

# Call Recorder and Message Centre guide



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Do you have everything?

Your package contains:-

- This manual
- trueCall memory card (70 hour or 140 hour)
- Memory card/USB adaptor



### **Overview**

#### trueCall Call Recorder

trueCall Call Recorder is a memory card that allows the trueCall family of products to record your incoming and outgoing telephone conversations and save important messages. Recordings saved to the card can be played back directly through your telephone handset or on your computer using trueCall Message Centre software.

trueCall also uses the Call Recorder memory card for voicemail messages if its internal memory is full.

trueCall Call Recorder is supplied on an SD memory card similar to those used in digital cameras, but trueCall will only operate with genuine trueCall Call Recorder memory cards.

#### Why record calls?

- When you have bought something over the phone it is easier to resolve disputes over 'who said what to who, and when' this can prevent mis-selling and slamming
- You may be able to use the recordings to get compensation from telemarketers who repeatedly disturb you.
- If you receive malicious calls, this information may make it easier to take action to stop them
- Banks and insurance companies often keep recordings of calls for their own protection why shouldn't you do the same?
- You can keep a record of harassment by debt collection companies

#### trueCall Message Centre

The Call Recorder memory card can be plugged into a computer and the recordings can then be transferred to your hard disk using trueCall Message Centre software.

trueCall Message Centre software is supplied on the memory card and this requires a PC running Windows XP, Vista, 7 or 8, or an Apple Mac running OSX with PC emulation such as Parallels.

**Warning** - The trueCall Call Recorder memory card has been specially optimised to work with trueCall. Only access it using trueCall Message Centre - don't delete or change any of the files on it directly, or copy any other files to the card as this may stop it from working in trueCall.

#### Plugging in the memory card

Plug your Call Recorder memory card firmly into your trueCall unit (label side up). After a few seconds you'll hear the message "Memory card ready" through the speaker.



If trueCall detects an error on the memory card you will hear the message "Error on memory card - please remove the card". It may be that the card is faulty, isn't a genuine trueCall card, or just hasn't been inserted fully. Remove the card for 10 seconds then replace it making sure that the card is plugged firmly into the socket.

If the memory card is write protected you'll hear the message "Cannot record to memory card as it is write protected". trueCall will only record to the card if it is write enabled - see page 7.

Don't rapidly insert and remove your memory card as this may corrupt the card and reboot your trueCall unit.

#### Security

Look after your memory card - it can be read on any one else's trueCall unit, or by anyone who has trueCall Message Centre software.

#### Setting up the recorder

When it is first installed, trueCall will record only selected calls, but you can choose how to configure it. Options are:

Do not record calls	No calls will be recorded				
Record selected calls	Press trueCall's button during the call to record it [default]				
Record all calls	All calls will be recorded				

You can select the setting through your Internet Control Panel or the Handset menu (see your trueCall manual).

If you are using trueCall Call Blocker, trueCall Care, trueCall Slumber or trueCall Recorder then you can specify different recording rules for incoming and outgoing calls (eg record all incoming calls, record selected outgoing calls). trueCall will flash its blue light to warn you if you select 'Record all calls' but no memory card is installed (or if it is full, corrupt or write protected).

#### **Recording a call**

- If trueCall is set to 'Record all calls', then you don't need to do anything so long as a memory card is installed, is write enabled, and has enough memory for half an hours recording, then the call will be automatically recorded to the card.
- If trueCall is set to 'Record selected calls', then at any time during an incoming or outgoing phone conversation just press the button on the top of the trueCall unit to tell trueCall to save the recording of the call. You will hear a beep (which won't be heard by the person on the other end of the line). trueCall's *Buffered Save* feature means that even if you press the button half way through the call, trueCall will save the complete conversation to the memory card right from the start.

trueCall's red LED flashes during the call to indicate that the call is being recorded. A single call recording may last a maximum of 12 hours.

Out of respect for their privacy, it is very important that everyone in your household, and any guests who might use your phone, are

#### Playing back your recordings through the Handset Menu

If your memory card is plugged into your trueCall unit you can play your call recordings at the Handset Menu.

Recordings are presented in reverse date order - the most recent recording is played back first. This allows you to quickly review your most recent recordings.

When listening to your recordings you are given a number of options:-

**Delete the recording** - This frees up space on the card for further recordings.

**Listen to details of the recording** - trueCall can give you additional information about each recording – the time and date it was made, its duration, whether it was an incoming or outgoing call and the phone number of the person you called or who called you (if their number is available).

**Archive the recording** - You can archive any important recordings. Archived recordings can't be deleted by mistake through the Handset Menu, they can only be deleted through trueCall's Message Centre on your computer. You can listen to archived recordings through the 'Archived Recordings' option in the 'Messages and Call recordings' menu.

