

Orbit Reader 20 Plus™

Quick-start Guide

Introduction

This guide provides the basic instructions for using the Orbit Reader 20 Plus Electronic Braille Display. For more information and the complete instructions, consult the Orbit Reader 20 Plus User Guide included on the SD card.

The Orbit Reader 20 Plus is a unique 3-in-1 device that enables a blind or visually impaired user to read books and documents in braille, take notes and save them as braille or text files. It helps the user to easily access all the functions of a computer or smartphone such as web browsing, email, and text messaging.

Reading materials that were previously available in braille embossed on paper, can now be read on the compact and portable Orbit Reader 20 Plus. Thousands of books can be stored on the small memory cards, known as SD cards. Blind people who used to write notes using a slate and stylus or a Perkins Braille can now type in braille with the Orbit Reader 20 Plus, which includes a similar 6-key braille keyboard and is much quieter and faster, as well as being fatigue-free. The notes are stored on the SD card and can be transferred to a computer or smartphone and read by anyone.

The Orbit Reader 20 Plus produces braille symbols using 8 pins that can move up and down to produce braille dots and can show a line of 20 such symbols, also known as cells. Any text or braille content can be instantly displayed on the device, 20 symbols at a time and once you have read the first line of 20 symbols, you can move to the next line by pressing a button, known as the pan button. There are two such buttons, one on each side of the line of the braille cells.

In the Box

The following items are included in the package. Contact your distributor if anything is missing or damaged.

- Orbit Reader 20 Plus unit
- Charger
- USB Cable (USB-A to USB Type-C)
- SD Card with User Guide and content (installed in unit)
- Printed Quick-Start Guide

Orientation of the Device

The normal operating orientation of the device is with the line of braille cells towards you. On the left and right side of the line are two buttons. These buttons are used to skip to the next or previous line of braille and are known as the pan keys.

Just above the line of braille cells are three keys. The key on the left is the Dot 7 key, the wider key in the middle is the Space key, and the key on the right is the Dot 8 key.

The six braille input keys are located close to the edge of the device furthest away from you. Starting from the left, the keys are named Dot 3, Dot 2, Dot 1, Dot 4, Dot 5 and Dot 6. These keys are used to type in braille and to enter commands. In the center of the unit is the navigation keypad with four directional buttons (up, down, left and right arrows) and a Select button. These buttons are used to move within a book or file and through menus.

The Power button, SD card slot, and USB Type-C port are in a recessed area on the left side of the back edge of the device. The Power button is square in shape and protrudes slightly. The SD card slot is identified by 2 bumps under it and the USB port by one bump.

Charging the Device

We recommend charging the device fully before or during first use. To charge the battery, plug the small end of the cable into the USB port and insert the other end into the supplied charger or a USB port on a computer.

Powering On and Off

To turn on the device, press and hold the power button for 2 seconds. If the device is already on, pressing and holding the power button for 2 seconds will turn it off. If the device is running on batteries and you do nothing with it for 10 minutes, it goes to sleep automatically to conserve power. The device will activate all the dots momentarily to indicate power-on and power-off.

Language Settings

Your Orbit Reader 20 Plus comes with the support for several languages and more can be loaded from the SD card as needed. You can select a language by pressing the Select button and one of the Dot keys together. The Select and Dot 1 key will choose English Grade 1 (EBAE) braille for reading and writing. All the messages and menus will also be shown in English Grade 1. The Select and Dot 2 keys will choose English Grade 2 (EBAE). The Select and Dot 3 keys will choose the BRF format, which is independent of language. The Select and Dot 4 keys will choose the language you have loaded from the SD card. There are many other options that provide a lot of flexibility. Please refer to the User Guide for more details.

Reading

The Orbit Reader 20 Plus comes with an inserted SD card containing the User Guide and translated braille material already on it. If the SD card is removed or there is no SD card when the unit is turned on, the Orbit Reader 20 Plus displays “No SD card”. To insert a card into the slot, make sure its contact fingers are facing down and gently push it in until you hear or feel a click. To remove a card, press and release it.

When you first power the device on, the display shows the name of the first file or folder on the SD card. You can scroll through the list of files using the Up and Down Arrow buttons on the navigation keypad.

To Open a File in the list for reading, press the Select key. To Read a File, use the panning buttons to move forward or back through the contents twenty characters at a time. To exit from reading a File and return to the list of files and folders, press the Dot 7 key.

Creating and Editing Files

To create a new file, press the Space key and the dot keys for the letter ‘N’ (Dot 1 3 4 5). You will notice that dots 7 and 8 (the two dots at the bottom) in the first cell will start blinking. This is known as the cursor and shows the position at which the text you type will be inserted. Start typing using the Dot 1 thorough Dot 6 keys. Choose the language you would like to type in, using the Select and Dots 1 through 4 keys.

To edit a file you are reading, press the Space key and the dot keys for the letter ‘E’ (Dot 1 5).

To exit the Editor, press the ‘Select’ key twice. The cursor disappears and returns you to the file you were reading. If you had created a new file, the editor automatically names the file with the first 20 characters of the file. You can rename the file if you like.

Setting Preferences

The Orbit reader 20 Plus offers several options which are accessed through the menu. This allows you to do things such as checking the battery status, configure the way braille is displayed, etc.

- To see the menu, press the Select and Up arrow key
- To move through the menu items, press Up or Down Arrow keys
- To see the options for an item in the menu, press Right or Left Arrow keys
- To select or unselect an option, press the Select key
- To close the Menu, press the Dot 7 key

Connecting to a Computer or Smartphone

The Orbit Reader 20 Plus can connect to computers and mobile devices to access all of their functions and features using braille. The connection can be either through USB or Bluetooth. The access to the computer or mobile device’s features is through a software program called a Screen Reader. This software is available for all platforms including Android, iOS, Windows,

Mac OS, Chrome and Amazon FireOS and has been fully tested to operate seamlessly with the Orbit Reader 20. For further details, please refer to the User Guide.

Further Information

For the latest information, specifications, troubleshooting tips, software upgrade instructions, care and use information, warranty information, and more detailed instructions contact us at techsupport@orbitresearch.com.