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### **:: About V-Rally**

Take to the high road! V-Rally<sup>®</sup>, the definitive video console rally racing game is now in your hand. Experience the exhilarating twists and turns of V-Rally directly on your Sony Ericsson P900 or P800. Perfect your driving technique to become the world champion!

This manual will help you get on the road quickly, and contains valuable tips and tricks to get that extra edge and up your game.

### **> Getting Started with the V-Rally Demo**

If you are keen to sample the game before purchasing the full version, launch the game from the P900/P900 applications menu by scrolling down on the touch screen until you find the "V-Rally" application icon. Tap this once, and you are in the game.

If you have not purchased and unlocked the full version of V-Rally from the Sony Ericsson Online Store, you will be limited to the fully playable but time-limited demo mode.

The demo allows you to test your driving skills in the Time Trial mode (outlined in more detail below). Tap with your stylus or use the jog dial to scroll down and select TIME TRIAL to begin racing. You can select from three fully playable levels of V-Rally in this mode. After purchasing and

unlocking the full game, you will be able to race in the ARCADE and CHAMPIONSHIP game modes.

In addition, you can also sample the groundbreaking Bluetooth multiplayer racing mode, where you can challenge another V-Rally player to a real-time competition, utilizing the short-range wireless capabilities of the P900/P800. Select MULTIPLAYER from the main menu to access this game mode. Learn more about the Bluetooth racing mode in the section below.

The game is controlled by a unique combination of virtual screen buttons on your touch screen and physical keys on the P900/P800, read on to learn how you can configure the controls to suit your personal driving style.

If you get a kick out the V-Rally demo, visit the Sony Ericsson Online Store to learn how you can immediately unlock the full version of V-Rally, which features a full set of 13 tracks, including three Championship Stages, and 4 action-packed Arcade levels. Find out more at:

<http://www.handango.com/sonyericsson/vrally>

### **:: The Main Menu**

The main menu offers you three different game modes in addition to the various game menus. Move through the menus by either tapping the menu items or scrolling through the menus using the jog dial and pressing the jog dial in to confirm your choice.

If you want to exit a menu, press the jog dial towards you, or select the EXIT option on the touch screen or using the jog dial.

For all game modes, the following information is displayed on the screen: speed, gear engaged, time elapsed, position, countdown to the checkpoint, and the GAP. When the GAP is negative, it's the time you need to reach the car preceding your car. When the GAP is in the positive numbers, it means you are in the first position; the GAP represents the time separating your car from the following car.



## :: Game Controls

### In the menus:

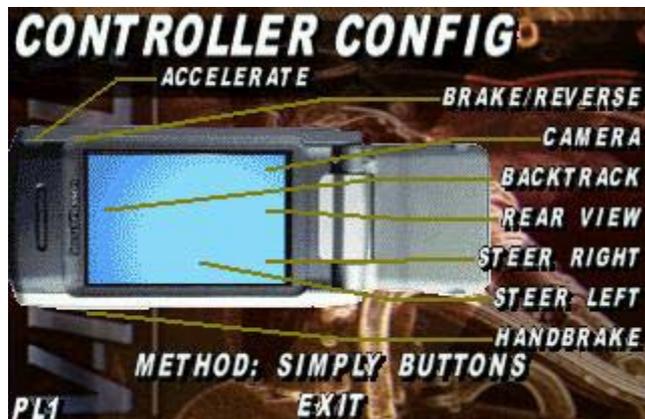
Select Item: Jog Dial Left/Right, and Select by pressing Jog Dial Down or Tap Item on Screen.

Configure your in-race controls by accessing the CONTROLLER CONFIGURATION sub-menu, which you can find under PLAYER SETTINGS.

You can choose from four different control styles, experiment with each one to settle on the control method that you find most comfortable and conducive to superior driving technique!

