# Talking Timer ES0099

# Product Instructions

# General description

This pocket-sized timer and clock has an optional synthetic female voice with six alarms. Timer counts down/up in hours, minutes and seconds to a maximum of 23 hours 59 minutes and 59 seconds and the small clip on the back allows you to stand it on a table or attach to your person.

# Orientation

## Front

Position the timer in front of you so that the LCD is facing towards you. The timer has six narrow rectangular-shaped buttons underneath the display, in two rows of three buttons, from left to right as follows:

First row: **HR (Hours),** **MIN (minutes)** and **SEC (seconds).**

Second row: **CLEAR, MEMORY, START/STOP**

Underneath these buttons, forming the bottom quarter of the front, is a cover which has to be opened to expose the third row of buttons.

To do this, firmly grasp the top end of the timer with one hand and then with your other hand, locate the two ridged areas on each edge of the timer, towards the bottom edge. Pull the cover down and then fold it back 90 degrees to use it as the stand. Now the cover is opened the third row of buttons are visible.

On the left is a two-way slide-switch with a ridge in the middle of the switch. This is the **REPEAT** switch. Left setting is **YES** and right setting is **NO**.

To the right of this switch are a further two narrow rectangular buttons. The left button is **VOICE ON/OFF** and the right button is **SOUND**.

Press the **VOICE ON/OFF** button to toggle between voice on (denoted by two beeps) and voice off (one beep). You can also check if the voice is on by pressing the **SEC** button when using the count-down timer mode.

While in Countdown mode, pressing **SOUND** repeatedly allows you to cycle through the various sound options for the timer.

With the front of the timer still facing towards you locate the four-way slide-switch on the right edge of the timer, near to the bottom. This is used to set the different modes.

The four settings from top to bottom are as follows: **COUNT UP** (timer), **COUNT DOWN** (timer), **CLOCK** and **CLOCK SET**.

## Back

Located centrally on the back of the timer is the belt clip, which also acts as the stand. Push the top part of the clip (with the ridged texture) in towards the back of the timer, and the other end of the clip lifts up, allowing you to attach it to something.

Underneath this clip is a small U-shaped piece of metal can be pulled out carefully and slotted into the belt clip to form the stand for the timer.

**Warning:** The small U-shaped piece of metal can come away completely from the timer and may need to be re-inserted should this happen. Some people may need assistance, since a considerable degree of manual dexterity is needed to pinch the arms of the piece of metal together before re-inserting it in the holes. This small piece of metal should be kept out of the reach of children and pets at all times.

Underneath both the belt clip and metal U-shape is the timer’s battery compartment.

## Getting started

## Activating timer

To activate the timer, you must pull the small, clear plastic tab out of the battery compartment, which is situated under the belt clip on the back of the timer. The product will not function until this tab has been removed. If you have difficulty in pulling the tab, then you can remove the battery cover (please take care when doing this), and then take off the plastic tab, before replacing the cover.

## Product features

• Three independent functions: talking countdown timer, count up timer and talking clock.

• Six alarm sounds: cuckoo, bell, car horn, hopping coil, di di, whistling kettle.

• The auto-repeat function allows you to automatically re-start the countdown as many times as you want. A great feature for repetitive activities such as taking medicine.

• One memory function to store and recall your most frequently used countdown time.

• Designed for use on a desktop, magnetic attachment to a metal surface and can also be attached to a belt.

• Voice on/off – lets you turn off the voice announcements.

## Using the product

## Turning on/off the voice announcement

To turn on the voice, press the **VOICE ON/OFF** button until the timer beeps twice and the symbol of a horn facing left with a cross through it disappears from the display.

To turn off the voice, press the **VOICE ON/OFF** button and the timer beeps once. The symbol of a horn facing left with cross through it is shown on the display.

Please note: even if the voice is turned off, there will still be an alarm sound when counting down to 00:00:00.

## Countdown timer

Move the slide-switch on the right edge to the **COUNT DOWN** (2nd) setting.

Press the **HR, MIN** and **SEC** buttons on the top row to set the hour, minute and second respectively for countdown time. A voice announces the entered value (if voice switched on). If you press and hold these buttons the hours, minutes and seconds will advance quickly, although there will be no voice announcements.

## Starting countdown

Press **START/STOP** to start the countdown. The unit announces the time remaining to 00:00:00 according to the following schedule: for example “five minutes left”:

• Time remaining - more than 60 minutes- voice announcement: every hour.

• Time remaining - less than 60 minutes - voice announcement: every ten minutes.

• Time remaining – less than 10 minutes - voice announcement: every minute.

• Time remaining – less than 1 minute - voice announcement: every ten seconds.

• Time remaining – less than ten seconds - voice announcement: every second.

When countdown reaches 00:00:00, the alarm will sound for one minute and the unit will then count up and announces how much time it is over 00:00:00 according to the schedule above. For example the unit announces “2 minutes over” when it exceeds 00:00:00 by two minutes.

