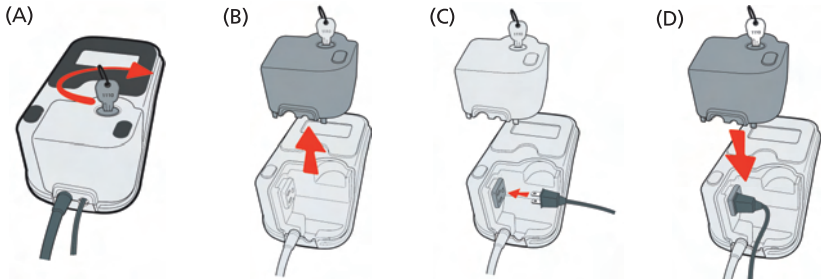
BOB Can

- Manage daily or weekly time allotments
Parents determine how much usage time each child (up to 6 users) can have for any day or week. For example, 2 hours per day or 10 hours per week.
- Block specific periods of time
Parents determine times they don’t want a child to have access to the connected device. For example, you can block weekdays from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. for homework time.
- Report usage
Parents can get a quick understanding of their family’s screen time.

Initial Set-Up

BOB is designed to guide you through the set-up process. You, as the parent, are the Master User. *The Master User can access the connected device anytime by entering their PIN.*

- 1) (A): Use the enclosed key to unlock the door on the bottom of BOB. (B): Remove the door. (C): Plug electronic device into BOB's outlet. (D): Close and lock door.



- 2) Plug BOB into a 3-prong grounded outlet or surge protector.

- 3) Press any key to get started.

- 4) Set Master User PIN by entering four digits that other users cannot guess. Remember this number! Write it down and keep it in a safe place in case it is forgotten!



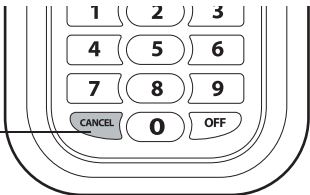
- 5) Set BOB's internal clock to the current time. (Note: BOB does not use military time. 12 a.m. is midnight, 12 p.m. is noon.)

- 6) Use the arrow keys,  and  to highlight a setting and press Enter to select.

Navigating BOB

Nearly all of BOB’s features are accessed through the SETTINGS menu. In the SETTINGS menu, you can choose from several different options: USERS, BLOCKS, TIME, SYSTEM, MASTER PIN, or EXIT.

Note: You can press ‘Cancel’ at anytime during set-up to return to the previous screen.



To get to the SETTINGS menu on BOB enter the Master User PIN using BOB’s keypad.



Make sure SETTINGS is highlighted and press Enter.



Note: The numbers 1-6 and M light up to indicate which user is logged on to BOB. Only one user can be logged on at any given time.



User Set-Up and Time Allotments

BOB allows you to set time allotments for the connected device. Just decide how much screen time each child should have either per day or per week. When a user wants to access the connected device they must enter their PIN. BOB then tracks the time. Once all of their time has been used up, BOB turns off the connected device and restricts further access for that user.

Note: If a user's time is about to expire, BOB warns the user that the connected device will be turned off by initiating a 60 second countdown. During this countdown, BOB makes a series of beeping noises to alert the user, instructing them to turn off the connected device in its normal manner (either by remote control or with the power button on the connected device).

To set up a user or to change settings:

1) From the **SETTINGS** menu select **USERS**.

In the **USERS** screen, you can select from 1 of 6 users. Each child is a user and can have individual settings.

2) Select a user.

3) Enter a PIN for that user.



Encourage children to pick their own PIN. That way, it's easier for your child to remember their PIN, and they feel involved in the process.

Suggests:

4) Select **DAY** or **WEEK** to manage time.

5) Enter time allowed per **DAY** or **WEEK**. (You can enter both hours and minutes. For example, 1:30 = 1 hour and 30 minutes.)



American Academy of Pediatrics recommends allowing children 1-2 hours of quality programming per day.

Suggests:

6) Confirm that the user's amount of time per **DAY** or **WEEK** is correct.

7) Select **YES** if it is correct or **NO** to change the allotted amount of time.

Congratulations! You have successfully completed the set-up for a user. Continue to the next step to create Blocks OR repeat set-up for additional users.

Blocks

A Block allows you to stop the user from accessing the connected device for a specific period of time. For example, a Block could be set from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. or 9:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m. You can create up to five Blocks for each user.



Blocks are a great way to set aside specific times for homework, chores, family night, or bedtime.

Suggests:

Blocks can be set up in one of two ways:

- 1) If you are still in the User Set-Up, after confirming your choice of time allowed per DAY or WEEK, BOB asks if you would like to set up a Block. Select YES.
- 2) If you are logging in as the Master User: select SETTINGS, you can then select USERS or BLOCKS to create a Block for an existing user.

- 1) Select ADD BLOCK.
- 2) Enter the start time for the User Block by Hour:Minute (this is a time of day, for example 3:30).
- 3) Select whether the Block will start in the a.m. or p.m.
- 4) Enter the stop time for the Block by Hour:Minute (this is also a time of day, for example 5:30).
- 5) Select whether the Block will stop in the a.m. or p.m.
- 6) Select which day(s) this Block will be active (Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa) then select CONTINUE. *An underline beneath the day indicates that you have selected that day to be blocked for the specified time.*

Note: If you would like to block an entire day, set the block with a start time of 12:00 a.m. and a stop time of 11:59 p.m.

