Installing Batteries
With LEGO® MINDSTORMS® Education EV3, you have the choice of using normal AA batteries or the EV3 Rechargeable Battery pack included in the LEGO MINDSTORMS Education EV3 Core Set. If you experiment with both, you will find that each option has characteristics to consider when constructing your robots. For instance, six AA batteries weigh more than the Rechargeable Battery, and the EV3 Brick with the Rechargeable Battery installed is slightly larger than the EV3 Brick with six AA batteries.

The EV3 Rechargeable Battery is a convenient and economical alternative to using AA batteries. It can be recharged while inbuilt in a model, saving you the trouble of disassembling and reassembling a robot to replace batteries.

To install the Rechargeable Battery on the EV3 Brick, remove the battery cover on the back of the EV3 Brick by pressing the two plastic tabs on the side. If there are batteries in the EV3 Brick, remove them. Insert the Rechargeable Battery in the slots that held the battery cover in place and snap the battery in place. The battery cover is not used.

If it is your first use of the battery—or if the battery is completely drained, let the battery and the EV3 Brick charge together for minimum twenty minutes.

Using the enclosed power adaptor cord, connect the Rechargeable Battery to a wall outlet. Make sure to keep the transformer cord and battery where they will not be tripped over or get wet.

When you plug the uncharged battery into a wall socket, a red indicator light will be lit. When charging is complete, the red light will go out and the green light will be illuminated. The recharging process will generally take three to four hours. If you use the EV3 Brick while the battery is charging, it will take longer. Before you start to use the Rechargeable Battery for the first time, it is recommended that it is fully charged.
**EV3 TECHNOLOGY**

**EV3 Brick**

The EV3 Brick requires **six AA/LR6 batteries** if the EV3 Rechargeable Battery is not used. Alkaline or rechargeable Lithium Ion AA batteries are recommended. The AA batteries option is a good choice when a little more weight is desirable in your robot.

To install the AA batteries, remove the battery cover on the back of the EV3 Brick by pressing the two plastic tabs on the side. After you have inserted the six AA batteries, attach the battery cover again.

**SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT BATTERIES:**

+ Never use different kinds of batteries together (including mixing old and new).
+ Remove batteries from the EV3 Brick when not in use.
+ Never use damaged batteries.
+ Use the correct battery charger under the supervision of an adult.
+ Never attempt to recharge batteries that are not rechargeable.

**Note:** If your batteries are weak, the Brick Status Light may stay red after you press the Start button, while the Display continues to say “Starting.”

**POWER-SAVING PRACTICES**

+ Remove batteries between use. Remember to keep each set of batteries in its own storage container so they can be used together.
+ Reduce Volume.
+ Adjust Sleep Setting.
+ Turn off Bluetooth and Wi-Fi when not in use.
+ Avoid unnecessary wear on the motors.

Low Battery Power Indicator