

New

Product

Guide

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Happy New Year and welcome to the January issue of **New Product Guide**, which is jammed to its proverbial rafters with brilliant new products to kick off 2025...

Check out our new Shokz open ear headphones – ideal for listening to GPS directions, audiobooks, music and podcasts while also being able to clearly hear your environment.

Four new lamps will let you throw some much-needed light on things at this gloomy time of year, two new magnifiers will bring text and images into focus, and if you're in the market for a new mobile phone, check out the BlindShell Classic 3.

We are, of course, also marking 200 years of braille this year, so it's appropriate that we're launching a new embosser and

the exciting Dot Pad – a smart, real-time tactile graphics display.

In other news, our New Year sale is still on, and you have until Friday 31 January to snaffle a bargain.

Finally, you will have noticed that this issue of New Product Guide is digital-only (although still available in digital braille, and as an MP3 and etext). This change not only reduces the physical resources used to produce an issue, it also allows us to be more nimble and give you more up-to-date content.

Until next time, happy shopping!

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Lights to brighten up your January

Good lighting is essential all year round, but it's never more obvious than in the winter. Check out the latest additions to our lighting range to find your new favourite lamp....



Daylight UnoPro table lamp

Direct daylight-white light exactly where you need it, with the UnoPro table lamp from leading lighting manufacturer, Daylight.

Easily adjust the lamp head on its pivoting head joint and soft-touch flexible arm to direct high quality light on to your work surface whether you're reading, writing, or enjoying a hobby or pastime.

The UnoPro's 28 high quality LEDs produce a fantastic quality of light and accurate colour matching, making this a great lamp for sewing, knitting and painting. The lamp head is fitted with an anti-glare shade, and you can adjust brightness using the convenient touch switch dimmer.



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This bright, flexible, and easy-to-operate task lamp is also light enough to move around the house. Its slender, minimalist design makes it a stylish addition to any space.

DH487 £44.99

RNIB Lumina Plus floor lamp – black

The RNIB Lumina Plus floor lamp is one of our most popular products – and now it's available in fashionable black, looking even more sleek and modern.

It can be used as a task light or to brighten the whole room. With touch-sensitive tactile buttons, adjustable colour temperature and brightness, you can get exactly the lighting that you need.

This lamp has a long, flexible goose neck that lets you direct light exactly where you want it – whether that's on to your book, crossword or knitting, or a wider area. Daylight-equivalent white light makes this light ideal for colour-matching.

With five different colour temperature settings, five brightness levels and an optional slider to focus the light, you can adjust the Lumina Plus to suit your needs. Touch-sensitive buttons with tactile symbols on the lamp pole make turning the light on and off, and adjusting colour temperature and brightness really easy.

This sturdy lamp has a modern, minimalist design, anti-trip cable holder and a remote control which lets you adjust both the brightness and colour temperature, as well as turning the light on and off. The remote control also allows you to set a timer (so the light will turn off automatically after one minute

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or 10 minutes) or to use the night light feature (which activates a soft glow around the edge of the lamp head). You can also use the remote to quickly choose a warm, cool or mixed (both warm and cool light colours) light setting.

Exclusive to RNIB, this lamp was developed by Native Lighting to incorporate feedback from partially sighted product testers, including the tactile symbols on buttons and anti-trip cable.

DH442-BK **£108.50** **£130.20**

Smart Go

Get bright daylight light wherever you need it with this extremely portable, lightweight lamp.

The Smart Go reduces eye strain and enables you to see details and colours accurately. This rechargeable, folding lamp is perfect for homework, paperwork, reading and hobbies – use it wirelessly and recharge, or have it continuously plugged in. Open the shade to turn the light on and adjust the angle to get light exactly where you want it.

A three-step dimmer gives you control over brightness and 95+ CRI provides true colour matching and better contrast – ideal for artists and crafters.

In addition to its elegant and aesthetically pleasing looks, it's designed to fold down when not in use, so it's unobtrusive on your desk, coffee table or bedside cabinet.

DH491 **£40.00**



Chameleon multi task magnifier light

Bring projects, paperwork and puzzles into focus with this versatile magnifying lamp.

The Chameleon multi task magnifier lamp has a flexible gooseneck that lets you position the light exactly where you need it, and it can be used as both a desk and floor light.

Its excellent light quality ensures that you can see colours and details in your projects more clearly. You can easily adjust the brightness and colour settings using the step dimmer, which includes options for daylight, warm light, and cool light.

The clear four-inch lens gives you 1.75× magnification, and the sleek and practical design allows you to detach one pole to convert from a floor lamp to desk lamp.

