

## VOICEPAL 8

### 1 Year Limited Warranty

Your Adaptation VOICEPAL 8 was carefully tested and inspected before it was shipped from the factory. We warrant this product to be free from defects in materials and workmanship under normal use and service for one (1) year from the date of purchase. In the event of a defect in materials or workmanship, we will either repair or replace without charge, at our option, any part which in our judgment shows evidence of such defect within one (1) year of purchase.

This warranty does not apply if the VOICEPAL 8 has been misused, abused, altered, or tampered with. At the end of the warranty period, Adaptation shall be under no further obligation expressed or implied.

For items needing repair, contact Adaptation's technical dept. to receive a required RMA# (return merchandise authorization number) prior to the return of the device.

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**Please clean your VOICEPAL 8 before returning it to Adaptation for service.**

This is not a medical device. It should not be used where incorrect operation could reasonably be expected to result in injury or worse!

# VOICEPAL 8 Operation Manual

Please Read Before Operating



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**Solution:** -Your batteries may be low. Check and replace the batteries if necessary.

-Adjust the volume to a lower level.

-Rerecord the messages in a quieter environment. Background noise may be affecting the recording.

**Problem:** When I press a switch, no message plays.

**Solution:** The VOICEPAL 8 may be set to use delayed activation. If so, press the switch for the required amount of time, or set Delayed Activation to 0 seconds.

**Delayed Activation:** Typically when a switch is pressed, the message plays back immediately. A delay can be added anywhere from 0 seconds up to 2.5 seconds. This means the switch must be held down for the delay period before a message plays. This is particularly helpful for several reasons. First, in the case of Taction Pads adhered to objects, it gives the operator time to identify the object being touched before the message plays. The person has time to feel each object to identify first. When the desired object is found, the operator holds his/her hand on it for the delay time, at which the VOICEPAL 8 activates. Delayed Activation is also helpful if a person drags his/her hand across a picture board or Switchboard before reaching the picture of choice. A message will play only if the person's hand stays on the switch for the delay period. A delay may also be set to allow an individual to gain eye contact with the listener before the message plays.

The delay is set by rotating the knob on the right side of the VoicePal 8. The farther clockwise the knob is rotated, the longer the delay. See figure 2.

## Troubleshooting

**Problem:** When I record a message, all I hear upon releasing the switch is a clicking noise.

**Solution:** Rerecord the message ensuring that while you are talking into the VOICEPAL 8 you are pressing the switch. If you inadvertently bump the switch while in Record mode the VOICEPAL 8 will record sound for a split second which sounds like a clicking noise when you play it back.

**Problem:** My VOICEPAL 8 seems to have quit working. It makes no sound when turned on and a switch is pressed.

**Solution:** Check the condition of the batteries. They may be too weak to function or may be improperly installed. Check to ensure the volume is turned up.

-Turn the VOICEPAL 8, completely remove the batteries and wait 20 seconds before reinstalling them. Turn the VOICEPAL 8 on and try recording and playing back a message again.

-Try plugging the switch into a different jack.

- Try another switch.

-If none of these work, the VOICEPAL 8 may need servicing. Contact Adaptivation for further assistance.

**Problem:** When the messages play back, they seem to be very distorted.

## Congratulations on purchasing the VOICEPAL 8 communication aid by Adaptivation, Inc.

To ensure successful operation of the VOICEPAL 8, please read and follow these operating instructions.

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### Your VOICEPAL 8 includes the following:

- (1) VOICEPAL 8 communication device
- (1) Pal Pad™ adaptive switch
- (1) Taction Pad™ adaptive switch
- (1) Instruction Manual
- (4) AAA Bateries

### Each VOICEPAL 8 was designed with these important features:

- \* Lightweight, yet rugged and durable construction
- \* Capacity for up to eight 11-second messages
- \* Battery powered (four AAA batteries, included) for safety and convenience
- \* Long battery life
- \* External speaker jack
- \* Delayed Activation
- \* Repeat Message Mode
- \* Volume Control

### Preview

Your VOICEPAL 8 has the capacity to digitally record up to eight 11-second messages, which are activated by most adaptive switches. Located on the right side of the device are eight jacks which allow up to eight external switches to be connected to the VOICEPAL 8.

