

# Answering Set 1A

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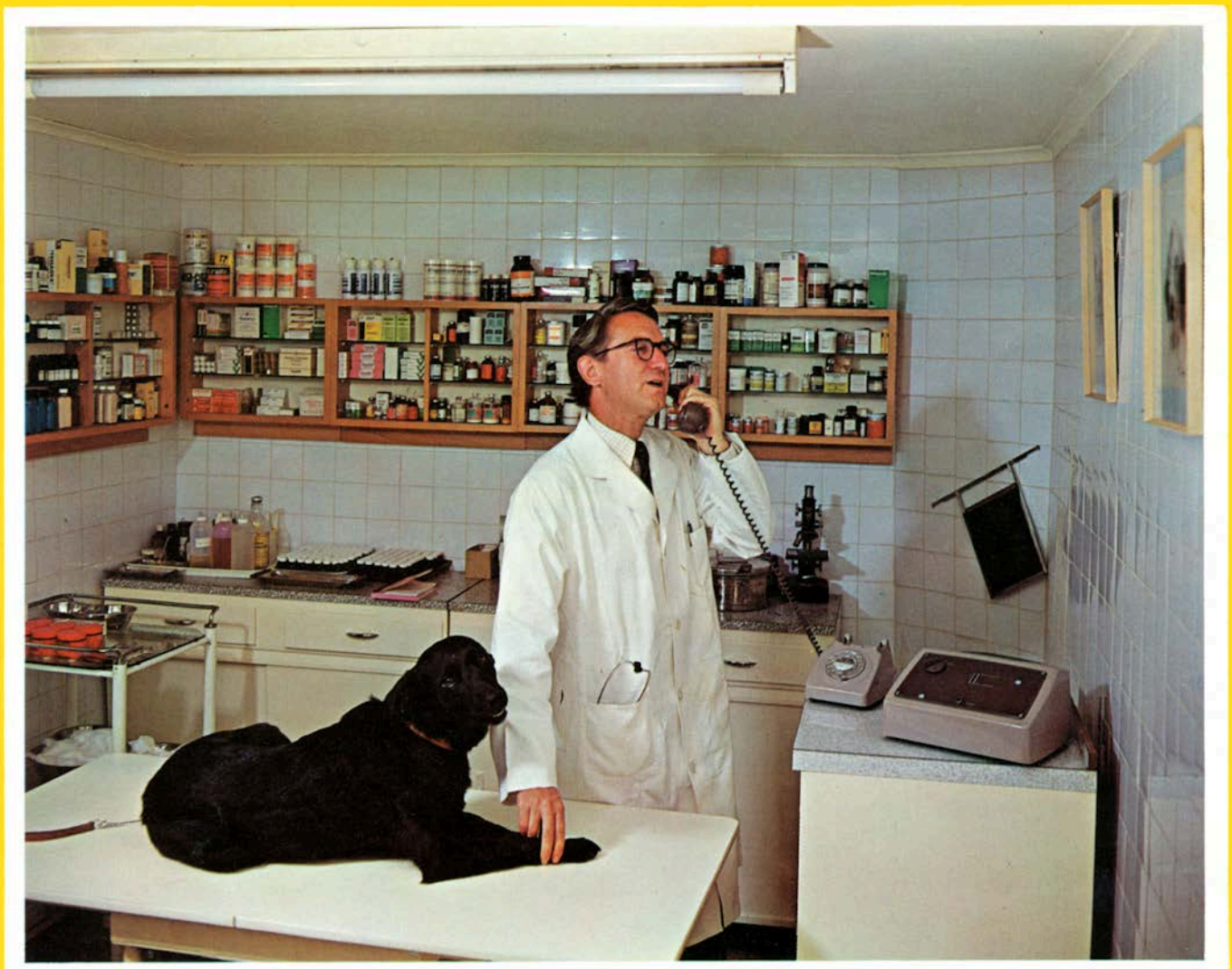
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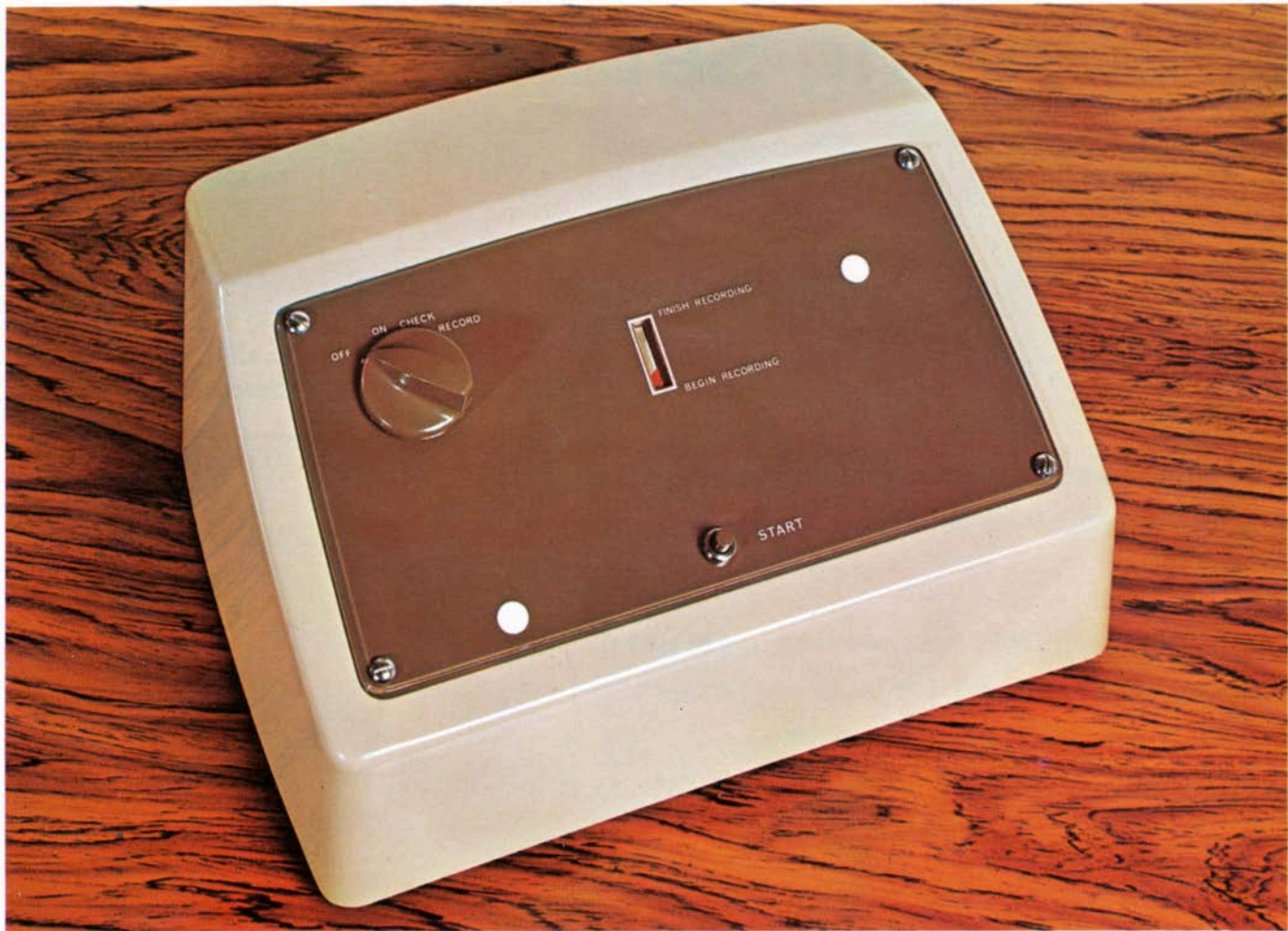
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**This equipment answers the telephone when it is unattended and gives callers a pre-recorded message.**

