



SUMMERBOARD



QUICK START GUIDE

"The learning curve was like this for me: learn to ride the board (carve then slide), then throttle, then center wheel balance, then poof magic!"

Mark Tupaz



Onboarding Day 1

Basic Control (30-45 riding minutes)

"For the first 5 minutes I was a bit in shock. It took one full battery charge, but then I was in control!"

Will Linn



KEEP IN MIND

- + Everyone starts off unbalanced, like a baby giraffe learning to walk
- + You will only be able to move 5-10 feet at a time for the first 20-30 minutes
- + Your brain muscle memory needs time to learn the balance points
- + **Don't give up** - everyone learns basic control on their first day with persistence
- + **Onboarding Lesson 2: Basic Control**

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EXPECT SOME AKWARDNESS IN YOUR INITIAL RIDING



COMMON ERRORS:

- ⊗ Not staying centered over the board
- ⊗ Back end of board spinning out
- ⊗ Stiff, straight arms & legs
- ⊗ Leaning on heel and toe edges really hard
- ⊗ Jumping off the board a lot

***DO NOT USE FOOTHOLDS**



"At first it feels alien and extremely difficult, but if you follow the advice and complete the onboarding lessons you'll find that it just clicks - then it opens up a whole new experience you cannot get anywhere else!"

Lee Wright



KEY TIPS

- + Learn control by constantly shifting between your heels and toes
- + Bend knees to balance easier by lowering your center of gravity
- + If you are a snowboarder, try to visualize snow under your feet - this is often THE "aha" moment



GOOD PRACTICE:

- + Bent knees & arms
- + Weight centered on board, between heels & toes
- + Weight equal between both legs



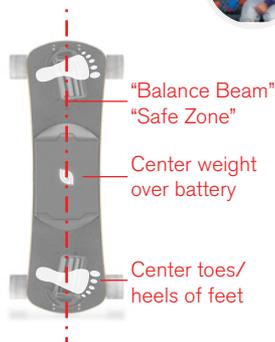
"I'm not gonna lie the learning curve is rough until you can find the balance on the center wheels. Sticking with it and not giving up is definitely the key to learning"

Bryan Belcher



KEEP IN MIND

- + Must think about the center wheels as a balance beam that you must learn to ride on
- + Like snowboarding, you need to roll over the center of the board when switching edges, so balancing here is crucial
- + The middle balance point is your safe zone where you have the most control and ability to quickly go to heel or toe edge
- + Balance equally on both legs and focus on keeping your body over the battery
- + **Onboarding Lesson 3:** First Slides



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"I've been snowboarding every year for the last 8 years and this board was almost easier to ride when I closed my eyes and pictured I was on a snowboard!"

Austin Mckee



KEY TIPS

- + View **Onboarding Lesson 3** to fully understand how to slide
- + Keep your weight over the center of the board, over the battery
- + Keep your speed at 5-6 mph - check the remote when you ride
- + Visualize snow under your feet, if you are a snowboarder

GOOD PRACTICE:

- + Bent knees & arms, low center of gravity
- + Start by weaving tiny slides into your turns, while carving in S-shapes or circles
- + Keep your body balanced over the battery



"When I started, I had to dedicate my focus on not catching the edge. And yes I fell a few times (at low speeds). Now it's much more second nature, I can actually look around and enjoy the scenery while riding without worrying about falling over. They advertise it in the training manual: "like learning to ride a bike". It's pretty much like that... once you figure it out, it comes naturally."

Reddit: Man_of_Moose



Back end keeps spinning out	Shift 70-80% of your weight to your back foot to stabilize the back end and limit spinning out. This is part of the process and happens to everyone.
Accelerates too fast	Move the thumbwheel 1mm at a time to slowly accelerate
I can't ride more than 5 feet without jumping off	<u>Everyone</u> goes through this phase. If you do this for 30-60 minutes, your muscle memory will develop and you'll gain the balance to stay on. Stick with it for one full battery charge and you will learn.
I keep hitting my edge wheels	Focus on balancing more on the two center drive wheels. You can also remove the training risers to get more freedom of movement.

LEARNING TIPS

- Do not use the footholds until you are very comfortable on the board, and are able to jump off the board safely and easily.
- Find a wide open empty flat space like an basketball court or parking lot.
- You must push start to align the wheels - see Onboarding Day 2
- Center your feet on the board (see diagram on Onboarding Day 2), ensuring that your toes/heels are centered on the board and feet are completely flat.
- Get both feet on the board before accelerating
- Accelerate SLOWLY and maintain a constant speed around 5-6mph to enable learning and progression. At this speed you will have enough momentum to learn to slide, while also going slow enough to be able to jump off very easily.
- Keep your weight VERY far back to help learning. You won't end up riding like this all the time but it makes learning easier.
- Bend your knees and get a lower center of gravity. It will be much easier to control your balance and edges.
- Have trust and confidence that the Summerboard rides just like a snowboard. Do not ride on your toes like a skateboard, it just won't work.

RISK OF DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY

- Whenever you ride a Summerboard esnowboard, you risk death or serious injury from loss of control, collision and falls. To ride safely, you must read and follow all warnings and instructions in the guide and online at www.Summerboard.com.
- Avoid water, wet surfaces, slippery or uneven surfaces, steep hills, traffic, cracks, tracks, gravel, rocks, or any obstacles that could cause a loss of traction and cause a fall.
- WARNING: Do not ride Summerboard in environments, on inclines, or at speeds where you would not be safely in control of a traditional skateboard or snowboard. In the event of wireless interference or battery fault, you may need to rely on the mechanical braking function and slide to a stop. For more information, visit the online tutorials
- WARNING: Properly exit the foot bindings during a fall. Always jump backwards to slide your feet out of the bindings and properly exit the foot bindings during a fall.
- WARNING: AVOID SUBMERGING IN WATER! Your Summerboard is not water proof. Electronics, bearings and other components can be damaged. Water damage is not covered under the warranty.
- WARNING: PINCH POINTS! Keep fingers, hair, and clothing away from belts, motors, wheels, and all moving parts.
- WARNING: RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK! Do not open or tamper with electronics housings, which also voids the warranty.
- WARNING: AVOID TRAFFIC! Do not ride near vehicular traffic.
- WARNING: ELECTRONIC BRAKES can malfunction due to electrical interference, belts breaking or high speeds. Always use the mechanical braking technique of sliding to stop.
- Ride with respect, have fun and help promote snowboarding all year long!