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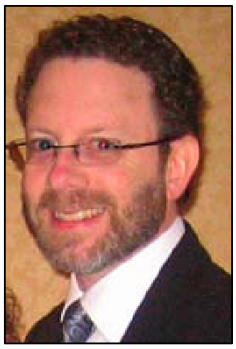

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Quick Start Guide

In your hands is one of the most capable devices to hit the market in quite some time: the BlackBerry Storm. This Quick Start Guide will help get you and your new Storm up and running in a hurry. You'll learn all about the keys, buttons, and ports, and how to use the responsive touch screen to help you get around. Our app reference tables will introduce you to the apps on your Storm and serve as a quick way to find out how to accomplish a task.

Quick Start

This Quick Start is meant to be just that—a tool that can help you jump right in and find information in this book—and learn the basics of how to get around and enjoy your Storm right away.

We start with the nuts and bolts in the "Learning Your Way Around" section—what all the keys, buttons, switches, and symbols mean and do on your Storm. You will learn how to get inside the back of your Storm to remove and replace the battery, SIM card, and media card. You'll also learn how to use the **Green Phone** key, **Red Phone** key, **Menu** key, and **Escape** key.

Then we move on to the "Touch Screen Gestures" section, where we show you all the best tips and tricks for getting around using the touch screen, including how to start apps, get into folders, and perform some time-saving tasks.

In the "Copying, Pasting, and Multitasking" section, we cover the very useful copy-and-paste function and how to jump between apps on your Storm.

You'll want to know how to type on your Storm, so in the "Mastering Your Virtual Keyboards" section, we cover the three keyboards and some useful tips for getting more out of each one.

In "Working with the Wireless Network," we help you understand how the letters, numbers, and symbols at the top of your Storm screen tell you that you can make phone calls, send SMS text messages, send and receive email, or browse the Web. We also show you how to handle your Storm on an airplane, when you might need to turn off the radios.

In “App Reference Tables,” we’ve organized the app icons into general categories so you can quickly browse the icons and jump to a section in the book to learn more about the app a particular icon represents. Here are the tables:

- Getting Set Up
- Staying in Touch
- Staying Organized
- Being Productive
- Being Entertained
- Networking Socially
- Personalizing Your Storm

Learning Your Way Around

To help you get comfortable with your Storm, we start with the basics—what the keys, buttons, ports, and symbols do, and how to open up the back cover to get at your battery, media, and SIM card. Then we move into how you start apps and navigate the menus. We end this section with a number of very useful time-saving tips and tricks for getting around the touch screen.

Overview of Your Storm

Figure 1 shows many of the things you can do with the buttons and ports on your Storm. Go ahead and try out a few things to see what happens. Your phone multitasks (that is it can do multiple tasks at once). Try pressing the **Menu** key for 2 seconds, press and hold the **Green Phone** key (to dial from the address book), press the side **Convenience** keys, press and click an icon, and then press the **Escape** key to see what happens. Have some fun getting acquainted with your device.

