

**USER'S GUIDE** 

We have created a truly portable version of our best and most affordable communicators. The On-the-Go product line comes with a sturdy handle and 36" adjustable strap. Now you can take your communicator anywhere!

The On-The-Go Communication Builder allows the user to record and play back from 1, 2, 4, 8, or 16 different messages per level. There are seven levels for recordings, giving you a total of up to 112 messages (in the 16 window setting) at the touch of a button! Total record time is 300 seconds. The unit comes equipped with 5 sturdy frame/overlays in 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 and 16 windows, which will retain your icon sheet (not included) and provide a separation between icon pads. It is necessary to re-record all messages when you switch your windows. The breakdown is as follows: Time per level by window setting, using all seven levels. (Picture overlays not included).

- 1 Window setting = 42 seconds per segment per level;
- 2 Window setting = 21 seconds per segment per level;
- 4 Window setting =  $10\frac{1}{2}$  seconds per segment per level;
- 8 Window setting =  $5\frac{1}{4}$  seconds per segment per level;
- 16 Window setting= 2½ seconds per segment per level

Frame size is 8½" x 7". Size: 12½"L x 9¼"W x 4"H. Requires 4 AA Batteries

### **OPERATION:**

- 1. Carefully turn the device over to reveal the battery compartment. A small Phillips head screw must be removed from the battery compartment cover in order to slide it off. Observing proper polarity, install four AA alkaline batteries (Not included) into the holder. Replace battery compartment cover and screw.
- 2. Place your icon grid over the black message pad area then install the appropriate Velcro backed window frame. Next turn your Frame selector knob to the appropriate setting. Please note pre-made grid layouts can be made with Mayer-Johnson's Boardmaker program. Our Item No. 4008 for Macintosh computers and item No. 4009 for PC computers. If you have older versions of Boardmaker you can download the pre-made grids from <a href="www.MayerJohnson.com">www.MayerJohnson.com</a>. <a href="The Template to use on Boardmaker">The Template to use on Boardmaker is the Laptop Communicator.</a>
- 3. Turn the unit on by turning the "ON/OFF/VOLUME" knob into the "ON" position. You will hear a slight audible click as you turn the knob.
- 4. The microphone is located on the bottom of the unit next to the red "**RECORD**" button. To record, depress and hold the "**RECORD**" button first, then depress one of the message pads holding both simultaneously and speak into the microphone (your mouth should be approximately 4-6" from the microphone). Release both buttons once recording is over. Playback your message by pressing and releasing the same pad used to record. Each of the remaining message pads 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 on the pad.)
- 5. Adjust playback volume by rotating the on/off "VOLUME" control knob to desired level. Turn the unit off by rotating the "VOLUME" control knob counterclockwise until you hear an audible "click".
- 6. Using the "LEVEL" knob, select level 2. Repeat steps 2 and 3.
- 7. Repeat procedures for remaining levels.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

You must use the same window setting for all seven levels. (E.G.) you cannot use a four-window grid on level one and then go to level two and use a 16-window grid. If you did when you went back to level one, your messages would not play back properly.

# This unit has a total record time of 300 seconds. The breakdown is as follows. Time per level by window setting.

- 1 Window setting = 42 seconds per segment per level
- 2 Window setting = 21 seconds per segment per level
- 4 Window setting = 10.5 seconds per segment per level
- 8 Window setting = 5.25 seconds per segment per level
- 16 Window setting = 2.5 seconds per segment per level

# The On -the-Go 7 Level Communication Builder

- Will shut off automatically after playback to preserve battery life. However, this device still drains a very small current in this "sleep" mode. Turn the power off when not in use. Doing this can extend overall battery life. Batteries should be removed during long time storage as they may leak and damage the unit.
- The unit may be wiped clean using mild detergent and water on a damp cloth. **Do not submerge the unit in water.**

### TROUBLESHOOTING:

# If the unit fails to operate, or operates incorrectly, try the following suggestions:

- ◆ Disconnect the power by removing all of the batteries for 20 seconds to reset the unit. If the unit still does not work correctly after batteries are reinstalled replace with new alkaline batteries.
  Make sure proper polarity is observed or damage to unit may occur.
- Make sure unit is on and volume is set at an audible level.
- Try to record again to see if the unit will "accept" the new recordings.

## **Care of the Unit:**

The On-the Go 7 Level 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.