



# david smart

**[OPERATOR'S MANUAL]**

Usage and care of your AVE device

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# WARNING

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All persons who:

- a) have a history of epilepsy, photic epilepsy or any seizure disorder,
- b) suffer from any mental disorder or psychiatric illness,
- c) are currently using any drugs (prescription or recreational),
- d) are under the influence of alcohol,
- e) have had any head injuries,
- f) have ever had a seizure of any kind,

should not use the DAVID SMART unless under the supervision of a health care provider qualified in the safe detection of seizures.

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## NOTICE TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

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It is the responsibility of the health care provider to complete a proper intake addressing these concerns mentioned above. Mind Alive Inc., its employees, suppliers and distributors are exempt from any liability in damages resulting from a seizure or psychiatric condition that may occur from prescribing this device.

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**CLINICAL RESEARCH SHOWS THAT THE DAVID SMART IS EFFECTIVE  
IN REDUCING COGNITIVE DECLINE, ADD, SAD, DEPRESSED MOOD,  
INSOMNIA AND ANXIETY.**

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The DAVID SMART is a non-invasive tool.  
All resulting effects are produced in the brain solely by  
audio and visual stimulation.

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## INTRODUCTION

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You have purchased the most innovative, high quality Audio-Visual Entrainment (AVE) device available on the market today. The DAVID SMART integrates the necessary principles of audio/visual stimulation to safely and effectively guide the user into desired states of consciousness and maximum brain functioning. We are confident you will find using the DAVID SMART not only an enjoyable, relaxing experience, but also beneficial as you explore heightened states of consciousness and personal awareness.

The DAVID SMART is non-invasive and no electrical current is passed through to the user. All resulting effects are produced in the brain solely by audio-visual stimuli. The portability of the DAVID SMART lends itself to easy travel (airport X-ray machines will not harm the DAVID SMART).

**In order to obtain the maximum enjoyment and benefits from your DAVID SMART, please read this operator's manual and the companion DAVID AVE User Guide thoroughly.**

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### COMPONENT LIST

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- ✓ DAVID SMART – Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Tru-Vu Omniscreen Eyeset (white), Eyeset Cord and Carry Case
- ✓ Headphones
- ✓ Stereo Patch Cord
- ✓ Carry Bag
- ✓ 9-Volt Alkaline Battery
- ✓ 9-Volt DC Power Adapter
- ✓ Operator's Manual and Quick Start Guide

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### OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

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- Tru-Vu Omniscreen Multi-Color Eyeset
- Tru-Vu Omniscreen White Viewhole Eyesets - *For eyes open use*
- Extra User Package
- DAVID Session Editor

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## SESSION CONTROLS

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### VOLUME

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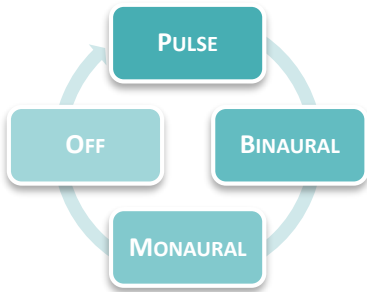
The volume level affects both tones and the heartbeat together. There are 30 volume levels. To adjust the volume, press and release or press and hold the VOL ▲ or ▼ buttons. The graph will display the volume level. The volume cannot be adjusted during Soft Off™.

### INTENSITY

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The intensity level affects the brightness of the lights in the eyeset. There are 15 eyeset intensity levels. To adjust the intensity, press and release or press and hold the INT ▲ or ▼ buttons. The graph will display the intensity level. The intensity cannot be adjusted during Soft Off™.

*The volume, intensity, and power buttons are raised to help you find them easily with eyes closed.*



### TONE SELECTION

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There are three (3) different tone options available in the SMART: Pulse Tones, Binaural Beats, and Stereo Monaural Beats. Tones may also be turned off. All sessions start with pulse tones. Press and release the tone button (🎵) to cycle through the tone options.

