

MyDEL MS-5 Mobile Hands-free kit

If you spend time operating mobile, then a hands-free solution is a real safety aid

OUT MOBILE. I spend a lot of my time operating mobile and was pleased to have the chance of trying a different mobile set-up in my car. Although it is legal to use a hand-held microphone while driving, you could still be open to a charge of driving without due care and attention. Prudence suggests that a better suggestion should be sought - indeed, I have been using my own hands-free solution for years while mobile.

The MyDEL MS-5 comes supplied simply, but safely, packed on a card-backed 'bubble' and was wired for Kenwood radios. This enabled me to test it on both my Kenwood D-710 and my TS-480SAT.

The MS-5 is suitable for use with most brands of amateur rig and should be able to be fitted to any vehicle.

GETTING GOING. Installation was quick and simple, it was easy to site. It involved removing a screw from the sun visor and placing the elongated hole of the goose neck under the sun visor plate and re fixing. The screened wire from the goose neck allowed me to follow the A pillar down to the floor and along to the radio. The unit comes supplied with 3m of cable that was terminated in a RCA plug.

The PTT hardware was fitted to the gear stick with rubber bands - three different sizes are supplied to accommodate different diameter gear sticks. There are two cables from the PTT switch, one to connect to the radio (in my case a RJ-45 connector) and the other a RCA socket to connect to the goose neck mic. These cables are 1.2m in length.



The PTT switch box has a long PTT switch and two other controls, a red switch for UP and a blue for DOWN. Both switches worked, without problems, on the Kenwood and enabled me to move up and down the memories in the radio. On the side of the unit is a cutout that enables you to access a variable resistor. This is used to adjust the output level of the microphone, in my case; I found that adjustment wasn't necessary.

IN USE. I was out and about in the car as usual using both of my local repeaters - GB3NB and GB3AH. Initially, I didn't tell anyone that I had changed microphones and I didn't receive any negative comments about a change in my audio. The Kenwood D710 was set to the mid level. When I did mention that I had changed my microphone and switched back to the normal microphone,

no changes could be heard. Thanks to MOUJD and GOLGF for helping with the tests.

On HF, again no adverse comments were made and all contacts commented on the good audio level. I also found that no RF feed back occurred in the microphone.

Running a Kenwood TM-V7 in the shack,

I temporarily fixed the goose neck to the bench, along with the switch box, and used the microphone with great success as a desk microphone.

My thanks to Martin Lynch and Sons for the loan of the headset. I found that all I had to do was connect it up and it worked first time - basically, it 'does what it said on the tin'!

It retails for £44.95 but check out the Members offer.

*** Members' Only Offer ***

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The RSGB has negotiated a special price for our members with MLS for the new MyDEL MS-5 hands free kit. The MS-5 is suitable for use with a wide range of mobile equipment covering both amateur and CB radios. We have four versions available covering Icom, Yaesu, Kenwood radios (see website for compatibility details). Whilst using a fist mic is actually legal, this set up is designed to give a safer, hands-free operation in any vehicle. The system is very simple to set up.

Features include:

- Flexible Goose Neck: 280mm
- Microphone Lead: 3m
- Variable Output Level: 0-50mV (RMS)
- Operating Voltage: 12V-15V DC
- Switch Box Size: 44(h) x 38(w) x 67(d) mm
- Weight 240g

This superb kit is available to RSGB members for only £39.95 inclusive of postage. **This is a saving of 24% or £12.50 off the normal price** (including p&p). This is a bargain and only available whilst stocks last.

