



## **PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER *VERSION 1* AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION DEVICES**

### **INSTRUCTION SHEET**

Congratulations on your purchase of the PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER Entry-Level Communicator. THE PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER IS THE FIRST ENTRY-LEVEL AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATOR TO OFFER HIGH QUALITY, RELIABLE PERFORMANCE AND MANY IMPORTANT FEATURES FOR A VERY LOW PRICE. PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER IS MANUFACTURED TO THE HIGHEST COMMERCIAL STANDARDS TO PROVIDE MANY YEARS OF RELIABLE OPERATION. WE FULLY GUARANTEE THE PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER'S OPERATION FOR 6 MONTHS, INCLUDING PARTS AND LABOR. \*

#### **DISTINCTIVE FEATURES OF THE PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER**

- SEQUENCE MESSAGES OF ANY AMOUNT UP TO 60 SECONDS OF TOTAL RECORDING TIME.
- A RESET BUTTON IS AVAILABLE TO SET YOU BACK TO THE FIRST MESSAGE AT ANY PLACE IN THE SEQUENCE.
- DROP RESISTANT, ABLE TO WITHSTAND ROUGH HANDLING.
- WATER RESISTANCE FOR EASY CLEANING.
- THE SHATTERPROOF CASE IS MADE OF A HIGH IMPACT PLASTIC.
- LIGHT WEIGHT AND PORTABLE (LESS THAN 1 LB.)
- THE PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER GIVES YOU **"REAL-VOICE"** HIGH QUALITY AUDIO REPRODUCTION.
- MESSAGES CAN BE STORED FOR UP TO 100 YEARS WITH NO POWER. CHANGING THE BATTERIES IS A SNAP.
- OBJECTS CAN BE PLACED ON A VELCRO STRIP OR A PICTURE CARD CAN BE PLACED IN A SLOT STANDING UP.
- EACH PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER CAN BE CONNECTED TOGETHER TO BUILD A TWO OR MORE MESSAGE COMMUNICATOR.
- LOW PROFILE PANEL ACTUATION FOR PEOPLE WITH LIMITED REACH.
- LOW ACTUATION FORCE, SO PEOPLE WITH LIMITED STRENGTH CAN ACTIVATE THE PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER.
- IN ADDITION TO THE BUILT-IN MICROPHONE, SPEAKER AND RECORD SWITCH, ONE OUTPUT JACK AND ONE INPUT JACK IS PROVIDED TO TURN ON AN EXTERNAL DEVICE OR BE ACTIVATED THROUGH AN EXTERNAL SWITCH.

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#### **GENERAL OPERATION:**

**All controls are located on the back of the PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER.**

The PARTNER/PLUS Stepper augmentative communicator is a self-contained communication device, which permits the user to record and playback a sequence of messages with up to 60 seconds of total recording time. Graphic overlays (picture cards) can be easily changed by simply sliding them into the designated area on the actuation panel. Objects can be placed on top using the Velcro strip. Laminated or plastic picture cards can be placed in the slot provided on top of the Partner/Plus Stepper. Simple to operate, just turn the unit on, adjust the volume and press the panel to activate the messages.

#### **BATTERY INSTALLATION**

1. Make sure that the PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER is turned off. Set VOLUME control switch fully to the right, until it clicks off.
2. Turn the PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER over and lay the front of the unit on a flat stable surface.
3. To gain access to the battery compartment and expose the batteries, remove the screw holding down the plastic battery cover on the bottom of the unit.
4. Remove the old batteries and discard them in accordance with your local recycling laws.
5. Install the new batteries observing the proper polarity and using 3 new AA batteries.
6. Then replace the battery compartment cover by placing the cover over the access hole and tighten up the screw. Insure the battery cover is secure.

