| ☑ Basic Information | Chat PC-SILK | Dynavox Xpress Dynavox Mayer-Johnson | Vantage Lite Prentke Romich Company (PRC) |
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| ✓ Cost✓ Eyegaze options | \$2395.00 - \$3995.00 | \$6900 No | \$7, 495 |
| ☑ Size / weight | Size: with rubber casing 3.25: x 5.6" x 1.6" without rubber casing 2.95" x 5.25" x 1.4" -Weight: 12.5 ox. w / rubber casing, 9 oz. w / o rubber casing | 6" x 4" x 1.75" / 1 lb 7 oz or 2 lbs 1 oz with extended battery | 8.7"w x 7.9"h x 1.6"d / w / handle is 8.7"w x 9.2"h x 1.6"d; 3 lbs. 6 ozs |
| ✓ Medicare version/code | Dedicated Plus (D+) ; \$3995; E2510 | Dedicated; E2510 | E2510; same |
| ☑ Funding/local reps available | Check with company for funding options and local reps in your state. | Company has funding and local representation available. | Company has funding and local representation available. |
| ☑ Device Groups☑ Device type | Dynamic Display | Integrated system & / or dynamic display | Dynamic disply |
| ✓ Device style✓ Input/Selection | Palmtop tablet with onscreen & plug-in keyboard (optional) | Tablet style with onscreen keyboard & plug-in keyboard | Tablet style with onscreen keyboard; color options black, blue, green, pink, grape |
| Method ☑ Selection method | Direct Select (with finger, does not require stylus) | Touch enter and exit, scanning | Direct select, scan (visual & auditory), head-controlled device, joystick, mouse emulation, PRC's Bluetooth Wireless Switch |
| ☑ Types of scanning | | visual and auditory scanning | Single / dual switch, linear, row-column, column / row, block scan, step, latched, joystick |
| ✓ Symbols/Language representation ✓ Symbols/Language representation | Pictures, alphabet, PCS, Imagine, import digital | Pictures / words / letters / visual scenes; | Unity icons / words / alphabet, Clarity |
| | photos, symbolstix | InterAACT symbols (combination of DynaSyms & PCS; import own graphics / pictures; Tango's Phrase-First Language | symbols, PCS symbols (option); import digital pictures |
| ✓ Rate enhancement ✓ Rate enhancement | Prestored messages, Plus model includes prediction (word, letter), abbrevation expansion | Prestored messages, word / phrase prediction | Prestored messages, Unity (semantic compaction), word / picture prediction |
| ✓ Key size & message screen info ✓ Message bar information | Text in various font sizes, colors, and styles | Pictures, words, letters; highlight word options | Words / letters |
| Size of message keys# message keys/page | User selectable User selectable | User selectable User selectable | |
| ✓ Level changes✓ # of levels | Hundreds of pages | Multiple pages | |
| ✓ Changing levels✓ Speech output | Linked pages | Linked pages | |
| ✓ Speech output ✓ Voices & languages | Synthesized & Digitized (several hours) NeoSpeech, DecTalk, | Synthesized and digitized speech AT&T Natural Voices, | Synthesized, Digitized - 60 minutes |
| Voices & languages | Acapela, or Loquendo (US English, UK English, Spanish, French, German and Italian) synthesized speech | Acapela HQ Voices, Loquendo Voices, Microsoft Voices | Scansoft synthesized voices |
| ✓ Accessories ✓ Accessories | Carry case (extra) | Carry case, Bluetooth wireless keyboard, external USB keyboard, AccessIt (to control | Includes: CD-ROM, wire stand, USB cable and USB flash drive, carrying handle, |
| ✓ Keyguards | Order from Turning Point; also has delay on screen | Windows based keyboard), switch interface adapter Various sizes | 8, 15, 45, 60, 84 location clear keyguards |
| ✓ Other ✓ Environmental controls | not available | Infrared Remote | IR (InfraRed such as TV, DVD, CD players, |
| ✓ Printer capabilities | not available | | IR phones, etc.) Connect to computer, do computer |
