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## Hip Talk 12 Communicator - #5020

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### USER'S GUIDE

  
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The ultimate and newly improved Hip Talk Plus has major changes:

- 300 seconds of recording time
- Incredible sound quality
- Auditory cueing
- Magnetic snap-on frames for easy icon changing
- New waterproof Neoprene carrying bag
- Contoured for the waist
- Adjustable waist strap to fit most
- Sleep mode to save battery life
- Volume control
- Low battery warning
- 3 interchangeable frames ( 3,6,12 messages)

Size: 8 1/2"L x 3"W x 3 1/2"H. Requires 4 AA Batteries.

#### OPERATION:

1. Turn the unit over to reveal the battery compartments located on the bottom of the unit. Next slide off the compartment covers. Observing polarity (+/-), install 4 AA batteries (Not included). Use alkaline batteries 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. Never mix old and new batteries together or different brands or types together. Replace covers. (See Fig. 1)
2. Turn the unit ON by rotating the ON/OFF knob clockwise. Please Note: When the unit is first turned on the Window setting, will always be the last Window configuration used before the Hip Talk was turned OFF, removing and or replacing the batteries will not affect this. First select one of the three window frames you want to use. The window frames are held in place magnetically; simply lift the frame from the edge to remove. To change a window setting do the following steps, press the two outer window cells simultaneously, one on each side of the touch pad (see Fig. 2 on back of this guide). The Hip Talk will beep to indicate the window setting selected, once for the three window setting, twice for the six window setting and threes times for the twelve window setting. Once you have selected the appropriate window setting you can place your icon sheet over the touch pad and place the proper window frame.
3. To record your messages, depress and hold the **RECORD** button first (see Fig. 1), then depress the window cell you want to make a recording for and speak into the microphone. Release both once recording is finished. Playback your message by pressing and releasing the same cell used to record. Each of the remaining cells can be programmed in the same manner. (The unit will retain recorded information indefinitely, even if the batteries are removed. Previously stored information will be erased only when a new recording is performed.) Please Note: you can only have one window frame recorded at a time, when ever you change to a new frame setting e.g. a 3 window to a 6 all your 3 window messages will be lost, if you want to go back to the 3 window setting you will need to re-record those messages.
4. **Auditory Queuing:** Allows the user to hear a message at a lower volume when a cell is pressed, if this message is the one they want to relay to someone they will press the cell a second time for the message to play at the normal volume setting. This feature is great for a visually impaired user, or someone who is unable to read. To set this feature, hold down the top left and right cell at the same time (see Fig.2). The unit will beep to indicate the setting. Auditory Queuing will stay ON even if the unit is turned OFF or the batteries are removed. To turn this feature OFF simply press the Top left

and right cells again until the unit beeps. The Auditory Queuing feature is now turned OFF. (See Fig. 3)

5. **Low Battery Warning:** Any time during playback or recording if the unit beeps rapidly this indicates that the batteries are low. You will need to change the batteries with a new set of alkaline batteries.
6. **Sleep Mode:** To help conserve battery power the Hip Talk now has a sleep mode which will power down the unit after one hour of inactivity. To wake up the unit press any cell once, this will power the unit back up. After this is done the next time a cell is hit a message will play.

#### Making and using your icon sheets:

Never tape paper overlays to the message pad, doing so will cause the unit to malfunction. Have only one overlay in the unit during use, never store additional overlays under the one you are working with while the device is in use this can also cause a malfunction. Using 3 dimensional objects as icons or symbols are not recommended with this product.

7. Icon sheets can be made with our Print It! Icon Maker CD item No.4069, (sold separately), or with Mayer-Johnson's Board-Maker CD program item No's. 4008 for Mac computers or 4009 (for Windows PC). If you do not have the most current version of the Board-Maker program, you will need to download the template (Hip-Talk 12 File name) from [www.mayerjohnson.com](http://www.mayerjohnson.com). Please contact Mayer-Johnson directly with any questions or concerns with Board-Maker program or downloading templates from their site. Enabling Devices does not provide support for Mayer-Johnson's products.

#### Important Notes:

The total recording time for each message is 25 seconds. If your message runs over the allotted time, your message will be cut off. Windows setting are saved even if the batteries go dead or removed for replacement.

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

- Disconnect the power by removing one of the batteries for 20 seconds, to reset the unit. If the unit still does not work correctly after the battery is reconnected, replace all the batteries with fresh batteries.
- Make sure there are no obstacles in the way of the message pads and/or that one of the message pads is not being held down (as this will disable the other message pads).

#### Care of Unit:

The Hip Talk can be wiped clean with any household multi-purpose cleaner and disinfectant. We recommend Simple Green, which is a non toxic biodegradable all-purpose cleaner.

**Do not submerge** the unit, as it will damage the contents and the electrical components.  
**Do not use abrasive cleaners**, as they will scratch the surface of the unit.