#### **RECORD OPERATION:**

**Note: It is important during any recording operation that the built in microphone located at the back of the PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER is clear and open.**

1. Turn the PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER ON. Turn the VOLUME control switch clockwise, until it clicks ON.
2. Set the VOLUME control, turning to the left, until it reaches the center of the range.
3. Depress and hold the built-in record switch. The record switch must be engaged for the entire recording process.
4. Press and hold down the panel, the Recording LED on the back next to the Recording button will turn on.
5. As soon as the Recording LED turns ON begin to say your message into the built-in microphone located at the back of the PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER next to the volume control wheel. For the best results, you should speak directly into the microphone and be about 6 to 9 inches away from it in a quiet location, any surrounding noise will be in the back ground of the recording. Release the panel when you are finished speaking the message.
6. Continue to hold in the RECORDING button and then press and hold down the panel again and start speaking the next message. When you are finished speaking the message, release the panel.
7. When all the messages in the sequence are finished recording, release the RECORDING button.

### **EXTERNAL SWITCH OPERATION:**

PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER comes fully equipped for external switch operation. The switch jack on the back of the unit corresponds to the message panel of the PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER. The switch jack operates as a switch closure to operate a low voltage electronic device such as a Toy or an Environmental Control Unit (ECU), Computer Interface or a delay timer.

### **PLAYBACK OPERATION:**

1. Turn the PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER ON. Turn the VOLUME control switch to the left, until it clicks ON.
2. Set the VOLUME control, turning to the left, until the desired playback volume is reached.
3. Press the message panel on the face of the PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER and the message will play.
4. Each time the panel is pressed, the PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER advances to the next message in the sequence.
5. Pressing the RESET button next to the RECORDING button will start the sequence back at the first message recorded from any where in the sequence.

### **OVERLAY DESIGN AND LAYOUT:**

There are several methods you can use to make overlays for the PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER.

1. Draw or print corresponding icons or words on a sheet of 4" by 4" paper.
2. Develop your custom overlay using our Overlay Designer program.

## **Limited Warranty**

### **How do you register your Partner/Plus Stepper to get warranty coverage?**

Do all the following within 30 days after the date of purchase: completely fill out the Warranty Registration Card included; then detach it and mail it in, along with a copy of your dated sales receipt, to: Advanced Multimedia Devices, Inc., 95 Sherwood Ave., Farmingdale, NY 11735. If you do not include your sales receipt, the warranty will be effective as of the original factory shipping date, as determined by the records of Advanced Multimedia Devices, Inc. (the "Company"). You can also register online.

### **What does this warranty cover?**

The Company warrants that during the warranty period, the Partner/Plus Stepper will be free from defects in material and workmanship, and will comply with the Company's published specifications. This warranty only covers the product that is owned, registered, and submitted for warranty service by the original retail purchaser ("You", the customer). This warranty is immediately void if any installations, repairs, modifications, or alterations are performed on the Partner/Plus Steppers by anyone other than the Company or its Authorized Service Representative. The term "alterations" includes, but is not limited to, the addition or attachment of any non-Company equipment to the Partner/Plus Stepper.

### **What does this warranty NOT cover?**

- Product acquired from any source other than the Company or one of its Representative;
- Product that was not properly registered for warranty coverage;
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- Product that the serial number or the Company label, trademark or other markings have been removed, altered, concealed or obliterated in whole or in part;
- Expendable components, including but not limited to batteries and the changing of batteries;
- Any product failure or defects caused by misuse, physical abuse, failure to keep the product clean, abnormal or unusual handling, or neglect (all of which shall be determined by the Company's sole judgment);
- Incidental damages (which include, but not limited to, loss of use, replacement costs during the time the product may not work and the costs of shipping the product to and from the Company or its Authorized Service Representative for warranty service) and;
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### **What will we do to correct problems?**

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### **RECORD OPERATION:**

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### **Erasing the recorded messages:**

1. Turn the PARTNER/PLUS STEPPER ON. Turn the VOLUME control switch clockwise, until it clicks ON.
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3. In a few seconds the Recording LED will flash twice, turn and then flash 5 more times. All then messages have been erased.

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