| ✓ Telephone access | speakerphone | Speaker phone | emulation, and then do from computer Speaker phone; |
| | | | integrated Bluetooth connectivity for hands-free phone interface, version 5.03 includes Bluetooth connectivity with Bluetooth enabled cell phone |
| ✓ Activity log | not available | Yes | LAM; Language Activity Monitering Software |
| ☑ Media available | | | Built-in stereo players; import and play WAV, WMA & MP3 files |
| Software/applications ✓ Communication software available | Desktop Chat | InterAACT; Tango's Phrase First, PCS | Unity (manufacturer provides / supports) Unity 45, Unity 60, Unity 84, WordCore 45 and 84, Extra: WordPower |
| ✓ Programming | On device or on computer with DesktopChat program | on device | On device, or PASS: PRC Application and Support Software on PC |
| ☑ Premade vocabulary available | PalmChat, VocabPC, 16 Basic, 16 Primary, Saltillo Sampler, Spelling, My Quick Chat Essence | Yes | Unity (manufacturer provides / supports) Unity 45, Unity 84, WordCore 45 and 84, Extra: WordPower, 4 / 8 / 15 location pages |
| ✓ Programs included | | INterAAACT | |
| ✓ Power storage✓ Battery information | 8 hours continuous; Rechargeable extended life lithium-ion (not replaceable in field) | Rechargeable Lithium Ion Standard: 2 3.5 hour swappable or Extended: 8 hours | 5-7 hours Standard Configuration; over 8 hours with Extra Capacity Bettery Pack |
| ☑ Back up storage | On memory card and on desktop computer | 8GB of Flash memory | USB flash memory and Secure Digital card slot |
| ☑ Extra power | Extended battery built-in doubles normal useage time | | 8 hours with Extra Capacity Bettery Pack |
| ✓ Hardware info✓ Screen information | 4.0 diagonal Sunlight readable | 5" diagonal | 8.4", with new "high brightness" display with LED backlight and wide viewing angle |
| ☑ Speaker / microphone / earphone | Speaker built-in; microphone built-in, earphone jack | High-quality, front- firing speakers | Built-in speaker / mic / earphone; Integrated Bluetooth connectiviey for external stereo speakers / headphones |
| ☑ Additional Input/Output Options | | 1 USB 2.0 Port 1 Audio Port 1 Infrared Port Bluetooth | Bluetooth connectivity to Bluetooth computer module, phone or switch |
| ✓ Controls✓ Volume control | Software accessible & hardware (buttons on side) | external volume control | Available in every user area, and in Toolbox |
| ✓ Power on/off✓ Computer | Button on front; auto-shut down | Button | Button, auto power down is an option |
| specifications ☑ Computer access / Operating System | PocketPC; HP PocketPC | AccessIT can access external computers | Integrated Bluetooth connectivity for computer access with Bluetooth module |
| ☑ Computer specs | | | Not applicable, but can access computer |
| ✓ Internet✓ Access software | | Wi-Fi | not needed |
| ✓ Manufacturer's info ✓ Warranty information | 12 month warranty | 1 year DynaCare all-inclusive guarantee; | Warranty Information: Devices purchased after |
| | | ya nem | October 1, 2009 have a two year warranty. Extended warranty is available; some include loaners. Devices purchased prior to that date have a one year warranty. |
| ✓ Funding assistance available | Yes - in most situations | Yes, in most situations. | Yes - for most situations; Funding Submission Assistant |
| ☑ Product support | Telephone / email, some local distributors | Telephone / email, local reps, how-to vidio tutorials on the device, on-line & video-based training on device, remote technical support | Telephone / email, online help & training, local reps / classes, clinical tools |
| ☑ Date released/upgrades | October 2008 | Sept. 2009 | Released Fall 2008; current version 5.05 (June 2010) , free USB update available at www.prentrom.com |
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