

# Answering Machine 3



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**This machine answers your telephone in your absence, or when you are busy, and gives callers a pre-recorded announcement.**

**Announcements can be changed as often as you wish and can vary in length to suit particular requirements**

## Description

The answering machine is connected to your telephone line by a plug and socket arrangement. There is a hand microphone which is used for recording announcements and which can be put away when not in use for this purpose.

A three-position switch controls the following functions:

### Record:

to dictate on to the cartridge tape.

### Play:

to check the announcement recorded.

### Answer:

to allow the answering machine to reply to callers.

There is a small loudspeaker, a volume control, an on/off switch and a start button so that you can check the announcement in the machine.

## How it operates

The cartridge fits into a slot at the left-hand side of the machine; this slot has a double action catch. To insert the cartridge, simply push in until the catch clicks. Additional pressure on the cartridge will release the catch and enable you to remove the cartridge.

To record an announcement, the microphone is plugged in, the switch is set to 'record', the 'start' button is pressed and held down while the message is spoken into the microphone.

To check an announcement, the switch is moved to 'play' and the 'start' button is pressed. The announcement is then heard on the loudspeaker. When the three-position switch is set to 'answer' and the set is switched to the 'on' position, incoming calls ring the telephone bell for about ten seconds. The answering machine then comes into operation, answers the call, gives the announcement to the caller, and return to the start of the announcement ready for the next call.

Calls can be answered in the normal way by switching off the answering machine and lifting the telephone handset.

## Facilities

This answering machine can be used on most types of exchange lines, switchboard extensions and plan extensions.

The recorded announcement can be changed as often as necessary.

An existing announcement is automatically erased as a new one is recorded.

The announcement is played from the beginning to one caller at a time.

Announcements can vary in length from 30 seconds to three minutes. Cartridges can be provided with recording times of 30 seconds, two minutes or three minutes.

## General

The customer must comply with certain special conditions which apply to the provision of answering machines and their recorded announcements. These will be explained on application to your British Telecom Sales Office.

The answering machine measures 305mm x 195mm x 60mm and weighs 1.5 kgs

A power unit which is usually fitted to the wall next to the power point is provided which measures 85mm x 60mm x 50mm.

The subscriber must provide a 3-pin socket mains electricity supply of at least 2-amp rating positioned within 3 metres of the answering machine.

## Additional information

One cartridge is provided with the answering machine but additional cartridges can be purchased from your British Telecom Sales Office, so that you can build up a library of cartridges with pre-recorded announcements to cover varying circumstances.

The recorded announcement should, as nearly as possible, fill the whole of the recording time and must include the telephone number, the name of the customer and reference to the fact that an answering machine is in use.

If the subscriber wishes to save desk space the telephone can be placed on top of the answering machine.

It is not possible to use this answering machine on shared service lines.



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