### In a race:

- **Steering:** The bottom of the screen is your steering control, which emulates an analogue or digital game control. The digital controls, "Simply Buttons" are a conventional left and right steering control; they are the default steering mode when you start V-Rally for the first time. In the analogue steering mode, a tap or press near the middle of screen gives gradual turns left or right, while tapping or pressing further to the edges of the screen gives a progressively harder turn (very helpful for cornering at high speed!).
- **Accelerate:** You can accelerate using either the Camera button, the Jog Dial or the back of the phone flip by pressing the key pad (P900 only), depending on which control method you select. The default is the Camera button for acceleration. Alternatively, accelerate by pressing and holding the jog dial Down, or by pressing any of the following keys on the back of the flip: 1,4,7,\* (P900 only)
- **Brake:** The default is the Browser button (next to camera button), alternatively, press any of the following keys on the back flip: 2,5,8,0
- **Handbrake:** Pressing the Jog Dial down in the Default "Simply Buttons" control method results in application of the handbrake. In alternative methods, press any of the following keys on the back flip: 3,6,9,# (P900 only)



- **Toggle In/Out of Car View:** Tap the top right corner of the screen while in a race to select your preferred mode. It's generally easier to drive in the Out of Car View, as their driving technique improves, advanced players often prefer the In Car View.
- **Rear View:** Tap and hold in the middle right of the screen to activate your rear view mirror
- **Pause Menu:** On the P900, pull the jog dial towards you briefly to enter the Pause Menu. On the P800, tap the small circle in the top left corner of the screen to access the pause menu.
- **Exit Game:** At any point, you can either pull and hold the jog dial towards you or press and hold away from you to Exit V-Rally immediately.



To pause game on P800, tap circle in top left corner of screen

- **On Track:** Very useful if you've crashed and don't want to wait for the car to eventually settle back on the track. Tap and briefly hold the middle left corner of the screen to snap your car back onto the track to continue driving.
- **Controller Setup:** In the Pause menu while in-race, you can select "Controller Setup" to set your game control preferences, including whether in-game screen buttons are visible on screen, toggle game control methods, and toggle Autobrake On / off.
- **AutoBrake:** In the default control mode, Autobrake is set to ON. It can be toggled OFF in Controller Setup at any time, many new players find it helpful for cornering, but more seasoned drivers of course prefer full control.

## > On-Screen Indicators

For all game modes, the following information is displayed on the screen: speed, laps completed, gear engaged, time elapsed, position, countdown to the checkpoint, and the GAP. When the GAP indicator is a negative number, it's the time you need to reach the car preceding your car.



## :: **Sound Tips**

To turn-off button clicks and screen taps during game play, you must change your sound settings on the P900/P800. Go to Control Panel >> Sounds and alerts >> Other and choose Silent for both Button clicks and Screen taps.

The game also picks up the sound settings from your phone: to change these settings, adjust your volume control by selecting the volume icon, and changing the Multimedia Volume to suit your preferences.

## :: **Game Modes**

In the full version of V-Rally, there are four unique game modes:

### > **Arcade**

Select Arcade from the main menu, to enter the Arcade mode, which is perfect for a quick game session, against three computer driven opponents.

Select GO to start. You can use the Tap on NUMBER OF LAPS to adjust the number of laps (from 2 to 6 per level), and to select or change your car. The Slower Car Boost option is available if you want to give a bit more of a chance to your trailing opponents.



Once you have selected GO, select CAR SETTINGS to adapt your car to the stage specifications displayed on the screen:

- Suspension: soft, medium or hard
- Gear Ratio: short, normal or long
- Whether you want your car to Oversteer or Understeer (See Driving Hints for more info)

After confirming your settings, quit the menu by selecting the EXIT option. Select GO and you're off!

When you start the ARCADE mode, you have three credits; each of them gives you another fighting chance. When you win a stage, you are granted an extra credit.

At the end of each stage, the Replay Mode will start. You can change the angle of view by tapping on the bottom left corner of the screen, to view race highlights from different angles. Your best time, average speed and time per lap will be displayed on the screen. Tap REPLAY on the screen once to remove this information from the screen. Press REPLAY again to exit. The Replay is also available after each stage in CHAMPIONSHIP Mode.

