

## Messenger USBi

### Installation & User Manual

Note: All units support MP3 playback of up to 128Kbps @ 48KHz. Units with serial numbers starting with 15 or above will support the addition of WAV playback done in PCM 16-bit format.



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## **Introduction:**

The Messenger USBi is a state-of-the-art digital audio playback device designed to provide a continuous-play audio source for message-on-hold, background music, or any other audio application where high-quality audio playback is required. Messages are transferred from standard USB flash drives to internal NAND Flash memory. Once transferred, the USB stick is not required for operation.

## **Unpacking and Inspection:**

Before you begin installation, unpack and verify you have all of the correct parts.

- (1) Messenger USBi
- (1) USB flash drive
- (1) 12VDC @ 500mA power supply
- (1) Instruction manual
- (1) RCA to RCA cable
- (1) 1/8" Adapter
- (2) Wall mount screws
- (4) Rubber feet

If you are missing any of these parts STOP and call your dealer.

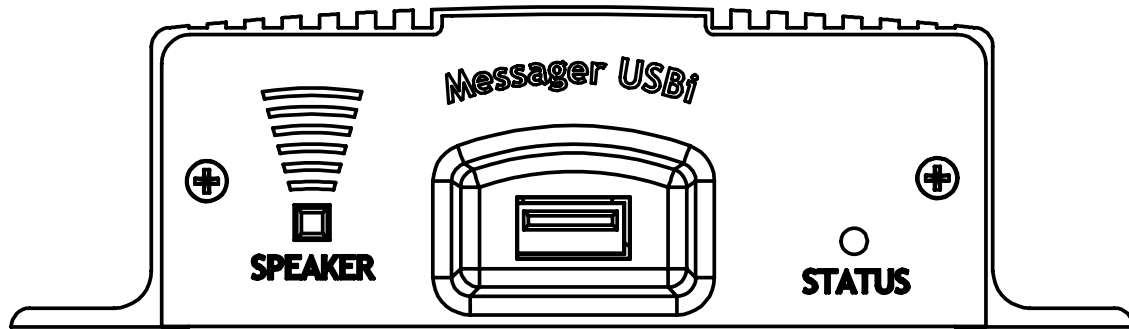
## **Important Notes:**

Some USB drives have an indicator LED - This LED may blink slow, fast or may stay solid during playback. Any description in the manual about the LED is referring to the BLUE STATUS LED on the player.

If unit is equipped with Sonocrypt Level 3 encryption then it will only play encrypted MP3 or WAV files. Talk to your dealer or service provider for more information.

## Messenger USBi Layout Summary:

### Front of Unit



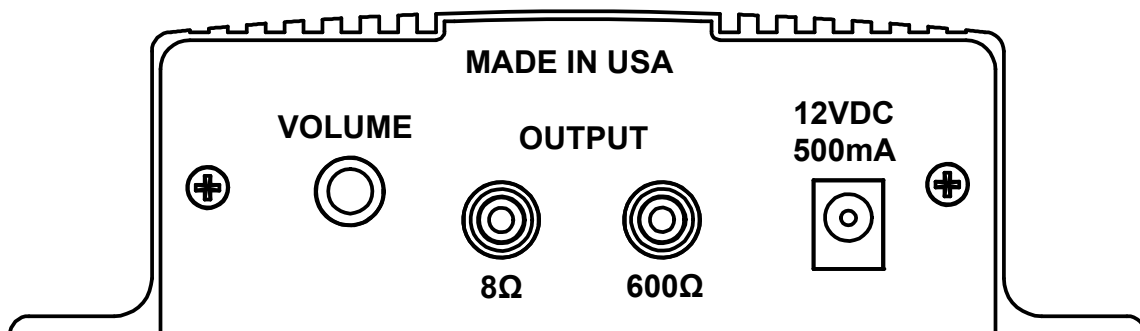
**SPEAKER** - The SPEAKER switch can be turned ON and OFF to monitor audio playback. The switch has no effect on the audio output connections on the rear of the unit. Switch should normally be kept OFF.

**(NOTE: The monitor speaker volume is fixed, and is independent of the Volume control on back of the unit.)**

**USB JACK** - The USB drive is inserted here to load audio to internal memory. If insertion of drive is difficult, turn the drive over and try reinserting. Drive should slide into jack smoothly.

**STATUS** - The STATUS indicator is a BLUE LED that during normal operation will be SOLID during playback. If loading from USB media to the internal FLASH, the LED will SLOW BLINK. If there is a problem with the drive, it is not inserted or is empty, the LED will FAST BLINK.

### Rear of Unit



**VOLUME** - This pot is used to control the 8Ω and 600Ω output level of the stored messages. Volume up is clockwise, volume down is counter-clockwise.

**8Ω and 600Ω OUTPUT** - This jack connects to the INPUT of the phone systems MOH port or PA system. Depending upon the systems impedance use either the 8Ω or 600Ω jack - DO NOT USE BOTH!

