Polar SmartEdge™
Heart Rate Monitor
User’s manual
OWNZONE DETERMINATION

1. Set your age.
2. Set the OwnZone function ON.
3. Check that the transmitter belt is tight enough and the electrodes are well moistened.
4. Start heart rate measurement.
5. Start the stopwatch.
6. There are five stages in finding your OwnZone. After each stage you hear a long beep which tells you that you should increase your speed slightly. The display shows which stage you are in:
   1. Walking at very slow pace for 2 min.
   2. Walking at brisk pace for 2 min.
   3. Walking at very brisk pace for 2 min.
   4. Jogging at slow pace for 2 min.
7. At some point during stages 2-5 you will hear two beeps. Polar SmartEdge has determined your OwnZone!

VISUAL CUES TO READ THIS GUIDE

- Indicates a tip to do things faster.
- Indicates important issues. Please, pay attention!
- Indicates a useful tip. It is good to know these things.
- See also

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER!

- Adjust the strap length snug enough and wet the Polar Coded Transmitter electrodes to ensure flawless heart rate measurement.
- Do not bend or stretch the transmitter.
- Do not operate the buttons of the wrist receiver under water.
- Wash and dry your transmitter regularly after use; never store it wet.
- Keep the Polar Heart Rate Monitor out of extreme cold and heat.

Quick Guide

BUTTONS AND THEIR FUNCTIONS

- SET/START/STOP
  - Select (to use a mode/to make settings)
  - Lock your selection
  - Start the stopwatch
  - Stop the stopwatch
- MODE
  - Move onward to the following mode or function
- SIGNAL/LIGHT
  - Adjust your settings
  - Signal sound on or off
  - Backlight on

Road Map

TIME OF DAY ↓ MEASURE ↓ FILE ↓ SET

1. press MODE
2. press SET-START-STOP
3. press and hold SET-START-STOP

TIME OF DAY
12/24 h
set alarm → set time → set date

MEASURE
(stopwatch)
running → see time of day → see time in TZ → see KCal
stop stopwatch

FILE
(total exercising time)
time in TZ → session KCal → total KCal

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(USER)
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(TZ limits)
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OwnZone on
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weight
sex
latest
OwnZone

OwnZone
KCal/LBS

Congratulations on purchasing the Polar SmartEdge Heart Rate Monitor. We are proud to assist you in achieving your personal fitness goals.

This guide will provide you with the basic information on how to exercise with your Polar Heart Rate Monitor and how to get the maximum benefit from its functions.

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**POLAR SmartEdge PARTS**

Your Polar SmartEdge consists of three parts:

1. Polar Coded Transmitter™
   - Grooved electrode areas
2. Elastic strap
3. Polar SmartEdge Wrist Receiver
1. Attach the Polar Coded Transmitter to the elastic strap.

2. Adjust the strap length to fit snugly and comfortably. Secure the strap around your chest, below the chest muscles. Lock the buckle.

3. Pull the Transmitter off your chest and wet the grooved electrode areas on the back of it.

4. Check that the wet electrode areas are firmly against your skin and the Polar logo is in a central upright position.

5. Wear the Wrist Receiver as you would wear an ordinary watch. Alternatively, if you go biking, you may attach the Wrist Receiver to a Polar Bike Mount. Polar books and accessories. Keep the Wrist Receiver within the transmission range (1 metre / 3 feet).

It is recommended that you wear the Transmitter against your bare skin to ensure flawless operation. However, if you wish to wear the Transmitter over a shirt, moisten the shirt well under the electrodes.

It is important that the electrodes are wet during exercise. After exercising, to preserve the electrodes and battery life:
1. Wash the Transmitter carefully with a mild soap water solution.
2. Rinse it with pure water.
3. Dry the Transmitter carefully.

**MODES AND THEIR FUNCTIONS**

Polar SmartEdge has four main modes:
1. **TIME OF DAY**
   You can use the Polar SmartEdge as an ordinary watch with alarm function. In the Time of Day mode you can:
   - turn the alarm on/off
   - set the alarm time
   - set the time of day
   - set the date

2. **HEART RATE MEASURING**
   Use the Measure mode during your exercise for measuring heart rate. In this mode you can:
   - see your heart rate reading
   - use the stopwatch
   - determine your OwnZone
   - see your exercising limits
   - see the time of day
   - see the time you have exercised within your Target Zone so far
   - see the accumulated calorie consumption of your exercise session

**BUTTONS AND THEIR FUNCTIONS**

You can move forward to different modes and control their functions by using the three buttons of the Polar SmartEdge. Their principle functions are:

- **SET/START/STOP**
  - Activate the displayed mode
  - Lock your selection
  - Start the stopwatch
  - Stop the stopwatch

- **MODE**
  - Move onward to the following mode or function

- **SIGNAL/LIGHT**
  - Adjust your settings
  - Signal sound on or off
  - Backlight on
3. FILE
Polar SmartEdge saves information on your latest exercise session. In the File mode you can see the following information:
- total exercising time (TOTAL)
- exercising time spent in your Target Zone (IN TZ)
- OwnCal calorie consumption during the exercise session (KCAL)
- total cumulative calorie consumption starting from the moment you have reset the counter (T.KCAL)

4. SET
In the Set mode you can define the following information:
- user specific information; age, weight and sex. You also see the limits of your previously determined OwnZone (O.Z.V / O.Z.A)
- Target Zone limits; select whether you want to use your personal OwnZone or determine the values for the Target Zone manually
- OwnCal energy expenditure: select if you want to use this function during exercising
- Help; the Polar SmartEdge guides you with help texts if you turn this function on

POLAR SmartEdge HELP

Polar SmartEdge guides you with help texts if the Help option is activated. When you begin using the functions and leave the buttons untouched for 5 seconds, Polar SmartEdge will assume you need some assistance. It will begin to give you hints on what to do next.