Please note, sighted assistance may be required to convert the lamp from floor to desk lamp, and vice versa.

DH490 £110.99

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RNIB Technology Support

For information or advice on technology that will be suitable for your needs, please contact our team on **0303 123 9999** and speak to one of our advisors within the Sight Loss Advice Service.



BlindShell Classic 3 does even more than before



The easy-to-use, accessible mobile phone has been upgraded to allow you to do even more. New features for the BlindShell Classic 3 are the Tandem app, third-party app support, and Luna, the virtual assistant.

It still has large, black tactile keypad buttons with bold, high-contrast white text, and you can still control your BlindShell phone using just your voice and simple commands, but now it's easier to connect with loved ones and use your phone.

The Tandem app was designed by the BlindShell team specifically for blind and partially sighted users and keeps you connected with family and friends anytime, anywhere. Tandem also allows loved ones to assist you remotely with phone settings or more complex apps. Friends and family can download Tandem to their iOS and Android devices to connect to you.

For third-party apps you can use the touchscreen (please note, the touchscreen only works with third-party apps) or you can use the

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keypad if you prefer. And you can use Luna, the virtual AI assistant, to manage reminders, answer questions and simplify everyday tasks. (Your phone must be connected to the internet to use Luna).

BlindShell Classic 3 also has a loud speaker so that you won't miss a call or alert, even in noisy environments; 3GB of RAM for quick, smooth operation; 32GB of internal storage; a long-life, large-capacity battery with up to 96 hours of battery life; USB-C charging port and charging cradle for ease of charging at home or on the go.

This feature-packed phone also lets you stay in touch with friends and family via WhatsApp; watch your favourite videos on the YouTube app; browse the web; download apps from the BlindShell app catalogue and set up easy, touch-of-a-button access to your favourites.

You can also make conference calls, use the SOS button to contact your assigned emergency contact; use Facebook Messenger; play Pexeso, Hangman, or use the dice roller; listen to books, music or internet radio; manage email; set an alarm; check your calendar; and get the weather forecast.

Available in ocean blue (HM99-BU) and golden sand (HM99-SD), BlindShell Classic 3 is 3G/4G compatible (however, we recommend you use Ofcom's mobile phone coverage checker – <https://checker.ofcom.org.uk/en-gb/mobile-coverage> – to ensure you will have the coverage you need in your most-used locations (such as home, work, etc). Please note: this phone is not 5G compatible.

HM99 £545.99 £654.00

Discover the magic of open-ear headphones



SHOKZ

Open-ear headphones are a great way to listen to calls, audiobooks, music, GPS directions and more, while staying safe in a frenetically paced world.

Shokz range of bone-conduction headphones are designed for everyday use, delivering well-balanced sound while allowing you to stay connected to your environment, whether that's working out, getting from A to B, or sitting at a desk.

Next month we're adding four different Shokz products to our range so you can find the one that best meets your needs. All the headphones are designed to sit firmly in place, even during exercise, and are, at least, sweatproof. They connect quickly to your devices via Bluetooth and allow you to switch connection between your PC and phone easily. They also include noise-cancelling technology to improve the quality of your phone calls. For more information about each product, please head to our Shop in February.

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Shokz OpenMove headphones

These bone conduction headphones have a six-hour battery life (and 10-day standby time) and charge in two hours via the easy-to-use USB-C charging port. Available in two colours – Slate grey and Elevation blue. The headband is made from titanium and the ear hooks are polycarbon.

HT412 £79.95



Shokz OpenRun headphones

These black bone conduction headphones include a quick charge feature (a 10-minute charge gives you 1.5hrs' listening time) and are rainproof as well as sweatproof. They offer an eight-hour battery life and fully charge in 1.5 hours via the easy-to-use USB-C charging port.

HT413 £129.00



Shokz OpenRun Pro 2 headphones

These black bone conduction headphones provide astounding sound quality for sports enthusiasts, delivering up to 12 hours of unmatched audio. Equipped with wind-resistant microphones and a premium nickel-titanium frame, they ensure crystal-clear phone conversations even in extremely windy conditions. Includes quick charge function (a five-minute charge provides 2.5 hours' listening) and the headphones fully charge in one hour via the easy-to-use USB-C charging port.