## Pausing/stopping countdown

To start or pause the countdown, press **START/STOP** during countdown. To resume, press **START/STOP** again.

## Resetting countdown time

To reset the countdown time, first stop the countdown (if it is still counting down) by pressing START/STOP, and then press CLEAR to reset to 00:00:00.

## Auto-repeat

This function allows you to re-start the countdown automatically after reaching 00:00:00. It is a very useful feature for repetitive activities such as taking medicine every four hours, doing a series of exercises, allowing ten minutes for each or checking experiments every 20 minutes.

1. Follow the previous instructions for setting the countdown timer.

2. Move the two-way **REPEAT** switch to **YES** (left) position.

3. Press **START/STOP** to start the countdown. The unit announces the time remaining to 00:00:00 and re-starts the countdown over and over again.

When counting down to 00:00:00, depending on the count-down time you set, different alarms will be used.

• Countdown set greater than two minutes: alarm sounds for 1 minute at 00:00:00.

• Countdown set 2 minutes greater than 10 seconds: alarm beeps twice at 00:00:00.

• Countdown less than 10 seconds: alarm beeps once at 00:00:00.

**Please note:** There is no alarm sound if voice is turned on.

## Using the memory function

One countdown time can be stored in the memory, which can be recalled by pressing the **MEMORY** button, thus eliminating repeated setting most-frequently-used countdown time.

To store the most-frequently-used countdown time in the memory, first set the countdown time, then press **MEMORY**. The word memory appears on the display, indicating that a countdown time has been stored in the memory.

To use the countdown time stored in the memory, press **MEMORY** to recall the memory and the display shows the word “memory” flashing. Press **START/STOP** to start the countdown.

To clear the memory, press **START/STOP** to stop the countdown (it is still counting down). Then press **MEMORY** to recall the existing memory, as shown by the word “memory” flashing on the display, followed by pressing CLEAR to clear the memory.

To store a new value for the memory, first clear the memory, then follow the previous steps to set a new value in the memory.

## Count up timer

There is no audible output with this facility.

Move the slide-switch on the right edge to **COUNT UP** (top setting).

Press **START/STOP** to start count up.

To stop or pause the count up, press **START/STOP**. To resume, press **START/STOP** again.

To reset to 00:00:00, first stop the count up, then press **CLEAR**.

The maximum count up time is 23 hours, 59 minutes and 59 seconds. When reaching 23:59:59, it will start counting up from 00:00:00 again.

Tip: There is no voice announcement for count up. However, if you want the voice announcement during count up, you can use the countdown function and set the time to one second. Then the unit will announce the count-up time as “over” after 00:00:00.

## Selecting alarm sounds

There are six alarm sounds used to alert you when countdown reaches 00:00:00. The sounds are as follows (with a corresponding symbol appearing on the display):

• Whistling kettle (picture of teapot)

• Cuckoo (picture of chicken head)

• Bell (picture of open book)

• Hopping coil (picture of coil)

• Car Horn (picture of car)

• Di, Di (picture of sound travelling)

To select an alarm sound, press the **SOUND** button repeatedly. The unit will play each alarm sound while showing its corresponding symbol on the display. You can select the alarm before starting the countdown or during the countdown.

When the countdown reaches 00:00:00 the alarm will sound for one minute. To stop the alarm, press any button.

**Please note:** The alarm sound is only for countdown. The alarm sound does not work in count-up or clock mode.

## Talking clock

## Setting the time

Move the slide-switch on the right edge to **CLOCK SET** (bottom setting).

Press **HR**, **MIN** and **SEC** to set the hours, minutes and seconds respectively. A voice announces the entered value. If you press and hold down any of these buttons, the hours, minute or seconds will advance quickly.

Move the slide-switch to **CLOCK** (third setting).

## Time announcement

With the slide-switch set at the **CLOCK** position, press any button (except **VOICE ON/OFF**) and the unit will announce the current time.

Tip: although there is no alarm for the clock, you can use the countdown timer to quickly set up the alarm time. For example, if you want to get up at 7am and the current time is 11pm (23:00), you can set 8:00 for the countdown timer and turn off the voice. The alarm will then go off at 7:00am (7:00) in the morning.

Using the count-up, count-down and clock

You can operate the count up, countdown and clock simultaneously without affecting each other. For example, you can start the countdown then switch to count up to start the count up then switch to clock. In clock mode, both countdown and count up are still running on the background as indicated by the flashing countdown and count up on the display while the time is shown on the display.

## Battery replacement

This unit is powered by 2 x AG13 alkaline batteries. If voice announcements sound weak or the display dims, replace the batteries.

Slide down the battery compartment cover, which is situated under the belt clip on the back of the unit.

Remove the old batteries and replace them with two new batteries, with their positive (flat) terminals facing upwards within the battery compartment.

Replace the battery cover.

**Please note:** Remove the batteries from the unit if you do not use the unit for a long period of time and never mix fresh batteries with old ones.