Set the Watch

Time of day

ALARM → TIME → DATE

Set the 12/24 h display
1. To activate 12h mode with AM/PM indicator: In the Time of Day mode, press and hold SET/START/STOP for two seconds.
2. To activate 24h mode: Press and hold SET/START/STOP again. Release after two seconds.
The chosen time mode is now used in all watch functions.

Starting the settings
1. In the Time of day mode, press SET/START/STOP.
   ALARM appears in the display.
   Alarm symbol • starts to flash.
2. Go through setting of alarm, time of day and date step by step following the instructions. If you chose 24h mode, ignore the steps to set AM or PM.

If you want to skip some parts and go directly to set a particular watch function, press MODE - move onward.

To return to Time of Day display at any stage of watch settings, press MODE until your display has returned to the Time of Day mode.

You can move on even though some digit is blinking on the display. The latest displayed values will be saved.
SETTING THE ALARM TIME

In the Time of Day mode, press SET/START/STOP.
Alarm symbol • is flashing.

1. Press SIGNAL/LIGHT to select whether you want the alarm on or off.
   - Alarm is on
   - Alarm is off

2. Press SET/START/STOP to lock your selection.
   AM/PM starts to flash.
   In 24h mode the hours flash > step 5

3. Press SIGNAL/LIGHT to select AM or PM.

4. Press SET/START/STOP to lock your selection.
   The hours start to flash.

5. Press SIGNAL/LIGHT repeatedly to adjust the desired hour.

6. Press SET/START/STOP to lock your selection.
   The tens of minutes start flashing.

7. Press SIGNAL/LIGHT repeatedly to adjust the desired tens of minutes.

8. Press SET/START/STOP to lock your selection.
   You have gone through the alarm setting function.
   The minutes are flashing.

9. Press MODE and move onward to set the time.

   When the alarm sounds, it will remain on for one minute unless you turn it off earlier by pressing any of the three buttons of the wrist receiver.

SETTING THE DATE

The date follows the structure YearMonthDay.
The digit for the tens of years is flashing.

1. Press SIGNAL/LIGHT to adjust the desired value for the tens of years.

2. Press SET/START/STOP to lock your selection.
   The digit for years starts to flash.

3. Press SIGNAL/LIGHT to adjust the desired value for the year.

4. Press SET/START/STOP to lock your selection.
   The digit for month starts to flash.

5. Press SIGNAL/LIGHT to adjust the desired value for the month.

6. Press SET/START/STOP to lock your selection.
   The digit for day starts to flash.

7. Press SIGNAL/LIGHT to adjust the desired value for the day. You have gone through the date setting function.
   The digit for day is flashing.

8. Press MODE and return to the Time of Day mode.
Setting age
1. From the display showing USER, press SET/START/STOP to enter the user information loop and to change its settings. 
   
   AGE appears, the digit for tens of years is flashing.

2. Press SIGNAL/LIGHT to adjust the value for tens of years.

3. Press SET/START/STOP to lock your selection.
   The digit for years begins to flash.

4. Press SIGNAL/LIGHT to adjust the value for years.
   You have now set your age.

Setting weight
1. In the USER setting loop, press MODE to set your weight.
   KG appears, the digit for hundreds of kilos is flashing.

   Select the weight unit between KG and LBS by pressing and holding SET/START/STOP for two seconds.

2. Press SIGNAL/LIGHT repeatedly to adjust the value for hundreds of kg/lbs.

3. Press SET/START/STOP to lock your selection.
   The digit for tens of kg/lbs is flashing.

4. Press SIGNAL/LIGHT to adjust the value for tens of kg/lbs.

5. Press SET/START/STOP to lock your selection.
   The unit for kg/lbs is flashing.

6. Press SIGNAL/LIGHT to adjust the unit value for kg/lbs.
   You have now set your weight.

Setting sex
1. In the USER setting loop, press MODE again to set your sex.
   SEX appears, MALE is flashing.

2. Press SIGNAL/LIGHT to select the right sex.

You have now set all necessary user information.
**See your latest OwnZone**

In the user information loop you can see the latest OwnZone which Polar SmartEdge has determined for you. This is read-only information, you cannot change the values manually.

To see your latest OwnZone heart rate limits proceed as follows:
1. From the display showing USER, press SET/START/STOP to enter the user information loop.

2. Press MODE until O.Z.V or O.Z.A and the corresponding heart rate readings appear on the display.
   - O.Z.V = Indicates OwnZone heart rate limits based on your heart rate variability.
   - O.Z.A = Indicates OwnZone heart rate limits based on your age.

3. Press MODE to move onward.

Reset the latest OwnZone heart rate limits based on your heart rate variability as follows:
1. From the display showing USER, press SET/START/STOP to enter the AGE display.

2. Readjust your age by pressing SIGNAL/LIGHT.

Heart rate limits based on your age are displayed on the OwnZone heart rate limits display.

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**MANUALLY DEFINING YOUR TARGET ZONE LIMITS**

If you choose not to use the OwnZone function, you may want to manually enter a Target Zone.

1. Begin with the display showing SET. Press SET/START/STOP to enter the setting loop.
   - USER is displayed.

2. Press MODE to move onward in the setting loop.
   - O.Z. is displayed.
   - ON/OFF is flashing.

3. Press SIGNAL/LIGHT to select ON or OFF.
   - ON - You can determine your OwnZone each time you start exercising and use the OwnZone limits to guide your exertion level.
   - OFF - The OwnZone function is off and you can set the Target Zone limits manually.

   Age must be entered before the OwnZone feature can be used. Polar SmartEdge prompts USER? if your age is missing.