HT416 £169.00



Shokz OpenSwim Pro headphones

Suitable for swimming, these grey bone conduction headphones also include a quick charge feature (a 10-minute charge gives you three hours' listening time in MP3 mode). Switch between Bluetooth and MP3 mode for uninterrupted music with the button or in the Shokz App (only MP3 mode can be used underwater because water blocks Bluetooth signals). OpenSwim Pro gives you up to nine-hours' battery life (and automatic power off in standby function). The quick charge function for MP3 means you don't have to delay your workout and the headphones fully charge in 1.5 hours via the easy-to-use magnetic charging cable.

You can also use the magnetic cable to quickly transfer music from your PC to your headphones. Store up to 8,000 songs on the headphones' 32GB memory.

OpenSwim Pro offers optimised, flexible ear hooks with a slim design for a comfortable, pinch-free fit, so that they seamlessly integrate with swimming goggles, swimming caps, helmets, and other sports gear.

OpenSwim Pro also has sports-optimised physical buttons, which deliver strong rebound feedback with every press.

HT415 £169.00

Get your steps in with our newest long canes

If you like our folding long canes, but prefer a high mileage rolling ball tip to the usual tips, these new additions are for you. Choose an aluminium (ML209) or graphite (ML210) cane with a high mileage rolling ball tip and enjoy more miles before you need to replace the tip!

Both types of folding cane are four sections and available in lengths from 120cm (48 inches) to 135cm (54 inches). Supplied with Ambutech's standard rubber grip and fitted with the Cordlock device.

ML209 **£42.50** **£51.00**

ML210 **£49.99** **£59.99**

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Take Monday morning double maths in your stride

The Oxford vision maths set was developed in conjunction with RNIB, and has been specially designed to meet the needs of those with a vision impairment.

It has a high contrast, yellow and black design with tactile elements to make it easier to read. The large print graduations on the 15cm ruler, 45 and 60 degree set squares, and 180 degree protractor are raised 0.5mm so they can be felt, and marked in black on the yellow plastic to make them easier to read. There are also notches in the side and non-slip pads on the back of these tools to allow for easy use.

The set comprises: self-centring metal compass with safety point, 9cm graphite pencil for use in compass, PVC and phthalate-free eraser, pencil sharpener with anti-tamper screw, 15cm ruler, 45 and 60 degree set squares, 180 degree protractor, 10mm lettering stencil, and storage tin.

LC260 **£7.99** **£9.59**

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ARx AI updates

If you've fancied buying an ARx AI headset but were put off by either the price or the need to have an Android phone, we've got great news for you.

First, the headset (HT398) is now available for £599.00 / £718.80 – not an offer price or a sale price, just a lower price!

And secondly, you can now buy an ARx iPhone adaptor to use with the headset if you have an iPhone or iPad with a USB-C port...



ARx iPhone adaptor

The ARx iPhone adaptor makes the ARx AI v1.5 headset compatible with the iPhone 15 and above, as well as iPads with a USB-C port. The adaptor comes with enhanced audio and is designed to be low energy.

The ARx iOS adapter fully leverages the audio output of the iPhone 15 with enhanced audio volume and quality. This will allow users to fully benefit from the bone-conduction speakers, even in noisy areas.

The adaptor's bespoke integration into the Apple ecosystem, means hardware app permissions are no longer required, making it easier to use ARx on the go.

Both the ARx AI headset and the ARx iOS adapter are designed to be low-energy and are able to run without an external power supply for up to 6 hours.

HT408 £85.00 £102.00

Available
mid-
January

Meet the versatile VoxiVision

This small, portable device can read any text – including handwriting – out loud, and also functions as a video magnifier, voice recorder, barcode and label reader, and colour and banknote detector.

About the size of a smartphone, this easy-to-use device can be used anywhere and controlled by tactile buttons, voice controls or hand gestures.

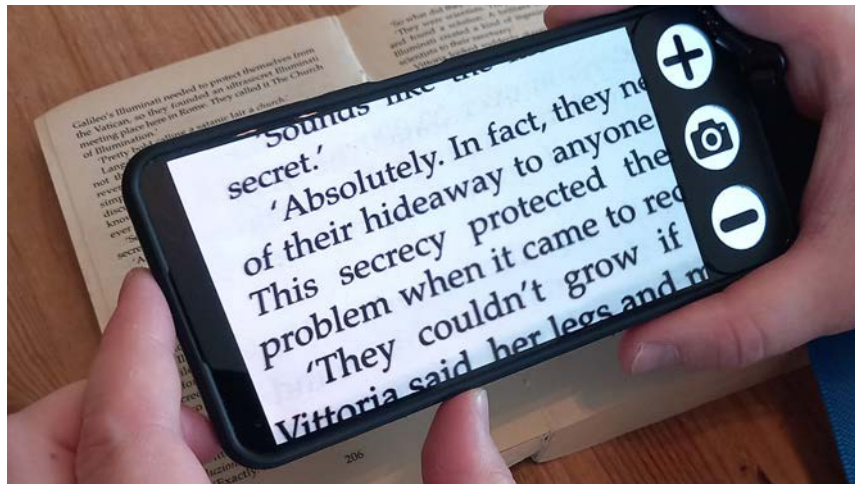
VoxiVision can capture and read up to A4-size documents. It doesn't require an internet connection for most text, so it can be used on the go to read letters, books, street signs and information from screens. (To read handwriting accurately, you will need to connect the device to the internet.) You can use VoxiVision handheld or place it in the supplied stand to use as a standalone reader.

