# Talking Icons #9199T (Set of 3)

## **USER'S GUIDE**



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#### Press the icon!

These small communicators can be used alone or attached together on a tabletop or wheelchair tray to initiate language. Features:

- Record and play one 10-second message
- Excellent sound quality
- On/Off switch & volume control
- 3 square inch icon holder with velcro
- Velcro for attaching to another Talking Icon
- Output for activating other devices
- Can be activated by an external switch

Size: 43/4"L x 31/2"W x 21/2"H. Requires 3 AAA Batteries. Weight: 11/4 lbs.

#### Operation:

- Gently turn the unit over to reveal the black battery compartment. Carefully remove
  the small screw from the battery compartment cover using a Phillips head
  screwdriver, and slide the battery compartment cover off. Observing polarity, install
  3 AAA size batteries into the holder. Alkaline batteries must be used 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. Replace the battery compartment cover and screw.
- 2. Turn the unit on by turning the ON/OFF/VOLUME knob (black knob) located on the bottom of the unit clockwise. You will hear an audible click when the unit turns on. Turn the knob half way to start and adjust as needed.
- 3. To record, simply press and hold the red "RECORD" button with a pen and speak your message. Your mouth should be about 6 inches from the microphone when recording (the Microphone is the "fuzzy" black circle on the side of the unit). Release the record button when you finish recording. You have a maximum recording time of ten seconds.
- 4. To play back your message, simply activate the removable 3" x 3" Icon switch plate on the front of the unit. It is not necessary to continue holding the plate switch when listening to the message. The unit will continue to playback the entire message,
- 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.
- 6. Playback volume can be adjusted using the "ON/OFF/VOLUME" control knob located on the back panel of the unit.

#### Use as a switch:

8. The Talking Icon also works as a switch. It will play your pre-recorded message, as well as activate a switch adapted toy or device. To do this plug one end of the supplied double ended 1/8" to 1/8" cord into the jack on the back of the Talking Icon labeled **Device**, and the other end into your toy or device. Press the switch plate and it will play your message and activate the toy or device for as long as the plate is depressed.

#### To use with an external switch:

9. The Talking Icon can also be activated by another external capability switch, via the switch input jack located on the back of the unit, labeled **switch**. Make sure your switch is plugged in all the way with no gaps. External switch activation will replicate as if the Icon switch plate on the device was depressed.

#### Important Note:

The memory of this unit is capable of holding up to a total of 10 seconds of speech information.

#### **Troubleshooting:**

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

**Action #1:** Disconnect the power by removing one of the batteries for 20 seconds in order to reset the unit. Re-install the batteries. If the unit does not work correctly, replace all the batteries paying careful attention to proper polarity.

**Action #2:** Make sure that you have the unit turned on and the volume turned up to an audible volume.

**Action #3:** Make sure that you are depressing the record button all the way while recording.

**Action #4:** Make sure that nothing is blocking or preventing the icon plate from moving freely.

**Problem:** The unit is playing old messages fine, but will not record new messages.

**Action #1:** Check your batteries – There is a 99% chance that either one is installed incorrectly and/or one is weak/dead.

#### Care of the Unit:

Talking Icons 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.