## > Championship

Once you have selected CHAMPIONSHIP in the Main Menu, you can choose between starting a new CHAMPIONSHIP or loading a saved game. You can select the laps per stage (from 2 to 6). Don't forget to select or change your car. You can then select your rally:



Each rally consists of 3 stages, each one sporting different driving and weather conditions.

The Rally screen appears introducing the first stage and its specifications (road, weather, racing time) so that you can adjust your car with selecting Car Settings:

- Suspension: soft, medium or hard
- Gear Ratio: short, normal or long
- Whether you want your car to Oversteer or Understeer (See Driving Hints for more info)

Once you have completed all three stages of a Rally your time for each stage, cumulative time and Championship points will be displayed on the screen. Your position is calculated depending on your cumulative time over the three stages of the Rally with first place being awarded 5 points, second 3 points, third 1 point and 0 for last. Your current Championship Classification is then displayed.

Select the ABORT CHAMPIONSHIP option to quit the CHAMPIONSHIP. You will then be able to save your game from the GAME OPTIONS menu.

## > Time Trial

Before starting any other game mode, you can test your skills with the ARCADE EASY stages and the CHAMPIONSHIP Rallies. Two race modes are available:

- Ghost: If you are playing alone, your first lap is saved automatically, and you can assess your efforts in real time, since the car used in your first lap appears as a ghost image during your second lap, alongside



the new car. The GAP indicates the difference between the time you are spending for the current lap and the time you've spent at the previous lap.

- Single: You can here practice alone and without the ghost car.

Should you wish to exit the TIME TRIAL race at any time, press the jog dial down to enter the PAUSE mode, then highlight any QUIT option to confirm.

### > Bluetooth Multiplayer Racing

This groundbreaking game mode lets you compete head-to-head in real-time against other V-Rally players. Utilizing the Bluetooth short-range wireless capability of your P900/P800, you can connect directly to another P900 or P800 at no cost for a fast and furious two player race, or competing against your human and computer AI opponents in the Arcade mode.

To take advantage of this mode, you must turn on the Bluetooth radio in your P900/P800 and select "Visible to other devices" in your Bluetooth Settings. These settings are configured by selecting "Control Panel", then the "Connections" tab, and finally "Bluetooth". Consult your P900/P800 user manual if you are not familiar with this option on your phone.



Once both players have switched on Bluetooth, one player must first select HOST GAME from the MULTIPLAYER menu option. This first player is now the game "host" and game will go into a waiting mode until the second player selects JOIN GAME". You should both be aware of each other's Bluetooth device name, which can again be set in your P900/P800 Bluetooth settings. The second player's game will identify available game "Hosts" that are within a 10 meter radius of your phone. This may take a few moments. The second player should select his intended "Host" at which point your multiplayer session set-up is complete.

The player serving as the game "Host" should now select either HEAD-TO-HEAD from the main menu, or ARCADE, and continue making his selections until the game gives a "waiting" message. The second player can now make his selections, until both players can select GO to commence a real-time racing session.

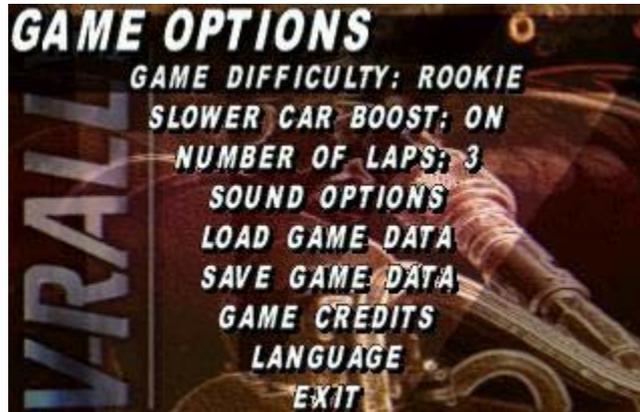
During a real-time race, either player can pause the session by selecting the PAUSE menu as in other game modes.

## :: Options

You can use two menus to adjust your player settings (PLAYER SETTINGS menu) and the general game options (GAME OPTIONS menu).

