



Introducing **ALT-Chat**

Saltillo Corporation is delighted to announce **ALT-Chat**, the newest member of the ChatPC family. ALT-Chat brings all the exciting features of the ChatPC to a brilliant 7" dynamic display. This compact communication device measures just 7.3" x 7.3" x 1.8", weighs only 2 lbs. 8 oz., and is available in three colors.

Saltillo introduced the original ChatPC in 2001 and has set the standard in PDA-based communication ever since. In 2008 Saltillo introduced additional vocabulary options, two new hardware models and the choice of three voice synthesizers. This year the ChatPC family continues to expand as the ALT-Chat joins the product line. ALT-Chat continues the tradition of offering powerful communication in a very portable package.

ALT-Chat offers all of the communication features of the PDA based ChatPC products. For individuals using symbols to communicate, this includes the ability to use photos or choose from the 10,000+ symbols that are included with the ALT-Chat. It allows maximum flexibility for customizing the appearance and size of the buttons and the number of buttons on a page. A number of pre-stored vocabulary page sets are included to meet the communication needs of a wide variety of individuals. Communicators who spell will appreciate features such as word and letter prediction, abbreviation/expansion and grammar buttons.

ALT-Chat provides both digitized (recorded) and synthesized (computer generated) speech. A choice between three voice synthesizers allows the speech output to meet the needs and lifestyle of the individual. *NeoSpeech* offers high quality voice synthesis in American English. *Loquendo* offers speech synthesis in six different languages, while *DECTalk* offers the classic voices of AAC, including a child's voice.

The hardware platform for the ALT-Chat is Prentke Romich Company's Springboard Lite. This robust device has a brilliant 7" color display, switch access ports, excellent audio quality and other features you expect on a full featured, dedicated communication device.



Scanning

In addition to touch screen access, ALT-Chat has a full complement of visual and auditory scanning capabilities. The user interface allows one to easily adjust various timing aspects, scanning patterns and switch input options to take advantage of each individual's unique capabilities.



PalmChat Improvements

Nancy Inman M.A.T., CCC-SLP and Janet Lehr M.S., CCC-SLP, the developers of PalmChat, have taken advantage of ALT-Chat's larger screen to make their popular vocabulary program even more powerful. The 7" display has allowed them to increase the number of buttons on each page by 20% and still allow easy access. Improved page layouts have made more vocabulary available with less navigation. A new QWERTY keyboard has been added to improve spelling and word prediction capabilities.

Language Capabilities

ALT-Chat meets the language and vocabulary needs of a wide variety of individuals.

For the beginning communicator, you can customize pages with photos of the child's friends and environment. Messages can be recorded or spoken through the voice synthesizer. Buttons can be made as large or as small as you like.

ALT-Chat Plus also provides for the needs of those who have more sophisticated communication needs. A number of page sets are included for various language levels and applications. PalmChat provides the power to create sentences 'on-the-fly'. Spelling keyboards and word prediction give ultimate flexibility for individuals who are literate. The small size and unique features of the ALT-Chat allow this device to serve the needs of ambulatory individuals as their communication needs evolve.

3 Models Available

ALT-Chat Standard

The standard model is the perfect choice for someone who will primarily be using symbols for communication. Although this model includes text-to-speech and speech synthesis, other text enhancement features like word prediction and abbreviation/expansion are not included.

ALT-Chat (standard) ----- \$3495
Specify Neospeech, Loquendo or DECtalk speech

ALT-Chat Plus

The Plus model is designed for individuals with existing or emerging literacy skills. In addition to all of the features of the standard model, ALT-Chat Plus includes word prediction, abbreviation/expansion and file editing capabilities.

ALT-Chat Plus ----- \$3995
Specify Neospeech, Loquendo or DECtalk speech

ALT-Chat Dedicated Plus

The Dedicated Plus model meets Medicare SGD (E2510) guidelines. This model also includes all of the communication features of the standard and Plus models and includes a **3 year warranty**.

ALT-Chat D-Plus ----- \$4995
Specify Neospeech, Loquendo or DECtalk speech

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