

# K188. 40 Second Voice Recorder Module

This kit is the replacement for K146, our previous 40 second voice recorder module. This kit used the now obsolete ISD2540 chip. K188 uses the ISD1740 chip. It has much the same specifications as the previous chip but with some extra features that make it easier to use.

The ISD1700 series of chips offer a wide range of message durations, ranging from 30 seconds up to 240 seconds depending on the chip. The sampling frequency of each chip can also be adjusted from 4 kHz to 12 kHz with an external resistor, giving greater flexibility in duration versus recording quality.

Recordings are stored in on-chip Flash memory, providing non-volatile storage when power is removed. The audio data is stored directly without digital compression, which provides better quality voice and music reproduction.

These chips are designed for operation in either standalone or microcontroller (SPI) mode. This kit provides interfaces for both.

## SPECIFICATIONS & FEATURES

<b>Operating Voltage</b>	8 to 24VDC (see text)
<b>Sampling Frequency</b>	8 kHz default (see text)
<b>Message Length</b>	40 seconds @ 8 kHz (see text)
<b>Standalone Mode</b>	Yes
<b>SPI Mode interface</b>	Yes
<b>Input Source</b>	Onboard electret microphone Analog Line In
<b>Outputs</b>	Direct drive to 8 ohm speaker Analog Aux Output
<b>Visual Indicator</b>	Onboard LED Stays ON during recording BLINKS during playback, etc.

## KIT ASSEMBLY

Before starting, check the components supplied in the kit against the parts list.

**NOTE:** Some components are mounted inside the IC socket. Please ensure that these are pushed all the way into the PCB so they don't interfere with the IC when inserted into the socket.

**NOTE:** The 5-pin header X3 is not required for standalone operation and has not been supplied.

It is recommended that components be inserted and soldered in the following order:

1. All the resistors and diode D2
2. All the 100nF mono capacitors.
3. The 28 pin IC socket
4. The LED and 78L05 regulator.
5. Slide switch S7
6. Electrolytic capacitors C3, C4 and C10 (4.7uF).
7. The electret microphone
8. Audio jacks X1 and X5

9. Screw terminal block X4
10. Pushbutton switches S1-6
11. DC jack X2
12. Electrolytic capacitor C11 (100uF)

Do not insert the IC into its socket yet. Connect a 9 to 12VDC supply to the kit and measure the voltage across pin 1 (+) and pin 28 (-). It should read 5 volts approx.

If OK then remove power and insert the IC. Take care not to bend any of the IC pins when doing so.

## OPERATION

Operating control is via six (6) pushbuttons and one (1) slide switch, as follows:

- LINE/MIC** Slide switch to select recording source between external source (LINE) or onboard microphone (MIC)
- RECORD** Press and hold to start a new recording. LED is ON during recording. Release when done.
- PLAY** Plays the current message. Press and hold to play each message sequentially. LED blinks during playback.
- ERASE** Press to erase the current message. LED blinks twice then turns off.  
Press and hold to erase ALL messages. LED blinks twice, stops then blinks another seven (7) times then turns off.
- FWD** Advance to next message.
- VOL** Change playback volume in eight (8) steps.
- RESET** Return to the default state

**NOTE:** Each pushbutton has an associated pair of pads next to it. These are for connecting any externally mounted switches or pushbuttons. They simply connect across the onboard pushbuttons. Use either 2-pin headers or solder directly to the PCB.

## CONNECTORS

- Power Supply** 2.5mm DC jack, center positive
- Line In** 3.5mm mono audio jack. Use for connecting to external audio source such as MP3 player or PC sound card. Slide switch must be set to 'LINE' position.
- Aux Output** 3.5mm mono audio jack. Use for connecting to external power amplifier.
- Speaker** 2-way screw terminal block

## OPERATING VOLTAGE

The kit has an onboard 5V regulator, allowing it to run from an 8V to 24V DC power source. However the chip itself has an operating voltage range of 2.4V to 5.5V, making it suitable for battery powered applications.

To use these lower voltages the onboard 5V regulator can be omitted and a wire link soldered across the two (2)