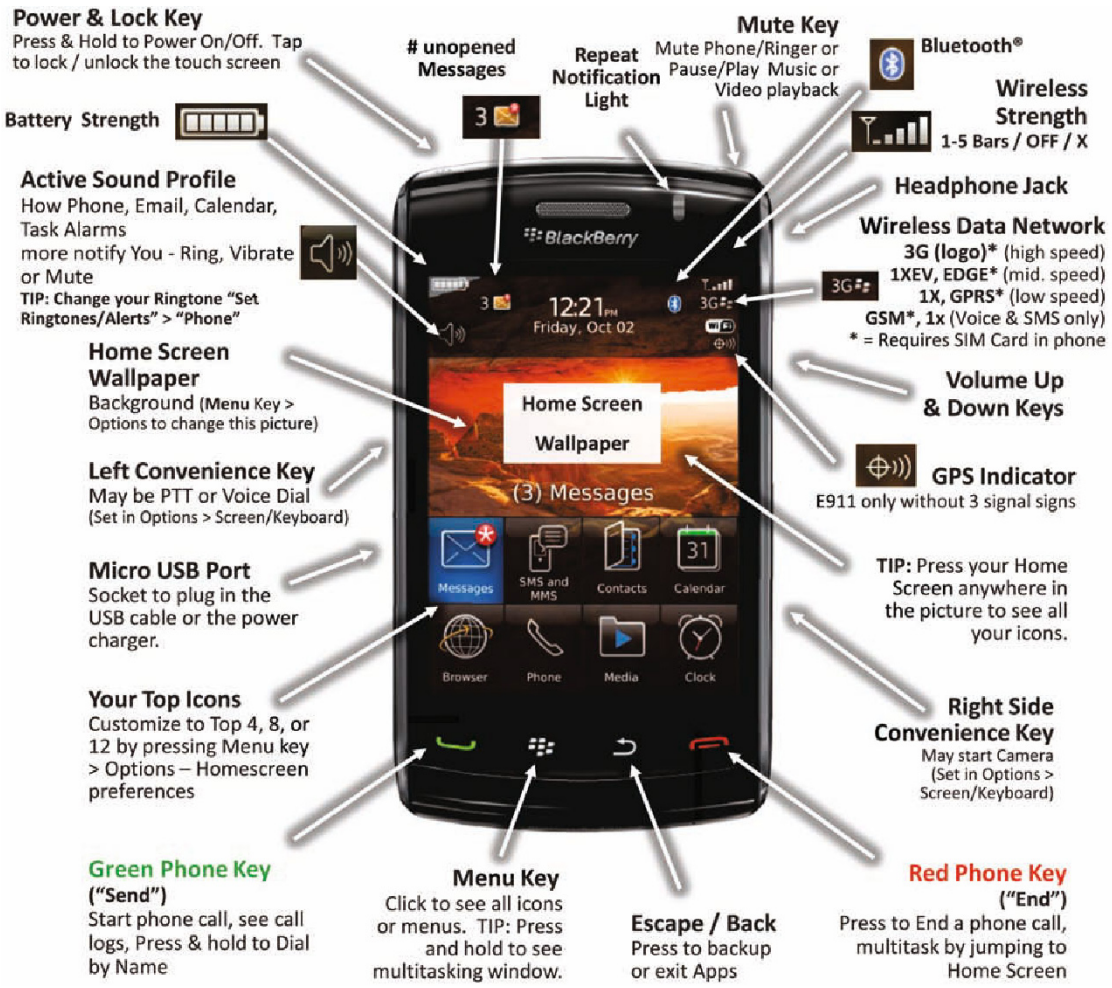

Figure 1. *Keys, buttons, and, ports on the BlackBerry Storm*

Inside Your Storm

You have to get inside your Storm to access your battery, SIM card slot, and media card slot. The following instructions and Figure 2 show you how.

TIP: To remove the back cover, press the notch at the bottom and lift up the battery cover off the back of the BlackBerry.

To insert a memory card (MicroSD format), you do not need to remove the battery. Just perform the following steps:

1. Gently place the media card with the metal contacts facing down and the notch toward the top left.
2. Then slide it completely up into the media card slot near the bottom right of the device.

To remove the memory card, slide it down out of the notch and lift it up.

To remove or replace the battery, do the following:

1. Gently put your fingernail next to the top edges of the battery (the gray semicircles) and pry it up and out.
2. To replace it, insert it from the bottom edge and then press the top edge down.

To insert a SIM card (required to connect to a GSM phone network), do the following:

1. Remove the battery, and then place the SIM card on the left edge with the notch in the upper-left corner.
2. Slide it completely into the SIM card slot (see below).

To replace the back cover, place it on the bottom half of the device and slide it up to the top until it clicks or locks into place.

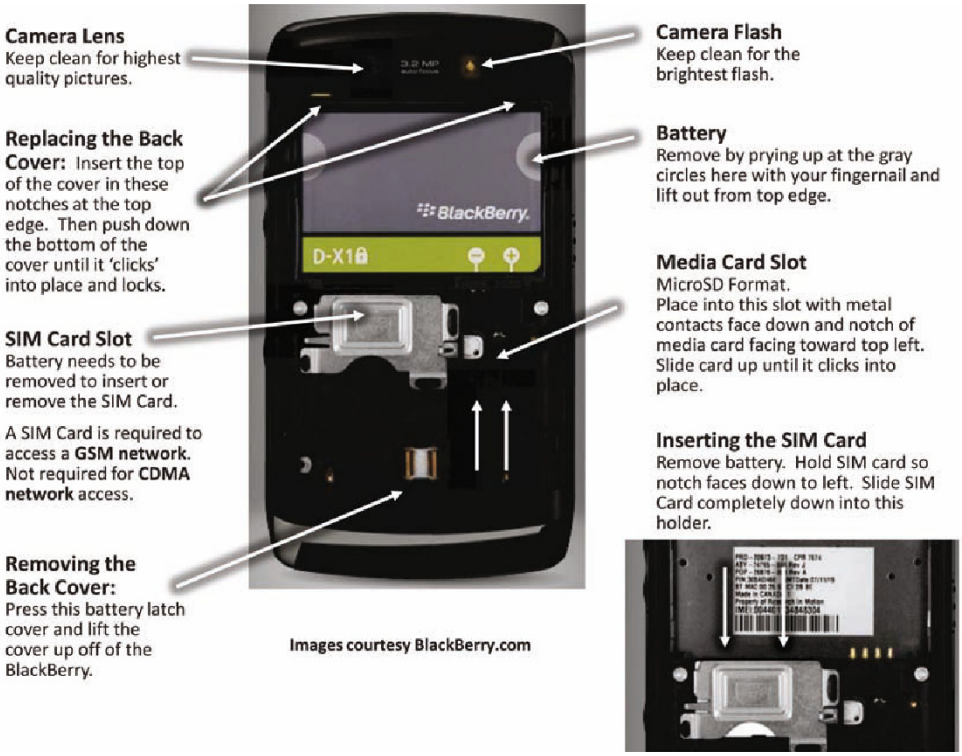

Figure 2. *Inside your Storm—the battery, media card, and SIM card slots*

The Power and Lock Key

At the top left of your BlackBerry is your **Power and Lock** key. Press and hold it to power on and off your device. Simply tap it to lock the BlackBerry, and tap again to unlock. If you have enabled password security (see page 558), then you will need to enter your password to unlock it.

The Mute Key

On the top-right edge of your BlackBerry is the **Mute and Pause/Play** key. Tap this key to mute a ringing phone call, mute yourself on a phone call, and pause any playing media (e.g., a video, song, or audio book). Tap it again to un-mute or un-pause the media.