

A.L.A.S

AUDIBLE LOCKDOWN ALERT SYSTEM

INSTRUCTION MANUAL



A.L.A.S System MK II

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



1. Programmable Message Playback Button (Plays the message once when pressed)
2. Lock Down Button
3. Lock Down Button
4. Lock Down Button

To activate Audible Lock Down Alert, press the desired button 2,3 or 4 for the correct level of lockdown. These are latching buttons and they lock into place and the message will play until you press the button again. The instance of the message playing will continue until it is finished.

The Green Programmable Button (Wet Break, School Closing, End of lock down etc.)

Button 1 on the front panel when pressed will play the message assigned to T005 on the system. This only plays once as this is a momentary button and does not latch when pressed. This can be used for a wide range of messages, wet break, School Closing or if you have a frequent announcement that requires a single press rather than somebody having to use the PA microphone.

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.

DO NOT replace T001, T003, T004 these are specially recorded Lock Down Alerts, and T005 is the Green Button Message. In the event you delete these messages and your system is not operating properly contact your system provider immediately.

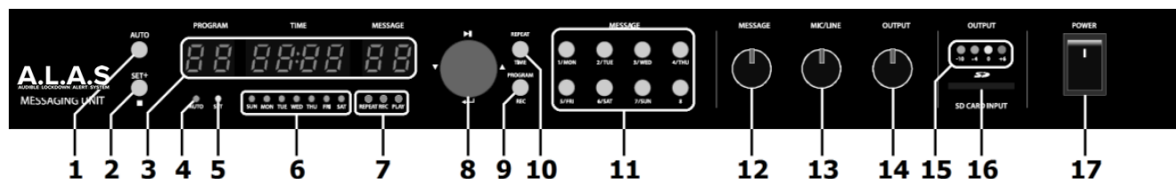
We recommend you do not replace messages highlighted in Red, Amber, Blue below as these will be programmed into your system, removing these or recording messages in their locations could have unexpected results when activating a lockdown.

- **T001 - Lockdown Alert (General All Schools) RED BUTTON**
- **T002 – Does not support Latching Buttons – NOT USED**
- **T003 - Alternative Lockdown Message (Return to Form Rooms) AMBER BUTTON**
- **T004 - Alternative Lockdown Message (Code Blue) BLUE BUTTON**
- **T005 – Wet Break – GREEN BUTTON**
- 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
- T012 - 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”)

DO NOT Select 01,03,04 These are the specially recorded Lock Down Alerts, and 05 is the Green Button 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.



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| 1. AUTO enable | 10. REPEAT playback - press with SET+ for TIME setting |
| 2. Stop playback or SET+ with other buttons | 11. 1-8 message select or Mon-Sun day select |
| 3. Program/Time/Message display | 12. Message output level |
| 4. AUTO status indicator | 13. Mic/Line output level |
| 5. SET status indicator | 14. Master output level |
| 6. Days indicators | 15. Output level indicator |
| 7. REPEAT/REC/PLAY status indicators | 16. SD card slot |
| 8. Data dial - press for Play/Pause or Enter | 17. Power switch |
| 9. RECORD - press with SET+ for PROGRAM edit | |

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.

Resources

Product Overview Video on the ALAS Website

<http://www.soundinnovations.uk/school-lockdown-system-information-training-videos/>

Product Overview Video on Vimeo direct.

<https://vimeo.com/257468719>

How to activate the Lockdown Alert System

<https://vimeo.com/257469918>

How to use the ALAS PA Microphone

<https://vimeo.com/257470989>

How to set Session Change

<https://vimeo.com/257470670>

How to activate the Wet Break Message Announcement

<https://vimeo.com/257470423>