### HEARTBEAT SELECTION

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All sessions start with the heartbeat on. The heartbeat can be used to help modulate breathing for improved HRV (for more information on HRV go to: <http://mindalive.com/index.cfm/technology/heart-rate-variability-hrv/>). To turn the heartbeat on/off, press and hold the tone button (🎵).

### SAVING PREFERENCES

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You can save your preferred volume, intensity, tone, and heartbeat settings for each session. Adjust the volume, intensity, and tone settings then press both the INT ▲ and ▼ buttons at the same time. The session group icon will blink. You may continue the session or end it immediately and the SMART will save your preferred settings and use them the next time you run that session.


# OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS


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## SETUP

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The headphones connect to the headphone output jack () . When using an Extra User Package (*sold separately*), connect the 3.5mm splitter cable to the SMART and connect each set of headphones to the splitter cable. Please ensure that you have the side marked “L” on your left ear and the side marked “R” on your right ear. It is recommended that you disconnect the headphones from the unit before storing or travelling to prevent accidental damage to the jack.

The Tru-Vu Omniscreen, Tru-Vu Omniscreen Viewhole, or Tru-Vu Omniscreen Multi-Color Eyeset connect to the eyeset output jack () with the included 2.5mm patch cord. Connect one end to the SMART and the other to the jack located on the lower left of the glasses. When using an Extra User Package (*sold separately*), connect the 2.5mm splitter cable to the SMART and connect each eyeset to the splitter cable. It is recommended that you disconnect the eyeset cable from the device and from the eyeset before storing or travelling to prevent accidental damage to the jacks.


An external audio source (such as an MP3 or CD player) can be connected to the SMART so that music or other audio can be listened to while running a session. Plug the stereo patch cord into the headphone output of the audio device and the audio input jack () of the SMART.

***Note: start the SMART and select a session before playing audio unless you would like to run a sound sync session (see page 9).***

## POWER

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The SMART can be powered with a 9-volt alkaline or rechargeable battery, or with the 9-volt DC power adapter provided. To install the battery, slide the cover off of the battery compartment on the back of the unit. Insert a 9-volt battery as indicated on the diagram in the battery compartment. Slide the cover back into place. An alkaline 9-volt battery will provide approximately seven (7) hours of operation


To use the 9-volt adapter, connect the adapter to the 9-volt jack () on the side of the unit. The 9-volt DC power adapter uses a 1.3mm center-positive plug. No battery power is used when plugged into an adapter.


# OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS


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## TURN ON/TURN OFF

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Press and hold the power button (  ) until the power LED turns on. The graph (between the VOL and INT controls) will display the battery level when you first turn on the unit (see *Battery Level*). If no session is selected within two (2) minutes, the SMART will turn off.

At the end of a session, the lights and sound will fade out (Soft Off™) and the SMART will automatically turn off. To end a session early, press and release the power button (  ) quickly to initiate a short Soft Off™ (30 seconds).

To turn off the SMART at any time, press and hold the power button (  ) until the unit turns off. This may take up to three (3) seconds.

## BATTERY LEVEL

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




The battery level is displayed on the graph for a couple of seconds when the SMART is first turned on. The battery level is also monitored and displayed periodically while the session is running.

When the battery level is getting low, the graph will display two (2) blinking bars. It is recommended that you replace the battery before running a session if this warning is displayed.

When the battery level is critically low, the graph will display a single (1) blinking bar. If this warning is displayed when you turn the unit on, replace the battery. If this warning occurs during a session, the session will end early and the battery indicator will continue to blink for a short period of time. The battery *must* be replaced before the unit can be used again.

## SELECTING A SESSION

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The SMART has five (5) session category buttons ( , , , ,  ). Each button offers two (2) session options. Session 1 is indicated by the session LED on solid. Session 2 is indicated by the session LED blinking.

