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CheckMaster<sup>TM</sup>  
The true electronic checkbook

A product of MOSTEK Corporation

## The frustration and drudgery of checkbook balancing is over.

CheckMaster is the first of its kind. The ultimate answer in checkbook accuracy. You can use it to completely eliminate overdrawn accounts. And to simplify checkbook balancing. Plus, it's there when you need it, to provide an immediate account balance.

You'll learn to appreciate CheckMaster—but first learn to use *all of its capabilities*. This booklet will help. In just a few minutes you can learn how to safeguard your balance, when to change batteries, how to reconcile your bank statement with your checkbook, and how to solve many other problems around the home, at the store, or on the go.



**These features assure speed, accuracy and privacy in all checkbook calculations.**

- Deposits are automatically added to the previous balance.
- Checks are automatically deducted from the previous balance.
- Balance is always saved, even after the CheckMaster is turned off or closed.
- Balance is protected from accidentally clearing.
- A negative balance indication.
- Display capacity to \$9999.99
- Fixed two-place decimal for convenient checking account transactions.
- Confidential viewing angle on display does not allow nearby persons to see your balance.

**Long-life replaceable batteries last up to one year.**

- Turns off automatically when case is closed for extended battery life.
- Manual ON-OFF switch to save battery life with case open.
- Low power indicator signals need to replace batteries.

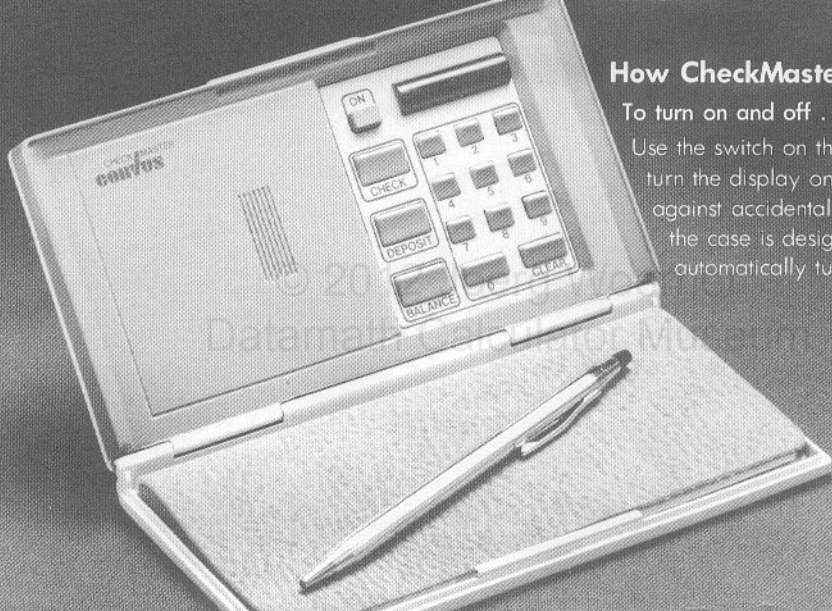
**Durable construction and solid-state components assure long, trouble-free life.**

- Case molded from high-impact ABS plastic.
- Complete calculation capability and balance memory is accomplished with a single MOS/LSI integrated circuit for solid-state reliability.
- Warranty for one full year covers both parts and labor.

## How CheckMaster Works

To turn on and off . . .

Use the switch on the keyboard to manually turn the display on or off. As a check against accidentally leaving the product on, the case is designed so that the display is automatically turned off when closed.



### **Entering a deposit . . .**

To enter a deposit you press the numeric keys exactly as you would write the number in a left to right sequence. For your convenience you do not enter the decimal point since it always appears in the proper location. If the deposit is \$526.25 you press 5 2 6 2 5 . The decimal automatically appears between the 6 and 2 . For an even \$75.00 press 7 5 0 0 . After the numeric entry is complete, press DEPOSIT.

