The Fitbit Air 7-Day Starter Guide

Your first week with the screenless tracker — setup, sleep baseline, coaching, charging, and fixes. A free bonus from ZoxDeal.

1. The 5-minute first setup

- Charge the band for 5 minutes first — that gives you up to a full day of battery.
- Install the Google Health app on your phone (iOS or Android) and sign in.
- Pair the Air over Bluetooth and finish the on-screen setup: wrist, height, weight.
- Wear it snug, one finger above the wrist bone. Too loose means noisy heart-rate data.
- Turn on irregular heart rhythm (AFib) notifications in the app — it is free.

2. Your first-week plan

Day	Do this	Why it matters
Day 1	Wear it all day and night.	Builds your baseline.
Day 2	Start one workout manually in the app.	Auto-detection covers only ~5 activity types.
Day 3	Check your sleep score in the morning.	Sleep is half the product.
Day 4	Read your first AI coaching card.	Coaching needs 2–3 days of data.
Day 5	Try a 5-minute top-up charge.	Confirms the quick-charge habit.
Day 6	Compare resting heart rate across the week.	Trends beat single readings.
Day 7	Full charge, then review the week.	Decide if the screenless life fits you.

3. The charging routine that keeps 7 days real

- Charge while you shower — a few minutes a day keeps the band topped up.
- A full charge takes well under an hour; a 5-minute top-up gives up to a day.
- If battery drains fast, check the app first: force-close and reopen Google Health, then re-pair.
- Keep the charging contacts clean and dry — wipe them after sweaty workouts.

4. Strap care (and the $35–50 reality)

- Rinse the strap with fresh water after pool or sea swims, then air-dry it.
- Strap connectors are proprietary, so replacements cost $35–50 from Google.
- Loosen the strap one notch at night if it leaves a mark — comfort beats a tight fit.

5. Fixes for the most common sync issues

- Data missing in the morning? Open the Google Health app and pull down to refresh.
- Still missing? Toggle Bluetooth off and on, then reopen the app.
- Workouts not detected? Start them manually — auto-detection covers only about 5 activity types.
- Battery dropping fast? Check for a stuck sync: restart the phone and the app.
- Still stuck after a restart? Unpair the band in the app, then pair it again.

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