

Orbit Research Introduces the World's Most Affordable 40-cell Braille Display

The full-featured Orbit Reader 40 offers the highest quality braille at a price that is a fraction of the cost of similar devices

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Orbit Research announced the launch of the Orbit Reader 40 refreshable braille display and notetaker today at the 35th annual CSUN Assistive Technology Conference. It is the world's most affordable, full-feature 40-cell braille device, priced at a fraction of the cost of similar devices. Based on the revolutionary Tactuator™ braille technology from Orbit Research, the Orbit Reader 40 provides signage-quality braille in a compact hand-held device with 40 eight-dot braille cells with cursor routing keys and a Perkins-style braille keyboard.

The Orbit Reader 40 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, calculator and audio capabilities.

The unit has an ergonomically designed Perkins-style keyboard that allows entry in braille and makes the unit extremely compact and light. It can also be connected to inexpensive external Bluetooth keyboards to provide the best of both worlds – typing in braille and on a standard QWERTY keyboard, all in a compact and portable unit.

“We are very proud to bring to market the next member of the Orbit Reader family. Continuing in the tradition of the Orbit Reader 20, which brought groundbreaking quality and affordability to the braille display market, the Orbit Reader 40 brings enhanced features and capabilities, including audio, at a price that is lower than that of most 20-cell displays.” said Dr. Gina Spagnoli, Orbit Research's founder. “We continue in our commitment to bring high-quality, feature-rich products enabled by breakthrough technology and innovation to the blind community. The Orbit Reader 20 is now the single largest selling braille display in the world and the Orbit Reader 40 brings the same quality with a larger display and enhanced features that make it a complete stand-alone note-taker for students and adults alike. The compact and lightweight design and long battery life provide the convenience and autonomy that have become synonymous with the Orbit Reader family.”

The Orbit Reader 40 comes with a USB C port for charging and connecting to computers and a USB A port for connecting flash drives containing files. It also has a full-size SD card slot and files can be copied between the flash drive and SD card. The unit can connect with up to 5 computers and mobile devices at once. It 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 trailblazing Orbit Teacher and Orbit Chat systems for inclusive education and communication.

Orbit Research is accepting orders now for the Orbit Reader 40. Visit www.orbitresearch.com/product/orbit-reader-40 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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