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## **32 Message Communicator 6 Level #3206**

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### **USER'S GUIDE**



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### 32-Message Communicator Adjustable legs and carrying handle!

6 Levels with 192 three-second messages. Frame allows for easy changing of overlays. Lightweight, portable and built to last, this communicator has adjustable legs for tilting the unit, has its own carrying handle and adjustable shoulder strap. Size: 16"L x 9"W x 3"H. Requires 4 AA Batteries. Weight: 2½ lbs.

#### OPERATION:

1. Carefully turn the device over to reveal the battery compartment. A small silver screw must be removed from the battery compartment cover in order to slide it off. Observing proper polarity, install four AA alkaline batteries into the holder 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 of batteries together. Replace the battery compartment cover and screw.
2. 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. If you have fresh batteries installed correctly, you will also hear a very distinct tone. If you do not hear this tone, check the freshness and polarity of your batteries before going on.
3. The microphone is located on the right side of the unit and red **"RECORD"** button is located on the back panel of the unit. To record, depress and hold the **"RECORD"** button, then depress one of the 32 message pads simultaneously and speak into the microphone (your mouth should be approximately 4-6" from the microphone). Release both buttons once recording is over. (**Note:** This unit has a built in time lock allowing only 3 seconds of recording time per pad, so plan your message accordingly).
4. 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:

There are pre-made grids for this device on Mayer-Johnson's Boardmaker program. On your BM CD look under the folder BM Communication Devices, then look for Message Communicator 32.bm2. If you have an older version of Boardmaker you can download the grid template free of charge at [www.mayerjohnson.com](http://www.mayerjohnson.com). Once there go to the download section, choose either PC or Mac files. Next click on pre-made grids and look under the letter M the file name is Mess Comm. **Please Note:** This grid will printout on two sheets of standard 8.5 x 11 printer paper. If you have any problems downloading or installing this file please contact Mayer-Johnson directly. We do not handle tech support for the Boardmaker program.

- Maximum single message length for this unit is 3 seconds. Most short sentences fit this criterion.
- The **32 Message Communicator 6 Level** 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.**

#### CARRYING STRAP:

For safety purposes, the Carrying Strap has thumbscrews with a self-locking nut to prevent them from being removed from the strap. To prevent a Choking Hazard, NEVER remove the self-locking nuts.

#### TROUBLESHOOTING:

If you do not hear the distinct tone when you turn the unit on, OR, if the tone continues to sound without ceasing:

- ◆ This is indicative of either weak batteries and/or batteries installed incorrectly. Check the freshness and polarity of the batteries and make the appropriate changes until you do hear the single distinct tone.

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.