# Micro-Speak Plus 1GB Yellow (LC259)

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Please retain these instructions for future reference.

## Special warning

Please read these instructions carefully before use and retain for future reference.  A copy of this User Guide is also saved onto the memory within a folder called 'User Guide'.

**Please note:** Micro-Speak is not recommended for children under 3 years.

**Please note:** Do not allow this product to come into contact with water.  Micro-Speak contains a non-replaceable, rechargeable battery.

**Please note:** Please do not attempt to open the case and remove the battery. Warranty is void if the case is opened for any reason.

**Please note:** To avoid damaging your ears with excessive noise, please adjust the volume level before you listen to a track using earphones.

## Technical Specification

Recording format: MP3, 128kbps, Mono

Recording capacity: 15 hours, (using 1GB SD Card)

Memory size: 1GB Micro SD Card

Playback format: MP3

Built-in Battery: 500mAh Lithium-ion Polymer Battery

Battery Life: Approx. 3 hours recording or playback

Frequency response: 160Hz to 16kHz

Operating Temp: 0 to 40 Deg C

Storage Temp: -10 to +55 Deg C

Certification: UKCA, CE, FCC, RoHS and EN-71

Size: 105 x 60 x 22mm

## Getting started

The speaker and microphone are hidden behind the grill on the top half of the unit.  The Record Button is located below the speaker grill in a central position.  There is an LCD display below the Record Button and three navigation buttons are located below the LCD display.  These navigation buttons consist of a square Play/Pause button in the centre with the Previous Button located to the left and the Next Button to the right.

There are volume control buttons and an earphone socket located on the right side.  There is a memory card slot located on the left side.  The Power ON/OFF switch is located on the bottom edge to the left side.  A USB socket is located to the right of the Power Switch. Slide the Power Switch to the left position to turn ON and slide to the right to turn OFF.

Micro-Speak includes voice prompts and beeps to assist blind and low vision users with certain functions.

## Using the product

When using Micro-Speak for the first time, slide the Power Switch to the ON position.

After the Micro-Speak is powered ON, you will hear a voice prompt that will state it is ready to use followed by the status of the Battery. There are four battery levels, comprising of High, Medium, Low and Empty.

Micro-Speak will then go into 'Play Mode' and the pre-recorded welcome message will be ready to play.  The file name is Guide.MP3.  Press the Play Button once to hear the message and alter the volume to suit your requirements.

## Welcome Message

When using Micro-Speak for the first time, slide the Power Switch to the ON position. After the Micro-Speak is powered ON, you will hear a voice prompt that will state it is ready to use followed by the status of the Battery. There are four battery levels, comprising of High, Medium, Low and Empty.

Micro-Speak will then go into 'Play Mode' and the pre-recorded welcome message will be ready to play.  The file name is Guide.MP3.  Press the Play Button once to hear the message and alter the volume to suit your requirements.

## How to charge the battery

Before using your Micro-Speak for the first time, please charge the battery as follows.

1. Turn your Micro-Speak OFF and connect it to a USB port on a computer using the USB cable provided.
2. The battery icon on the screen will flash to indicate charging and then stop when fully charged. You will hear an audio prompt to confirm that the Micro-Speak is charging.
3. When the battery is fully charged, the battery icon will stop flashing.  Disconnect the cable when complete.

**Please note:** After the first charge, we suggest that you use up the power completely before you recharge. This process will help you to achieve a long battery life.

**Please note:** Your computer must be turned on for the Micro-Speak to charge using a USB socket.

**Please note:** As an alternative method of charging, you can connect your Micro-Speak to a USB Mains Plug Adapter using the cable provided. Plug adapter is not included with the product.

## How to record

1. Slide the Power Switch to ON and the light will turn green.
2. Press the Record button once, the light will turn red and you will hear 1 beep.  The screen will display the word RECORDING and the time lapse to indicate progress.
3. Speak clearly into the Microphone. Alter your distance from the microphone as required.
4. If you wish to pause your recording at any time, press the Play/Pause button.  You will hear 2 beeps to confirm that recording has paused.  To resume recording, press the Play/Pause button again and you will hear 1 beep to confirm that the recording has resumed.
5. When you have finished recording, press the Record button once and you will hear 3 beeps to confirm that your message has been saved. 'File saving...' will appear on the screen and the light will turn green.
6. Repeat the steps above to create additional recordings.
7. After each recording has been saved, Micro-Speak will automatically return to 'Play Mode' so it will be ready to play your recording instantly.  The file name will be displayed on line two of the screen.