### **Deducting a check . . .**

Exactly the same as entering a deposit except you press the key marked CHECK after the full amount is entered. If the check is larger than the present balance, a negative or credit balance will be indicated by a negative (−) sign to the left of the displayed number.

### **Clearing the display to correct a mistaken entry . . .**

If you make a mistake when entering an amount, (and before pressing CHECK or DEPOSIT), you simply press the CLEAR key and start over. This key clears the display only, not the balance and helps conserve battery power. To recall the display, just press the BALANCE key.

### **Clearing the balance . . .**

To keep from accidentally clearing the balance and permanently losing that figure, the CheckMaster is designed so that the ON/OFF switch and two keys must be operated in sequence to clear the balance. First turn the unit to OFF, then ON and press the CLEAR key. Then, while the CLEAR key is down, press the BALANCE key. This will clear the balance and the display will show 0.00.

## Maintaining Your Check Register . . .

Be sure to continue your entry of deposits and checks into the check register provided by your bank. This is valuable information which you will need as a written record of transactions.

## Preparing your Checkmaster for Operation

1. First install the batteries as described on page 9. Also, place your checkbook in the position provided.
2. Turn ON-OFF switch to OFF, then ON.
3. Press and hold down the CLEAR key. While holding this key down, press the BALANCE key. Release both keys. The display should now show that the balance has been cleared by displaying 0.00. If only the decimal point is displayed, the balance was not cleared so you should repeat steps 2 and 3.
4. Enter your present account balance by pressing the numeric keys, then the DEPOSIT key.
5. Press CLEAR. Display should now be blank with only the decimal point lighted.
6. Press BALANCE. The balance should be displayed.
7. Press CLEAR. You are now ready to enter checking account transactions with your present balance continuously available at your fingertips.

## Battery operation

Six disposable AAA alkaline cell batteries are included with your new CheckMaster. They will provide approximately 30 hours of normal operation or a full year at 5 minutes use per day.

This product is designed to safeguard your balance when batteries begin to lose their power. As soon as this happens, a "LO" signal will be shown in the two digits at the far left of the display. Any number entered will override this signal and be displayed. However, to be safe, you should replace the batteries as soon as the "LO" signal is noticed. Before removing the old batteries remember to write down your current balance since it will be lost during this process. After new batteries are in place you can re-enter the correct balance.

## Maintaining your daily account transactions is a simple procedure

Transaction	Amount of Transaction	Enter	Press	Balance Displayed
Clear Balance as instructed on Pg. 5				0.00
Deposit	\$1252.60	1 2 5 2 6 0	Deposit	1252.60
Check	8.52	8 5 2	Check	1244.08
Check	44.37	4 4 3 7	Check	1199.71
Check	89.06	8 9 0 6	Check	1110.65
Deposit	572.31	5 7 2 3 1	Deposit	1682.96
Check	45.00	4 5 0 0	Check	1637.96
Check	121.00	1 2 1 0 0	Check	1516.96
Check	130.81	1 3 0 8 1	Check	1386.15
Check	25.00	2 5 0 0	Check	1361.15
Check	311.64	3 1 1 6 4	Check	1049.51

You can balance your monthly bank statement quickly and efficiently.

<u>Transaction</u>		<u>Amount of Transaction</u>	<u>Enter</u>	<u>Press</u>	<u>Balance Displayed</u>
Record balance as shown by Checkmaster					453.48
Clear balance as instructed on Page 5					0.00
Current balance shown on statement	(from your bank)	\$342.81	3 4 2 8 1	Deposit	342.81
Deposits not shown on statement	(from your checkbook register)	250.00	2 5 0 0 0	Deposit	592.81
		171.14	1 7 1 1 4	Deposit	763.95
Outstanding checks not on statement	(from your checkbook register)	25.00	2 5 0 0	Check	738.95
		52.16	5 2 1 6	Check	686.79
		35.72	3 5 7 2	Check	651.07
		14.24	1 4 2 4	Check	636.83
		121.00	1 2 1 0 0	Check	515.83
		62.35	6 2 3 5	Check	*453.48
Bank Service Charge	(from your bank statement)	1.20	1 2 0	Check	**452.28

\* Should agree with balance recorded as shown by CheckMaster

\*\* Corrected current balance



## It can be helpful on shopping trips

You can also use your CheckMaster to total the cost of items on shopping trips. First, record your balance and clear unit as explained on page 5. Then, simply add amounts by pressing the DEPOSIT key and subtract by pressing CHECK. To correct an erroneous entry, press CLEAR. Here's an example . . .