**12VDC** - This is where the supplied 12VDC @ 500mA power pack is connected.

## Installation:

The Messenger USBi should be installed using the following steps:

**Step 1:** Wall or shelf mount the unit. Screws and rubber feet are supplied in the accessory kit.

**Step 2:** If connecting to an amplifier make sure it is turned OFF for this part of the installation.

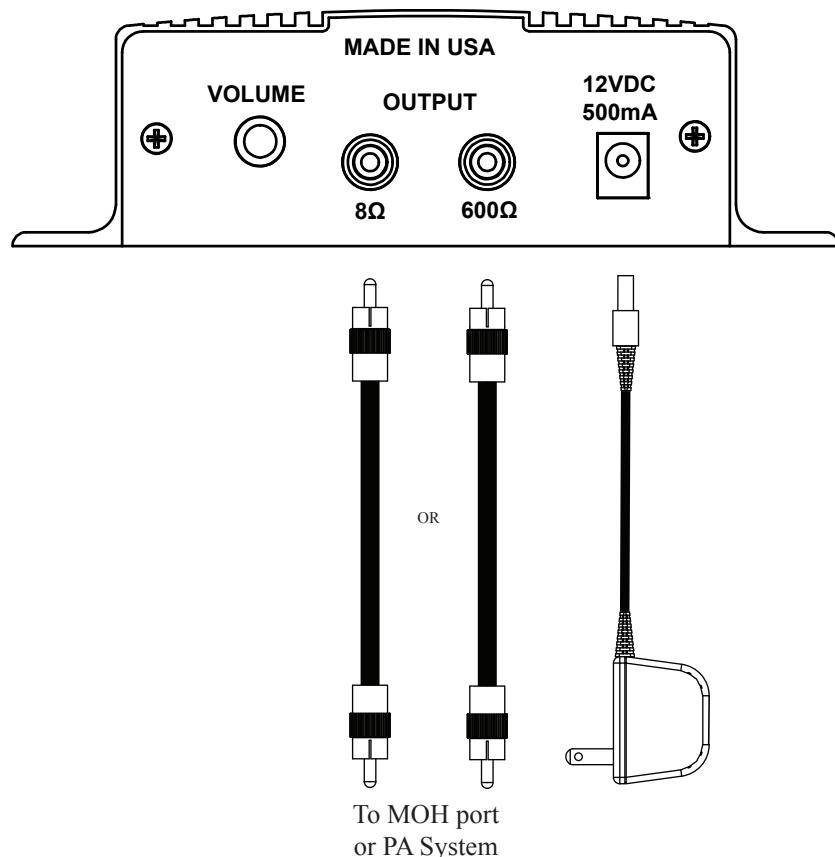
**Step 3:** Connect a RCA cable (supplied in the accessory kit) to the OUTPUT jack on the rear of the unit. Depending upon the required impedance use either the 8Ω or 600Ω output RCA jack. Connect the other side to the MOH port on the phone system, PA system or speaker.

**Step 4:** If unit is already preloaded then skip to Step 5. Insert USB media. If insertion of drive is difficult, turn the drive over and try reinserting. Drive should slide into jack smoothly. See Message Programming & Operation section for correct loading of your audio!

**Step 5:** Attach the included power pack to a wall or power strip receptacle, then attach the other end to the jack on the rear of the unit labeled 12VDC.

**Step 6:** If any amplifiers were turned OFF during installation then turn them back ON now.

**Step 7:** Adjust the volume level pot labeled VOLUME on the rear of the unit. Depending upon the application either call into the phone system and be placed on hold OR listen to the PA systems speakers to fine tune volume. Volume up is clockwise, volume down is counter-clockwise.



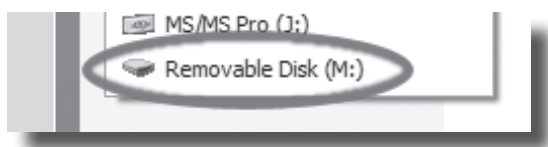
Wiring Diagram

## Message Programming & Operation:

All messages that are available for the Messenger USB play are stored on an industry standard USB flash drive. Messages should be formatted as a mono MP3 or WAV files not to exceed 128Kbps @ 48KHz (MP3) or PCM 16-bit(WAV). Follow these steps to add or remove files from a USB flash drive.

**Step 1:** Plug the USB flash drive into an available USB port on a any PC or MAC compatible computer. The flash drive should show up as a “Removable Disk” on the computer.

**Step 2:** Drag ‘n’ drop the file(s) to the USB flash drive in the order you want them to be played on the unit.  
If removal of files are required then select the files and press the <delete> key on the keyboard.



**Step 3:** Remove the USB flash drive from the computer.

**Step 4:** Plug (hot-swap) the USB flash drive into the Messenger USBi while power is ON to load audio. The Status LED will SLOW BLINK while audio is being loaded to the internal memory. A standard MOH production will take about 15 to 20 seconds to load.

**Step 5:** When the Status LED is SOLID the transfer is complete and the unit will begin playing from internal memory. The USB flash drive can be left in the Messenger USBi or removed.

If the USB drive ever needs to be erased completely then it can be formatted using your computer. Drives smaller than 2GB can be formatted using FAT, and drives 2GB or larger can use FAT32.

**Note:** Audio files should be named using alpha-numeric labels (A-Z, 0-9).  
Any other characters or symbols, such as +, -, /, (, ), &, etc. should **NOT** be used.

## Troubleshooting:

Problem	Possible Reason
Status LED - OFF	Power pack not plugged in or on a switched outlet
Status LED - BLINKING SLOW	Unit is loading from USB media to internal memory
Status LED - BLINKING FAST	No audio on unit or USB media not inserted correctly Files are encrypted with Sonocrypt, or improperly named
MOH message not playing	Check to see if unit is loading Check volume output level by adjusting the VOLUME pot Check OUTPUT connection from unit to phone or PA system Try switching between the 8Ω and 600Ω OUTPUT connections
Skipping over files	File not compatible with unit/encrypted file
Popping audio	File was encoded using too high of a bit-rate File incompatible with unit File audio starting too close to beginning of file
Distorted audio	Check to make sure volume is not too high Check MP3 or WAV file quality Try switching between the 8Ω and 600Ω OUTPUT connections File was encoded using too high of a bit-rate File was encoded using too low of a bit-rate File incompatible with unit

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