



## **Distracted Driving Laws and PA Options for Mini Busses**

For many years the bus industry has installed PA systems with a hand microphone. If a headset was required, the Ready2Talk "Jensen HK" (headset kit) was a solution for compliance with Distracted Driving Laws (DDL).

### **Issue**

It has come to our attention that the standard popular PA system has been replaced with a new model and relocated the volume control from the PA box to the hand mic itself. So unlike with the old standard PA system, when replacing the hand mic with our Jensen HK, the volume control is then eliminated. The lack of a volume control causes operational limitations and uncontrollable feedback rendering the new standard PA system non usable to meet DDL.

### **Distracted Driving Laws**

In the past, DDL may not have been much of a concern, but today, some States have DDL fines exceed \$5000 for the first offence. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT NEEDS TO BE CONSIDERED by all Customers, Dealers and Manufacturers during the ordering or manufacturing process. Disregarding this issue makes PA systems changes very costly after the vehicle is delivered.

If the vehicle is being used as a shuttle a hand mic may not be an issue, as the PA can be operated while the vehicle is stopped. However, if the vehicle is used for sightseeing, transit, retirement homes... operating a hand mic while driving in a State were DDL are enforced can MAKE THE VEHICLE NON-COMPLIANT.

### **Solution**

When your customer requires a mic option other than a hand mic, Ready2Talk has the only "Off the Shelf" solution. With our PA 64 amplified system, we can offer hand mics to headsets, wired or wireless as well as a gooseneck mic as direct plug and play options.

Similar to the old standard, the PA 64 connects to any OEM or aftermarket stereo, but also offers other connection options such as, for pre-recorded announcement systems, video players, and even Karaoke. So the PA 64 can be used for any vehicle application from basic needs to elaborate. Perfect when repurposing an "in stock" vehicle for a customer today.

### **Wrapping Up**

This bulletin is in no way intended to degrade the value of other manufacturers PA products, but only to identify important questions for you and your customers. Our true intension is to educate and hopefully save everyone the time and grief of making expensive changes after the fact. For more information, please contact us by phone or email below.

Thank you.