Suppose you want to limit your grocery store purchases to \$5.00 or less. First, record the present balance; then clear the machine as instructed on page 5. Now you can add the item costs as you collect them in your shopping cart.

<u>Item cost</u>	<u>Enter</u>	<u>Press</u>	<u>Display</u>
\$1.29	1 2 9	Deposit	1.29
.39	3 9	Deposit	1.68
1.75	1 7 5	Deposit	3.43
.69	6 9	Deposit	4.12
.69	6 9	Deposit	4.81
.39	3 9	Deposit	5.20

The last item puts you over your \$5.00 maximum so you put the item back and subtract the cost from your total bill . . .

3 9	Check	4.81
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## Maintenance

**Cleaning:** You may clean the case with alcohol or a damp cloth. The display lens may be cleaned with glass cleaner and soft cloth.

**Storage:** The product should not be exposed to temperatures below  $-40^{\circ}\text{F}$  or above  $120^{\circ}\text{F}$  for prolonged periods. These temperatures might be encountered in a closed automobile for example.

**Power:** Remember to conserve batteries by clearing the display when not needed or turning off when not in use. The display is automatically turned off when the case is closed.

**Battery Replacement:** AAA-size alkaline batteries are readily available at any camera, drug or department store. To replace batteries remove cover from the left of the keyboard by sliding to the right

and pulling up. Insert batteries as indicated by the outline in the battery compartment. This will insure correct polarity. If batteries are not properly installed, the product operation will be affected.

Batteries suitable for use include but are not necessarily limited to the following:

<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Alkaline Type</u>
Mallory	MN2400
Eveready	E92
Burgess	AL7
Ray-O-Vac	824

The manufacturer does not recommend the use of carbon-zinc type batteries.

**NOTE:** The batteries are not guaranteed by the manufacturer of the CheckMaster. They should not be included if returning the unit for service.

**CAUTION:** Some batteries have the tendency to leak when power is exhausted. To prevent damage, replace batteries as soon as possible after the "LO" signal is displayed. Failure to do this will result in the present balance being lost when the batteries are completely exhausted. The manufacturer cannot be responsible for damage due to battery leakage. Also, most batteries do not function at peak efficiency at temperatures below freezing and battery life deteriorates rapidly at temperatures greater than 100°F.

### **Service Warranty**

MOSTEK CORPORATION guarantees this product against defects in materials or workmanship for a period of one year from date of purchase. This guarantee applies only to the original owner registered on the card attached. This card must be completed and mailed, postage paid, within ten (10) days from date of purchase. Any merchandise that has been repaired by an unauthorized party,

tampered with, or abused is not covered by this guarantee.

After one year from date of purchase MOSTEK CORPORATION will repair any unit for the minimum service charge of Nine Dollars (\$9.00). Any unit requiring repair after this one year period should be returned, postage prepaid, with a check or money order for Nine Dollars (\$9.00) to the nearest service center. Once the problem is repaired the owner will be invoiced for the balance due, if any.

All merchandise must be returned, prepaid and fully insured, in the original packaging container or in a similarly-constructed container, via U.P.S. where possible. Enclose a letter explaining the problem, with place and date of purchase.

All defective Units should be returned to the nearest service center. MOSTEK Corporation/13300 Branch View Lane/Dallas, Texas 75234.

DATE OF PURCHASE \_\_\_\_\_

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