**Plumbers, decorators - anyone who has to go out at short notice, can use it to let people know where or when they will be available.**





## Description

The answering set is connected to the telephone, which is also used to make the recordings.

The four-position switch can be set to record a message, to check a recording, to answer calls, or to leave the telephone connected normally.

An indicator moves up the rectangular scale from 'Begin recording' to 'Finish recording' while a message is being recorded, checked, or given to a caller.

A small pilot lamp lights when the set is switched to "on", "check" or "record".

## How it operates

**To record a call**, the switch is set to 'record', the 'start' button is pressed, and the message is spoken into the handset while the indicator moves over the scale.

**To check a recording**, the switch is turned to 'check' and the 'start' button is pressed to hear the message on the handset.

**To answer calls**, the set is switched to the "on" position. When there is an incoming call the telephone bell rings for about ten seconds, during which time it is possible to answer the call on the telephone, if required. After this short delay, the set then answers the call, gives the message twice to the caller, and returns to the start of the message ready for the next call.

## Facilities

The answering set can be used on most types of exclusive exchange line, and extension line of a private branch exchange.

A message lasting up to twenty seconds can be recorded. The recording can be checked whenever required.

The message can be changed as often as necessary.

An old message is automatically erased as a new one is recorded.

The information is given twice to a caller to ensure that it can be memorized or noted down.

An indicator shows when a message is being given to a caller.

