# TALKING HEARTS™

MP3  REC

V1.0

USB Socket (Inside Battery Compartment)
Lanyard Loop
Microphone
MIC

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OFF ON
A B

Power Switch
Red Light (Recording Indicator)
Wall Mounting Holes
Mode Switch
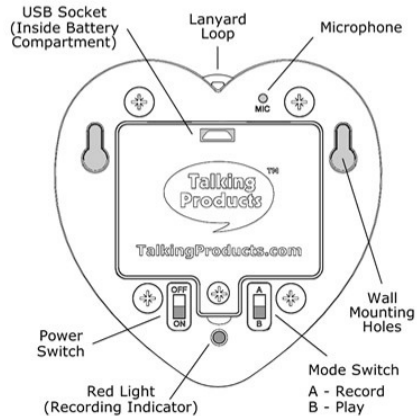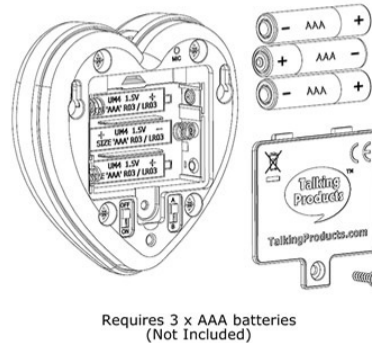A - Record
B - Play

## How to insert and remove batteries

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Requires 3 x AAA batteries (Not Included)

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Please read these instructions carefully and retain for future reference. Please refer to the diagrams overleaf to insert batteries and locate features.

### How to record a message

**1.** Slide the ON-OFF switch to the ON position. Slide the Mode Switch to the 'A' position, (Record).

**2.** Squeeze and hold the heart for more than two seconds, and the red light will illuminate to indicate that recording has begun.

**3.** Speak into the microphone at a distance of approx 15cm, (6 inches), and release the heart when you have finished recording.

**NOTE:** Ensure the heart remains squeezed together so that the red light remains on whilst you are recording. You will hear one 'beep' to indicate recording has begun and then two 'beeps' when recording has finished.

**4.** Repeat these steps to record additional messages.

### How to playback a message

Slide the Mode Switch to the 'B' position, (Play). Squeeze the heart once and release. If you wish to stop the playback at any time squeeze again.

The heart will playback one message from all the stored files. Files will playback randomly, not in sequence.

### Volume control and sound quality

You can adjust the playback volume by changing the distance you speak from the microphone.

It is recommended that you record your message in a quiet place away from any background noise.

Recording close to electronic equipment or air conditioning units can affect recording quality.

### Note

Your recorded message will be stored and preserved forever, even if the batteries are depleted or replaced.

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### Storage Capacity

All messages will be stored on the internal memory. Memory size is 8MB, which will provide approximately 8 minutes of recording time.

### How to download an MP3 sound file

**1.** Remove batteries from the battery compartment. Slide the Power Switch to the ON position. Connect the Heart to an available USB socket on a Computer or Mac using the USB cable supplied.

**2.** The first time the Heart is connected to a Computer it might install the drivers and may require the Computer to be rebooted depending on your operating system. Your Computer will recognise the Heart as a removable 'USB Drive'.

**3.** 'Copy & Paste' your chosen MP3 file/s from your Computer onto the Heart. If the transfer is successful you will see your MP3 files in the removable 'USB Drive' folder. Please see troubleshooting tips overleaf.

NOTE: When you connect the Heart to a computer, you will also see your voice recordings located in the folder. These will be named REC001.mp3, REC002.mp3 etc.

### How to remove a sound file

There are two methods available to remove/delete sound files from the memory inside the Heart, as follows:

**i.** Slide the Mode Switch to the B position. Select and play the sound file you wish to remove. Whilst that file is playing, press and hold the Heart for 4 seconds. The Red Light will flash twice to indicate that the sound file has been deleted. Repeat one by one to delete additional sounds from the memory.

**ii.** Connect the Heart to your Computer with a USB cable and delete the required sound file/s from the list in the 'USB Drive' folder.

Special note for MAC users. When you delete unwanted sound files from the Heart please also ensure that you delete the files from your computer's Recycle Bin. This will ensure the files have been completely removed.

### Important Note

If you need to format your Heart, please use a Windows PC using FAT or FAT32. Please DO NOT format using a MAC computer, this will permanently damage the Heart and it can not be repaired.

### Trouble Shooting

**a.** If you experience a problem when connecting your Heart to your computer, please check the plugs and sockets to see if the cable is fully connected or has become damaged. Please also check if you are using the correct USB cable because some USB cables do not allow you to transfer data files. Try using a different cable to connect.

**b.** The Heart will only play sound files saved in MP3 format. The total file size can not exceed the 8MB capacity. We recommend that your MP3 file is MONO, 128kbps, 44.1kHz, 16 Bit. Please also ensure that your file name does not include any symbols, such as - # " > * + / etc.

**c.** If your MP3 file/s is larger than 8MB, try editing it to make the file size smaller. Editing methods could include, i) Reducing the playback time, ii) Changing the sound file from Stereo to Mono, or iii) Altering the sample rate.

Please contact us if you require more help with audio editing.

**d.** MP3 files that have been created using iTunes are not compatible. iTunes MP3 files use different coding, so please try using another software program to convert your files to MP3.

**e.** If the battery power becomes low, you will experience sound distortion and/or incomplete playbacks. Replace with new high quality batteries.

### Safety Information

This product is not suitable for children under 3 years. Small Parts. Choking Hazard. Do not immerse this product in water. Do not attempt to dismantle this product in any way. Use only new batteries of the stated size and type. Do not mix old and new batteries or different types of batteries. To avoid risk of explosion, do not heat or dispose of batteries in a fire.

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