



THE SCREENTIME CONTROLLER

.....
Shuts Off Electronics When Time Is Up



**PUTS PARENTS IN CONTROL OF TVS,
COMPUTERS & VIDEO GAMES**



Get to know BOB . . .



LCD Display

Arrow Keys:
Use the arrow
keys to highlight a
setting on the LCD

Cancel:
Press **CANCEL** at any
time to back up to
the previous screen

Numbers light up to
indicate which user
is logged on. 'M' is
the Master User.

Enter:
Press **ENTER** to
select function

Off:
Press **OFF** at any
time to exit or
log off as a user

BOB Definitions:

Connected Device = any electronic device plugged into BOB (i.e. TV, computer, video game)

Master User = Parent
User = Child (1,2,3, . . .)

Settings = each Users' allotted time and blocks

PIN = a 4 digit personal identification number used to access BOB

Allotted Time = the screentime each User has either per day or per week

Blocks = stops a User from accessing the connected device for a specific period of time

FlyTime = adds or subtracts 15-minute increments of time while using BOB

About BOB

BOB manages screentime by controlling the power to a connected electronic device. BOB senses current, so it knows when the connected device is on, off or in "sleep" mode.

BOB keeps track of the amount of time a User has a **connected device** "ON". Once all of the User's time has expired, BOB turns off the **connected device** and restricts further access for that User.

Normal Use of BOB

1. User enters **PIN**.
2. User turns on the **connected device**.
3. Watch or play normally.
4. Turn off **connected device**.
5. BOB turns off automatically.
(BOB will turn off the device if time runs out)

Important Basics About BOB!

The on/off switch on any connected device does NOT work when BOB is OFF!

If BOB beeps, User time is up. Turn off the connected device within 60 seconds.

BOB only recognizes one User account at a time.



Initial Set-Up

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!
Note: The **Master User** can access the connected device anytime by entering the **Master User PIN**.
5. Use the keypad to set BOB's internal clock to the current time.

(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)



User Set-Up and Time Allotments

When a User wants to access the **connected device** they must enter their **PIN**. BOB allows the **Master User** to set time allotments for other Users.

To set up a User or to change settings:

1. Enter **Master User PIN**.
2. Use the Arrow Keys to select **SETTINGS** and press **ENTER**.
3. Choose **USERS (1,2,3, . . .)** in the menu.
4. Enter a **PIN** for that User. **TIP: Encourage Users to pick their own PIN numbers!**
5. Select **DAY** or **WEEK** to manage time by either 1 day or 1 week. Enter the time allowed per day or per week. BOB will confirm your choices.
6. If the allotted amount of time is correct select **YES**. If changes need to be made, select **NO**.

Enter the Master User PIN to change settings:

Change the Time:

1. Go to **SETTINGS**.
2. Select **TIME**.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions.

Change the **Master PIN**:

1. Go to **SETTINGS**.
2. Select **MASTER PIN**.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions.

Change User Settings:

- 1) Go to **SETTINGS**.
- 2) Select **USERS**.
- 3) Follow the on-screen instructions.



Blocks

Use **BLOCKS** to set aside specific times for homework, chores, family night, or bedtime! For example, block from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM or 9:00 PM – 8:00 AM.

Create up to five **BLOCKS** per user!

BLOCKS are set up in one of two ways:

- 1) During initial User Set-Up.
- 2) By the Master User. Enter **Master User PIN**, select **SETTINGS**, then select **BLOCKS**.

To add a **BLOCK**:

1. Master User selects **ADD BLOCK**.
2. Enter time of day to start the block by Hour: Minute (i.e. 3:00), then select **AM** or **PM**.
3. Enter time of day to stop the block (i.e. 5:00), then select **AM** or **PM**.
4. Use the Arrow keys and the **ENTER** key to set the day(s) the block will be active, then select **CONTINUE**. Each day you picked will be underlined.

Block An Entire Day:

Set a start time of 12:00 AM and a stop time of 11:59 PM.





Other Options in **BLOCKS**:

- **Add another block:**
ADD NEW
- **Edit an existing block:**
EDIT
- **Edit other blocks:**
NEXT BLOCK
- **Remove an existing block:**
ERASE
- **Change to another function:**
EXIT



Does a **User** deserve more time? Less time? **FlyTime** allows the **Master User** to add or subtract time to any **User's** account for that day or that week. Time is added or subtracted in 15-minute increments.

