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User's manual

**EL42208/EL42308/EL42408/  
EL42258**

**5.8 GHz cordless telephone/  
answering system with  
caller ID/call waiting**



# Congratulations

on purchasing your  
new AT&T product.

Before using this AT&T product, please  
read the **Important safety instructions**  
on pages 52-54 of this manual.

Please thoroughly read the user's  
manual for all the feature operations  
and troubleshooting information necessary to install  
and operate your new  
AT&T product. You can also visit our  
website at **www.telephones.att.com**  
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In Canada, dial **1 (866) 288-4268**.

Model #: EL42208/EL42308/EL42408/EL42258  
Type: 5.8GHz cordless telephone/answering system  
Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(found on the bottom of the telephone base)  
Purchase date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of purchase: \_\_\_\_\_

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bottom of the telephone base.



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You must install and charge the battery before using the telephone.



**See page 9**  
for easy instructions.

If you subscribe to high-speed Internet service (Digital Subscriber Line - DSL) through your telephone lines, you must install a DSL filter between the telephone base and the telephone wall jack (page 6). The filter will prevent noise and caller ID problems caused by DSL interference. Please contact your DSL service provider for more information about DSL filters.

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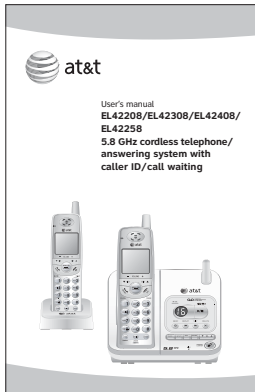
**CAUTION:** To reduce the risk of fire or injury to persons or damage to the telephone, read and follow these instructions carefully:

- Use only the supplied rechargeable battery or replacement battery (part number 89-1332-00-00) or equivalent. To order a replacement battery, visit our website at **[www.telephones.att.com](http://www.telephones.att.com)** or call **1 (800) 222-3111**. In Canada, dial **1 (866) 288-4268**.
- Do not dispose of the battery in a fire. Like other batteries of this type, it could explode if burned. Check with local codes for special disposal instructions.
- Do not open or mutilate the battery. Released electrolyte is corrosive and may cause damage to the eyes or skin. It may be toxic if swallowed.
- Exercise care in handling batteries in order not to create a short circuit. Do not allow conductive materials such as rings, bracelets, or keys to touch the battery. The battery or conductor may overheat and cause harm.
- Charge the battery provided with or identified for use with this product only in accordance with the instructions and limitations specified in this manual.
- Observe proper polarity orientation between the battery and battery charger.
- Do not disassemble your telephone. There are no user-serviceable parts inside. Refer to qualified service personnel for servicing.

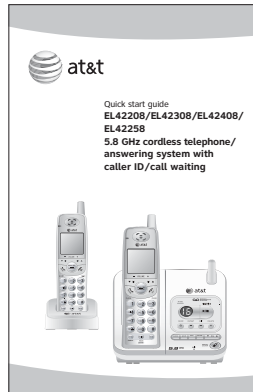
# Parts checklist

Save your sales receipt and original packaging in the event warranty service is necessary.

Your telephone contains the following items:



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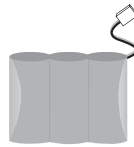
Quick start guide



Cordless handset  
(2 for EL42208)  
(2 for EL42258)  
(3 for EL42308)  
(4 for EL42408)



Telephone base



Battery for cordless handset  
(2 for EL42208)  
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(3 for EL42308)  
(4 for EL42408)



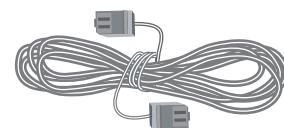
Charger for cordless handset with power adapter installed  
(1 for EL42208)  
(1 for EL42258)  
(2 for EL42308)  
(3 for EL42408)



Battery compartment cover  
(2 for EL42208)  
(2 for EL42258)  
(3 for EL42308)  
(4 for EL42408)



Power adapter for telephone base



Telephone line cord

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## Quick reference guide - handset

### **CHARGE**

The light is on when a cordless handset is properly positioned to charge in the telephone base or charger.

### **▼CID/-VOLUME**

When in a menu, press to scroll down. When the phone is not in use, press to display call history entries (page 30). While entering names or numbers, press to move the cursor to the left. During a call, press to decrease listening volume.

### **PHONE/FLASH**

Press to make or answer a call. During a call, press to receive an incoming call if call waiting is activated (page 17).

### **CHAN/REMOVE**

When on a call, press to scan for a clearer channel when there is static or interference on the line (page 17). When the phone is not in use, press to delete the displayed caller ID entry (page 31), or press and hold to delete all caller ID entries when the phone is not in use (page 31).

### **MENU/SEL/TRANSFER**

Press to display menu. Press to store a programming option. During a call, press to transfer a call between handsets (pages 18-20).

### **DIR ▲/VOLUME+**

When in a menu, press to scroll up. When the phone is not in use, press to display directory entries (page 25). While entering names, press to advance the cursor. During a call, press to increase listening volume.

