RNIB Talking Cube Clock
CC36, CC37 & CC42

Please retain these instructions for future reference.

Contents

General description

It is recommended that you read the following instructions in their entirety before you attempt to use this clock.

The Talking Cube Clock has an English, male voice and a number of other audible cues to help the user.

It also has the following features: current time announcement, adjustable volume, an hourly time announcement, which you can switch on or off as required, a 12-hour clock and an alarm facility with a reminder function.

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The clock is cube-shaped with rounded corners. The speaker grill is at the front and the large time announcement button is on the top of the unit.

At the back of the clock there are two smaller buttons and a rotary volume control.

Please note: The clock is supplied with 4 × AA batteries, which are packed in with the product. Please see below for instructions on how to insert.

Orientation and controls

With the large circular button on the top and the speaker grill facing away from you, the main controls are to be found underneath the back cover. The square-shaped button on the left is the "mode" button and the circular button on the right is the "set" button. Also at the back of the clock, in the centre, there is the rotary volume control which is used to adjust the volume of the speech and other sounds from the clock's speaker.

Setting the volume

You should use the time announcement button at the top in conjunction with the rotary volume control to verify and adjust the volume level.

Setting procedures

At the back of the clock, underneath the back cover are two buttons. These are used to set up the clock. The square mode button on the left is used to cycle through the various clock functions.

Each of the functions will now be described in turn, following the order in which they will be found when you start using the clock for the first time.

Switching the hourly time announcement on or off

After pressing the mode button (on the left), once, the unit will say "announce off". You can then press the circular button (on the right), once, and the clock will say "announce on". When you press the button again, the clock will say "announce off". At any time during set up you can press the large circular button on top of the clock to return to current time announcement mode or you can simply proceed to the next mode by pressing the square mode button once more.

Setting the alarm

After pressing the mode button the clock now says, "alarm off". Alter this, if desired, to "alarm on" by pressing the small, circular set button on the right. Move to the next setting by pressing the square mode button and the clock will say "alarm hour" followed by the actual alarm hour setting (e.g. "alarm hour 6"). Change this by pressing the circular set button. The clock will announce the alarm hours as you cycle through them.

Each time the set button is pressed the alarm hour value will advance by one, and the unit will say "hour", followed by the hour you have reached.

In the next mode the clock announces "alarm minute" followed by the current alarm minute setting. Advance this by using the set button in the same way as for the alarm hours. Note: If the set button is held down for five consecutive announcements the alarm minutes will be advanced in five minute blocks (five, ten, and so on) until the button is released. The next time you press the set button the alarm minute setting will again advance by one minute.

Alarm am/pm setting

The next mode announces "alarm" followed by the current alarm am/pm setting. This controls whether the alarm goes off before or after noon at the alarm time already set. Toggle this setting between am and pm by pressing the set button. The new setting will be announced each time.

Choosing the alarm sound

In the next mode the clock says "alarm" followed by the currently selected alarm sound. Cycle through the various alarm sounds available by pressing the set button repeatedly. You can choose from the following list of alarm sounds:

a two-tone alarm

a mechanical bell sound

a horn sound

a cuckoo and

a beeping alarm.

Alarm reminder

The clock's alarm will sound for one minute and then pause for four and a quarter minutes. This process will be repeated five times and then stop, unless you cancel it by pressing the large time announce button on the top of the clock.

Setting the current time

In the next mode the clock says "clock hour" followed by the current clock hour setting. Use the set button to advance the hours.

In the next mode the clock says "clock minute" and the current clock minute setting. Advance this by using the set button. As with the alarm minute setting procedure above, the clock minute setting can be speeded up by holding down the set button for five announcements.

Clock am/pm setting

In the next mode the clock says "clock" then the current am/pm setting. Change this by pressing the set button.

Pressing the mode button once more will return the clock to current time announcement mode and can be used to confirm your time setting.

Special note

To confirm the alarm status, simply press the set button in the current time announcement mode. The clock will announce the current alarm settings - alarm sound, alarm on/off and the alarm time. This action will not change any of the clock's settings.

The clock will keep time throughout the set up procedure described above and the clock modes are listed in their order of appearance below: -

Current time announcement

Announce on/off

Alarm on/off

Alarm hour

Alarm minute

Alarm am/pm

Alarm sound

Clock hour

Clock minute

Clock am/pm.

Inserting/Replacing Batteries

The battery compartment is at the back in the lower half of the clock. Remove the compartment cover by pressing the tab at the base, towards the middle of the clock and lift the lid until it comes away completely. Remove the detachable battery holder.

The four AA batteries should be inserted with their flat (negative) ends against the springs in the battery holder. Make sure the batteries are fitted securely and clip the detachable battery holder into the connector. Make sure that the connector positive (+) and negative (−) are in the correct position/polarity with the detachable battery holder.

Replace the battery compartment lid carefully by inserting the two tabs on the lid into the recesses in the middle of the clock's case, press gently down on the compartment lid until you hear the first click. Press down again until you hear another click, which will indicate that the cover is securely in place.

Always remember to remove old or weak batteries as they can leak chemicals, which can destroy the clock's electronic circuits.

Replacement AA batteries are available from RNIB under product code CP03. The clock can also be used with rechargeable AA batteries, not currently supplied by RNIB.

Do not ever use a mixture of rechargeable and non-rechargeable batteries in this clock.

Please note: RNIB does not guarantee the life of batteries.

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To keep the clock in good working order for many years to come we recommend you follow these simple instructions:

Keep the clock dry. If it does get wet, wipe it dry immediately as liquid might contain minerals and corrode the electronics. Use and store the clock at a normal temperature as temperature extremes shorten the life of electronic devices, damage batteries, and can distort or melt plastic parts. Also, handle the clock carefully as dropping it can cause damage and stop the clock functioning properly.

In cases of difficulty when setting the clock, please note that it is possible to restore the clock's default settings by removing the batteries and then reinserting them. You can then recommence setting procedures.

Wherever possible, keep the clock away from dust and dirt, which can cause premature wear of parts. Wipe the clock with a damp cloth occasionally to keep the product looking new. Do not use harsh chemicals, cleaning solvents or strong detergents to clean the clock.

Dimensions

Size: 70mm x 70mm x 70mm (approx. 2.8 × 2.8 × 2.8 inches)

Weight: 264g (approx. 9.25 ounces).

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