



TECH/SPEAK 32™ AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION DEVICES WITH LEVELS INSTRUCTION SHEET

Congratulations on your purchase of the Tech/Speak 32™ Entry-Level Communicator. THE TECH/SPEAK 32 IS A MULTI-LEVEL AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATOR TO OFFER HIGH QUALITY, RELIABLE PERFORMANCE, AS WELL AS MANY OTHER IMPORTANT FEATURES FOR A VERY AFFORDABLE PRICE. THE TECH/SPEAK 32 IS MANUFACTURED TO THE HIGHEST COMMERCIAL STANDARDS TO PROVIDE MANY YEARS OF RELIABLE OPERATION. WE FULLY GUARANTEE THE TECH/SPEAK 32 OPERATION FOR A FULL YEAR, INCLUDING PARTS AND LABOR.*

DISTINCTIVE FEATURES OF THE TECH/SPEAK 32

- DROP RESISTANT, ABLE TO WITHSTAND ROUGH HANDLING.
- WATER RESISTANT FOR EASY CLEANING.
- THE SHATTERPROOF CASE IS MADE OF A HIGH IMPACT PLASTIC.
- LIGHT WEIGHT AND PORTABLE (LESS THAN 2 LBS.) WITH A SHOULDER STRAP INCLUDED.
- **“REAL-VOICE”** HIGH QUALITY AUDIO REPRODUCTION.
- ALLOWS YOU TO PROGRAM, RECORD AND PLAYBACK 64 TO 192 INDEPENDENT MESSAGES ON 2, 4 OR 6 LEVELS, 32 MESSAGES PER LEVEL, ADDITIONALLY THE RECORDING TIME IS CONTROLLED WITH OUR BUILT IN **“TIME-LOCK.”**
- MESSAGES CAN BE STORED FOR UP TO 100 YEARS WITH NO POWER.
- BATTERY LOW INDICATOR LIGHT.
- IN ADDITION TO THE BUILT IN SPEAKER AND RECORD SWITCH, JACKS ARE PROVIDED FOR EXTERNAL HOOK UPS.
- INTERCHANGEABLE OVERLAYS WHICH ARE COMPATIBLE WITH MAYER JOHNSON BOARDMAKER™ SOFTWARE WHICH EXTENDS USABILITY.

***SEE WARRANTY AGREEMENT FOR DETAILS.**

GENERAL OPERATION:

All controls are located on the back of the Tech/Speak 32.

The Tech/Speak 32 augmentative communicator is a self-contained 2, 4 or 6 level communication device, which permits the user to record and playback 64 to 192 distinct messages, each of 2.25 seconds in length (4.5 seconds for extended time models). The Tech/Speak 32 is simple to operate, just turn the unit on, adjust the volume, select the desired level and push the message square to play the corresponding message.

BATTERY INSTALLATION:

1. Make sure that the Tech/Speak 32 is turned off. Set VOLUME control switch fully counterclockwise, until it clicks off.
2. Turn the Tech/Speak 32 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, use a Phillip’s head screwdriver to remove the screw holding the battery cover down on the left bottom side 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 4 new AA batteries.
6. Replace the battery compartment cover by placing the cover over the access hole until it snaps into place and reinstall the screw back in place. It is important that the battery cover is secure.

BATTERY LOW INDICATOR:

1. The Battery Low indicator is also the Recording LED located in the front right hand side of the Tech/Speak 32.
2. When the batteries are Low, the LED will flash On and Off.
3. While recording, the LED will stay on for the full length of time that the message is being recorded.

PLAYBACK OPERATION:

*If you are using the optional external speaker, be sure to plug the external speaker in to the jack in the back of the unit labeled EXT SPK and then perform steps 1 through 4

1. Turn the Tech/Speak 32 ON. Turn the VOLUME control switch clockwise, until it clicks ON.
2. Set the VOLUME control, turning clock wise to the desired playback volume.
3. Select the LEVEL you wish to playback. This is done by turning the level selector switch to one of up to six levels.
4. Select one of the 32 message squares on the face of the Tech/Speak 32 and depress that message square for message playback.

OVERLAY DESIGN AND LAYOUT:

Graphic overlays (picture cards) can be changed easily by simply sliding the overlay through the side slot of the housing grid. There are several methods you can use to make overlays for the Tech/Speak 32. Options include:

1. Drawing or printing corresponding icons or words on a sheet of 6" x 13 1/4" paper. Section each icon so that it appears in each of the 32 message switch cutouts.
2. Developing your custom overlay using Mayer Johnson's BOARDMAKER™ Software.

CLEANING THE TECH/SPEAK 32

Note: DO NOT SUBMURGE THE TECH/SPEAK 32 IN WATER OR ALLOW WATER TO ENTER THE EXTERNAL SPEAKER, RECORD JACK OR SPEAKER HOLES... THE TECH/SPEAK 32 IS WATER RESISTANT – NOT WATER PROOF.

1. Turn the Tech/Speak 32 off.
2. Remove the overlay from the switch grid.
3. With a wet wash cloth and mild soap wipe the soiled areas clean.
4. To rinse, use a wet sponge (cold water) and wipe the away the soapy area.
5. The grid can easily be removed for cleaning by unscrewing the 6 Phillips head screws on the back of the Tech/Speak 32.

Care and Maintenance

The Tech/Speak 32 is designed to automatically power down after a message is played. However, the power down mode is still an active mode and will drain some power from the battery, affecting battery life. Therefore, if the Tech/Speak 32 is not going to be used for a long period of time (2 to 3 hours) it is recommended that the unit be turned off.

If the Tech/Speak 32 should fail to operate, or operates incorrectly, follow these steps:

1. Check that the batteries are correctly installed
2. Check that the Tech/Speak 32 is ON and a Message has been recorded at that level.
3. Make sure that there are no obstacles blocking the message membrane square.
4. Turn the Tech/Speak 32 OFF for 15 Seconds, then back ON and retry playback.
5. Replace the Batteries.
6. For further assistance, feel free to contact our technical support team at 1-888-353-AMDI (2634).

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