

Troubleshooting:

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

Action #1: Make sure that you have fresh batteries in the unit and that they are installed according to proper polarity.

Action #2: Make sure that the volume is turned up to an audible level

Action #3: Make sure that there is nothing inhibiting the depression of the switch plate OR holding the switch plate down (i.e. icons, crumbs, sticky juice, etc.)

Care of the Unit:

The Advanced Auditory Communicator can be wiped clean with any mild household multi-purpose, non-abrasive cleaner and disinfectant. We recommend Simple Green, which is a non toxic biodegradable all-purpose cleaner.

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.

For Technical Support:

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Advanced Auditory Communicator #4398

User's Guide



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Auditory cueing!

Our newest 6-level communicator has auditory cueing. Push any of the 7 picture icons to hear your chosen message in a low volume; push the message again and it plays the chosen message in an amplified volume. Record and play up to 42 messages. Simply slide in the interchangeable picture icons to enhance expressive and receptive language. One of the eight switches is the level announcing message. Device has 300 seconds of total record time and stores up to 48 six second messages including the level announcing recordings. Size: 12"W x 2 3/4"H x 8"D. Requires 4 AA Batteries.

OPERATION:

1. Carefully turn unit over and remove the small screw from the battery compartment. Slide the battery compartment cover off. Observing polarity, install four AA size batteries (Not included) into the holder. Alkaline batteries are recommended because they last longer. Do not use rechargeable batteries because they supply lower voltage and the unit may not perform as well. Never mix brands, types or old and new batteries together. Replace the battery compartment cover and screw.
2. To record your messages, depress and hold the red **RECORD** button on the bottom of the unit, then depress one of the 7 squares and speak into the microphone. Release both buttons once recording is over. Playback your message by pressing and releasing the same square used to record. Each of the remaining buttons can be programmed in the same manner. (The unit will retain recorded information indefinitely, even if the battery is disconnected. Previously stored information will be erased only when new recording is performed.) When you first playback a message, the message will play at a low volume. If selected a second time the message will play back at the set volume level. This allows the user to screen the messages first then when they find the selection they want then replay it at the normal volume level to communicate to their Parent, Teacher, Therapist or Caregiver.

Recording Level Announcements:

3. 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 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.
4. Record remaining level announcements and messages as in steps 3. Each time the level changer square 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.

5. Draw or print corresponding icons or words on a sheet of paper measuring 5 1/2" x 10" so they will appear through the 8 cutouts on the housing when inserted. You can also purchase our Universal Icon Maker item No.4049 sold separately.
6. Carefully insert the sheet between the two top cover plates. Slide the page down until your icons or words appear through the 8 square windows.
7. To playback, select the level and then touch the appropriate window.
8. Playback volume can be adjusted using the control provided on the back panel of the unit, next to the **RECORD** button.
9. Turn the unit off by rotating the **VOLUME** control knob located on the back of the unit counterclockwise until you hear an audible "click".

IMPORTANT NOTES:

The Advances 6 Level Communicator will shut off automatically after playback to preserve battery life. However, the device still drains a very small current in this "sleep" mode. Therefore, if the unit is not going to be used for a prolonged amount of time (more than a few days), it is recommended to turn **OFF** the unit by rotating the **VOLUME** control knob counterclockwise until you hear an audible "click".

If the unit fails to operate, or operates incorrectly, the following steps should be performed:

- Disconnect the power by turning **OFF** the unit for 20 seconds to reset the unit. If the unit still does not work correctly after the power is reconnected, replace the batteries observing proper polarity.
- Make sure there are no obstacles between the square buttons and the housing unit.
- If voice quality is poor try speaking no more than 6 to 8 inches away from the Microphone in a clear voice. If this does not help try changing the batteries and then re-record.