

## Types of Paper for the COSMO Video Transcript, February, 2021

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Well hello, hello, hello, everyone and welcome to another exciting tutorial. It's Mike again and today we're going to focus on the different types of papers, many different types of papers, that can be used with the COSMO. Two of the most common papers you can get are vellum bristol and card stock and these types of papers can be purchased at any office supply store. I would say no more than 60 pounds for the two types because anything thicker than that can cause, well first of all, it won't Braille as easily and it can cause damage to the Braille head on the COSMO. These type of papers of course are used for archival purposes and can stay quite long in storage where the Braille actually remains solid. So those are the first two types.

Of course we can use the Braille paper that you can buy in rehab centers or you can buy online in many different locations. And the Braille paper, and the Braille paper that can be used, is the regular paper, so not an issue there. And the print paper, that regular print paper that you can get which you put in photocopiers and actual laser printers and inkjet printers. So those are the other two types. And then of course, the one type that I would not use is the acetate transparency paper which is a plastic type of paper which is a no-no on this device because, as I said, once again, because of the thickness of the plastic. And some of those papers, it can cause damage to the machine and I would definitely not use those type of papers, the acetate transparency papers.

Again vellum bristol, card stock, no more than 60 pounds, Braille paper, print paper and the last type of paper that you can use is the loose leaf paper.

Now very important, as we know loose leaf paper has holes and usually the orientation of that type of paper is you have the holes oriented to the left. As you can see here and as you'll notice with the device, you'll have a little wire that actually is attached to the head of the COSMO. This wire is what I like to call a cursor or a locator so that when you're Brailing and it goes across the line the person who you know was using was writing Braille, whether it's a child or whether it's a teacher, will be able to know or feel where that cursor is located or that you know head point is located. The reason why you don't want to put the holes oriented on the left is because

the margin is close to the holes of that paper and what will happen is if you try to orient the holes of the paper to the left it can cause the wire to get stuck and that you know it won't be able to braille properly. So what you want to do in any type of situation where there's a hole or holes on the paper is flip it around where the holes are oriented to the right side of the of the so you can Braille successfully and not have any issues with this this locator wire or cursor point as I like to call it.

With that being said these are the types of papers that can be used with the device and once again I look forward to seeing you in the next video because we're going to be talking about lots of other things and you know I wish you guys a fantastic day.