**Ring the caller or person you called** - If you have the phone number of the person you called or who called you, you can call them back directly at the touch of a button. Unlike other ringback services, there is no additional call charge for this feature - the call cost is the same as if you had dialled the number yourself.

Press # or \* to add the caller/person you called to your Zap or Star list - If you have the phone number of the person you called or who called you, you are given the option to add them to your Zap or Star list.

**Skip forward/back** - During the playback of a recording you can press 9 to skip forwards 20 seconds through the recording, or 7 to skip back 20 seconds.

#### **Running out of memory**

You can check how much memory remains on your Call Recorder memory card in the Message Centre (see page 10) or from the System information option in the Handset Menu.

When you log into the Handset Menu to retrieve your messages, trueCall will warn you if your memory card has less than 60 minutes time remaining. It won't start recording a call unless there is 30 minutes recording time left on the card.

#### Archiving voicemail messages

Sometimes you may want to keep a message that has been left on trueCall's voicemail for future reference.

If you have a Call Recorder memory card installed trueCall gives you the option to archive the message. This copies it to the memory card. Long messages may take a few moments to copy - if it is going to take more than 10 seconds trueCall tells you how long the copy will take, and beeps every few seconds until the copy is complete. If you don't want to wait for the message to finish copying, you can just hang up - trueCall will continue to copy the message.



trueCall Message Centre allows you to easily manage your call recordings and archived messages on your computer. It allows you to copy recordings and messages from your memory card to your computer, then annotate and file them.

#### Installing trueCall Message Centre on your computer

The trueCall Message Centre installation program is supplied on the trueCall Call Recorder memory card. Plug this into your computer. If your computer doesn't have a socket for an SD card then you can use the supplied Memory card/USB adaptor. Plug the Memory card into the adaptor then plug the adaptor into a spare USB socket on your computer.

Different computers are set up differently, but when you plug in the memory card a window will generally pop up asking you whether you want to install trueCall Message Centre. If this doesn't happen then open the memory card in Windows Explorer, and double click on the 'trueCall Setup' icon.

Follow the instructions to install trueCall Message Centre. By default it is installed in your programs directory under 'trueCall' and your recordings are stored in the 'My Phone Calls' folder under 'My

Documents'. The installation automatically creates sub-folders within 'My Phone Calls' -'Family', 'Friends' and 'Work' - but you can amend these to build your own personal filing system for your recordings.



#### Using trueCall Message Centre

#### Copying files from your memory card to your computer

When you want to transfer recordings to your computer, remove the Call Recorder memory card from trueCall when your phone is not in use. Don't insert or remove a memory card from your trueCall unit while you are on a telephone call, as this will end your call and may corrupt your recordings.

Plug the memory card into your computer. A window will generally pop up asking you whether you want to run trueCall Message Centre, or it may just show the contents of the memory card (in which case, run trueCall Message Centre from your Windows menu).

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#### **Reviewing your recordings**

Message Centre has a split screen (see below). In the bottom half you can see details of the recordings on the memory card, and in the top half you can see details of the recordings on your computer hard disk alongside the directory structure.

Recordings are shown with the time and date they were recorded, their duration, whether they were an incoming or outgoing call, the calling/called phone number (if available), name (if available) and the recording type (call recording, archived answering machine message, etc). You can click on the column headings to sort the entries.

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	Recording2	09-05-2008 10:00	00:00:26	Incoming call	01928085468	[Runcorn]	Call Recording	
- Contract Work	Recording3	09-05-2008 11:28	00:00:27	Incoming call	02082423435	[London]	Call Recording	
	Recording4	09-05-2008 16:30	00:00:45	Outgoing call	01278234188	[Bridgwater]	Call Recording	
	Recording5	10-05-2008 19:48	00:05:38	Outgoing call	01460232783	[Chard]	Call Recording	
	Recording6	10-05-2008 21:56	00:04:41	Outgoing call	01460234278	Ken & Elaine	Call Recording	
	Recording7	12-05-2008 06:29	00:00:15	Outgoing call	02086527873	Stephen & Julia	Call Recording	
	Recording8	12-05-2008 11:38	00:00:05	Incoming call	02084023590	Steve & Annie	Whisper	
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Sometimes there may be entries that have no date, or which have a date without a year - this is because your trueCall unit didn't have its date set when it made the recording.

#### Listening to recordings stored on the memory card

To listen to one of your recordings, just double click on it. A playback window pops up that shows the recording date, type, and phone number. You can start, pause, stop, fast forward or rewind to listen to the appropriate part of the recording, and you can see how far you are into the file in hours, minutes and seconds in the top right of the window.

#### Saving recordings from the memory card to the computer

To save a recording to your computer, simply highlight one or a group of recordings in the SD card area and drag to the appropriate PC folder. Once the copy is complete you can delete the recording(s) from the memory card.

