

Operating Instructions

Braille Stenographic Machine (Marburg Tape Printer) Item-No. 00-56000

The machine embosses six-dot braille characters on paper rolls. When closed, it is rectangular and is approx. 21 cm wide, 13 cm deep and 7 cm high. The front housing section is swung forward with the lever located on the upper side of the machine. The keyboard is now accessible. It has six keys for the dots and a space bar. The space bar is brought into operating position by swinging it to the front.

Arrangement of the keyboard, from left to right:

left ring finger key:	braille dot 3, bottom left
left middle finger key:	braille dot 2, centre left
left index finger key:	braille dot 1, upper left
Space bar:	space
right index finger key:	braille dot 4, upper right
right middle finger key:	braille dot 5, centre right
right ring finger key:	braille dot 6, bottom right

The paper strip must be inserted before beginning to write. The paper chamber is opened by swinging the cover at the right rear of the machine to the right. The paper roll is inserted with its core on the spindle of the paper carrier plate and the lead end of the strip is inserted into the guide channel to the left rear. It is helpful here to hold the paper roll with the right hand and to feed the lead end as straight as possible into the pressure roller. The lead end of the strip must be under the pressure roller, which can be released somewhat by pressing to the left the lever on which the roller is mounted. The paper chamber is closed as soon as the pressure roller has gripped the paper strip, and the machine is ready for operation.

When writing, insure that the keys can return fully after each stroke. Only in such a way is correct paper transport guaranteed. The machine can be set for a "double stroke" for quicker writing. This means that when the space bar is actuated, the strip is advanced by two spaces, and that by depressing the space bar simultaneous with the last letter of a word, the stroke for the space following the word is spared. The switch-over is made by turning upwards the small lever on the shaft of the space bar.

When writing, care should be taken to insert a new paper roll in time. When writing until the end of the paper comes off from the plastic roller (inner section of the paper roll), the keys need to be depressed with a very high force for brailleing the last piece. In this case, the force needed for the key pressure can damage your machine. In addition, there is some glue at the end of the paper roll fixing it to the plastic roller

which gathers in the embossing head, increases dirt in the embossing pins and reduces the quality of braille dots.

There is a fill level indicator lever to the right front, next to the keyboard, with the help of which the paper reserve in the machine can be checked. The further it can be moved, the less paper is left on the roll; if it reaches the stop, the end of the strip has been reached. Now remove the paper strip from the plastic roller by tearing it off by hand taking care not to continue writing with the machine until the strip is torn off from the plastic roller by the machine.

Please follow these instructions carefully to avoid any damage to the embossing mechanism of your machine.

Only paper strip 13 cm wide, glossy on one side, may be used. Other qualities can cause difficulties in advancing the strip.

Should difficulties arise during writing, return the machine to us freight paid (freight paid only within the one-year guarantee period). Make sure that the machine is carefully packed!

Do not forget to enclose your own address. A short description of the malfunction can speed repairs. We can on special request supply an estimate of repair costs, which we will in all cases keep as low as possible.

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