### > Game Options

- GAME DIFFICULTY: ROOKIE, PRO, ACE
- SOUND OPTIONS: Set the various volumes at the levels you want: the COPILOT VOLUME, and the AMBIENT VOLUME. Set either to 0 to mute the game sound completely.
- LOAD GAME DATA / SAVE GAME DATA: You can save your options and settings (options and hi-scores) to your phone. To retrieve a save, select LOAD GAME DATA from the GAME OPTIONS menu. If you have already saved your game settings, next time you start V-RALLY, the program will automatically load your settings.



### > Player Settings

- NEW PLAYER: You can create a three-letter code to be able to save your settings to the phone.
- SELECT EXISTING PLAYER: To load the settings from an existing code name stored on your phone. In this menu, you can also see the total distance covered by each existing player.
- ERASE PLAYER: You can store up to 10 code names. Use this option to remove existing code names before creating new ones.
- CAR SELECTION: This is the screen where you select your car from 11 unique cars, each with different driving characteristics.
- CONTROLLER CONFIG: Here, you can see all the driving controls and in-game control options. If you don't want the default configuration, you can change it here.
- SPEED DISPLAY: Do you want the speed displayed in kilometres per hour (KM/H) or miles per hour (MPH)?



Your car is now ready to go! You can select EXIT from the menu to return to the main menu and select a game mode.

## > Pause...

An emergency? No problem: On the P900, you can press the jog dial towards you at any time to "freeze" the current game. On the P800, tap the small circle in the top left corner of the screen to pause the game. To resume, where you left off, select CONTINUE on the pause screen. The PAUSE mode offers some more options depending on the Game mode (car settings, sound options, etc).



## :: Driving Hints

### > Good Cornering

For all corners on all surfaces:

- Brake in a straight line, steer towards the apex, straighten up and accelerate. Look way ahead. The shortest distance between two points is a straight line.
- Brake progressively, without pumping.
- Do not lock the wheels.
- Accelerate progressively, without pumping the accelerator.
- Hand-brake turns: On all surfaces, for very tight hairpin turns, or to avoid frontal impacts, brake normally, turn the wheel slightly, release the brake pedal, apply the hand-brake briefly but hard: the rear wheels lose all grip and the car slides; when past the apex, accelerate or take a deep breath.

On dirt and snow:

- For long curves, tight corners: in a controlled slide the car is made to slide gently. While accelerating, turn the steering wheel very early, as if you were going to cut the corner, then release the accelerator suddenly: the car slides; control the slide with the accelerator. When through the corner, accelerate, keeping the wheels straight (no opposite lock).
- For wide tight corners, not on a long curve: in an opposite-lock slide, put the car into a "controlled slide", but steering in the opposite direction to the corner. When the car slides a few metres before the apex of the corner, steer slightly in the right direction, controlling the slide with the accelerator. Above all, don't "play" with the steering wheel, full lock, straighten, opposite lock.

### > Bumps

If you want a high jump, accelerate on the bump, and take the power off when you're in the air. To dampen a bump and avoid jumping high, brake sharply but briefly at the start of the bump to lower the front of the car, then re-accelerate.

### **> Understeer**

This is the loss of front wheel grip in a corner. Take your foot off the accelerator in all cases.

### **> Oversteer**

This is a loss of rear wheel grip in a corner. In a front-wheel drive or four-wheel drive car, accelerate to transfer weight to the rear wheels.

### **:: Support**

If you need assistance with the game or experience any technical difficulty, please visit:

**[www.sonyericsson.com/support](http://www.sonyericsson.com/support)**

### **::Game Credits**

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### **:: Health Warning**

For your health, rest about 15 minutes for each hour of play. Avoid playing when tired or suffering from lack of sleep. Some people experience epileptic seizures when flashing lights or patterns in our daily environment. These persons may experience seizures while watching computer or TV screens, and playing video games. Even players who have never had any seizures may nonetheless have an undetected epileptic condition. Consult your doctor before playing video games if you have an epileptic condition or immediately should you experience any of the following symptoms during play: dizziness, altered vision, muscle twitching, other voluntary movements, loss of awareness of your surroundings, mental confusion, and/or convulsions.