The answering set can be switched off at any time to restore the telephone to normal use.

## General information

It is not possible to use the answering set on certain of the older types of exchange or on shared service lines.

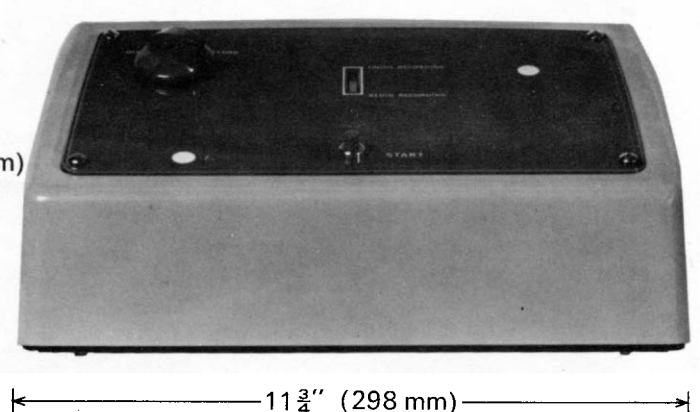
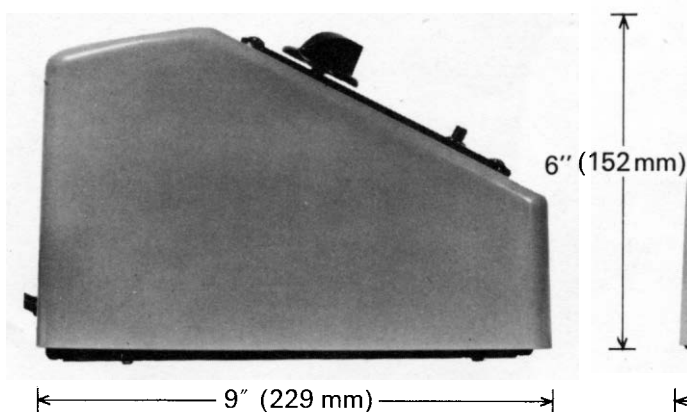
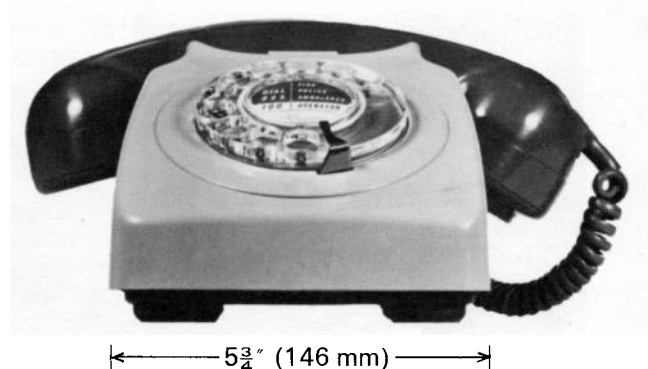
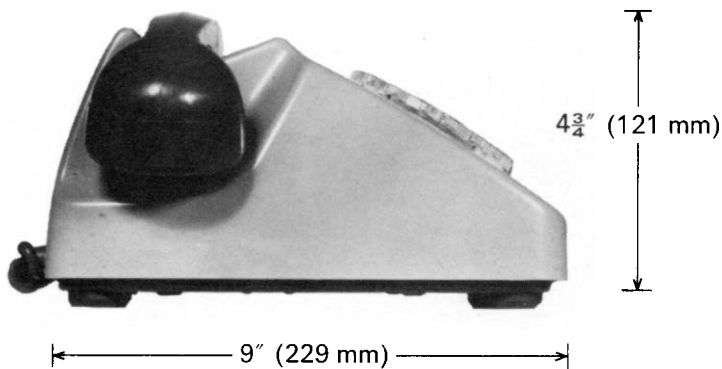
An additional telephone instrument is needed when the set is used with press-button intercommunication systems and plan extensions.

The message can include a statement that the call is being answered by an answering set, and can give details of the telephone number, customer's name, reason for absence, time of return, and alternative numbers to call. Guidance should be sought from the Telephone Sales Office if any other information is to be included.

The answering set is in a two-tone grey plastic case.

The set is mains-powered from a 3-pin socket outlet, of at least 2-amp rating, provided by the customer.

## Dimensions



## Weight

The answering set weighs  $13\frac{1}{2}$  lb (6.12 kg).

**Please note**

We do our best to supply our customers with the apparatus they ask for but we may have to provide apparatus which does not accord exactly with the descriptions and illustrations in this leaflet.

Rental and connexion charges are quoted in DLE 1 the preface sheet for section E descriptive leaflets.

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