TAD-265 (430-0730) Troubleshooting

If you have any problems with your TAD, be sure you have installed a cassette tape. If you still have a problems, the following chart might help. If not, take the TAD to your local Radio Shack store for assistance.

Problem	Causes/Solution
The volume suddenly drops and unusual sounds occur	Someone has picked up a phone on the same line.
	* Have the other person hang up the phone.
The call is too noisy	Interference on the line.
	* Hang up the phone. Then pick up the phone and redial the number. The phone's connection is not secure.
	* Check the phone's connection. A device such as a computer, remote control device, fluorescent light, or appliance is too close to the handset.
	* Move the handset away from the device. If the noise continues, turn off the problem device.
	The channel frequency for your phone is the same as another cordless phone in your area.
	* This phone comes in five different channel frequencies. If none of the above solutions corrects the phone's noise problem, exchange the phone for one with a different channel frequency (within 30 days of the purchase date).
	The battery needs recharging.
	The antennas are touching a metal surface.
The range decreases	The base's antenna is not positioned properly.
	* Fully extend the base's antenna and position it vertically.
The phone does not work or works poorly	The handset is too far away from the base.
	* Move the handset closer to the

	base.
	The phone line cord and the AC adapter are not correctly connected.
	* Properly connect the phone line cord and the AC adapter.
	The handset's battery needs charging. (If the battery is too low, the CHARGE indicator does not light.)
	* Place the handset in its cradle to recharge the handset's battery.
	The base's antenna is retracted or positioned incorrectly.
	* Fully extend the base's antenna and position it vertically.
The TAD does not answer	Bad phone line connection.
	* Check and reconnect.
	The TAD is not set to answer calls.
	* Press ANSWER until the ANSWER indicator lights.
	You have not recorded an outgoing announcement.
	* Record an announcement.
The TAD does not record callers' messages.	The message tape is full.
The TAD records a dial tone, beeping, or the operator's voice instead of the caller's message	The caller hung up without leaving a message or without using the maximum time, and the TAD did not detect 7 seconds of silence.
Recordings sound distorted	The tape heads are dirty.
	The tape is worn out.
	* Replace the cassette.
You cannot operate the TAD	The tone output from the phone or tone dialer is not long enough.
	* Use another phone or dialer.
	You are using a rotary-dial phone.
	You did not correctly enter the

security code.

* Enter the code within 5 seconds, and make sure each button press is at least 1/2-second long.

You did not enter a remote command within 30 seconds after the command prompt. (The TAD sounds a beep and hangs up.)

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