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**TURNING OWNZONE ON/OFF**

Select whether you want to use the OwnZone option. Alternatively, you can set the Target Zone limits manually yourself.

1. Begin with the display showing SET. Press SET/START/STOP to enter the setting loop.
   - USER is displayed.

2. Press MODE to move onward in the setting loop.
   - O.Z. is displayed
   - ON or OFF is flashing.
The higher the heart rate, the faster the energy expenditure accumulation. Energy expenditure depends on body weight; the heavier the weight the higher the energy expenditure.

The energy expenditure measurement with Polar SmartEdge Heart Rate Monitor is most accurate in continuous activities such as walking, cycling and jogging.

Polar SmartEdge shows the energy expenditure of your latest exercise session as well as the cumulative total energy expenditure value in kilocalories (kcal).  

Recalling training information. 1 kilocalorie (kcal or Calorie) = 1000 calories (cal).

In health-related exercise sessions the recommendation for the target energy expenditure for a single exercise session is 150 kcal and for weekly accumulation 1000 kcal (Physical Activity and Health: A Report of the Surgeon General, 1996). For a fitness exerciser the corresponding recommendations are 300 and 1500 - 2000 kilocalories.

ACTIVATING THE HELP ON/OFF

Polar SmartEdge has English help texts. When you are familiar with the product and do not need the Help, you can disable it.

1. Begin with the display showing SET. Press SET/START/STOP to enter the setting loop.

   USER is displayed.

2. Press MODE to move onward in the setting loop until you come to the Help function.

   HELP is displayed, ON or OFF is flashing.

3. Press SIGNAL/LIGHT to set the help ON or OFF.

   To see the meaning of the help texts

   Polar glossary

Polar SmartEdge calculates your energy expenditure based on gender, body weight and heart rate. If you exercise with your OwnZone, the calorie calculation starts when your heart rate is above the determined lower limit. This determined limit is lower OwnZone heart rate limit minus 5 heart beats. If you have chosen to exercise with your manually defined Target Zone limits, the OwnCal calorie calculation starts from the heart rate value of 100 bpm.
1. Wear the Polar Coded Transmitter and the Polar SmartEdge wrist receiver as described in the chapter Getting going.

2. To make sure that the code search will be successful:
   - Keep the wrist receiver within 1 metre / 3 feet of your transmitter
   - Check that you are not near to other people with heart rate monitors, high voltage power lines, televisions, mobile phones, cars, exercise equipment etc.

3. Begin with display showing Time of day.

4. Press MODE to enter the MEASURE mode.
   ♠ A heart shaped frame appears.
   The wrist receiver starts searching for coded transmission for max. 15 seconds.
   ♠ Heart rate measurement commences and the heart symbol inside the frame starts flashing.
   Your heart rate reading (in beats per minute) appears in the display.

If the code search was not successful, the frame around the heart symbol will disappear after 15 seconds. Go back to step 2 to repeat the code search.

If you still do not succeed in code searching, but your heart rate is displayed and the heart symbol without a frame is flashing, you can start exercising but your wrist receiver may become disturbed by other heart rate monitors.

5. Start the stopwatch by pressing SET/START/STOP.
   Stopwatch starts running and you hear a long beep.
   Automatic recording begins.
   Determining your OwnZone begins if you have set the option on.

6. You can now start your warmup with your Polar SmartEdge.

Polar SmartEdge is able to determine the individual training heart rate zone for you. This exercise zone is called your OwnZone (O.Z.).

For most adults, OwnZone corresponds to 65-85% of the maximum heart rate. OwnZone is suitable for cardiovascular training either for health-related or fitness improvement purposes.

OwnZone works well for those whose goal is weight control via physical activity and exercise, because the OwnZone intensity corresponds to intensity from “light to moderate” to “moderate”. Exercise of this intensity level can be conducted for extended periods safely and often and yields the best results for weight loss.

The OwnZone can be found during a warmup period of an exercise session lasting 2-10 minutes.
HOW TO DETERMINE YOUR OWNZONE

OwnZone is easiest determined by walking and jogging as instructed below. However, you are able to find your OwnZone with other exercise modes as well, e.g. exercising with a stationary bike. The principle is that you start exercising very slowly with light intensity and gradually increase your heart rate.

1. Check that you have set your personal user information correctly.

2. Because the heart rate variability measurement needs every heart beat to be picked up properly, make sure that the transmitter belt is tight enough and the electrodes well moistened. Moisturizing cream can be used to improve the contact.

3. Check that you have the OwnZone function ON.

4. Start the heart rate measurement as described earlier.

5. Start the stopwatch.

   ✿ ✿ ✿ ✿ ✿ appears in the display.
   Stopwatch starts running.

6. There are five stages in finding your OwnZone. After each stage you hear a long beep which tells you that you should increase your speed slightly. The display shows which stage you are in:

   1. Walking at very slow pace for 2 min.
   2. Walking at brisk pace for 2 min.
   3. Walking at very brisk pace for 2 min.
   4. Jogging at slow pace for 2 min.

7. At some point during the stages 2 - 5 you hear two beeps. This indicates that Polar SmartEdge has determined your exercising limits and you can continue your exercising.

   The determined heart rate limits are displayed for a few seconds.

OWNZONE METHODS

Polar SmartEdge uses multiple methods for determining your safe OwnZone. The primary method is to measure and analyse the heart rate variability and thereby determine the most individual and current parameters.

If your heart rate exceeds the safety limit during the determination, Polar SmartEdge picks up your latest OwnZone definition based on heart rate variability. Alternatively, if there is no previous determination in memory, Polar SmartEdge will automatically calculate Target Zone limits which are based on your age predicted maximum heart rate. These methods ensure the safest possible exercising zone determination for you.
The method used in defining the exercising Target Zone is indicated after the two beeps as follows:

1. **O.Z.V (OwnZone Variability)** and the currently determined OwnZone limits appear on the illuminated display.

