



... providing affordable communication solutions for non-speaking individuals



### CHATBOX-1



ChatBox voice output communication device combines the use of meaningful pictorial images with the latest technology to enable people who cannot speak to communicate easily and quickly with their families, friends and others. The newly enhanced ChatBox is designed for use by any individual who experiences cognitive and language limitations, brain disorders, cerebral palsy or conditions that result in temporary loss of speech.

The ChatBox can be programmed for the appropriate vocabulary, voice and native tongue of their user. It can be utilized effectively by individuals of any age as a primary aid to daily communication or as a "first" communication aid from which one transitions to a more flexible system.

ChatBox is an affordable, entry-level device which introduces a non-speaking individual to electronic voice aids. It is the only low-cost communication device that uses Minspeak, a language system based on combining multi-meaning icons to generate naturally spoken output via words, phrases or sentences. By organizing vocabulary around activities and situations, the beginning aided communicator is provided with sufficient vocabulary for use at home, school, work or play.

#### **Multiple Overlays**

ChatBox can contain up to four, customizable vocabulary overlays.

#### **Easy Use of Icons**

A small light, (LED), in the upper corner of each key makes it easy to locate stored messages and to use the correct icon sequence.

#### **Most Effective Language**

Minspeak is by far the most successful technique for communicating with augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices. ChatBox is the only low-cost communication aid using Minspeak.

**Single-Switch Scanning**

Individuals who cannot press the keys on ChatBox can use a variety of switches to activate messages. Row/column scanning and linear scanning are both available.

**Safeguards**

If a key isn't illuminated, it can't be activated. This makes it easier for people with poor motor skills or limited cognitive or language skills to relay the correct message without accidentally hitting the wrong key.

**High-Quality Speech**

ChatBox can be programmed with up to 10 minutes of speech. A built-in microphone enables easy recording of messages by a family member, teacher, instructional aid, volunteer or other chosen voice representative.

**Light and Portable**

Weigh only 1.5 lbs. and measure 5.75: x 7.5".

**ChatBox (CB-1)**

The newest model includes more than three times the memory of earlier models, plus additional battery life, higher quality speech and row/column scanning as an additional input technique.

**ChatBox Accessories**

**Carrying Case with Window...**

Padded material and an adjustable shoulder strap make the carrying case an attractive and practical way to carry the ChatBox. The case includes a clear vinyl access panel which allows the ChatBox to be used while inside the carrying case. The case is available with a waist belt instead of a shoulder strap if so desired.

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**UniChat: 16...**

A variation of Prentke Romich Company's popular Unity program, UniChat: 16 uses a unique combination of core and activity-specific vocabulary. This optional program comes with 10 overlays used for a variety of activities ranging from cooking and game playing to vocational and relationship activities. Teaching strategies and customization ideas are included with each program to provide guidance and save time for the person responsible for providing instruction to the user.

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**Blank**

A set of 4 blank overlays for customization .

**Overlays...**

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**Computer**

A set of 10 sheets (20 overlays) which already have the LED holes and perimeter perforations. Use a drawing program to create your own overlays, print them, and then punch them out and use them on ChatBox. The OV-C20 is compatible with Mayer Johnson Board Maker

**Printer**

**Overlays...**

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**Extra**

An additional battery charger is helpful when the ChatBox is being used in more than one location or when the original battery charger is lost.

**Battery**

**Charger...**

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**Battery Pack...**

The battery pack fit is specific to the model of the ChatBoxes. Model must be specified when ordering. Changing the

battery takes approximately 15 minutes. Instructions are included. If you prefer that Saltillo Corporation change the battery pack, call us at 1-800-382-8622 for a return authorization number.

#### SPECIFICATION

Medicare classifies the ChatBox-1 as a Speech Generating Device (SGD) and covers it as durable medical equipment within Part B benefits. The ChatBox-1 fits into the Medicare HCPC coding of **E2502**. This HCPC coding system is used to determine the allowable reimbursement by Medicare. Reimbursement rates are typically updated quarterly and can be found on the Medicare web site or by contacting Saltillo Corporation.

#### HOW TO BUY

ChatBox-1 can be purchased from many of Saltillo's domestic and international [distributors](#) or in our online Silver Kite [e-shop](#). Retail price of ChatBox-1 is \$495.

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