To select a session, press the session button. The session LED will turn on. To select the alternate session, press the session button a second time within five (5) seconds. Press a different session button to change the current selection.

The selected session will start after a five (5) second delay.

*Each session button remembers which option was played last. If you ran Energize 2, the next time you select Energize the LED will blink for Energize 2.*

## QUICK START

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### Find a comfortable spot

Sessions are an average of 30 minutes. Find a place where you won't be disturbed. Dark, quiet places are better.


### Stay hydrated

Drink a glass of water at least 15 minutes before your session. Staying hydrated will help to prevent headaches or feeling groggy.


### Connect power

Insert the 9V battery according to the diagram inside the battery compartment. Or connect the 9V adapter to the 9V  jack.


### Plug in the eyeset

One end of the eyeset cable connects to the jack on the left side of the glasses, the other to the  jack on the unit.






### Plug in the headphones

Connect the headphone plug to the  jack on the unit. Ensure "L" side on left and "R" side on right.

### Turn on the Delight

Push and hold  until the power light comes on.

### Select a session

Press a session button (  ,  ,  ,  , or  ) to start that session. Press it again to select the alternate session. See the sessions list for details (*page 8*).














### Relax and enjoy

The session will begin in 5 seconds. Put on the headphones and eyeset. Close your eyes and relax.

*All the Session LEDs are dimly lit before a session is selected so that they can be easily seen in the dark.*



## ICON DESCRIPTIONS

Icon	Control
	<i>Power</i> Turn the SMART on/off Initiate manual Soft Off™
	<i>Tone/Heartbeat Control</i> Cycle through the available tones Turn the heartbeat on/off
<b>VOL</b> 	<i>Volume Control</i> Increase or decrease the loudness of the tones and heartbeat
<b>INT</b> 	<i>Intensity Control</i> Increase or decrease the brightness of the eyeset lights
Icon	Connection
	9-Volt DC Power Adapter
	Audio Input (3.5mm, stereo)
	Headphones
	Tru-Vu Omniscreen Eyeset
Icon	Session Group <i>(see page 8 for descriptions)</i>
	Energize
	Meditate
	Brain Booster
	Sleep
	Feeling Better

## SMART SESSIONS



**Energize 1** – Energizer (20 min)

**Energize 2** – Super Energizer (18 min)

The Energize sessions are a great way to get going in the morning. Use them as a caffeine-free burst of energy. Try Super Energizer for more energizing results.



**Meditate 1** – Brain Break (20 min)

**Meditate 2** – Deep Meditation (40 min)

The Meditate sessions are a great way to calm down, relax, and re-focus. Brain Break can be used any time for a quick recharge while Deep Meditation is better for unwinding and de-stressing.



**Brain Booster 1** – Smarter Mind (24 min)

**Brain Booster 2** – Clearer Mind (25 min)

The Brain Brightener sessions are used to improve concentration and memory. Clearer Mind is more effective for scattered minds and those with ADD/ADHD.



**Sleep 1** – Paradise (45 min)

**Sleep 2** – Serenity (40 min)

The Sleep sessions help guide you from restless wakefulness into sleep. Paradise is for those with busy minds and *tense bodies* and helps to lower anxiety and reduce tension. Serenity is most effective for busy minds and *relaxed bodies*. Start with Paradise first and move to Serenity as needed.




**Feeling Better 1** – Mood Booster (30 min)



**Feeling Better 2** – Meditation with Mood Booster (42 min)

The Feeling Better sessions settle down negative thoughts while boosting happiness. Mood Booster is best used in the morning, but may be used at any time. Meditation with Mood Booster has a relaxing introduction to calm generalized anxiety.

## SOUND SYNC SESSIONS






The SMART has the ability to use sound to run a special session for relaxation and lucid dreaming effects. To start a sound sync session, connect your audio device (eg CD or MP3 player) to the audio in jack () with the 3.5mm stereo patch cord provided.

