# Cheap Talk 4 Inline Direct Select #3054

## **USER'S GUIDE**



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50 Broadway Hawthorne, NY 10532 Tel. 914.747.3070 / Fax 914.747.3480 Toll Free 800.832.8697 www.enablingdevices.com Our popular Cheap Talk 4 with the message squares. Size:  $12\frac{1}{2}$ "L x 3"H x 6"W. Requires 4 AA Batteries. Direct Activated by pressing one of the four squares, 5 seconds per message. Weight: 1 lb.

### **Operation:**

- 1. The Cheap Talk 4 Inline Direct Select requires 4 AA batteries (Not included). Alkaline batteries. Do not use Heavy Duty or rechargeable batteries because they supply lower voltage and the unit may not perform properly.
- 2. The battery compartment is located under the unit. Carefully turn the unit over. For safety and performance reasons, the battery case cover is secured with one small screw. Remove this screw by turning it counterclockwise with a Phillips head screwdriver. Observing proper battery polarity, install 4 AA batteries into the holder. Replace the cover and the screw.
- 3. Turn the unit on by turning the "ON/OFF/VOLUME" knob clockwise. The microphone and the red "RECORD" button are located on the back panel of the unit. To record, first depress and hold the red "RECORD" button. At the same time, depress one of the 4 colored plates on the front of the unit and speak your message into the microphone. Release both the colored plate and the recording button when recording is over. Play back your message by pressing and releasing the same colored plate used to record. Each of the remaining plates 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.
- 4. Playback volume can be adjusted using the "ON/OFF/VOLUME" control knob located on the back panel of the unit.
- 5. The four large, colorful plates provide ample space for words, symbols or pictures. These visuals should be cut or designed to fit in the square inset area of each plate, and then covered with the clear overlays provided. To do this, simply bend the clear plastic overlay and slip the sides into the slots. Turn the unit off when not in use.

### Important Notes:

 The maximum message length for any single colored plate is five seconds, up to a total of 20 seconds for all 4 plates. If desired, a longer message can be recorded using the first plate, but each segment over five seconds will use the memory of succeeding plates. For example: A 15-second message would use the memory of plates 1-3, leaving only plate 4 free for recording. Alternatively, a 15-second message could be stored using plate 2, in which case it will take the memory of plates 2-4, and another 5-second message could be stored at location 1. Bear in mind, however, that if message length exceeds available memory amount, it will wrap around over itself at its beginning.

### 2. The Cheap Talk 4 Inline

Direct Select will go into "sleep mode" 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 period of time, it is recommended that the unit be turned off, to extend overall battery life. This can be done by turning the "ON/OFF/VOLUME" switch counterclockwise, until it "clicks" off.

### Troubleshooting:

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

Action #1: If any pictures, words, etc. have been attached to any of the four colored plates, make sure that they are not touching or underneath the white frame around the plates, for they will interfere with the action of the plates.

Action #2: If the unit still does not work, make sure there is no dirt or obstacles between the colored square plates and the housing of the unit.

**Action #3:** Disconnect the power, by removing one of the batteries for 20 seconds, to reset the unit. Reconnect the battery. If the unit still does not work correctly, replace all batteries, paying close attention to proper polarity.

Action #4: Make sure that you are holding both the RECORD button AND the colored square simultaneously while recording, and your mouth should be about 4-6" from the microphone.

### Care of the Unit:

The Cheap Talk 4 Inline Direct Select can be wiped clean with any household multi-purpose cleaner and disinfectant.

Do not submerge the unit, as it will damage the electrical components.

Do not use abrasive cleaners, as they will scratch the surface of the unit.