

# Instructions for Installing the Announcer/Tattler™

The Announcer/Tattler™ is a custom modification of a Mail Guard® made by Radio Shack. If you have problems, contact me; when you need batteries, you can find them at a local Radio Shack store. Ignore the discussion about the light sensor on pages 8 and 10 of the Radio Shack instructions.

**Batteries:** Install batteries in the small, black transmitter as stated on page 5 of the Radio Shack instructions. You will need a small Phillips screwdriver for this. Be sure to observe the proper polarity; the + side goes up for both batteries. Close the transmitter with its screws after the batteries are installed.

**Mounting clip:** Apply the double-sticky foam piece to the mounting clip and place it on a clean surface inside the door of your mailbox such that the long axis of the mounting clip is vertical when the mailbox door is vertical. Do not install at the angle shown on page 10 of the Radio Shack instructions. The mounting clip should be fairly near the top of the door when the door is closed. Please note the thumb tab lever on the side of the mounting clip, which must be depressed when removing the transmitter to change its batteries.

**Transmitter:** Snap the transmitter into the mounting clip such that the words Radio Shack are readable as illustrated. The transmitter can be removed by depressing the thumb tab and unsnapping from the mounting clip.



**Receiver:** The receiver is plugged into a normal household (U.S.) outlet as shown on pages 11-13 of the Radio Shack instructions. The receiver signals with chime and light when mailbox is opened.

**Test:** When the mailbox door is opened, the Receiver will sound a chime about nine times and the red light will flash green until the Reset button is pressed. The door-opening signal is effective day or night since my modification uses a tilt switch instead of a photo-diode as the signaling device.

When the mailbox is bashed, the tilt switch will signal the Receiver with the chimes, and you may have opportunity to see if the vandals stick around. If you use the Announcer/Tattler™ in conjunction with our BatGrabber™ they may come back for the bat or try to wipe fingerprints off the bat. This may give you time to check a license plate number and to call authorities.

I would like to know if our MailBoxers™ help to catch vandals.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray Hauser".

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