2. **O.Z.L (OwnZone Latest)** and your previously determined OwnZone limits appear on the illuminated display.

3. **O.Z.A (OwnZone Age)** and your age-predicted heart rate limits appear on the illuminated display.

**HOW TO USE PREVIOUSLY DETERMINED OWNZONE**

Every time you start the stopwatch and have the OwnZone option on, Polar SmartEdge starts finding your OwnZone. It is recommended to determine your OwnZone for every exercise session separately. At least it should always be performed when changing exercise environment, exercise mode or if you have abnormal feelings about your physiological state when starting the exercise.

However, you can choose to exercise with the latest OwnZone limits in case you are not willing to start the process of redefining your OwnZone.

1. Start the heart rate measurement and stopwatch as usual. The heart symbol appears on the display.

2. Press SET/START/STOP. Polar SmartEdge starts using your latest determined OwnZone.

   **O.Z.L and the values for your previously determined OwnZone appear momentarily on the illuminated display.**

In case there is no previously determined OwnZone in memory, Polar SmartEdge starts using your age predicted exercising limits.

**SEE YOUR HEART RATE**

You can see your heart rate in beats per minute. A flashing heart symbol indicates an ongoing heart rate measurement. The inner heart symbol flashes at the pace of your heart. The outline indicates that the heart rate reception is coded.

**ILLUMINATE THE DISPLAY**

Press SIGNAL/LIGHT.

*Backlight is activated for a few seconds.*

**TURN THE TARGET ZONE SOUND SIGNAL ON/OFF**

When the Target Zone sound symbol appears in the display, you will hear an alarm sound with each heart beat if you go above the Upper Limit or below the Lower Limit of your Target Zone. Press and hold SIGNAL/LIGHT for 2 seconds to turn the Target Zone sound signal on and off.

*A flashing heart rate reading also informs you of being outside your Target Zone.*
START/STOP THE STOPWATCH

Press SET/START/STOP to start/stop the stopwatch.

The elapsed exercising time, time within the Target Zone, calorie consumption during the exercise and the increment for the cumulative calorie consumption will be stored only when the stopwatch is running.

You can pause the stopwatch by pressing SET/START/STOP. Repressing it will restart the stopwatch and the above calculations.

To reset the stopwatch to zero:
1. Stop the stopwatch.
2. Press and hold SET/START/STOP for two seconds.

CHECK YOUR HEART RATE LIMITS

While exercising you don’t have to press any button to check the heart rate limits you are using. Just bring the wrist receiver up to your chest near the Transmitter’s Polar logo.

The current exercising zone values and backlight will be on for a few seconds.

CHECK EXERCISE INFORMATION

The following information is available by pressing MODE when STOPW is displayed:

1. Press MODE once for time of day.
   TIME and the time of day appear on the display.

2. Press MODE twice for time spent in Target Zone during exercise to that point.
   IN TZ and the time spent in the Target Zone during the exercise session are displayed.

3. Press MODE three times for calorie consumption during exercise to that point.
   KCAL and the calorie consumption during the exercise up to that moment are displayed.

   ! The calorie consumption feature must be set on to be able to see the KCAL display.

4. Press MODE to return to the stopwatch display.

Stop the Heart Rate Measurement

1. Press SET/START/STOP to stop the stopwatch.
   The stopwatch stops.
   You hear two long beeps.
   Heart rate measurement without exercising limits or calorie calculation continues.

2. Press MODE and leave the Measure mode.
   Heart rate measurement stops.
   You enter the File mode and are able to recall your exercise information.

   The SmartEdge receiver turns itself into Time of Day mode within 5 minutes in case you forget to quit the heart rate measuring mode after having stopped the stopwatch and taken the Transmitter off your chest.
**3. CALORIE CONSUMPTION DURING THE EXERCISE**

You will see how many kilocalories you have consumed during the exercise.

**4. TOTAL CALORIE CONSUMPTION**

The total calorie consumption is the only function in the Polar SmartEdge which memorizes information for more than one exercise session. You will have a count for the cumulative calorie consumption during several exercise sessions. This function allows you to follow the calorie consumption as a gauge of effective exercise e.g. during one week.

To reset the total calorie consumption count to zero:
1. Start with the display showing T.KCAL.
2. Press and hold SET/START/STOP for a couple of seconds.

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**FILE**

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FILE ➔ TOTAL ➔ IN TZ ➔ KCAL ➔ T.KCAL
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Your latest training information is in the memory of the Polar SmartEdge until the next time you start the stopwatch. Then your previous training information will be replaced by the new one. Polar SmartEdge saves only one compiled training file at a time.

1. In the File mode, press SET/START/STOP to enter the training information recalling loop.

2. Move onward with MODE until you come back to FILE.

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**1. TOTAL EXERCISING TIME**

The total exercising time is the time which you have exercised with the stopwatch running.

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**2. EXERCISING TIME IN THE TARGET ZONE**

You will have the exercising time which you have spent within your OwnZone/ your self-defined Target Zone.
Note also that the heart rate can be affected by, amongst others, heart, circulation (particularly high blood pressure) and asthma medications, as well as some medicines used as sprays for the breathing system and also some medical plasters and chewing gum containing nicotine.

**INTENSITY OF EXERCISE**

Heart rate has been proved to be an excellent indicator of exercise intensity. Heart rate tells you the exertion level of your body during physical or mental loading. With the Polar Heart Rate Monitor you are able to follow the intensity of your exercise easily, keep yourself in the right heart rate Target Zone and stay motivated as you see the improvement. Changes in the heart’s beating rate can be followed with a Polar Heart Rate Monitor wirelessly, continuously and ECG accurately.