Although there are eight jacks for eight possible switches, you need only insert the number of switches you intend to use. As your messaging needs grow, more switches can be added. The VOICEPAL 8 is well suited for use among multiple users. One person can use, for example, messages 1 through 4 and another can use messages 5 through 8. Or one person could use, say, messages 1, 2 and 3 for a morning activity, 4, 5 and 6 for an afternoon activity and 7 and 8 for a social activity.

An external speaker jack is provided on the right side edge of the VOICEPAL 8 for connection to an external speaker source.

## OPERATING YOUR VOICEPAL 8

### Battery Installation

1. Check to ensure that your VOICEPAL 8 is turned off by rotating the VOLUME/POWER knob until the click is felt.
2. With the device lying face down, open the rear battery compartment cover by removing the single Phillips head screw.
3. Properly insert four AAA size batteries. (Inside the battery compartment are “+” and “-” symbols that indicate the proper polarities).
4. Replace the battery compartment cover and secure it with the single Phillips head screw (taking care not to overtighten).

Adaptivation recommends using only Alkaline AAA batteries to ensure long battery life and consistent device operation.

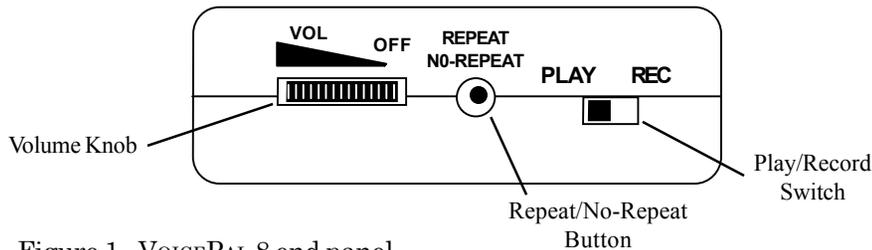


Figure 1. VOICEPAL 8 end panel.

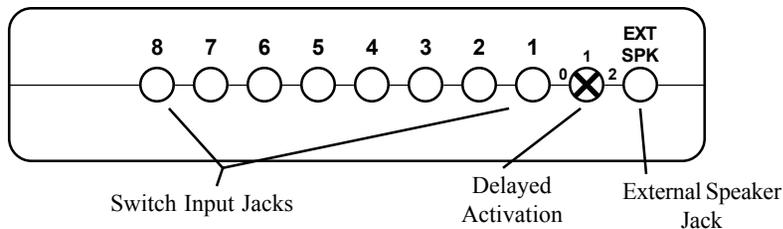


Figure 2. VOICEPAL 8 side panel.

### Recording a Message

1. Plug a switch into jack number "1" and turn on the power by rotating the VOLUME/POWER knob to mid-position.
2. Slide the RECORD/PLAY switch on the end of the VOICEPAL 8 (see Fig. 1) to the REC position.
3. Press down on the switch and speak your message clearly, about 12 inches away, into the front of the VOICEPAL 8 holding the switch until the message is finished. The message is automatically limited to a maximum of eleven seconds.
4. Upon releasing the switch, you should hear an automatic playback of the message verifying what you just recorded. If you do not hear the message, rerecord the message again, insuring you are in RECORD mode, the batteries are fresh and properly installed, and the volume is turned up.
5. When finished recording, slide the RECORD/PLAY switch to the PLAY position. Press and release the switch and your message will play back.
6. To record and play addition messages repeat steps 1 - 5 with additional switches plugged into other jacks.

Due to its low power consumption, the VOICEPAL 8 can be left on for extended periods without worry about rapidly discharging the batteries. When inactive, the unit is sleeping and powers-up when a switch is pressed. With normal use, a set of four alkaline batteries will last about six months.

### Special Features

**Repeat Mode:** When a message is selected, usually the switch is released once the message begins playing. If the operator holds the switch through the end of the message, one of two things will happen depending on the position of the Repeat Mode Switch (see figure 1). With the Repeat Mode on, the message will continue to repeat until the switch is released, or the message repeats 10 times. With the Repeat Mode off, the message will play only once, and will not play again until the switch is released and pressed again.

To toggle the Repeat Mode, press the button located on the end panel of the VOICEPAL 8 (see figure 1).