**Please note:** Each saved recording will be given a unique file name. All the recordings will be saved onto the SD Card memory within a folder called RECORD.  If you have low vision, you may wish to add a voice note at the beginning of each recording. This will help you locate specific voice recordings when you are navigating.

## How to playback and pause

1. Press the Play/Pause button once to start the playback.
2. If you wish to pause the playback at any time press the Play/Pause button once. You will hear a voice prompt to confirm that the Playback has been paused. To resume playback press the Play/Pause button again.

**Please note:** When the sound file is playing, the file name will be displayed on screen line two and the time lapse on line three.

## How to Fast Forward and Fast Reverse

While a message is being played back you can press and hold the Next or Previous button. This will move the playback status back or forward at a fast rate to enable you to find a chosen time point. As you press and hold the button, the screen will display the time lapse to indicate your position within the message.

## How to navigate your recordings

While a recording is paused or being played back, press the Next or Previous button to select and play a different recording.  The screen will display the file name to help you find the recording you require.

## How to delete a recording

1. Select the recording you wish to delete and press the Play/Pause button.
2. While the recording is being played, press and hold the Play/Pause button.  You will hear a voice prompt to confirm the playback has been paused.  You will then be asked if you wish to delete the file or not, i.e. Yes or No.
3. Press the Previous or Next button to move the cursor onto either <YES> or <NO>.  When the cursor is on <NO> you will hear the word NO and when the cursor is on <YES> you will hear the word YES.  Press the Play/Pause button to confirm your choice and a voice prompt will confirm that the file has been deleted.  The screen will display File deleted.

**Please note:** You can also delete files by connecting your Micro-Speak to a Computer using the USB cable provided.

## Connect to a Computer or Mac

1. Connect your Micro-Speak to an available USB socket on a computer or Mac using the USB cable provided.
2. The first time Micro-Speak is connected to a computer; it might install the drivers and may require the computer to be rebooted depending on your operating system.
3. The computer or Mac will recognise Micro-Speak as a USB Storage Device and it will appear as 'MICRO-SPEAK' within the file explorer window.
4. Your recordings will appear in a folder named RECORD.  You can move or copy files to and from your computer as you would with any USB storage device.  Use the RECORD folder to store new files to play on your Micro-Speak, but please note that you can only playback files that are saved in MP3 format.

**Please note:** We advise you to save a back up your recordings on a regular basis to the hard drive of your computer.

## Volume Control

To increase the volume press the + button and to decrease the volume press the - button.

## Earphone Socket

Use the earphone socket on your Micro-Speak for personal listening, but please adjust the volume level before use.

## SD Card Memory Storage

Your Micro-Speak is fitted with a 1GB Micro SD Card. This will allow you to store the equivalent of 15 hours of recording time.  You can transfer other MP3 sound files onto your Micro-Speak, such as music or podcasts.

For normal use, the SD Card will not need to be removed or replaced, so we advise that you do not remove it.  The Micro-Speak will not operate without an SD Card inserted.

If you do wish to increase the memory storage of your Micro-Speak, you can replace the 1GB card with a new card that has a larger capacity of up to 16GB.

## Power Saving Mode

If your Micro-Speak is left with the power ON and not used for 15 minutes it will automatically power OFF.  –To turn the Micro-Speak back on again slide the power switch to OFF position and then to the ON position.

**Trouble Shooting**

Micro-Speak has been designed to work reliably in normal conditions, but it is possible that problems may occur. Please check the following suggestions before contacting us.

Problem: No green light and nothing on the screen?

Solution: Battery may be flat. Recharge the battery.

Problem: The file I downloaded from my computer will not play?

Solution: Micro-Speak will only play files in MP3 format.

Problem: Playback has frozen?

Solution: Try a reboot. Switch device OFF and ON.

Problem: I can't record?

Solution: The memory might be full. Try deleting some files.

Problem: No Memory error message appears on the screen?

Solution: This error will display when there is no SD Card in the slot. Check that the SD Card is fully inserted.

Problem: I have another issue or question?

Solution: Please contact Customer Services by sending an email to info@TalkingProducts.com

## Audacity Audio Editing Software

If you would like to edit your voice recordings, Talking Products who make the device recommend Audacity.  It is free and easy to use and allows you to cut, copy, convert, splice or mix sounds together.  Please visit www.AudacityTeam.org for more information.

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