

# **STENTOR™ Talking Sounders from O.W.L.**

- low cost
- highly effective
- real human voice in any language
- stand alone or system integrated
- internal or weatherproof external
- single or multi-message

**the difference between  
orderly evacuation and  
blind panic**

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# Voice Evacuation – a low cost, highly effective alternative

The STENTOR™ range of talking sounders from O.W.L. Electronic Developments brings effective voice evacuation facilities to even the smallest of premises and budgets.

Without doubt people respond far more readily to a real human voice than to any other audible or visual signal. With no thinking time needed to interpret a warning sound, there's no confusion, response is immediate and the reaction much more effective.

Many evacuation systems are relatively sophisticated and costly, being required to co-ordinate evacuation via complex routes throughout large buildings.

Local bespoke sounders can be just as effective by helping to preserve the integrity of an emergency exit and by directing people to follow an appropriate procedure in the event of an emergency.

STENTOR™ talking sounders require only a power source and trigger to reproduce a message. They can be used as stand-alone units or be integrated into a complete system.

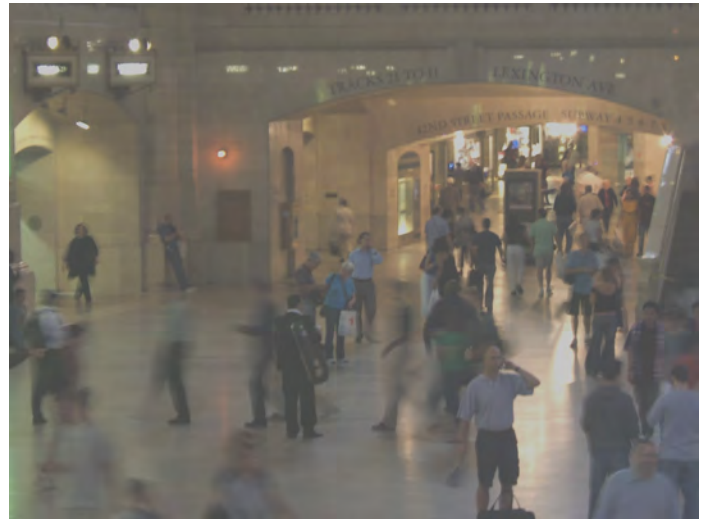
For example on passing through a fire door a message may issue a reminder to close the door afterwards.

Similarly pressing a lift call button whilst the fire alarm is sounding may be used to generate a message instructing personnel to use the staircase.

Simple applications such as these can thus help to prevent an emergency arising and minimise the possibility of escalation when an emergency does occur.

Each sounder is bespoke and the client determines its message, method of triggering, duration of sound etc. This means that each sounder relates to its location and can include precise details such as nature of emergency, name of exit or evacuation route. Specific instructions to employees may be included as well as reassurance messages to visitors.

Multiple message systems are available with a series of messages triggered according to different priority settings. So a simple “*stand by for further information*” message may serve to grab attention and prevent panic whilst the nature and scale of a problem is determined, and the appropriate evacuation message is selected.



*When people hear a conventional sounder...  
they stand around aimlessly...  
phone home to say they'll be late...  
or make a mad dash for the exit*

Emergency situations by nature generate stress and it is difficult for a live public address voice announcement to completely mask the tension. A pre-recorded message will always communicate the appropriate level of calmness or urgency and ensure the message is communicated clearly.

As a stand-alone system, a STENTOR™ talking sounder may be triggered by a push button or any standard sensor such as a pir, infrared beam or door contact. As part of a larger system it may be added to any other equipment that can output a simple trigger signal.

The electronics employed in the STENTOR™ are robust and well proven in applications ranging from office and retail premises to industrial and hazardous areas. The enclosures and loudspeakers employed are determined by the location and priority given to factors such as cosmetic appearance or resistance to adverse operating conditions.

Total flexibility in design and specification means that the STENTOR™ talking sounder is available to suit almost any voice evacuation application, in any language at a modest cost.

Please contact us with details of your application and we will suggest a suitable STENTOR™ system and appropriate message.

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