

Orbit Research Introduces the Orbit Reader 20 Plus Braille Display

The enhanced version of the revolutionary Orbit Reader 20 brings new functions and applications

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Orbit Research announced the launch of the Orbit Reader 20 Plus refreshable braille display today at the 35th annual CSUN Assistive Technology Conference. Following in the footsteps of the ground-breaking Orbit Reader 20 which has brought affordable, high-quality electronic braille to thousands of blind people around the world, the new product adds enhanced features and functionality.

The Orbit Reader 20 Plus offers all the features of the revolutionary Orbit Reader 20, including a book reader, editor and the ability to connect to a smartphone or computer via Bluetooth or USB and access all applications. In addition, it provides new features for productivity and convenience such as onboard translation to and from braille in over 40 languages, a clock with alarms, a calendar and a calculator.

As a braille display, the device works out-of-the-box with all platforms including Windows, Mac OS, iOS, Android, Fire OS, Chrome OS and Linux to provide access to all the features of these platforms using popular screen reader programs. It enables access to all applications, such as email, web-browsing, text messaging, creating and editing documents, etc. Though feature-rich, the device is extremely simple to use and allows switching between the different functions seamlessly.

The Orbit Reader 20 Plus also includes a high-quality 8-key Perkins-style keyboard, a cursor pad and rocker keys for navigation and panning, and an SD-card slot for loading books and files for reading and editing in a standalone mode. It is fluid and dust resistant and its construction is optimized for durability in extreme environmental conditions.

“The Orbit Reader 20 Plus represents the next evolutionary step in our growing family of braille and tactile products. With onboard translation, users no longer have to depend on offline translation programs on computers and can translate text files to contracted braille and vice-versa. This also gives students the ability to write classwork and homework in contracted braille and translate it to plain text to give to their teacher. The new onboard apps bring productivity features usually found in braille note-takers that cost over five times more. We will also offer a hardware upgrade path to customers who already own the Orbit Reader 20 and wish to upgrade to the Orbit Reader 20 Plus.” said Dr. Gina Spagnoli, Orbit Research’s Founder.

The onboard translator supports contracted and uncontracted Unified English Braille as well as many languages such as Arabic which have complex braille translation rules. It also provides the ability to configure and set language profiles to easily switch between different languages for reading and writing and works with Orbit Research’s groundbreaking Orbit Teacher and Orbit Chat systems for inclusive education and communication.

The Orbit Reader 20 Plus is available for order now and ships immediately. Visit www.orbitresearch.com/product/orbit-reader-20-plus for more information and to place orders.

About Orbit Research:

Orbit Research develops and manufactures innovative and affordable products that enable an independent lifestyle for people who are blind or visually impaired. Founded with the mission to fulfill the urgent need for affordable assistive technology products, the company has introduced breakthrough products like the Orion family of accessible scientific and graphing calculators, the iBill Talking Banknote Identifier and the Orbit Reader 20 refreshable braille display that define the state-of-the-art in features, functionality, convenience and affordability. For more information, visit www.orbitresearch.com.

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