## **AbleNet**®

# Instructions For Use QuickTalker FT 23

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#### **INTENDED PURPOSE**

QuickTalker FT 23 is an easy-to-use communication aid with voice output and intended for people who cannot or cannot yet use more complex static or dynamic systems.

#### CLINICAL BENEFITS OF THE DEVICE

Beginning device to assist a patient with verbal communication. The benefit is to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of communication for individuals who are unable to communicate via verbal speech.

# PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS AND INFORMATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL

Messages / Recording Levels: 20 + 3 core / 5

Recording Time: 18-min

Switch Input: No

Toy/Appliance/ECU Output: No

Activation Surface: 3 core messages - 2.2 x 1.2-in (8.6 x 6.7-cm); 20 unique messages 1.2 x 1.2-in

 $(3 \times 3\text{-cm})$ 

Weight with Battery: 26.4-oz / 748-g

Battery Type: 4 AA Accessories Available: No

Mounting Connection: No, includes carrying handle

HCPC Code: E2502

Material: Housing - ABS Plastic

Suggested Operating Environment:

Ambient Temperature Range: 32°F - 95°F (0°C - 35°C) Humidity: 10% - 95% (no condensation on device)

Suggested Transportation and Storage:

Ambient Temperature Range:  $-25^{\circ}F - 158^{\circ}F (-31^{\circ}C - 70^{\circ}C)$  Humidity: 10% - 95% (no condensation on the device)

#### RISKS, WARNINGS, AND CONTRA-INDICATIONS

QuickTalker FT 23 is neither waterproof nor completely water resistant. Do not immerse QuickTalker FT 23 in water or any other liquid. Make sure that no liquids are spilled on QuickTalker FT 23.

QuickTalker FT 23 is not recommended to be used as access to a call system.

### **DEVICE OVERVIEW**



1	Speaker
2	Recording Indicator Light
3	Level Selection
4	Level Indicators
5	Volume Adjust Buttons
6	Symbols Overlay + Storage
7	Full Length Handle
8	Individual Message Locations
9	Core Message Locations
10	Microphone



11	Record Button
11	Power On/Off
13	Battery Compartment

#### **USE INSTRUCTIONS**

#### First Time Use

- 1. Turn QuickTalker FT 23 over, and remove the battery cover.
- 2. Insert four "AA" alkaline batteries, and replace the battery cover.
- 3. Next, add a printed picture symbol overlay to the device. You can create custom symbol overlays using the AbleNet Symbol Overlay Maker App found in the Apple App store.
- 4. Turn the QuickTalker on.
- 5. Select a recording level.
- 6. Press and hold the record button until the recording indicator light turns on, then release the record button.
- 7. Press and release the desired message location. Begin speaking into the microphone to record the message.
- 8. Press and release the desired message location a second time to stop recording.
- 9. Repeat this process for other message locations.
- 10. Press the record button to turn the recording indicator light off and exit record mode.

#### **Using Core Messages**

The QuickTalker has three locations for Core Messages located at the top of the message grid. Core messages are highly useful words that are applicable across settings, and it is for this reason that the messages recorded in these locations will remain the same across all levels.

#### **Using Levels**

The QuickTalker provides 5 recording levels for increased flexibility.

- 1. Use the Level Selection button on the front of the QuickTalker to select a level.
- 2. Hold the record button on the back of the device until the recording indicator light lights up, then record the messages.
- 3. Once you have finished recording the messages for a level use the Level Selection button to choose a different level, and record a new set of messages.
- 4. When done recording press the record button to exit record mode.

#### **Clearing Messages**

Clearing messages on the QuickTalker can be done in two ways. You can clear all messages for a particular level or you can clear all messages across the device including the core messages. To clear all messages for one level:

- 1. Choose the level you would like to clear.
- 2. Press and hold the record button for about 10 seconds. At 10 seconds the QuickTalker will beep. This will clear the messages on the current level. Core messages and messages on other levels will not be cleared.

To clear all messages from the QuickTalker, including core messages:

 Press and hold the record button for 30 seconds. A series of beeps will play after 10 seconds, continue to hold the record button. After 30 seconds, a second series of beeps will play, you can now let go of the record button. This will erase all messages on all levels including the Core Messages.

#### **Locking Controls**

To lock the QuickTalker FT 23 press and hold the record and level buttons simultaneously for 5 seconds. All lights will flash twice. Repeat this process to unlock the controls.

#### PREPARATORY TREATMENT

Cleaning and disinfecting your AbleNet assistive technology devices between uses is essential to the health and safety of the user. To help fight against the spread of germs, here are some helpful steps to cleaning and disinfecting your AbleNet device.

Always be sure to wear the appropriate personal protective equipment such as protective gloves and safety glasses.

#### Cleaning Your Device

Before disinfecting your device, remove any dirt or debris that may be on the device.

- 1. Turn the device off and remove the batteries.
  - 1. Remove any large chunks, visible heavy dirt, or debris that is attached to the device.
- 2. Wipe down the device with cleaning wipes.
- 3. Use a cotton swab soaked with cleaner to get into any tight areas that were not accessible with the cleaning wipes.
- 4. Let the device completely dry.

#### **Disinfect Your Device**

Now that the device is clean, it is time to disinfect it. Changing protective gloves may be required before disinfecting the device to ensure no dirt or debris is transferred back to the device.

- 1. Make sure the device is still turned off and that the batteries are removed.
- 2. Use a clean towel or wipes with Virucidal, Bactericidal, Pseudomonacidal, Tuberculocidal, or Fungicidal to disinfect the surfaces of the device. It is important to note that these chemicals only disinfect when they are wet and should be left wet on the device for at least 4-minutes.
- 3. Use a cotton swab soaked with Virucidal, Bactericidal, Pseudomonacidal, Tuberculocidal, or Fungicidal to disinfect the tight areas that were not accessible with the towel or wipes. Make sure the chemical stays wet on the device for at least 4-minutes.
- 4. Let the device air-dry entirely before using it.

#### **TROUBLESHOOTING**

#### Does not play message(s)

If the QuickTalker FT 23 does not play a message, check the following:

- 1. Verify you have fresh alkaline batteries. We do not recommend any other battery chemistry.
- 2. Verify that QuickTalker FT 23 is turned on and the volume level is turned up.

#### OuickTalker FT 23 has low volume

When activated, QuickTalker FT 23 is too quiet.

- 1. Make sure QuickTalker FT 23 is turned up all the way.
- 2. Rerecord message. The louder the sound being recorded, the louder the sound will playback.

#### QuickTalker FT 23 will not change levels

- 1. Press and hold the record and level buttons simultaneously for 5 seconds. All lights will flash twice.
- 2. Try and change levels

#### PREVENTATIVE AND REGULAR MAINTENANCE

Clean the QuickTalker FT 23 if necessary. No scheduled maintenance is required.

#### REUSABLE

QuickTalker FT 23 should be sent back to the manufacturer for cleaning, testing and refurbishment before reuse with another patient.

#### DEVICES USED TOGETHER WITH

QuickTalker FT 23 is a self-contained speech communication device. No other devices connect to the QuickTalker FT 23.

#### PROPER DISPOSAL

QuickTalker FT 23 contains electronic components and should not be disposed of in your normal home or business waste collection. QuickTalker FT 23 should be disposed of with a licensed electronics recycler.

#### WHEN TO CONTACT A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL

If you have difficulty accessing the switches or need assistance with product placement.

Change in your condition.

#### NOTICE OF SERIOUS INCIDENT

Notice - If any serious incident has occurred while using this device, seek medical attention and then - please report to AbleNet, Inc and your competent authority of the member state in which you are in.