#### **Renaming your recordings**

Right click on a recording in the computer window and select 'Edit' to change the name of the file.

#### Listening to recordings stored on your computer

If you double click on a recording [ in the computer window, it is played back and you have the opportunity to write comments as you are listening to the call. You can also create bookmarks markers in the recording - by clicking on the Pin button. You can attach a description to each bookmark to allow you to quickly find important parts of a recording. Recordings are stored on your PC in the standard WAV file format and can, for example, be emailed and played back on other computers.



#### Deleting recordings from the memory card

Once you have saved all the recordings you want to keep you can delete the remaining recordings from your memory card by clicking on the 'Delete all' button.

#### Getting trueCall to store the caller's name with the recording

In your trueCall Internet Control Panel you can associate a name with a telephone number (see your trueCall manual). We recommend that you load up the names and numbers of the people you speak to most often as this makes managing your messages and recordings much easier. trueCall will then be able to show the name against any calls to or from that number in your Internet Control Panel and in trueCall Message centre.

Where trueCall can't find a name to associate with a telephone number it will try to give other information about the number geographic location\* or number type (freephone, premium, etc).

\* Data from The National Telephone Numbering Plan, 8th November 2007 © Ofcom

#### Removing the memory card from your computer

Once you have finished working with your memory card on your computer, don't forget to remove it and plug it back in to trueCall so you can make further recordings.

You must always be careful when you remove any memory card from a computer. First, exit from the Message Centre software then click on the 'Safely remove hardware' icon in your system tray and 'Stop' the memory card.



The process is the same if you are using the Memory card/USB adaptor.

Don't remove the memory card from your computer until you see the message 'Safe To Remove Hardware'. If you don't wait for this message your memory card may become faulty, and future call recordings may not be saved.

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# The legality of recording phone calls

# Can I legally record telephone conversations on my home phone?

In the UK you are allowed to make recordings of your private conversations provided that the recording is for your own use. Often a recording can quickly resolve a disagreement about 'who said what & when'. In some cases recordings are admissible as evidence.

Out of respect for their privacy, you should make sure that everyone in your household, and any guests who might use your phone, are aware that their conversations may be recorded.

# Can I record telephone conversations on behalf of my business?

The laws relating to call recording for businesses are many and complex, and you will have to determine yourself whether your use is legal. The relevant legislation includes:-

- Data Protection Act 1998
- Telecommunications Data Protection and Privacy -Regulations 1999
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000
- Telecommunications Lawful Business Practice Interception of Communications Regulations 2000

Details of these regulations can be found at the websites of The Information Commissioner, Ofcom and Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

If you are unsure of the situation we recommend that you seek advice from your employer or a lawyer.

# 14 Frequently asked questions

## When I plug my memory card into trueCall I hear the message "Error on memory card"

It may be that the card is faulty, isn't a genuine trueCall card, or just hasn't been inserted fully. Remove the card for 10 seconds then replace it making sure that the card is plugged firmly into the socket.

# How can I check how much recording space is available on my memory card?

The trueCall Message Centre will show you how much recording time remains on your memory card, or you can hear this in System Information at your Handset Menu (page 7).

#### When I plug my memory card into trueCall I hear the message "Cannot record to memory card as it is write protected"

Each memory card has a white switch on its left hand side. If this is in the backwards position the card is write-protected and trueCall won't make any recordings on the card. Slide the switch forward and re-insert the card (see diagram on page 6). Make sure that the card is pressed firmly into the socket.

# When I plug the memory card into my PC I see the message 'Do you want to scan and fix ...'

Your computer has detected a possible error on your memory card click 'Yes' and your computer will check for errors and try to fix any that it finds.

#### I would like to email a call recording to someone

You can find your recordings stored in your 'My phone calls' directory, or one of the sub directories below this in WAV format.

#### A call recording cut off before the end of the call

If you make and take calls on phones plugged into other extension sockets in your house and transfer the call between handsets, you may, in certain circumstances, lose part of your call recording.

# Call recorder has recorded some odd modem calls in the middle of the night - what are these?

Sky boxes, alarm systems and other devices in your house may make calls in the middle of the night. If your trueCall Call recorder is set to 'Record all calls' these will be recorded. Just delete these calls.



If you need further help setting up trueCall then log into your Internet Control Panel and click <u>Support</u>. You will find a lot of detailed information, plus answers to frequently asked problems, and known issues.

If you're still stuck then you can email us either directly (*support@trueCall.co.uk*), or from the form on the control panel, or call 0844 408 4000. We aim to respond to you within one working day.

#### **Disposal instructions**

Waste electronic equipment should be separated from your normal household waste and taken to your local recycling centre for disposal, or back to where you bought the equipment.



Proper recycling of electronic equipment will help the environment and conserve natural resources.

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