

Talking Sounders really do make *good* sense

By **Tony Phipps**

When it comes to blind spots - Mirrors, Cameras and Sensors can help the driver to detect pedestrians and cyclists at the side or rear of the vehicle - but cannot prevent them from stepping out or moving on unexpectedly. The driver may have no time to avoid an accident.

They may try to avoid moving vehicles, but are often oblivious to the danger in which they place themselves when they approach stationary vehicles. Cycles and motorcycles increasingly pull alongside the nearside of trucks at road junctions. Even worse they often undertake as the truck is about to turn left.

Talking safety sounders can immediately alert pedestrians and cyclists to dangerous situations. They deliver the warning message right into the danger zone and generate an immediate response.

"Concrete vehicle turning left...." instantly identifies and communicates the danger. The message can be triggered by a push-button or connected to the left-turn indicator for automatic operation. It can even be tailored to further identify the vehicle by including the operator's name.

Likewise a simple warning message such as *"Attention... this vehicle is reversing"* warns pedestrians of the danger before the vehicle begins to reverse.

And the principle extends to any potentially hazardous operation involving a vehicle or its equipment. *Warning... tail lift operating* and *"Deck moving... Stand clear"* are just two examples

that speak for themselves.

Similarly a wide range of in-cab messages like *"Driver...apply the handbrake"* can prevent the all-too-common vehicle runaway and many other dangerous incidents.

But it's not only on the road that talking sounders can help. Plenty of accidents happen on site and in depots where vehicles and people congregate.

Talking sounders may be tailored to any application or location, in any language.

The human voice - there's simply no better means of getting the safety message across!

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Talking Sounders using real human speech are the most effective means of communicating safety warning messages.