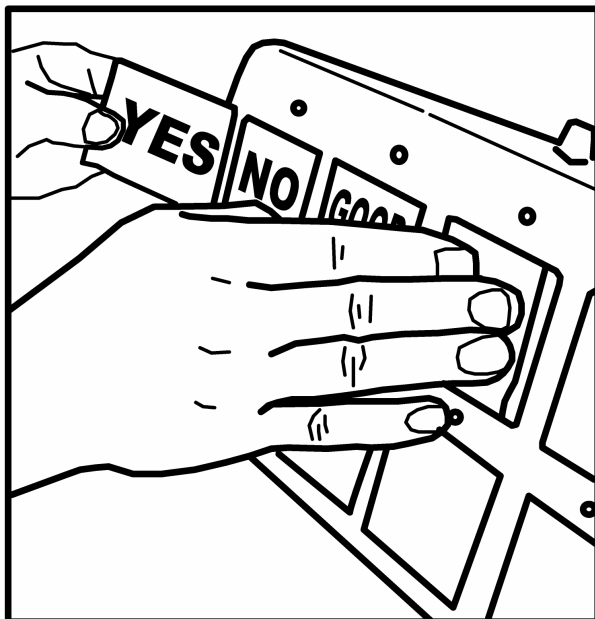


## HELP LEADING EDGE OF PAPER ICON STRIP ALONG



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## Talk 8 12 Level Communicator - #2501, 2501V, 2501BV & 2501-B

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## USER'S GUIDE

  
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#### **BATTERY INSTALLATION:**

Make sure unit is in the OFF position by rotating the ON-OFF-VOLUME control counterclockwise until a "click" is heard. Remove the screw in the battery compartment and install 4 brand new "AA" alkaline batteries into the compartment. Replace the battery cover and screw.

#### **OPERATION:**

Rotate the ON-OFF-VOLUME control to approximately its midway position. After one second, you will hear a sound or a verbal message from the speaker. This is the Level Announcement Message. The unit is now on Level One of the twelve levels provided in the Communicator.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

When turning the unit **ON** from the **OFF** position, the unit will reset to the following settings: Level 1, Scan Mode 1, Auditory Cueing OFF, Vibration (optional) OFF.

#### **PLAYING MESSAGES:**

At this time, you can access each of the eight messages on Level One by pressing any one of the eight icons, one at a time.

#### **RECORDING MESSAGES:**

Using one hand, press and hold the Record button on the underside of the unit. Using your other hand, press the cell on which you wish to record and speak into the microphone. Releasing the icon or Record button will cancel recording. If you are going to record more than one message, you may press and hold the record button while pressing the appropriate icons to record your messages.

#### **RECORDING LEVEL ANNOUNCEMENT MESSAGE:**

Your Level Announcement Message may be changed at any time and can be renamed "Level One the Food Level" or "Level One Jimmie's Messages", etc. Simply press the Record button first, then press the Level button and speak your Level Announcement Message into the microphone. Note: to hear your new level message you must either cycle through all 12 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.

#### **CHANGING LEVELS:**

Each time the Level button is pressed, the Talk 8 will advance to the next level. Pressing the Level button on Level Twelve will return to Level One. Simply follow the instructions above to record each of the eight communicator messages or your Level Announcement Message for each level. Remember, to play your Level Announcement Message, you **MUST** cycle through all remaining levels and return to that particular level to hear that Level Announcement Message.

#### **VIBRATION OPTION: (Special Order only)**

If your Talk 8 is equipped with the optional Vibration Mode, pressing any of the eight icons to play a message will cause the Talk 8 front panel to vibrate. Among other uses, this enhances the ability of someone who is hearing-impaired to determine when the Talk 8 is playing. To turn the Vibration Mode ON or OFF, press icons Two and Eight simultaneously and hold until a "beep" is heard. Note: Vibration does not activate while recording messages, changing Levels or during message scanning.

#### **MESSAGE SCANNING:**

The Talk 8 has four different scan modes, two modes for single-switch scanning and two modes for two-switch scanning. When turning the unit ON from the OFF position, the Talk 8 will reset automatically to Scan Mode 1. To change scan modes, press icons One and Seven simultaneously and hold until a beep is heard and release the icons. The unit will beep to indicate what mode of scan it is on. (E.G. once for scan mode 1, twice for scan mode 2 and so on). The following is a description of each scan mode and its function:

**Scan Mode 1:** Inverse scanning. Plug a capability switch into Jack 1 located on the rear of the Talk 8. Press and hold the capability switch to scan each of the eight icons. Upon release of the switch, the Talk 8 will play the message of the icon currently illuminated by the red LED.

**Scan Mode 2:** Automatic scanning. Plug a capability switch into Jack 1 located on the rear of the Talk 8. Press the capability switch for a moment and release.

The unit will automatically scan each of the eight icons and continue scanning until the next press of the capability switch. It will then play the message of the icon currently illuminated by the red LED.

**Scan Mode 3:** Two switch automatic scanning. Plug a capability switch into Jack 1 and another capability switch into Jack 2 located on the rear of the Talk 8. Press the capability switch plugged into Jack 1 for a moment and release. The unit will automatically scan each of the eight icons continue scanning until the capability switch that is plugged into Jack 2 is pressed. It will then play the message of the icon currently illuminated by the red LED.

**Scan Mode 4:** Step scanning. Plug a capability switch into Jack 1 and another capability switch into Jack 2 located on the rear of the Talk 8. Each time the capability switch that is plugged into Jack 1 is pressed, it will advance your selected message to the next icon one at a time. Pressing the capability switch that is plugged into Jack 2 will play the message of the icon currently illuminated by the red LED.

#### **SCAN SPEED:**

You can control the rate at which the Talk 8 scans the messages by rotating the SCAN SPEED control located on the rear panel. Scan speed can be adjusted from 1 to 25 seconds.

#### **AUDITORY CUEING:**

During Message Scanning you can enable the Talk 8 to speak the message being scanned, but at reduced volume. This gives the user an auditory "preview" of the current message. Pressing the appropriate capability switch will play the message at full volume. To turn Auditory Cueing ON or OFF, press the AUD. ON/OFF button located on the underside of the unit.

#### **ICON INSERTS:**

The Talk 8 uses paper icon inserts that you can print from your computer. You can download the blank inset template in PDF format from our website [www.enablingdevices.com](http://www.enablingdevices.com).

Each icon template makes three inserts. It is important to accurately cut along the dotted lines so that the insert fits properly. Always draw your pictures or words before inserting into the Talk 8. Never draw on an icon after inserted in the Talk 8. Doing so can result in permanent damage to the icon cell.

#### **REPLACING BATTERIES:**

Replace batteries regularly. Weak batteries will cause the Talk 8 to act erratically, such as shutting off while playing messages.

- Use brand name ALKALINE batteries ONLY (e.g. Duracell or Eveready Energizer).
- Do NOT use rechargeable batteries.
- Do NOT mix new and old batteries.
- Do NOT over tighten the battery compartment screw.

To extend battery life, always shut the Talk 8 OFF when not in use. Always remove batteries when the unit will not be used for extended periods of time. Dead batteries often leak acid and can cause permanent damage to the communicator.

#### **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 Talk 8 from the shoulder only. NEVER carry the communicator from the neck.

#### **PRECAUTIONS:**

- Never hit the icon surface with a hard object or permanent damage can result.
- Never tape or affix anything directly to the icon surface.
- Always keep a paper insert installed in the Talk 8 to protect the icons.
- Always keep liquids far away from the communicator to prevent permanent damage to the internal circuitry from spillage.