

PAGEBLASTER AND PIXBLASTER



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OVERVIEW



Why Blaster?

- Blaster represents a commitment by APH to “blast” down barriers to braille.
 - The younger a person learns braille, the more likely they will become a lifelong braille reader.
 - Braille literacy is key to understanding spelling, punctuation, and grammar, which are vital for success.
- Audio is no replacement for the written word!

What to Expect

- High-quality braille
 - Tractor-fed paper
 - Interpoint capabilities
- APH documentation
- Videos for each embosser and related software
- Customer support
- Cost: \$3995 and available on quota

Terms

- **Interpoint:** Embossing on both sides of the braille page.
- **Interline:** Embossing print and braille on the same page.
- **Drivers:** Software that allows your operating system to communicate with your hardware.
- **IP Address:** Internet Protocol Address. This is just like the physical address of your house but for the web.



BRIEF OVERVIEW



What is PageBlaster?

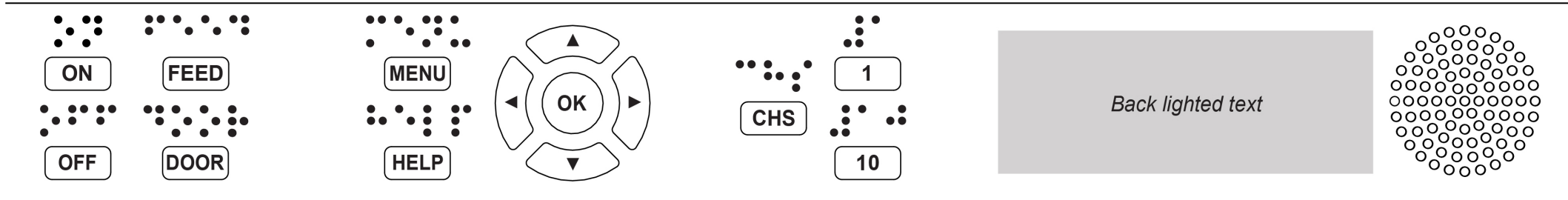


PageBlaster Features

- Fully-voiced hardware interface
- Wireless capability (Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, Ethernet)
- Embosses fast, high-quality braille
- Quick embossing solutions: Direct Braille and Braille App
- Firebird Graphics Software

Hardware Interface

- Fully-voiced with braille labels and a good layout to easily find what you need.



What is PixBlaster?



PixBlaster Features

- Everything you need in one box. Comes with a speaker and the PIXie
- Easy to use software interface
- High-quality tactile graphics
- New dot technology: Power-Dot Braille
- Works great with software you're already familiar with
- Comes with Tiger Software Suite

What is PIXie?

- Adds wireless capabilities to PixBlaster.
- Access to PIXie interface





SETTING UP YOUR EMBOSSE



Printer Cable

This is going to be the easiest method to connect any embosser.

Drivers **must** be installed before connecting cable.

A-side goes into your computer and B-side goes into the embosser.



Wired

Good middle ground between convenience of wireless and ease of printer cable.

Room with embosser may not have Ethernet.

Setup is not Plug and Play.



Wireless

Overall the most convenient but also requiring the most work to get setup.

Setup will vary from embosser to embosser.



Getting Your IP Address

PageBlaster: Connect your device via Wi-Fi or Ethernet cable and then press Help and then the 10 button. The device will read out your IP address.

PixBlaster: Plug a set of headphones or a speaker into the PIXie, unplug the PIXie and then plug it back in. It will read out your IP address on startup. Can also plug a monitor into the PIXie.

Examples

Now let's get out of PowerPoint in order to:

- Set up Wi-Fi
- Check out each embosser's software interface
- Learn how embossing works
- Work with graphics

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Be the Boss of your Embosser!



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