

Speedy Weather

“Time & Weather Software”



Using Speedy Dialer



Operating Manual

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Speedy Weather Software using *Speedy Dialer Hardware*

Installation:

Software:

Computer Requirements: Operating System: Windows XP Home or Pro or Vista Home Premium, Business, or Ultimate

Minimum System Requirements: 1 GHZ processor, 512 Megs of RAM, 10 MB of available hard drive space, Super VGA Monitor, Keyboard, Mouse, Sound Card, and available Serial or USB port

Surge Protector & Battery Backup: To protect your hardware, software, and data.

Dedicated Use: While dialing, your computer should only be used for the Speedy Dialer product.

Recommended: High Speed Internet connection,

First, install the Speedy Weather software **and Adobe Acrobat 8 (if not installed already)**. (If using Vista, you must turn off the User Account controls before installing the software, and it must remain off while this software is in use. To turn off the User Controls, go to the Start Menu, click on Control Panel, then select User Accounts, then click on Turn User Account Control On or Off. Uncheck the box that says Use User Account Control (UAC) to help protect your computer. Then reboot the computer.)

Hardware & Settings:

NOTE: The Speedy Weather unit has to be connected to a computer that has a **High-Speed Internet connection**.

Next, click on the **Speedy Weather icon** that has now been installed on your **Desktop**. Click on the **“Speedy Setup” tab** and follow the steps on the **“Installation”** tab:

Step 1: Hardware Installation

A: Click the **“Install Hardware”** button, then click on **“Hardware Help”** (at bottom of screen) to view instructions for connecting the Speedy Weather to your computer. When you are finished connecting the hardware, close the **“Help”** window.

B: **“Choose a Comm Port”** that the Speedy Weather will use to communicate with your computer. If you are using a **USB cable** to connect the Speedy dialer to your computer, first click on the **“Using USB”** button (**at the end of the Step 1 label**). This will load the USB drivers. Next click on the yellow button labeled Com Port Problem? This will open the device manager. Double click on Ports (Com & LPT). Look for the line that shows Prolific USB to serial comm port and make note of the comm port number. Using the up and down arrows select this number as your comm port. Click on the

number in the box, it will turn blue. If this is the correct comm port, you will see a message that reads, "OK – Speedy Dialer will use this Comm Port". If you are using a serial connection, you will be using comm port 1 or comm port 2. Using the up and down arrows choose 1 to see if you get the "OK" message, if you get an error, select 2.

C: Click the "Test Comm Port" button to verify the Speedy Dialer is communicating with your computer. If using the USB cable and the Speedy cannot find a comm port, please remove the cable from the computer and reinstall the USB drivers (contact our Technical Support if necessary).

D: Click the "Test Dial Tone" button to make sure that your telephone line is working with your Speedy Dialer.

Step 2: Sound Settings

The Master and Wave volume controls should be approximately 80%, the Microphone volume should be approximately 60%, and the number in the Sound Card Box should be set to 0. The next step is to click the Mute Spkr (Speaker) and the Mute Mic button to set both values at 0. Then click the +1 button for the Spkr to raise the speaker volume to 9 and then do the same for the Mic., but raise it to 12.

Step 3: Calling Defaults

Roto Ads On: If this option is selected, rotating ads will be heard by each in-bound call. To use the Roto Ads feature, place a check next to "**Roto Ads On**". If this option is not selected, the in-bound caller will hear the ad selected on the Recording Studio tab. If an ad is not selected on the Recording Studio tab, the in-bound caller will hear the weather conditions only.

Zip Code: Enter the zip code for the area for which the weather information will be given and click on the save button. This can be changed at any time.

Rings to Answer: Select the ring number at which the Speedy Dialer will answer the call.

Operations:

Recording Studio Tab

Step 1. Plug in Headset:

Click the “Click this button after you plug in your headset” button. Now make sure the Mute button on the headset is off.

Step 2. Record a Message:

HINT – when you click on Record, do not pause before starting your message as the caller may hang up before the message starts.

There are two wav files to be used for rotating ads listed in the message box to the left. To record your first message, select Rotoad1.wav then click on the Record button and begin recording your message. When you are finished recording your message, click on the “Stop” button. To listen to the wav file you just recorded, click on the “Play” button. If you need to change the message, just click on the “Record” button again and re-do the wav file. Follow the same steps to record a message for Rotoad2.wav. If you need more than two rotating ads, click in the **Message Selected** box and type in the name of the next wav file for the RotoAd. The next wav file will be Rotoad3.wav (**the spelling has to be exact**) and so on, till you have all the ads you need. To delete a wav file, select the file name and click on the “delete” button.

Attention Vista users:

The **Audio Controls** must be open while the software is operating. To do this:

- 1) Right click on the speaker icon in the system tray (lower right corner of your screen, next to the clock).
 - 2) Select **Open Volume Mixer**.
 - 3) Verify that it is **not muted** (Vista often automatically mutes the Audio Controls of new software).
- Note: You may need to perform this each time you record because Vista may reset to **Mute**.

Step 3. Welcome and Ending Messages:

The Speedy Weather system comes with a pre-recorded Welcome message and an ending message. You have the option of customizing both of these messages. To record over the pre-recorded message, click the record button next to the message you want to record and begin speaking. Click on “Finish” when you are done. Remember, this is an option. You do not have to change these messages.

Step 4. The last step in the Recording Studio is to click on the “**When Finished Playing or Recording**” button. This will take you back to the Main Screen tab.

Main Screen Tab

To listen to a sample of the ads and the current weather conditions, click on the “**Play Current Conditions**” button on the bottom right side of the tab.

The weather information is updated automatically; however, if you make a change to the zip code and want to see the new data immediately, click on “**Get Data**”.

You do not have to hear the phone ringing if you click the **Ringer Off** button.