

The Texas Instruments Solid State Speech™ Synthesizer makes possible the exciting addition of speech to the TI-99/4 Home Computer. Utilization of the Speech Synthesizer requires an optional Command Module programmed for speech, such as the Speech Editor Command Module. These preprogrammed modules allow the Speech Synthesizer to be used without the need to do any programming. Speech can also be included as part of your own programs in TI BASIC.

The Speech Synthesizer is entirely electronic. There are no taped voice recordings or any other traditional recording medium. Instead, a vocabulary of words and phrases is permanently stored on chips contained within the Speech Synthesizer. Each word has been transformed into a pattern of bits. When processed, each pattern drives electronic circuitry that rebuilds the requested word and audibly reproduces it through a loudspeaker. The Speech Synthesizer contains a

resident vocabulary of over 300 words. Capacity is expandable with optional Plug-in Speech Modules.

Using the Speech Synthesizer is easy. It simply docks directly into the Home Computer by means of built-in connectors. There are no dangling cables. Next, you insert one of the Command Modules designed to call up speech from the Speech Synthesizer and you are ready to go.

The Speech Synthesizer provides a voice for the Home Computer, creating many new applications and enhancing the effectiveness of existing ones. It can communicate with you without you being near the display. It can recite instructions to those unable to read, or where written instructions might interfere with the display. It can provide exciting comments and sound effects in games, and it can reinforce concepts in educational applications.

# **Specifications**

## Operating modes.

The Speech Synthesizer can be used in several ways. In one mode, the Speech Synthesizer is controlled by a Command Module other than the Speech Editor Command Module. (This must be a Command Module with speech capability, and not all Command Modules have this feature.) In effect, the Command Module calls on the services of the Speech Synthesizer to perform requests for speech programmed into the module. This is the only operating mode available without the optional Speech Editor Command Module plugged into your Home Computer.

Other methods of operation require the use of the

Speech Editor Command Module. Using the TI BASIC programming language, words, phrases, or sentences may be recited under program control. The Speech Synthesizer can be programmed to provide verbal instructions, prompting messages, or intermediate or final data results without interfering with other data you may wish to retain on the display.

The Speech Editor Command Module can also immediately recite words, phrases, and sentences without having to write a program. In this mode just type in the desired word, push the return key and the Speech Synthesizer says the word.

## Speech Synthesizer resident vocabulary.

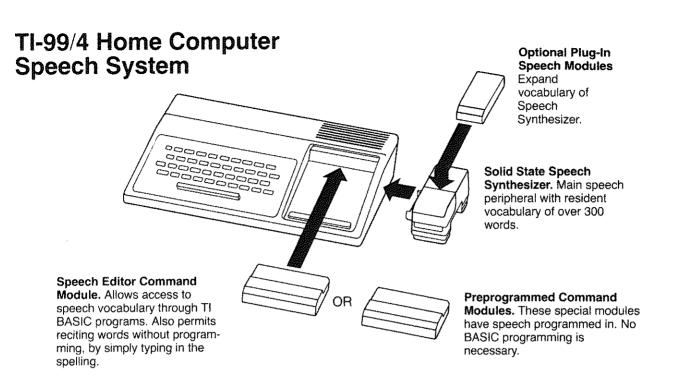
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## Vocabulary expansion.

Optional Plug-in Speech Modules add additional vocabulary, in specialized areas, to your Home Computer. Simply drop the appropriate Speech Module into the Speech Synthesizer and the new words are immediately accessible to you, in addition to the resident vocabulary in the Speech Synthesizer itself. (Requires Command Module with speech capability, such as the Speech Editor Command Module.)

#### A technological milestone.

Speech synthesis is a milestone innovation in computer technology. For the first time, Texas Instruments has combined all the functions necessary to electronically duplicate the human voice track in a single semiconductor chip. Prior to this development, speech synthesis required so much logic and memory capability that it could only be done with large computers and at great cost. This exclusive TI technology reproduces complete words stored in memory.

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#### Power source.

All power requirments of the Speech Synthesizer are supplied by the TI-99/4 Home Computer console.

### Physical characteristics.

Length: 13.7 cm (5.4-inches). Width: 8.1 cm (3.2-inches). Height: 6.8 cm (2.7-inches). Weight: 0.3 kg (0.6 lbs).

#### Limited warranty.

The Texas Instruments Solid State Speech Synthesizer Model PHP1500 is covered by a 90-day limited warranty against defects in materials and workmanship. This warranty covers only the hardware portion of the Speech Synthesizer. See *User's Reference Guide* for complete warranty text. TI cannot and does not warrant that the TI Home Computer programs and book materials will be free from error or will meet the specific requirements of the user. The user assumes complete responsibility for any decisions made or actions taken based on information obtained using these programs and book materials, which are made available solely on an "as-is" basis (see owner's manual).

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