Define your exercise intensity according to your target (eg. weight loss = lower intensity and higher duration). When you exercise within the defined Target Zone, you ensure the right intensity of your workout.

Any physical activity that increases heart rate above the resting heart rate may provide health benefits, but only greater increments above resting heart rate are associated with both health and fitness benefits.

OwnZone helps you to find your safe and effective exercise Target Zone. It is recommended to use the OwnZone function especially if you have not had your maximum heart rate measured.

If you are a beginner, sedentary or overweight, a recommended target is to exercise at light or light to moderate intensity. This corresponds to the lower limit of OwnZone. At this target, the exercise is easy-paced and causes only slight breathlessness and sweating.

If you aim for improved fitness or exercise for competitive reasons your exercise intensity is moderate or heavy paced, and it causes clear breathlessness and sweating. Stay at the upper limit of your OwnZone.
Target zones are typically calculated using the person’s maximum heart rate as a reference. The most reliable way to determine your individual Target Zone is to have your maximum heart rate measured by an exercise stress test. For more information on an exercise stress test, consult your physiologist or doctor.

However, according to the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) most people can estimate their maximum heart rate by the formula:

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220 - \text{Age} = \text{Maximum Heart Rate}
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For example a 35-year old person’s Maximum Heart Rate would be:

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220 - 35 = 185 \text{ beats per minute.}
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Also Polar SmartEdge uses the approximation of this formula.

Polar SmartEdge automatically calculates your age based OwnZone heart rate limits (O.Z.A) when you enter your age in the USER settings.

OwnZone corresponds in most individuals to 65 - 85% of the maximum heart rate. See the following OwnZone chart.

IF YOU USE MANUALLY SET TARGET ZONE LIMITS

The following Target Range Chart helps you find the right Target Zone for your needs. The percentages for the Target Zones are counted from the maximum heart rate (measured or predicted).

1. Locate one of the four intensity targets, which would be most suitable for you. Each target is shaded differently.

2. Locate your age on the down axis or your measured maximum heart rate on the upper axis.

3. Read up from your age / read down from your measured maximum heart rate to the target you chose.

4. Draw a straight line from the upper edge of the target to the left and you will find the Upper Limit of your Target Zone.
5. Then draw another straight line from the lower edge of the target to the left and you will find the Lower Limit for your Target Zone.

6. You have now found your Target Zone which you can set in Polar SmartEdge’s memory. As you exercise, make sure that your heart rate stays within the Target Zone (between the lower and the upper limit) to get the maximum benefit from your workout.

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**FREQUENCY OF TRAINING**

It is recommended that you exercise 3-5 times a week. You can improve your performance by increasing the frequency of training. Remember to let your body recover properly between the training sessions.

**TYPE OF ACTIVITY**

Select activities that you enjoy and vary your exercise modes. Recommended activities are all activities which use large muscle groups. To build a solid base for your aerobic conditioning, choose continuous activities such as jogging, running, walking, swimming, bicycling, rowing and cross-country skiing.

To improve your muscular endurance and strength as well as flexibility, resistance training can play an important part. It is vital in helping to build lean muscle mass and increase cardiovascular exercise benefits. Other intermittent activities such as tennis or aerobics can also be recommended.

**STRUCTURE OF AN EXERCISE SESSION**

Begin each workout slowly and give your body a chance to warm up for at least 5 minutes so that your heart rate is below the selected Target Zone. Gradually increase the intensity of your exercise until you are in your Target Zone.

Remain in your Target Zone for the desired time. After that, gradually reduce the intensity of your exercise and let your heart rate fall below the Target Zone with a 5 minute cool-down period. Remember to stretch your muscles after the exercise session.

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**Example 1:** A person, whose maximum heart rate has been measured at an exercise stress test. His HR$_{\text{max}}$ is 170 bpm and his goal is to exercise for health at Light to Moderate Intensity. The Target Zone limits are 102 - 119 bpm. This corresponds to the lower limit of OwnZone.

**Example 2:** A person, who does not know his HR$_{\text{max}}$. He is 35 years old and his goal is to improve fitness at Moderate Intensity. The Target Zone limits are 130 - 157 bpm. This corresponds to OwnZone.
Developing a Personal Exercise Program

Before beginning, you should ask yourself two key questions:
• How much time do I spend today participating in physical activity?
• What are my goals?

The following steps help you answer the two questions, get the most out of your Polar Heart Rate Monitor, and achieve your personal exercise goals.

1. CLASSIFY YOURSELF BY LEVEL OF ACTIVITY

You may have a clear understanding of your present physical condition. In this case you can move to the next step to specify your goals. You can also define the amount of your physical activity by answering the questionnaire which is modified from the “Code for Physical Activity” developed by NASA/Johnson Space Center (Jackson et al. 1990).

The questionnaire is an easy and quick way to define whether you are a beginner, a moderate exerciser, an active exerciser or a serious exerciser. It is recommended to review the questionnaire every 1-2 months and revise if the amount of your physical activity has changed.

It is recommended by ACSM that the exercise session would last 20-60 minutes in the aerobic zone.

For an example of an exercise session for a 35-year-old person with ‘Improved Fitness’ as a target, please see the following chart.

