



Dual Voice Tracker User Guide

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Noise Reducing Microphone for Meeting Recording

The Dual Acoustic Magic Voice Tracker makes it possible to record meetings in larger rooms with high levels of background noise and with audience participation.

The Dual Voice Tracker microphone system is designed to reduce noise using advanced digital signal processing technology. This makes it possible to capture recordings of larger meetings with greater accuracy than with conventional microphones. The design uses “array microphone” technology, a method for combining a set of 8 microphones to automatically “point” towards each person speaking in the room. The digital signal processing computer built into the unit instantly switches the direction that it points, in response to who is speaking at any given time. This helps to reduce background noise and room resonance. In addition to pointing, the Voice Tracker uses digital signal noise reduction processes, further enhancing the intelligibility of speech by reducing background noises such as paper shuffling, air conditioner noise and traffic noise. The Voice Tracker microphone connects to the microphone input of the computer through the included cables and audio interface device.

Components Included

- Voice Tracker I Microphone and Power Adapter (2)
- HumX Power Conditioner (1)
- 25' XLR Microphone Extension Cable (2)
- 1/8" to XLR Adapter Assembly (2)
- M-Audio MobilePre USB Audio Interface (1)

Benefits

- Hear voices more clearly
- Coverage for larger conference rooms, including audience participation
- Accurate reproduction of speech under noisy conditions

System Requirements

- Windows 7, XP, or Vista
- Laptop or desktop computer
- SoniClear recording software

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Directions for Use

Microphone Placement

Voice Tracker microphones can pick up people speaking up to 20 feet away in a noisy room, and even further in a quiet setting. Locate each Voice Tracker unit in the room close enough to the meeting participants for reliable capture of their voices. The included power adapter must be plugged into standard 110 volt power outlets, using extension cords, if required (not included).

Microphone Switch Settings

There are two switches on the top of the Voice Tracker unit. The “LDS” switch must always be set to OFF. The second switch on the unit is a Wide and Narrow setting. This switch should be set to Wide to ensure picking up from the entire room. If the switches are in the wrong position, audio information will be lost. It is recommended that you tape these switches in the correct position to avoid their being set to the wrong position accidentally.

Install MobilePre

Install and configure the MobilePre driver software by following the instructions included in the SoniClear Installation Guide. Connect the MobilePre to the computer using the included USB cable. Note: for installation on Windows 7 systems, download the latest drivers from the M-Audio website (www.m-audio.com).

Connecting to the Computer

The Voice Trackers are connected using an 1/8” to XLR Adapter Assembly. This consists of a Rolls adapter box and 1/8” to 1/4” adapter cable. This adapter is then connected to the MobilePre using the supplied XLR Microphone Cable.

Connecting HumX Power Conditioner

Install the included HumX power conditioner between the power cord for the computer and the wall outlet. It is important to use this device as it prevents the possibility of “ground loop” hum being picked up by the computer when connected to the Voice Tracker.

Technical Support

The most common problem using the Voice Tracker is to have recordings where voices get cut off. This occurs when the LDS switch is inadvertently set to ON. See “Microphone Switch Settings” above for instructions on how to prevent this problem.

Another occasional problem is loud hum in the recording. This is caused by “ground loop” noise being picked up by the computer. The HumX power conditioner must be connected between the computer and the wall outlet to prevent this problem.

The Voice Tracker is delicate and can easily be damaged from rough handling. When travelling, pack the unit in the original box, or in a suitably padded case.

View the SoniClear Support Page at www.soniclear.com for additional technical support and support contact information.