### **OFF/CLEAR**

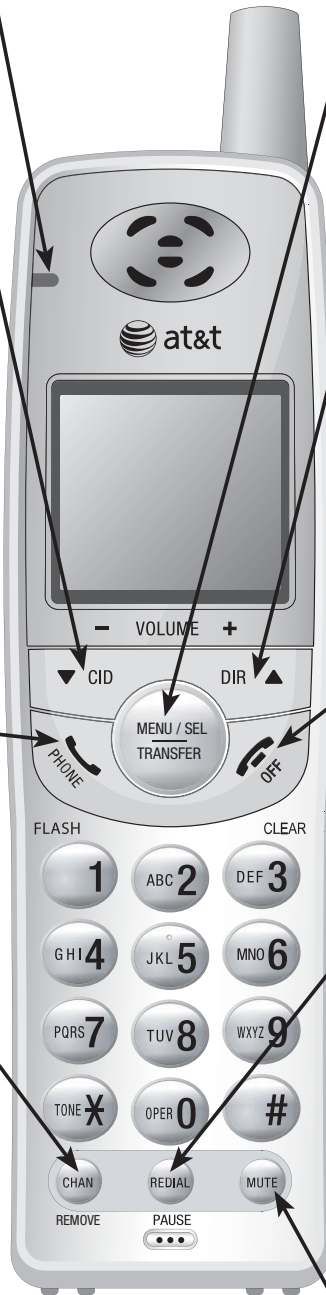
During a call, press to hang up (page 14). While using menus, press to cancel an operation, or exit the menu.

### **REDIAL/PAUSE**

When the phone is not in use, Press repeatedly to display the last five numbers called (page 15). While dialing or entering numbers to the directory, press to insert a four-second dialing pause (page 24).

### **MUTE**

While on a call, press to mute the microphone. Press again to resume your conversation (page 17).



# Quick reference guide - telephone base



## IN USE

- On steady when a handset is in use.
- Flashes quickly while an incoming call is ringing.

## HANDSET LOCATOR

Press to make the handset beep when a handset is not on the telephone base (page 16).

## Answering System Functions

### MESSAGE COUNTER

Number of messages (or during playback, message number currently playing).

### ◀REPEAT

Press to repeat message; press **twice** to play previous message (page 37).

### ⏻ ON/OFF

Press to turn answering system on or off (page 40).

### CLOCK

Press to review or set clock (page 34).

### SETUP

Press to review or change answering system options (page 36).

### ANNC.

Press to review or record announcement; press again to quit (page 35).

### ▶/■ PLAY/STOP

Press to start or stop message playback (page 37).

### ▶▶SKIP

Press to skip message (page 37).

### ✕DELETE

Press to delete message currently playing; press twice to delete all old messages while the phone is not in use (page 37).

### ⬆VOL

Press to adjust playback volume (page 37).

### RECORD

Press to record a memo (page 38) or after pressing **ANNC.** to record an outgoing announcement (page 35).

Getting started

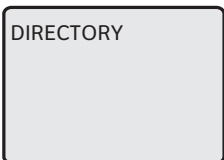
## Handset main menu

To enter the main menu:

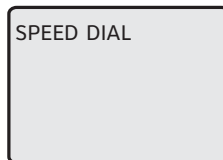
1. Press **MENU/SEL** when the handset is not in use.
2. Press **▼CID** or **DIR▲** to select a handset feature menu, then press **MENU/SEL** to enter that menu.

To return to the idle mode, press **OFF/CLEAR**.

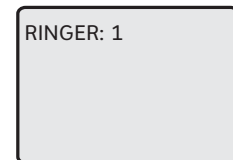
**DIRECTORY** allows you to store and search for names and numbers (page 21).



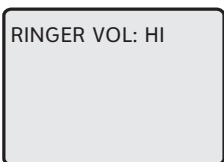
**SPEED DIAL** allows you to store or dial a number in a speed dial location (page 22).



**RINGER** allows you to set the ringer (page 12).



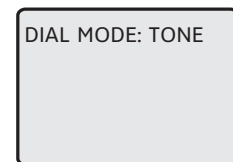
**RINGER VOL** allows you to set the ringer volume (page 12).



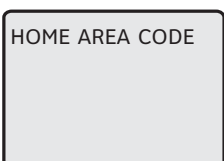
**DATE/TIME** allows you to set the date and time (page 13).



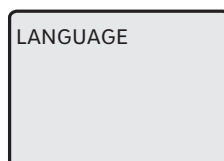
**DIAL MODE** allows you to set tone or pulse dialing (page 11).



**HOME AREA CODE** allows you to set your home area code (page 13).



**LANGUAGE** allows you to set your handset display language (page 11).





## Telephone base & charger installation

The telephone base can be placed on a flat surface or vertically mounted on the wall (page 7). For optimum range and better reception, place the telephone base in a central and open location.

### **Avoid placing the telephone base too close to:**

- Communication devices such as: personal computers, computer routers, television sets, VCRs, wireless routers (wireless broadband, wi-fi, or 802.11) or other cordless telephones.
- Excessive heat sources.
- Noise sources such as a window with traffic outside, motors, microwave ovens, refrigerators, or fluorescent lighting.
- Excessive dust sources such as a workshop or garage.
- Excessive moisture.
- Extremely low temperature.
- Mechanical vibration or shock such as on top of the washing machine or work bench.