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<td>Resting</td>
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REFERENCES


2. DETERMINE YOUR EXERCISE GOALS

It is easier to stay motivated when you determine your reason for exercising and establish a goal. That is why you should determine your personal exercise goal very clearly. Your goal may be one of these:

- Get used to regular physical exercise
- Lose weight
- Maintain or improve health
- Maintain or improve fitness
- Compete with yourself
- Achieve competitive results

3. EXAMPLES OF EXERCISE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation for a **beginner**:

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<td>15-40 min. at a time</td>
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Recommendation for a **moderate exerciser**:

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<td>20-40 min. at a time</td>
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<tr>
<td>Improve fitness and lose weight</td>
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<td>Middle of your OwnZone</td>
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<td>2-4</td>
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<td>Improve fitness</td>
<td>60-90 min. at a time</td>
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**Goal Duration in Times Intensity**  
**Target Zone** a week  
**Maintain** 30-60 min. at a time 2-4 Close to the upper limit of OwnZone  
**Improve** 60-90 min. at a time 2-4 Close to the upper limit of OwnZone

Recommendation for a **serious exerciser**: Have your maximum heart rate measured at an exercise stress test and find your personal Target Zone to get the maximum benefit from your training sessions. For more information on heart rate monitoring ➤ **Polar books and accessories**.

**Care and Maintenance**

Your Polar Heart Rate Monitor is a high-tech instrument of superior design and workmanship and should be treated with care. The suggestions below will help you fulfill the warranty obligations and enjoy this product for many years to come.

**TAKING CARE OF YOUR POLAR HEART RATE MONITOR**

- Wash the Polar Coded Transmitter regularly after use with a mild soap and water solution. Dry it carefully after washing.

- Never store the Polar Coded Transmitter wet. Sweat and moisture can keep its electrodes wet and the transmitter activated, which shortens the battery life.

- Store your Polar Heart Rate Monitor in a cool and dry place. Do not store it in any kind of non-breathing material, such as a plastic bag or a sports bag if it is wet.

- Do not bend or stretch the Polar Coded Transmitter. This may damage the electrodes.

- Keep your Polar Heart Rate Monitor out of extreme cold (below -10 °C/14 °F) and heat (above 50 °C/122 °F).

- Do not expose the Polar Heart Rate Monitor to direct sunlight for extended periods, such as by leaving it in a car.

- Don’t dry the transmitter in any other way than with a towel. Hard-handed handling may damage the electrodes.
**Batteries**

**Polar Coded Transmitter**
The estimated average battery life of the Polar Coded Transmitter is 2500 hours of use. Contact your distributor/dealer for a Transmitter replacement. ▶ Service for detailed instructions.

😊 Polar recycles used Transmitters.

**Polar SmartEdge Receiver**
The estimated average battery life of the Polar SmartEdge receiver is 1 year in normal use (2h/day, 7 days a week). However, because the battery is inserted at the factory, the actual life of your first battery once in your possession may be less than the estimated battery life. Note also that excessive use of the backlight and the alarm signals will use the battery more rapidly.

Do not open the Polar wrist receiver yourself. To ensure the water resistance properties and the use of qualified components, the wrist receiver battery should be replaced only by a person authorised by Polar Electro Oy. At the same time a full periodic check of the Polar Heart Rate Monitor will be done. ▶ Service for detailed instructions.

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**Precautions**

**Using a Polar Heart Rate Monitor in a Water Environment**

Polar Heart Rate Monitors are water resistant to 20 meters. To maintain the water resistance, do not operate the buttons of the Polar wrist receiver under water.

Heart rate measurement in a water environment is technically demanding for the following reasons:

- Pool water with a high chlorine content and seawater may be very conductive and the electrodes of Polar transmitter may get short circuited and ECG signals cannot be detected by the transmitter unit.
- Jumping into the water or strenuous muscle movement during competitive swimming may cause water resistance that shifts the transmitter on the body to a location where it is not possible to pick up ECG signal.
- The ECG signal strength varies depending on the individual's tissue composition and the percentage of people who have problems in heart rate measuring is considerably higher in a water environment than in other use.

**Polar Heart Rate Monitor and Interference**

**Electromagnetic Interference**
Disturbances may occur near high voltage power lines, televisions, cars, wireless bike computers, some exercise equipment or cellular phones.

**Crosstalk**
The Polar wrist receiver in non-coded mode of operation picks up transmitter signals within 1 metre/3 feet. Therefore, make sure no other transmitter is within that range.
Non-coded signals from more than one transmitter picked up simultaneously can cause an incorrect readout.

**EXERCISE EQUIPMENT**
Several pieces of exercise equipment with electronic or electrical components such as LED displays, motors and electrical brakes may cause interfering stray signals. To try to tackle these problems, relocate the Polar wrist receiver as follows:
1. Remove the transmitter from your chest and use the exercise equipment as you would normally.
2. Move the Receiver around until you find an area in which it displays no stray reading or flashing of the heart symbol. Interference is often worst right in front of the display panel of the equipment, while the left or right side of the display is relatively free of disturbance.
3. Put the transmitter back on the chest and keep the wrist receiver in this interference-free area as far as it is possible.
4. If the Polar Heart Rate Monitor still does not work with the exercise equipment, this piece of equipment may be electrically too noisy for wireless heart rate measurement.

**Notice for persons with pacemakers**
Persons who have a pacemaker use the Polar Heart Rate Monitor at their own risk. Before starting use, we always recommend an exercise test under doctor’s supervision. The test is to ensure the safety and reliability of the simultaneous use of the pacemaker and the heart rate monitor.

