

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

There are pre-made grids for this device on Mayer-Johnson's Boardmaker program. On your BM CD look under the folder BM Communication Devices, then look for Message Communicator 32.bm2. If you have an older version of Boardmaker you can download the grid template free of charge at [www.mayerjohnson.com](http://www.mayerjohnson.com). Once there go to the download section, choose either PC or Mac files. Next click on pre-made grids and look under the letter M the file name is Mess Comm. **Please Note:** This grid will printout on two sheets of standard 8.5 x 11 printer paper. If you have any problems downloading or installing this file please contact Mayer-Johnson directly. We do not handle tech support for the Boardmaker program.

- Maximum single message length for this unit is 3 seconds. Most short sentences fit this criterion.
- The **31 Message Communicator 6 Level** will shut off automatically after playback to preserve battery life. However, this device still drains a very small current in this "sleep" mode. Turn the power off when not in use. Doing this can extend overall battery life. Batteries should be removed during long time storage as they may leak and damage the unit.
- The unit may be wiped clean using mild detergent and water on a damp cloth. **Do not submerge the unit in water.**

### TROUBLESHOOTING:

If the unit fails to operate, or operates incorrectly, try the following suggestions:

- ◆ Disconnect the power by removing all of the batteries for 20 seconds to reset the unit. If the unit still does not work correctly after batteries are reinstalled replace with new alkaline batteries. **Make sure proper polarity is observed or damage to unit may occur.**
- ◆ Make sure unit is on and volume is set at an audible level.
- ◆ Try to record again to see if the unit will "accept" the new recordings.

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## Advanced 31 Message Communicator 6-levels # 3208

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*Changes levels at the push of a button!*

- 6 levels
- 600 seconds of recording time
- 3 seconds per message
- Auditory cueing
- Easy slide in overlay
- Incredible sound quality
- Level announcer
- Carrying handle & Shoulder strap
- Has adjustable legs for angled position
- Lightweight

Size: 3"H x 9"W x 16"D. Requires 4 AA Batteries.

### **OPERATION:**

1. Carefully turn the device over to reveal the battery compartment. A small silver screw must be removed from the battery compartment cover in order to slide it off. Observing proper polarity, install four AA alkaline batteries 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 of batteries together. Replace the battery compartment cover and screw.
2. The microphone is located on the right side of the unit and red "RECORD" button is located on the back panel of the unit. To record, depress and hold the "RECORD" button, then depress one of the message pads simultaneously and speak into the microphone (your mouth should be approximately 4-6" from the microphone). Release both buttons once recording is over. (**Note:** This unit has a built in time lock allowing only 3 seconds of recording time per pad, so plan your message accordingly).
3. Playback your message by pressing and releasing the same pad used to record. Each of the remaining message pads can be "programmed" in the same manner. (The unit will retain recorded information indefinitely, even if the batteries are disconnected. Previously stored information will be erased only when a new recording is performed on the pad.)

### **Recording Level Announcements:**

4. Your Level Announcement Messages may be changed at any time and can be renamed e.g. "Level One the Food Level" or "Level One Jimmie's Messages", etc. To RECORD the first level announcement, turn the unit ON a previous message will play if RECORDED. Once the messages finishes playing simply press the Record button first, then press the **Level**

**Changer button which is the top left pad** and speak your Level Announcement Message into the microphone. Note: to hear your new level message you must either cycle through all 6 levels by repeatedly pressing the Level announcement button until it returns to Level One or turn the unit OFF, wait several seconds and turn the unit back ON. Your new Level One Announcement Message will now play.

5. Record remaining level announcements and messages as in steps 4. Each time the level changer square (top left pad) is pressed it will advance to the next level and announce your message.

**Important Note:** When changing a Level announcement, you must hear the message first that you want to change before pressing the RECORD button and then the Level Changer button.

### **Auditory Quing:**

This communicator has an auditory queuing feature, which will let the user hear the message selected at a lower volume, if this is the correct message they want to relay a second activation of the cell will play them message at the normal volume. This is a great feature for the visually impaired user. To set this feature press cells 24 and 32 simultaneously unit the unit makes a beep. To turn this feature off press the two cells again until the unit beeps. **Please Note:** When the communicator is turned off it will reset to the default setting with the auditory queuing off.

### **CARRYING STRAP:**

For safety purposes, the Carrying Strap has thumbscrews with a self-locking nut to prevent them from being removed from the strap. To prevent a Choking Hazard, NEVER remove the self-locking nuts.

When attaching the carrying strap, tighten the thumbscrews finger-tight only. **DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.**

The Carrying Strap was designed to carry the communicator from the shoulder only. NEVER carry the communicator from the neck.