

TravelMike Accessory Kit: Overview

The TravelMike:

The SpeechWare "TravelMike" is ground-breaking product designed for the mobile user wanting to maintain a low profile and portability without sacrificing quality and performance. More than a year in design and testing, this set-up packs all the performance of the larger and award-winning TableMikes in a package so small it can fit in your pocket. The latest version, which we began selling in October of 2015, includes a new "snub-nosed" microphone element which is identical to the element included on the boom in the larger TableMike series. The result is identical performance at a fraction of the size. Without question, it is the ideal choice for notebook, Ultrabook and tablet PC user.

Features:

- Auto Gain Control (AGC) and Speech Equalizer (EQ) technology to provide the best attainable accuracy when using Dragon NaturallySpeaking
- MultiAdapter choice of "Long Range" (greatest distance and distance flexibility) or "Normal" (greatest accuracy at close range) modes depending upon your needs
- Practical usage up to 20 inches from microphone element under green LED mode
- USB connection to computer
- Provides analog to digital conversion (substitutes for on-board sound card)
- 90 degree USB connector to allow variable positioning and compatibility with any notebook or tablet
- Swiveling "snub-nosed" microphone element (exact same element used in the full-sized TableMikes)
- Optional "Accessory Kit" for added deployment options
- 1-year standard warranty extendable to 2-years with product registration



The Accessory Kit

While the TravelMike was originally designed to mount directly to an available USB port and this depends upon the use of the included 90-degree right-angle USB adapter, the variability of logistical arrangements and work-flows among speech recognition users has made it clear that other mounting and usage options may sometimes be preferable. The point of the "accessory kit" is to expand these options.

In the table below we show some of the options offered with the parts contained within the kit. To be thorough, we also show the default mounting which does not require the accessory kit.

Mounting Method	Notes	Wind-screen	Mode
 <p><i>Mounted to USB Port</i></p>	<p>As originally designed, the TravelMike is attached directly to a side USB port on a notebook computer. In this arrangement, the snub-nosed microphone element is rotated forward at its hinge point and it is rotated so it is facing the user. The microphone is used in the green LED or “distant” mode to optimize mic input volume with changing user position. This is the simplest mounting method and requires nothing more than the 90-degree USB adapter that comes with the basic TravelMike. The accessory kit is not required for this mounting method.</p>	<p>No</p>	
 <p><i>Free-Standing</i></p>	<p>Using the TravelMike in the free-standing mode involves use of the universal card reader and USB hub. This mode allows extra flexibility in positioning the TravelMike and leaves the microphone pointing directly to the user. One big advantage of this mounting method is the ability to use the TravelMike with a desktop computer. The base comes with a 32-inch cord. If needed, either or both of the USB extension cords provided with the accessory kit can be used to provide extra length in reaching a desktop computer.</p>	<p>No</p>	
 <p><i>Hand-Held</i></p>	<p>With the included 36-inch USB extension cable, the TravelMike can be used fully independently in a hand-held manner. In this scenario, the multi-function button is used to place the microphone in the “normal” or close-up mode. This method allows the most accurate use of the TravelMike and is preferred in high-noise situations. Use of the foam windscreen is recommended in this mode, since the microphone is somewhat “hot”. If a longer extension cable is needed, these are available on our site.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
 <p><i>Mounted to Notebook Lid</i></p>	<p>Mounted to the to the notebook computer lid using the self-adhering Velcro strips included in the accessory kit allows mounting of the TravelMike to any convenient location and places it in a position closer to head level for even greater directional specificity. In this scenario the TravelMike is connected to the computer with the short USB extension cable. The microphone is operated in the green LED or “distant” mode. An additional advantage of this method is the stable fixation of the TravelMike to the computer which is particularly useful for the mobile user.</p>	<p>No</p>	

Components of the TravelMike Accessory Kit:

 <p>Card Reader & USB Base</p>	<p>The accessory card-reader and USB base is intended for free-standing use of the TravelMike</p>		 <p>Velcro Strips</p>	<p>Two set of Velcro strips are included for attaching the TravelMike to a notebook computer lid when this style is desired.</p>
 <p>36 Inch USB Extension Cable (For Hand-Held Use)</p>	<p>Use the 36 inch USB extension cable for hand-held use of the TravelMike.</p>		 <p>Alcohol Prep Pad</p>	<p>Alcohol swabs are included for use cleaning before attaching the Velcro strips to the TravelMike and the notebook computer lid. Be sure let the surfaces dry before attaching Velcro!</p>
 <p>18 Inch USB Extension Cable (For use when mounted to laptop)</p>	<p>The 18 inch USB extension cable is design for connecting the TravelMike attached to the notebook computer lid to an available USB port.</p>		 <p>Drawstring Bag</p>	<p>To hold carry everything, the accessory kit includes a nylon drawstring bag.</p>
 <p>3.5 mm Jack Extender (Extend reach on USB Base)</p>	<p>The 3.5 mm jack extender is meant for mounting between the TravelMike and snub-nosed microphone when extra reach is desired.</p>		 <p>Buy with Confidence!</p>	<p>All of the parts in our Accessory Kit come with our quality assurance and lifetime replacement warranty. We stand behind what we sell!</p>