**WHAT SHOULD I DO IF...**

... **OWNZONE DETERMINATION ONLY SELDOM GIVES ME HEART RATE LIMITS WHICH ARE BASED ON HEART RATE VARIABILITY (O.Z.V)?**
1. Check that the elastic strap is snug enough.
2. Make sure that the electrodes of the transmitter are moistened against your skin.
3. Put on the transmitter 15-20 minutes prior to the start of your exercise to ensure good adaptation between the electrodes and your skin.
4. Start the first stage of determining your OwnZone sufficiently slowly. If you obtain the heart rate limits based on age within the first 2 minutes you have raised your heart rate too quickly. The heart rate reading should not rise over 20 beats/minute from the starting level. During the first stage you can, for example, put on your sports clothing.
5. If you reach the OwnZone limits based on age (O.Z.A) or the previously determined OwnZone limits based on heart rate variability (O.Z.L) only after 10 minutes from starting specification you have not raised your heart rate sufficiently rapidly. Raise your heart rate more quickly during the OwnZone determination. Your OwnZone heart rate limits will be found at the latest when your heart rate is in the heart rate zone based on age (O.Z.A).
6. If you have always used walking and running to determine your OwnZone, walking uphill, cycling or using an ergometer may work better for you.
7. Stress or heavy mental loading may reduce your heart rate variability so that the needed point where the heart rate variability vanishes cannot be measured. Relax for 5 - 10 minutes before exercising by sitting down and decreasing your heart rate.
8. For a small percentage of people the heart rate variability will not totally disappear with increasing workload. In this case the age-predicted limits are the best estimation for the exercising zone.

**...THE OWNZONE HEART RATE LIMITS BASED ON HEART RATE VARIABILITY (O.Z.V) VARY CONSIDERABLY?**

The OwnZone should be determined at the commencement of every exercise period as the heart rate variability reacts sensitively to all changes taking place in the body and environment.

The O.Z.V heart rate limits are affected by, amongst others, your daily state of fitness, the time of OwnZone determination, the type of exercise and state of mind. The lower limit of the O.Z.V heart rate limits can change for the same person by as much as 30 beats.

However it is important that the effect of exercise carried out in the OwnZone feels light, or moderate. For example if you raise your heart rate too rapidly after the first stage, you may get too high OwnZone heart rate limits. If the OwnZone-heart rate limits seem to be too high we recommend that the OwnZone determination is done again.

**... SOME OTHER PERSON USES MY POLAR SmartEdge HEART RATE MONITOR?**

Polar SmartEdge determines the OwnZone heart rate limits on the basis of heart rate and age. If someone else uses your Polar SmartEdge Heart Rate Monitor it is necessary to zero the O.Z.V. heart rate limits which are in the memory. Zeroing is done by resetting the age in the USER mode with the SIGNAL/LIGHT button.

Even although the user is the same age as you the age must still be reset in order that the O.Z.V heart rate limits are zeroed. If this is not done the Polar SmartEdge may give the following user OwnZone heart rate limits based on your heart rate variability which is stored in the memory of the equipment.

Polar SmartEdge calculates the OwnCal energy expenditure based on the gender, weight, exercise time and heart rate. Therefore the weight and gender must be reset.

Changing the user also affects the calculation of the total calorie consumption (T.KCAL). If the T.KCAL reading is not zeroed when the user changes, the Polar SmartEdge adds the calorie consumption of new exercise periods into its memory, even although the user information is changed. If you want that only your own energy expenditure is stored in the Polar SmartEdge’s memory you must set the calorie calculator off in the USER mode when the equipment is used by someone else.

**... THERE IS NO HEART RATE READING?**

1. Check that the electrodes of the transmitter are moistened and that you are wearing it as instructed.
2. Check that you have kept the transmitter clean.
   - **Care and maintenance.**
3. Check that there are no sources of electromagnetic radiation in the close vicinity of the Polar wrist receiver, such as TV sets, cellular phones, CRT monitors etc.
   - **Precautions.**
4. Have you had a cardiac event which may have altered your ECG waveform? In this case consult your physician.

**...HEART SYMBOL FLASHES IRREGULARLY?**

1. Check that your Polar wrist receiver is inside the transmission range and not further that 1 metre /3 feet from the Polar Coded Transmitter you are wearing.
2. Check that the elastic strap has not become loose during exercise.
3. Make sure that the electrodes of the transmitter are moistened.
4. Make sure that there is no other heart rate transmitter within the reception range (1 metre / 3 feet).
   - **Precautions/Crosstalk.**
5. Cardiac arrhythmia may cause irregular readings. In this case consult your physician.
...OTHER PERSON WITH HEART RATE MONITOR IS CAUSING INTERFERENCE?
Your training partner may have coincidentally activated exactly the same code as you. In this case keep distance to your training partner or proceed as follows:
1. Stop the stopwatch and heart rate measurement.
2. Take the transmitter off your chest for 10 seconds.
3. Put the transmitter back and start the heart rate measurement again.

...HEART RATE READING BECOMES ERRATIC OR EXTREMELY HIGH?
You may have come within range of strong electromagnetic signals which cause erratic readings on the wrist receiver display. Check your surroundings and move further away from the source of disturbance. ► Precautions.

...THERE ARE NO REACTIONS TO ANY BUTTONS?
Reset the Polar Heart Rate Monitor. Resetting clears all memory values and settings will return to the default settings.
1. Simultaneously press all three buttons.
Display becomes full of digits.
2. Press SET/START/STOP button once.
The Polar SmartEdge enters the Time of Day mode.

...THE DISPLAY IS BLANK OR FADING?
Usually the first sign of a discharged battery is fading of the digits when using the backlight. Have the batteries checked. ► Service.

...THE BATTERY OF THE WRIST RECEIVER MUST BE REPLACED?
We recommend having all service done by an authorized Polar Service. This is especially necessary to ensure the warranty remains valid and is not affected by incorrect repair procedures done by an unauthorized agent. Polar Service will test your wrist receiver for water resistance after battery replacement and make a full periodic check of the complete Polar Heart Rate Monitor. ► Care and maintenance/Batteries and Service.

Heart rate variability:
Fluctuations of interbeat intervals. Heart rate variability of a healthy subject is in general large in resting conditions and during light exercise. Heart rate variability gradually disappears when exercise becomes more severe and heart rate increases.

