
One Take N' Talk- #8708

USER'S GUIDE

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Single unit Take N' Talk!

Our popular Take N' Talk is now available as a single unit for focusing on a specific task. Removing or placing the object of your choice will play your 20 second pre-recorded message. Icons can be placed on tray under clear panel. Also available with 12-Levels, 6 second per message. Size: 11 3/4"L x 2 3/4"W x 7 1/2"H. Requires 4 AA Batteries (Not included).

Operation:

1. On the back of the unit you will see a black battery compartment. Carefully remove the small screw from the battery compartment and slide the battery compartment cover off. Observing polarity, install four AA size batteries (Not included) into the holder. Use alkaline batteries only (e.g. Duracell or Energizer brand). Do not use rechargeable batteries or any other type of batteries because they supply lower voltage and the unit will not perform properly. Never mix old and new batteries together or different brands or types together. Replace the battery compartment cover and replace the screw.
2. Turn the unit on by turning the ON/OFF/VOLUME knob (black knob) clockwise. It will click into the on position. Make sure to turn it to an audible volume level.
3. You may hear the "test recording." This is all right. It is due to the light hitting the photocells. Do not worry.
4. It is very important that the photocells (the small dot in the middle of the compartment) be covered while trying to record. This usually can be accomplished simply by turning the unit over. If there is a lot of light in the room, and/or if there is a lot of movement in the room, you may need to cover the photocell in a more secure manner (i.e. tape colored paper over the photocells, etc.)
5. To record, simply press and hold the "RECORD" button first (labeled "REC") while simultaneously holding down message button next to it. While continuing to hold the buttons down, speak your message. You should speak in a normal volume with your mouth approximately 6-8 inches from the microphone (the small black felt-like circle). Release both buttons when you finish recording. You have 20 seconds of recording time.
6. Once you have finished recording, turn the unit back over. Again, you may hear the message play. This is simply due to the light hitting the photocell. Do not worry.
7. Now place your pictures, symbols, objects, etc. into the compartment. There is a Velcro backed clear attachment cover provided for attaching icons or photos to. Clear/translucent items (including skin) and white items WILL NOT WORK with the photocell. Use something that will completely cover the photocell and not allow light in.
8. You can choose to either have the recordings play when you TAKE an object from the compartment OR when you PLACE an object in the compartment. The toggle switch controls this. One side is for TAKING and the flip side is for PLACING.

If you chose to have the recordings play when you TAKE the object: When you remove the picture, symbol, item, etc. from the compartment, your message will play back to you. **If you chose to have the recordings play when you PLACE the object:** When you place the picture, symbol, item, etc. in the compartment, your message will play back to you. Playback volume can be adjusted using the "ON/OFF/VOLUME" control knob located on the back panel of the unit. The unit will retain recorded information indefinitely. Previously stored information will be erased only when a new recording is performed. Playback volume can be adjusted using the "ON/OFF/VOLUME" control knob (black knob).

Important Notes:

- The memory of this unit is capable of holding up to a total of 20 seconds of speech information.
- Subdued/dim lighting may cause erratic operation. Normal room lighting is best. DO NOT leave in direct sunlight, as this will irreversibly damage the photocell and void out your warranty.
- Please take caution not to spill anything on the photocell, or expose the photocell to any liquid. When cleaning the unit, wipe around the photocell but do not actually wipe it.
- Do not put excessive pressure on the "REC" button or the black message button.

Troubleshooting:

Problem: The unit fails to operate, or operates incorrectly.

Action #1: Make sure that you are using fresh alkaline batteries and that they are installed according to proper battery polarity.

Action #2: Make sure that the unit is turned up to an audible volume level. If it does seem to be up, you can try to "re-set" the unit by turning it off, waiting about 20 seconds, and then turning it back on.

Action #3: Make sure that the photocell has not been exposed to any liquids and/or direct sunlight.

Problem: The unit plays back the messages, but does not record new messages.

Action #1: Make sure that the batteries are installed according to proper polarity.

Action #2: Make sure that the microphone is not covered up while you are trying to record.

Problem: The sound quality of the recordings is not good.

Action #1: Make sure that you are recording using a normal speaking volume and your mouth is about 6-8" from the microphone. Speaking loudly will cause the sound to resonate.

Problem: The messages are playing erratically.

Action #1: Make sure that the pictures, symbols, items, etc. that you are using are (a) not clear, translucent or white, and (b) that they completely cover the photocell.

Care of the Unit:

The Take N' Talk can be wiped clean with any household multi-purpose, non-abrasive cleaner and disinfectant. We recommend Simple Green, which is a non toxic biodegradable all-purpose cleaner. DO NOT CLEAN THE PHOTOCCELL – WIPE AROUND it!

Do not use abrasive cleaners, as they will scratch the surface of the unit.

Do not submerge the unit, as it will damage the electrical components.