



TECH/PLUS 8 AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION DEVICES WITH LEVELS INSTRUCTION SHEET

Congratulations on your purchase of the Tech/Plus 8 Entry-Level Communicator. THE TECH/PLUS 8 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/PLUS 8 IS MANUFACTURED TO THE HIGHEST COMMERCIAL STANDARDS TO PROVIDE MANY YEARS OF RELIABLE OPERATION. WE FULLY GUARANTEE THE TECH/PLUS 8 OPERATION FOR A FULL YEAR, INCLUDING PARTS AND LABOR.*

Distinctive Features of the Tech/Plus 8

- FOUR CORE MESSAGES THAT WILL REMAIN THE SAME FOR ALL LEVELS.
- 12 LEVELS OF COMMUNICATION.
- ALLOWS YOU TO PROGRAM, RECORD AND PLAYBACK 12 INDEPENDENT MESSAGES PER LEVEL, 4.5 SECONDS PER MESSAGE STANDARD AND 9 SECONDS PER MESSAGE ON EXTENDED TIME VERSIONS, ADDITIONALLY THE RECORDING TIME IS CONTROLLED WITH OUR BUILT IN "TIME-LOCK."
- ALL CONTROLS ARE HIDDEN BEHIND A PANEL DOOR ON THE BACK OF THE DEVICE.
- A HANDLE IS SUPPLIED FOR EASE OF TRANSPORTING AS WELL AS A CARRYING STRAP.
- OPTIONAL RECHARGEABLE BATTERY.
- WATER RESISTANT FOR EASY CLEANING.
- DROP RESISTANT, ABLE TO WITHSTAND ROUGH HANDLING.
- 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.
- BATTERY LOW INDICATOR LIGHT.
- BUILT IN SPEAKER AND RECORD SWITCH, AS WELL AS EXTERNAL JACKS FOR BOTH.

*SEE WARRANTY AGREEMENT FOR DETAILS.

GENERAL OPERATION:

All controls are located on the back of the Tech/Plus 8 behind a panel door.

The Tech/Plus 8 augmentative communicator is a self-contained 12 level communication device, which permits the user to record and playback 144 distinct messages, each of 4.5 or 9.0 seconds in length. The Tech/Plus 8 is simple to operate, just turn the unit on, adjust the volume, set the level select knob to the desired level, slide in the overlay to match the level select knob and push the message square to play the corresponding message.

RECHARGEABLE BATTERY (optional):

The Rechargeable Battery pack provides you with up to eight hours of use with a recharging time of approximately four hours. Follow these instructions when recharging:

The battery must be fully charged before using for the first time.

1. To charge the battery pack, plug the charging unit into an AC outlet.
2. Plug the other end of the charger into the back of the Tech/plus 8 into the jack labeled CHARGE. The charging LED will turn RED when charging.
3. When the charging LED changes to GREEN, the battery is completely charged.
4. It is recommended that the unit be recharged nightly.

RECORD OPERATION:

Note: It is important that the built-in microphone located on the front right-hand side of the Tech/Plus 8 is open and clear during recording.

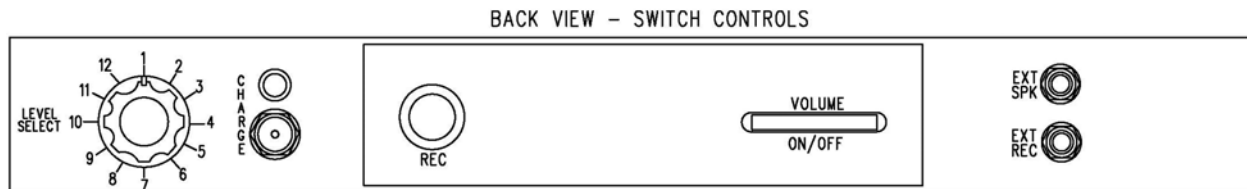
Recording procedure for the 8 message squares:

1. Set the Level Select knob (see diagram below BACK VIEW for Level Selection).
2. Set the VOLUME control, by sliding the wheel to the left until it reaches the desired volume level.
3. Press and hold in the Recording Button. The Recording Button must be engaged for the entire recording process. An external recording switch can be used by plugging a switch into the jack on the back of the Tech/Plus 8 labeled EXT REC.
4. Select one of the 8 message squares on the face of the Tech/Plus 8 and depress and hold down that message square, when the recording LED on the top right-hand side on the grid turns ON begin to say your message into the built in microphone located on the front right hand side of the Tech/Plus 8.
5. When you are finished saying the message, release the message square.
6. Each of the remaining buttons can be programmed in the same manner for that level.

Recording procedure for the 4 core messages:

Note: The 4 core messages can be recorded on any level setting, they will play the same message on every level.

1. Set the VOLUME control, by sliding the wheel to the left until it reaches the desired volume level.
2. Press and hold in the Recording Button. The Recording Button must be engaged for the entire recording process. An external recording switch can be used by plugging a switch into the jack on the back of the Tech/Plus 8 labeled EXT REC.
3. Select one of the 4 core messages on the face of the Tech/Plus 8 and depress and hold down that message, when the recording LED on the top right-hand side on the grid turns ON begin to say your message into the built in microphone located on the front right hand side of the Tech/Plus 8.
4. When you are finished saying the message, release the message.
5. Each of the remaining core messages can be programmed in the same manner.



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 Tech/plus 8 labeled EXT SPK and then perform steps 1 through 4

1. Turn the Tech/Plus 8 ON. Lift the panel door on the back of the Tech/Plus 8. Slide the VOLUME control wheel to the left, until it clicks ON.
2. Set the VOLUME control, by sliding the wheel to the left until it reaches the desired volume level.
3. Set the Level Select knob to the desired level to match the overlay.
4. Select one of the 8 message squares or core messages on the face of the Tech/plus 8 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/Plus 8. 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 8 message switch cutouts.
2. Developing your custom overlay using the Overlay Designer Pro or Tech Overlay Designer Software. Tech Overlay designer is included on the resource CD as well as the instructions and on our website @ www.amdi.net.
3. Developing your custom overlay using the Mayer-Johnson Boardmaker software. Blank templates are available on the resource CD included and on our website @ www.amdi.net.

CLEANING THE TECH/PLUS 8

Note: DO NOT SUBMURGE THE TECH/PLUS 8 IN WATER OR ALLOW WATER TO ENTER THE EXTERNAL SPEAKER, RECORD JACK OR SPEAKER HOLES... THE TECH/PLUS 8 IS WATER RESISTANT – NOT WATER PROOF.

1. Turn the Tech/Plus 8 off.
2. Remove the overlay from the 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/Plus 8.

Care and Maintenance

The Tech/Plus 8 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/Plus 8 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/Plus 8 should fail to operate, or operates incorrectly, follow these steps:

1. Check that the batteries are fully charged or are somewhat new.
2. Check that the Tech/Plus 8 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/plus 8 OFF for 15 Seconds, then back ON and retry playback.
5. For further assistance, feel free to contact our technical support team at 1-888-353-AMDI (2634).

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