Help texts
START: Start the stopwatch or start the settings
NEXT: Move onward to a following mode or function
SET: Select the user settings
ADJUST: Adjust the settings
LOCK: Lock your selection
OPEN: Open an exercise file
RESET: Reset the total calorie consumption count.
USER?: Indicates that you have not set all necessary user information.
Polar Heart Rate Monitor is designed to indicate the level of physiological strain and intensity in sports and exercise. No other use is intended or implied. Heart rate is displayed as number of heart beats per minute (bpm).

**Technical Specifications**

**POLAR TRANSMITTER**

- **Battery type:** Built-in Lithium Cell
- **Battery life:** Average 2500 hours of use
- **Operating temperature:** -10°C to +50°C / 14°F to 122°F

**POLAR SmartEdge WRIST RECEIVER**

- **Battery type:** CR 2025
- **Battery life:** Average 1 year (2h/day, 7 days/week)
- **Operating temperature:** -10°C to +50°C / 14°F to 122°F
- **Water resistancy:** to 20 metres
- **Accuracy of formula for age based OwnZone heart rate limits (O.Z.A.):** ±1 bpm
- **Accuracy of heart rate measurement:** ±1% or ±1 beats per minute, whichever larger, definition applies to steady state conditions

**DEFAULT SETTINGS**

- **OwnZone:** off
- **Upper Limit (manual):** 160
- **Lower Limit (manual):** 80
- **Age:** 00
- **Weight:** 00 (kg)
- **Sex:** Male
- **Help:** on
- **Kcal:** off
- **Time of day:** 24h
- **Alarm:** off
Service

To ensure continuous improvement of Polar products, please complete and mail the enclosed Warranty Registration Card within two weeks of the date of purchase.

Polar Service will help you get the most out of your Polar Heart Rate Monitor. Should your Polar Heart Rate Monitor need service, please follow the instructions below.

CHECK LIST

Before you return your Polar Heart Rate Monitor for service, please check the following:

1. IS THE TRANSMITTER BEING WORN CORRECTLY?
   The Polar logo should be right side up and the Transmitter flat against the skin. The elastic strap should be adjusted for a snug and comfortable fit.

2. ARE THE ELECTRODES MOIST ON THE TRANSMITTER?
   It is important that the electrodes are wet during the heart rate measurement. If water does not ensure the flawless transmission, you can use moisturizing cream instead.

3. IS THE TRANSMITTER CLEAN?
   Regular washing with mild soap and water solution and thorough dry afterwards will ensure that good conductivity.

4. ARE YOU HAVING DISTURBANCES CAUSED BY OTHER PEOPLE WITH HEART RATE MONITORS OR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT?
   Check that the code search in the beginning of the measurement has been successful. Start the heart rate measurement.

POLAR BOOKS AND BOOKLETS

Roy Benson, MPE: ............... Precision Running
Dr. Matthew Brick: ............... Precision Multisport
Edmund R. Burke, Ph.D.: ...... Precision Cycling
Neil Craig ......................... Scientific Heart Rate Training
Sally Edwards: .................... The Heart Rate Monitor Book
Mark Fenton and
Dave McGovern: ............... Precision Walking
Ute Haas, M.Sc.,
Tarja Suomi, M.Sc. and
Dr. Raija Laukkanen, Ph.D.: ... Precision Aerobics
Dr. Peter J.G.M. Janssen: ...... Training, Lactate, Pulse Rate
Dr. Katriina Kukkonen-Harjula,
MD and Dr. Raija Laukkanen,
Ph.D. .............................. Precision Weight Management
Dr. Raija Laukkanen, Ph.D ..... Research Index
Yvonne Lin: ....................... Precision Sports Aerobics
Dr. James M. Rippe: .......... Target Your Fitness and
                           Weight Management Goals
Dr. Jamer M. Rippe: .......... The Polar Fat Free and Fit
                           Forever Program

POLAR ACCESSORIES

- Polar Bike Mount for all bikes and Polar Heart Rate Monitors
- Elastic straps of different lengths
- Extra Transmitter for other family members
- Polar Heart Bra for women
- Test handle for groups and trainers

Ask your local dealer or distributor for more details.
**Limited Polar Warranty**

- Polar Electro Oy warrants to the original consumer/purchaser of this heart rate monitor that the product will be free from defects in material or workmanship for one year from the date of purchase. **Please keep the receipt which is your proof of purchase!**

- Warranty does not cover receiver battery, damage due to misuse, abuse, accidents or negligence of the precautions; improper maintenance, commercial use, cracked or broken cases.

- Warranty does not cover damage or consequential damage caused by service not authorised by Polar Electro Oy.

- During the warranty period the product will be either repaired or replaced at an authorised service centre free of charge.

- For more details, please see the warranty card.

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**SENDING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Pack the product carefully to avoid further damage.
2. Include all the parts of the Polar Heart Rate Monitor. A full periodic check will be done on the whole product.
3. Include proof of purchase (a receipt or its photocopy) if the product is under warranty.
4. Include a detailed description of the problem. Use the return sheet of the Customer Care Charter!
5. Include your name, return address and daytime telephone number.
6. Ship postage prepaid to your dealer or distributor. For contact details see the Customer Care Charter or the warranty card.

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**POLAR'S SERVICE PROCEDURE**

Any service is recommended to be done by an authorised Polar service personnel. Our standard test and check procedure will be performed on all Polar Heart Rate Monitors. The test includes the following elements:

**POLAR TRANSMITTER**
1. Visual inspection
2. Check of the transmission range
3. Check of electrode conductivity
4. Wash and clean if necessary

**POLAR WRIST RECEIVER**
1. Visual inspection
2. Check of battery voltage
3. Check and cleaning of case contacts
4. Re-assembly, including seal renewal if necessary
5. Water resistancy test
6. Operational test

*Water resistance cannot be guaranteed after unauthorised service.*

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