



# Essence™



### Terms to Know:



The Essence program contains a central page called the **DIRECTORY** which provides easy access to the common functions within the Essence program. Selecting the **DIRECTORY** key will always return you to the main **DIRECTORY** screen.



Whenever you see the **TOOLS** key on a page, this indicates that there are additional tools available to you. Selecting this key provides tools such as volume controls, turning audible speech on/off, eyegaze pause and saving text for later use.



The **Windows Home Key** is located on the outer case of your device and provides access to a slide out panel of additional tools. If you are using the NuEye module to control your device with eyegaze, simply look to the far left edge of your screen to pull out these buttons.

*Note: The slide out panel can be enabled/disabled for NuEye users within the Access Method Menu, Customize Eyegaze Settings, Off Screen Keys Setting in the device toolbox.*

Essence for Accent Basics v. 1.08 & above

### POWER/SLEEP BUTTONS

There is a power/sleep button located on the top of the device.

1. To power on the device or wake from sleep mode, press the power/sleep button.
2. To power off the device at night and during times of travel, select **WINDOWS HOME KEY, WINDOWS SHUTDOWN, and then YES.**

**CHANGING USER AREAS:** When you first turn on your device you will need to select the page set you wish to use. You may choose from a 60, 84 or 144 location page set when using Essence. You may switch to a different page set at any time by selecting **TOOLS** from your **DIRECTORY** screen, and then selecting **RETURN TO START.**

### CHANGING THE VOICE:

1. Select **TOOLS** from your **DIRECTORY** screen
2. Select **SPEECH MENU.**
3. Use the up and down arrows to change synthesizers (Dectalk, Realspeak, Acapela)
4. Use up and down arrows to explore different voices –i.e. Paul, Betty, Kit, Nelly, Tom, etc.
5. Using the additional keys you can adjust the pitch, rate and inflection of the voice
6. Select OK when finished.

### CORRECTING A PRONUNCIATION:

1. Select **WINDOWS HOME KEY**, then **TOOLBOX.**
2. Select **DICTIONARY MENU.**
3. Select **ADD A WORD.**
4. Enter the correct spelling of the word, select **OK.**
5. Enter the “phonetic spelling” of the word. To test pronunciation, select the message window.
6. Select **OK, OK, GO TO HOME** (blue key).

### PROGRAMMING A KEY

1. The easiest way to assign a new message to a key within Essence is to first prepare your new message via the keyboard page.
2. Once you have typed your new message, you will need to navigate to the **MESSAGES** page, and choose a message folder.
3. Activate **TOOLS**, and then select **SAVE TEXT.**
4. Now select a blank key on which you would like to save your new message.

*Note: It is possible to record your own voice onto a key instead of using the device synthesizer. Please see our support article (coming soon) for information on how to voice bank directly into your device using a headset.*

**WORD PREDICTION:** This feature assists you with spelling by attempting to “predict” the word you have started to spell and also by predicting the next likely word in your sentence. This feature can be enabled/disabled by selecting your keyboard page, **TOOLS, Word Prediction.**

If you would like to add words to your word prediction that are not currently displaying, follow these steps:

1. Select **WINDOWS HOME KEY**
2. Select **TOOLBOX, WORD PREDICTION MENU**
3. Select **ADD A WORD** and follow the prompts on your screen.

**ABBREVIATION EXPANSION:** This feature allows you to program abbreviations into your device that will be recognized and displayed as longer words or phrases. For example, you might like to train the first letter of your spouse’s name to display their entire name (i.e. J=John).

If you would like to program abbreviations into your device for use when spelling, follow these steps:

1. Select **WINDOWS HOME KEY**
2. Select **TOOLBOX, WORD PREDICTION MENU**
3. Select **ABBREVIATION EXPANSION MENU** and turn this feature **ON**.
4. Select **ADD AN ABBREVIATION** and follow the directions that appear.
5. Once programmed, you will enter your abbreviation (s) on your keyboard and then select the space key to activate the text to your display.

**MODIFY USER KEYS:** (the user keys appear after you select the **WINDOWS HOME KEY** and can be customized to your liking)

1. Select **WINDOWS HOME KEY**, then **TOOLBOX**.
2. Select **USER AREA MENU**.
3. Select **MODIFY USER KEYS**.
4. Select the key you want to modify.
5. Select **ENTER ASSIGNMENT, CLEAR DISPLAY**, and then **INSERT TOOL**.
6. Select the tool you want to use, select **OK**.
7. You can also **CHANGE ICON** and **CHANGE LABEL**.
8. Select **Ok, Ok, GO TO HOME** (blue key).

*Note: Select **CLEAR KEY CONTENTS** if you want no tool assigned to the User Key.*

**PROGRAMMING REMOTE CONTROLS:** You can use your device to control your TV and other IR equipment in your home.

Visit this link to watch an online video tutorial:  
[www.prentrom.com/support/article/1259](http://www.prentrom.com/support/article/1259)

**TAKING AND USING PHOTOS:** You can use your device to take a photo or you may like to use photos previously stored on a USB memory stick to import onto your PICTURES page. To take a photo with your device:

1. Select **WINDOWS HOME KEY**, then **TOOLBOX**.
2. Select **CAMERA MENU**.
3. Frame picture in view finder. Select **TAKE PICTURE**.
4. Select **SAVE AS SCENE** if you want to use this photo on your PICTURES page.
5. **RENAME SCENE**. Type name. **OK. OK**.
6. Put picture in a category or **CANCEL** to have it go to the imports folder. **OK. GO TO HOME**.

Visit this link to watch an online video tutorial on customizing your PICTURE page:  
<http://www.prentrom.com/support/article/1258>

#### **MEMORY BACK UP:**

1. Insert your USB memory stick into the USB port on the back of the device.
2. Select **WINDOWS HOME KEY**, then **TOOLBOX**.
3. Select **TRANSFER MEMORY MENU**.
4. Select **SAVE ONE USER AREA** and touch the user area you would like to back up or **SAVE ENTIRE DEVICE CONTENTS**.
5. Make sure pre-set folder is a USB drive. If so, select **OK**. Type file name and date (XX-XX-XX).
6. Select **OK** and wait for memory transfer to take place. Once complete, select **OK**.

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