

INSTRUCTION MANUAL



Turning the System On

Please ensure you have the system connected to the mains supply, then switch on the Amplifier labelled as ALAS Amplification, then turn on the ALAS Messaging Unit via the switch on the right-hand side of the unit (Diagram 17 below).

Activating Audible Lockdown Alert

Press the illuminated red Lockdown Button on the front panel and the lockdown alert will sound until the button is pressed again.

Activating Wet Break Message

Press the Blue Button labelled Wet Break Message on the front panel once and this will play the wet break message. If you would like it to sound a second time press the button again once the message has finished.

Recording a message (Before doing this please see the notes below in RED)

As described above, any mp3 file can be re-named to "T003...T099" on a computer and stored in the MUSIC folder on the SD card.

<u>DO NOT replace T001</u> this is the specially recorded Lock Down Alert, and T002 is the Wet Break message. In the event you delete these messages contact your system provider immediately.

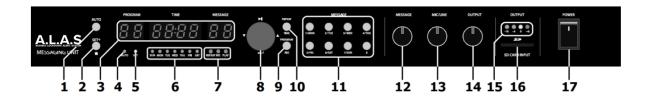
We recommend you do not replace messages highlighted in red below as these will be programmed into your system, removing these or recording messages in their locations could have unexpected results.

- T001 Lockdown Alert (General All Schools)
- T002 Wet Break Message
- T003 Alternative Lockdown Message (Return to Form Rooms)
- T004 Alternative Lockdown Message (Code Blue)
- T005 Empty
- T006 Electronic Tone Session Change
- T007 Hand Bell Session Change
- T008 Empty
- T009 Empty
- T010 Background Music Classical 1 Hour
- T011 Background Music Easy Listening 1 Hour
- TO12 Background Music Easy Listening Instrumental 4 Hours

Alternatively, a track can be recorded directly from the Mic/Line input by pressing the REC (9) button and selecting a track number on the Data Dial (8) - pressing the Data Dial starts the record cycle with a 3 second countdown shown on the display (i.e. "-3, -2, -1")

<u>DO NOT Select 01</u> this is the specially recorded Lock Down Alert, and 02 is the Wet Break Message. In the event you record over these messages contact your system provider immediately.

Begin speaking into the microphone (or playing audio) connected to the Mic/Line input and press the Stop button (2) when finished.



- 1. AUTO enable
- 2. Stop playback or SET+ with other buttons
- 3. Program/Time/Message display
- 4. AUTO status indicator
- 5. SET status indicator
- 6. Days indicators
- 7. REPEAT/REC/PLAY status indicators
- 8. Data dial press for Play/Pause or Enter
- 9. RECORD press with SET+ for PROGRAM edit

- 10. REPEAT playback press with SET+ for TIME setting
- 11. 1-8 message select or Mon-Sun day select
- 12. Message output level
- 13. Mic/Line output level
- 14. Master output level
- 15. Output level indicator
- 16. SD card slot
- 17. Power switch

Playback of Music/Background Music

To play a recorded or stored track, turn the Data Dial to a track number and playback will start automatically and stop when finished.

The tracks included in your system already out of the box are:

- T010 Background Music Classical 1 Hour
- T011 Background Music Easy Listening 1 Hour
- T012 Background Music Easy Listening Instrumental 4 Hours

Complete list of included messages on your system below indicates what will happen if you select the track as detailed below. The system has all critical messages in the first 4 messages, and then the session change in locations 6 & 7, there are then 2 empty locations, so you do not have to scroll past them and accidentally trigger an instance of them when trying to play background music. If you are worried about sending one of these messages whilst scrolling through the system, turn down [12. Message Output Level] for a short time and return it to the original set level when the system was installed. Not turning this level back up may result in an ALERT not being loud enough!

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Alternatively, pressing one of the track 1-8 select buttons (11) will directly play the selected track. Pressing the REPEAT button (10) before or during playback will cause the REPEAT LED to light and the track to loop continuously. Pressing the Data Dial will pause the current track and pressing again will resume playback.

Turning the Data Dial during playback will skip to the next or previous track and pressing the Stop button will stop playback.

Programming a Schedule/Session Change

The ALAS MESSAGING SYSTEM can provide automated playback of any track at a pre-set time of day on selected days of the week.

To program a schedule, hold down the SET+ button (2) and press the REC/PROGRAM button (9) and the display will show "-- --:-- --"

Turning the Data Dial will enter a number 1-99 in the (flashing) PROGRAM field. Press the Data Dial when the required program is set.

Turn the Data Dial to set the (flashing) Hour value and press again to set the Minute value by turning the Data Dial again.

Next, turn the Data Dial to select the (flashing) track number for playback at the specified time of day.

Note Pre-Installed on the system is an electronic tone Track 06 and an old school bell Track 07.

Selecting REPEAT (10) for a schedule will loop the track until another schedule comes into effect or the STOP button is pressed.

Finally, choose the required days of the week by pressing on or off 1/MON, 2/TUE, 3/WED, 4/THU, 5/FRI, 6/SAT, 7/SUN buttons.

Indicators for the selected active days will flash below the main display. (Note: pressing "8" will clear the schedule for that program).

Pressing the Data Dial again will return to the program number. Turn the Data dial to select the next program to be edited.

Repeat the above steps for all required scheduled playbacks and when finished, press the SET+ button to exit the Program mode.

Once all schedule programs are edited, they will be set active by pressing the AUTO button (1) and "AU" will show in the display.

Setting the Current Time

To set the time, hold down the SET+ button (2) and press the REPEAT/TIME button (10). The time will show with the hour flashing.

Turning the Data Dial will change the hour and pressing the Data Dial will switch between hours and minutes, which are set likewise.

During this process, the day of the week can be selected using the 1/MON, 2/TUE, 3/WED, 4/THU, 5/FRI, 6/SAT, 7/SUN buttons.

When the current time and day are set, press the SET+ button to exit the time setting mode.

Using the PA Microphone.

Press the button on the base and with your mouth close to the microphone speak clearly, press the button again when you have finished speaking into the microphone.

The Volume for this can be adjusted by rotating 13. Mic/Line Output Level.

PLEASE NOTE:

Do not adjust the volume control on the amplifier as this may alter your sound levels in the event of an alert. Please contact your A.L.A.S. provider for technical assistance.