Turn on the SMART, but do not select a session. Start the playback on the audio device. After a short period (about 10 seconds) the SMART will detect the audio and enter sound sync mode. The graph will activate to indicate there is audio present and the session group icons will flicker, with the selected icon lit solid.




Press and release the power button () to cycle between group icons. Press the tone button () to start the selected session.

A sound sync session will last for as long as audio is playing. Once the audio ends, the session will Soft Off™. If audio is detected again during the Soft Off™, the lights will fade back up and the session will continue.

*Sound sync sessions use randomization. The left and right frequencies will vary slightly from the target rate to create a lucid mind-state.*

Session	Target Frequencies
	20 Hz (Beta)
	Left Stim 9.5Hz, Right Stim 10.5Hz (Alpha)
	Left Stim 14Hz, Right Stim 20Hz (SMR/Beta)
	Left Stim 7.8Hz, Right Stim 8.2Hz (Theta-Alpha)
	Left Stim 10Hz, Right Stim 20Hz (Alpha/Beta)

## TONES AND HEARTBEAT

Tones and heartbeat may be turned on during any sound sync session. To turn on tones, press and release the tone button (). The tones will cycle through the available tone options (*see page 3*). To turn on the heartbeat, press and hold the tone button (). Press and hold the tone button () again to turn the heartbeat off.

## WARNINGS

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**If you are an epileptic, photic epileptic or have any history of seizures:**

We recommend that all persons who have a history of epilepsy, photic epilepsy or have ever had a seizure of any kind not use the DAVID SMART unless under the supervision of a health care professional who is qualified in the safe detection of seizures.

**If you have had a brain injury or suffer from any mental disorder or psychiatric illness:** We recommend that people who have had a brain injury or have a history of psychiatric illness or mental disorders not use the DAVID SMART unless under the supervision of a qualified health care professional.

**If you are taking drugs or using alcohol:** We recommend that people currently using drugs and/or excessive alcohol consumption not use the DAVID SMART unless under the supervision of a qualified health care professional.

**If you are a first-time SMART user:** We advise that you always remain seated or reclined while using the DAVID SMART. We also suggest that new users begin sessions with low brightness in the eyesets. If at any time during a session, you begin to feel vertigo, nausea, euphoria, “deja-vu”, or a sense of mental instability, lower the intensity of the eyesets and lower the volume of the tones or discontinue the session.

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IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO COMPLETE A PROPER INTAKE, ADDRESSING THE CONCERNS MENTIONED ABOVE. MIND ALIVE INC., ITS EMPLOYEES, SUPPLIERS AND DISTRIBUTORS ARE EXEMPT FROM ANY LIABILITY IN DAMAGES RESULTING FROM A SEIZURE OR PSYCHIATRIC CONDITION THAT MAY OCCUR FROM USING THIS DEVICE.

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## PRECAUTIONS

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**Traumatic Childhood Experiences** - The DAVID SMART can cause the release of suppressed memories. If traumatic memories surface during or after a session, be certain to seek appropriate support.

**Somnatic Shock** - If abruptly returning to a normal conscious state, a mild case of somnatic shock can result, leaving the user feeling disoriented, nauseous, or experiencing a headache. All preset sessions in the DAVID SMART are programmed to end with the lights fading out (Soft Off™) to avoid somnatic shock.

**Orthostatic Hypotension** - Occasionally when a person becomes very relaxed during a session, his/her blood pressure may fall significantly. We advise rising slowly after a session.

## WARRANTY AND CARE

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The DAVID SMART is warranted against defects in workmanship or materials for one year from date of original purchase, on the terms stated herein. Should this unit become inoperative within the one-year period, it will be repaired or replaced at our option, without charge. Any postage, insurance and shipping costs incurred in returning the DAVID SMART for service are the responsibility of the customer.

