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Seven Message Take N' Talk Table Top w/6 Levels

**Catalog # 3350-B
(Blue)**

User's Guide

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New easy level changer!

Record 7 messages on 6 levels for a total of 6 seconds each. Message is played by removing or placing one of the 2" x 2" icons. New feature now allows the therapist to select a level by pushing a button. When the level changer button is pushed, this communicator announces (your recording) the contents of each selected level, e.g. food, transportation, comfort, etc. This take N' Talk may be easily clamped to a tabletop. Seven icon holders included. Extra icon package contains 35 holders in sets of five different colors, sold separately. 20"L x 7"W x 3 1/2"H. Requires 4 AA Batteries.

Operation:

1. Carefully turn unit over and remove the small screws from the battery compartment. Slide the battery compartment covers off. Observing proper polarity, install four AA batteries into the holders. 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. 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. **(Please Note: when unit is first turned on it will always be on level one until you change it.)**
3. You may hear some of the "test recordings." 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 each compartment) be covered with the icon squares while trying to record. To record the level announcement press and hold the record button and speak a message e.g. Level 1 food. To record the next level announcement press and release the level changer button on the back of the unit, then record as before e.g. level 2 T.V. Record remaining announcements the same way. Each time you press the Level button you will hear your announcement to let you know what level you are on. To record your messages for each level, simply press and hold the "RECORD" button (labeled "REC") then press down one of the black buttons 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. Record on the other buttons in the same way. You have 5 seconds for each recording so plan accordingly.
5. Once you have finished recording, press the level changer to record messages for that level. Each time the level button is pressed you will hear an announcement. Make your announcement reflect what type of messages you have recorded for that level.
6. Set the Take/Place switch to either Take (when an icon square is removed a message will play), or set it to Place (when an icon square is placed your message will play).
7. Please Note: when you remove the icon square from the compartment, your message will play. If you remove more than one item at a time, the first photocell exposed to light will be the only one that plays.

8. The unit will retain recorded information indefinitely. Previously stored information will be erased only when a new recording is performed.
9. 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 300 seconds of speech information. This allows for 6 seconds per compartment.
- Subdued/dim lighting may cause erratic operation. Normal room lighting is best. DO NOT leave in direct sunlight, as this will irreversibly damage the photocells and void out your warranty.
- Please take caution not to spill anything on the photocells, or expose the photocells to any liquid. When cleaning the unit, wipe around the photocells but do not actually wipe it.
- Do not put excessive pressure on the "REC" button or any of the black message buttons.

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 photocells have 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 icon squares completely cover the photocell.

Care of the Unit:

The Take N' Talks can be wiped clean with any household multi-purpose, non-abrasive cleaner and disinfectant. DO NOT CLEAN THE PHOTOCELLS – WIPE AROUND THEM!

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.

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