To use **FlyTime**:

1. Press both Arrow keys  and  at the same time.
2. Enter **Master User PIN**.
3. Select appropriate **User**.
4. Press  to add 15 minutes.
Press  to subtract 15 minutes.
5. Press **ENTER** when complete.

Benefits of **FlyTime**:

Prevent the shut down of your TV during the stunning conclusion of your child's favorite movie or when the big game goes into overtime.

Time Recommendation:

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends children have no more than 1-2 hours of quality programming per day.



Reports

REPORTS show you how much time has been spent using the connected device and how much time is remaining.

To generate a report:

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

Important Tip:

REPORTS automatically reset every Sunday at 11:59 PM.

Recommendation for BOB:

Spend a week learning how much time your child is using a connected device! Set BOB to track the user's time by DAY and enter 24:00 hours.

System Power Mode

BOB arrives from the factory with the system power mode set to **NORMAL**. Change the **POWER MODE** if using BOB with a projector, projection TV, all-in-one computer, etc. or if a loss of power to your connected device requires a manual reset (channels, time, etc).

Types of Power Mode:

NORMAL: BOB interrupts power to the connected device to manage time.

ALWAYS ON: If you prefer your connected device to never lose power, choose **ALWAYS ON** mode. When time is up, User's will hear the BOB alarm. **WARNING: If this alarm is ignored, BOB SHUTS OFF the connected device within 2 minutes!**

COOL DOWN (for projectors and projector TVs): Allows the internal fans in these devices to run for 2 minutes before a full shut down.

To Change the Power Mode:

1. Enter **Master User PIN**.
2. Select **SYSTEM** from the **SETTINGS** menu.
3. Select **CONTINUE**.
4. Select **NORMAL, COOL DOWN** or **ALWAYS ON**.

Want to use BOB with a Desktop Computer?

Computers don't work without monitors! Connect your monitor cable directly to BOB.



FAQs

- Can I turn down the volume on BOB? **No.**
- Can I plug BOB into a power strip? **Yes, a power strip or any electrical outlet.**
- Can I use my remote control to turn on the TV? **Yes, as long as a User is logged on to BOB.**
- What if I can't set up a new User? **Either you have too many Users, you aren't the Master User, or you aren't in the SETTINGS menu.**
- Why is my TV randomly turning itself off? **If you begin to experience random shut-offs, move BOB away from all other electrical devices and plug BOB directly into the wall outlet, with nothing else plugged into the same outlet. If BOB continues to randomly shut-off, please contact support at ww.useBOB.com.**
- How do I watch TV if there is a BLOCK set up for that time? **Enter the Master PIN or remove the block.**
- How do I know that I have set up the BLOCKS correctly? **You can view BLOCKS for each User in the SETTINGS menu, select BLOCKS, USER (1,2,3 . . .), then select NEXT BLOCK.**
- Can I block certain channels? **No, BOB only blocks time.**

- What if I lose my key to BOB? [If your key is lost, please contact us at www.useBOB.com.](http://www.useBOB.com)
- Can I change a user's time allotment mid-week? [Yes, time can be added or subtracted by the Master User at any time.](#)
- What if power is lost 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.](#)
- What if my child forgets his password? [Your child's password can be reset at any time. Enter the Master User PIN, select the SETTINGS Menu, choose the appropriate User, then choose the PIN and enter a new PIN.](#)
- My wife knows the Master User PIN and won't give me more time. Can I override her so I can watch the big game? [Unfortunately, no; try the sweet-talk.](#)
- My husband knows the Master User PIN and won't give me more time. Can I override him so I can watch the big game? [See above about the sweet-talk.](#)



Safety Notes

- Plug BOB into a 3 prong grounded outlet or surge protector.
- To rapidly disconnect your device in the event of a hazard, remove BOB's power plug from the wall to disconnect both devices. (NOTE: Reprogramming settings may be necessary afterwards.)
- Do not use a ground-lifting adapter.
- If a power surge occurs, you may need to press the RESET button located inside of BOB's locked bottom door. This button will not reset your SETTINGS.

Disclaimer!

Please be sure to choose the proper power mode for BOB (page 9). If using the wrong power mode with your connected device, Nextphase, Inc. is not held liable.

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