



**Installing APK Files:
Sideloading on the Android OS
For use on Zebra scanners**



Introduction

The “Android application package file,” or APK, is the file format of installable file for devices running the Android operating system. Typically these files are installed on devices through the Google Play store or the Amazon AppStore, but some devices are not connected to these repositories.

In the Android world, directly installing an APK is known as *sideloading*. To successfully sideload an app or install an APK file, you must follow some really simple steps.

Prerequisites

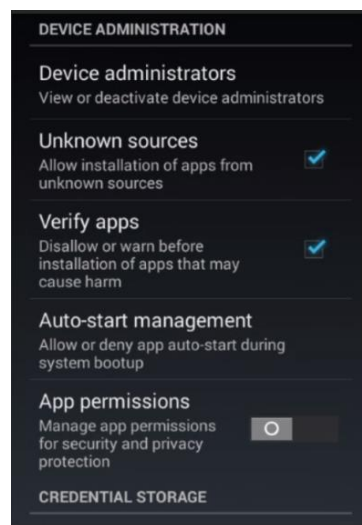
- Android device
- APK file

Overview

- Enable “Unknown Sources” on Android.
- Get the APK file
- Install the APK file

1.Enable “Unknown Sources” on Android

This is the most important step for installing APK files on your Android. Without enabling this option you won't be able to install the APK directly. To enable Unknown Sources go to **Settings > Security** and check the box next to “Unknown Sources “. A dialogue box may pop-up asking you to confirm the action, just tap OK to confirm.



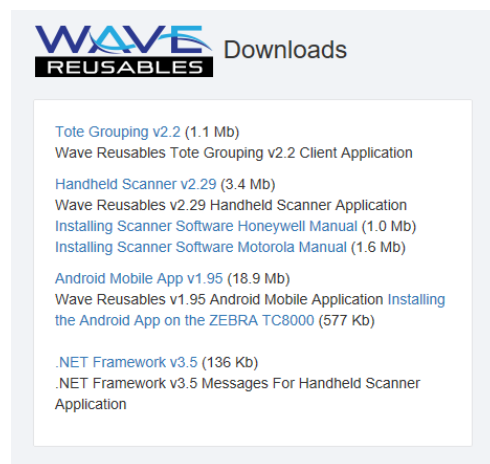
2. Get the APK file

An APK file must be downloaded before it can be installed. The APK for the *WAVE reusables* Android scanner app – listed as “Android Mobile App” - can be found at the following link:

<http://reusablesdeere.wavereaction.com/Downloads/Downloads>

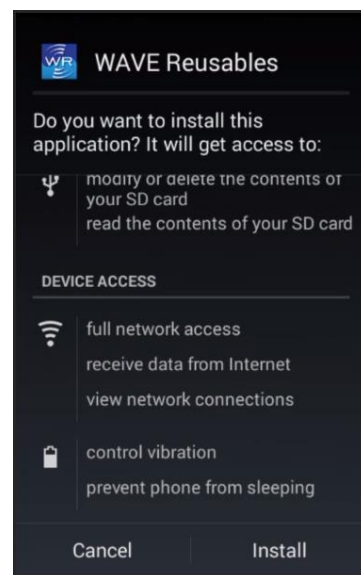
NOTE: The APK file can either be downloaded directly onto the scanner using the onboard internet browser, or downloaded from the website on a desktop computer.

If you have downloaded the APK to your computer, you must then connect your Android device to the computer and copy the APK to the external/internal storage on your device.



3. Install the APK file

Navigate to the directory where you have copied or downloaded your APK file - typically in the “Downloads” folder on your Android device. Once in the directory, tap the APK icon and an installation dialogue box will pop-up. Hit the “Install” button to install the APK on your Android.



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