This warranty does *NOT* cover:

- shipping damage
- damage caused by accidents or by other than normal use
- improper battery installation
- physical damage to cords for headphones and Omniscreen™ eyeset
- damage caused by exposure to excessive static electricity
- damage caused by any unauthorized person tampering with the DAVID SMART.

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### RETURNING FOR REPAIRS

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**Should your DAVID SMART require repairs, please contact us via email ([info@mindalive.com](mailto:info@mindalive.com)) or phone to obtain a warranty/repair authorization number and important shipping instructions.**

When returning your device for repair, be sure to surround the DAVID SMART with at least one inch of tight packing on all sides in a strong carton. Neither Mind Alive Inc., nor courier companies will pay for damage incurred by poorly packaged goods. Label the carton "**FRAGILE, HANDLE WITH CARE.**" Include a copy of your sales receipt, a brief written description of the problem and a daytime contact number. All postage, insurance and shipping costs incurred in returning the DAVID SMART for service are the responsibility of the customer.

# WARRANTY AND CARE

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## FOR UNITED STATES AND INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMERS

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**Failure to receive proper instructions about completing customs and shipping documents may result in additional brokerage and duties charges to the customer.** Some courier companies do not include brokerage fees in their quoted charges. The customer is responsible for any and all charges. Equipment will not be returned to the customer until these charges have been paid. Indicate on ALL shipping documents ***"RETURN TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN FOR REPAIRS UNDER WARRANTY"***.

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## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

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Use a soft, slightly moistened cloth (use water or mild detergent) to clean the DAVID SMART. Do not clean with any solvents. Do not subject the DAVID SMART to static electricity. Do not place the DAVID SMART near heat sources such as radiators, air ducts, or in direct sunlight. Should any liquid enter the DAVID SMART, turn it off immediately. If liquid does enter the electronics, we advise that the DAVID SMART be checked by authorized personnel before commencing operation.

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## DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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Mind Alive Inc., its employees, its authorized dealers and distributors shall not be held liable for any claim, demand, action, cause of action, liability or damages arising out of any injuries resulting from malfunction or defect of the DAVID SMART whether willful or negligent either to person or damage to property of the purchaser, employees of the purchaser, persons designated by the purchaser for training in the use of the DAVID SMART, clients or patients of the purchaser, any other person, designated by the purchaser for any purpose, prior to or subsequent to acceptance, delivery, installation and use of the DAVID SMART either at the premises of Mind Alive Inc., or the premises of its dealers or distributors or the purchaser's premises.

The purchaser, employees of the purchaser, clients or patients of the purchaser or any other person designated by the purchaser for any purpose, hereby undertake to waive and disclaim any action in respect of the aforesaid terms as above.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

What	Try
<b>Graph blinks a single bar, then the SMART turns off</b>	Replace the battery or use a 9-volt DC power adapter
<b>SMART does not turn on</b>	Replace the battery or use a 9-volt DC power adapter
<b>Lights in eyeset are active on the left side only</b>	Ensure the eyeset cable is fully plugged into the glasses and the  jack
<b>Tones and/or heartbeat sounds are audible on the left side only</b>	Ensure the headphone is fully plugged into the  jack
<b>No sound from external audio device</b>	Ensure the 3.5mm patch cord is fully plugged into the headphone output of the audio device and the  jack of the SMART Check the volume level of the audio device
<b>SMART will not enter sound sync mode</b>	Ensure the 3.5mm patch cord is fully plugged into the headphone output of the audio device and the  jack of the SMART Check that the audio device is playing and adjust the volume level (audio should be present in the headphones plugged into the SMART)
<b>Download is not recognized</b>	Ensure the 3.5mm patch cord is fully plugged into the download source and the  jack of the SMART Adjust the source volume to a moderate listening level (audio should be present in the headphones plugged into the SMART).
<b>Session starts with no lights and/or sounds</b>	Adjust the intensity and/or volume level Re-save preferences ( <i>see page 3</i> )



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