Blocks (continued)

The Block you have just set up will be displayed. You can then choose to view the next Block, if there is one: NEXT BLOCK, add another Block: ADD NEW, edit an existing Block: EDIT, remove an existing Block: ERASE, or EXIT.



Changing BOB's Settings

If you would like to change the time:

- 1) Go to the SETTINGS menu.
- 2) Select TIME.
- 3) Change the time by following the on-screen instructions.

If you would like to change your Master PIN:

- 1) Go to the SETTINGS menu.
- 2) Select MASTER PIN.
- 3) Change the Master PIN by following the on-screen instructions.

If you would like to change User Settings:

- 1) Go to the SETTINGS menu.
- 2) Select USERS.
- 3) Make changes by following the on-screen instructions.



FlyTime™

FlyTime™ allows you to temporarily add or subtract 15-minute increments of time from a user's account while that user is logged on to BOB and using the connected device.



FlyTime™ (continued)

To use FLYTIME™: Press both arrow keys  and  at the same time.

- 1) Enter Master PIN.
- 2) Select appropriate User.
- 3) Press  to add 15 minutes.
Press  to subtract 15 minutes.
- 4) Press Enter when complete.



FlyTime™ is a useful feature for preventing the shut down of your TV during the stunning conclusion of your child's favorite movie or when the big game goes into overtime.

Reporting

BOB's reporting feature shows you how much time has been spent using the connected device and how much time is remaining.

- 1) Enter the Master User PIN.
- 2) Select REPORTS, press Enter.
- 3) Select which user's time you would like to review, 1-6 or MU (Master User)

System Power Mode

BOB's power modes accommodate different types of televisions. BOB arrives in NORMAL MODE and only needs to be changed if you are using BOB with a projection TV or if a loss of power to your TV requires a manual reset of the TV's internal settings (clock, channels, etc).

COOL DOWN mode should be used with projection TVs. This power mode ensures a proper shut down of your TV by allowing the internal fan to operate while the TV is turned off.

System Power Mode (continued)

ALWAYS ON mode should be used if a loss of power to your TV requires a manual reset of the TV's internal settings (clock, channels, or other customized settings). When a user's time elapses or a block is encountered, BOB will begin a 60 second countdown followed by an alarm which will warn the user to turn off the connected device. If the user does not turn off the connected device, BOB will automatically shut it off.

- 1) Go to the **SETTINGS** menu.
- 2) Select **SYSTEM**.
- 3) Select **CONTINUE**.
- 4) Select **NORMAL**, **COOL DOWN** or **ALWAYS ON**.

Note: After choosing **ALWAYS ON** mode, BOB requires that the connected device be turned on for 10 seconds to measure electricity flow. If you receive an error message, select **ALWAYS ON** again (described above) and make sure that the connected device is turned on as BOB's onscreen instructions direct.



FAQs

Can I use any electronic device with BOB?

- Yes, BOB works with any video game system, computer monitor, TV, or other electronic device that you may wish to manage.

How do I watch TV if there is a Block set up for that time?

- Enter the master code or remove the Block.

Can I turn down the volume on BOB?

- No.

Can I use my remote control to turn on the TV?

- Yes, as long as a user is logged on to BOB.

Can I change a user's time allotment mid-week?

- Yes, time can be added or subtracted during the week if you go to User Settings.

FAQs (continued)

What if my child forgets his password?

- Your child's password can be reset at any time by the Master User by accessing the user through the SETTINGS menu.

Can I block certain channels?

- No, BOB only blocks time.

Can I plug BOB into a power strip?

- Yes, a power strip or any electrical outlet.

What if I can't set up a new user?

- The problem may be one of several possibilities; you have too many users, you aren't the master user, or you aren't in the SETTINGS menu.

How do I know that I have set up the Blocks correctly?

- In the SETTINGS menu, you can view Blocks for each user.

What if the power goes out during a power outage? Do I have to reprogram everything?

- In the event of a power outage, all settings will be restored. You will simply have to reset the time clock. If you are unable to turn on your connected device following a power outage, please see the following Safety Notes section regarding the reset button.

If BOB cuts power to my computer will I have time for a proper shut down?

- To avoid improper shut downs, we suggest connecting your computer monitor to BOB rather than the hard drive. If you have a combined hard drive and monitor computer like an iMac, we suggest using the ALWAYS ON feature to avoid an improper shut down.

What if I lose my key to BOB?

- If your key is lost you must contact Hopscotch Technology for a replacement.

My wife knows the master code and won't give me more time. Can I override her so I can watch the big game?

- Unfortunately, no. Try the sweet-talk.

Safety Notes

- BOB should be plugged into a 3 prong grounded outlet or surge protector. Do not use a ground-lifting adapter. In the event of a hazard or in order to rapidly disconnect your appliance from the power source, simply pull BOB's power plug

Safety Notes (continued)

from the wall to disconnect both devices. After doing so, reprogramming your settings may be necessary.

- Occasionally power surges occur. If this happens and you are unable to turn on your connected device while attached to BOB, press the Reset Button located inside of BOB's locked bottom door. This button will not reset your SETTINGS.

BOB allows power to flow from an electrical outlet to the connected device. Before viewing time runs out, BOB will alert the user with a beeping alarm that signals a 60 second countdown to a loss of power. Please make sure that when this countdown begins you manually turn off your connected device using the remote control or the power button on the connected device.

Warranty

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