When used in the stand, the VoxiVision can be controlled using the supplied remote and voice control, or by hand gestures (for example, placing your right hand, flat, above the document will pause or resume reading).

In autoplay mode, simply position the document using the guide on the stand and when the VoxiVision detects that you have removed your hands, automatic reading will begin. Use voice commands or hand gestures to control playback.

The VoxiVision has three tactile buttons to guide you when you go handheld and use the touchscreen to navigate.

Use this device to read tables and multi-column documents; save and store multi-page documents; transfer documents to your computer;



translate documents, extract information such as email addresses and phone numbers; and to spell words out for you.

Functions can be modelled to suit you – choose all the features or just the ones you want. Connect via Bluetooth to headphones or a speaker for privacy or more volume.

In addition to its text-to-speech function, you can ask the device to analyse an image. For example: TV guide – “What time and channel is Midsomer Murders on?”, or Menu – “How much does the green salad cost?”

As a handheld video magnifier, it offers a 6.6-inch screen and a magnification range up to 25× with a smooth, continuous zoom. Use for close viewing and distance magnification. Save and store information for later viewing. Enlarge saved images and pan using your finger on the screen. Choose from a selection of colour modes to make viewing easier.

The barcode reader can identify more than 70,000 items and will allow you to add previously unrecognised barcodes. You can also add voice notes to barcodes, for example, instructions for medication, so they can be accessed again in future.

The VoxiVision can also be used to identify banknotes (Pounds Sterling, Euros, US Dollars, Canadian Dollars, Swiss Francs, Swedish Krona and Danish Krone) and as a colour detector.

The VoxiVision is supplied with 50 reusable tags that you can use to record audio labels. (Tags are cold and humidity-resistant, so can be used to tag food in fridges and freezers. Record up to one minute of audio per tag.)

You can also record up to 90 minutes of audio using the device’s voice recorder.

Please note that although the VoxiVision uses smartphone hardware, it can not be used as a fully functioning mobile phone.

HT420 £1,750.00 £2,100.00

If bigger is better...

you may prefer the CloverBook Plus. This 12.5-inch portable video magnifier produces high quality images, can be used for distance and self-view viewing as well as close-up magnification, and can be controlled by tactile buttons or the touchscreen.

The lightweight design enables you to take the CloverBook Plus with you wherever you go, while the integrated foldable arm allows you to quickly set the magnifier up as a desktop device with room to write underneath it, if required.

The tactile controls and touchscreen allow you to zoom and pan around live view or captured images.

This magnifier can be used in educational and work settings for reading and writing at a desk and viewing whiteboards. The portable design makes it easy to move between class, work and home. And use the CloverBook Plus at home for reading, paperwork, puzzles, checking food and medication packaging, and even as a magnifying mirror, thanks to the self-view function.

HC136 **£1,795.00** **£2,154.00**



Real-time graphics at your fingertips

Dot Pad is a smart, real-time tactile graphics display that enables blind and partially sighted users to access visual content from any source.



It instantly converts any input on a connected device into a tactile graphic – including handwriting, sketches, signatures, graphs, maps, diagrams and photos – that you can interact with and explore in detail.

Dot Pad connects to devices via Bluetooth, and has simple, intuitive controls and a 20-cell text-to-braille panel in addition to 2,400 pins in the tactile graphic panel. (The panel can accommodate 300 braille glyphs, in addition to the 20-cell braille panel below the controls.) Dot Pad's cells are powered by the innovative Dot actuator technology: ten times smaller, lighter, and more energy efficient than conventional braille devices.



Dot Pad is compatible with many Apple devices (iOS & iPadOS 15.2 and higher) and integrates with VoiceOver to provide additional screen reading capabilities. Connect to iPhone or iPad via Bluetooth or USB-C cable (no additional apps required).

Dot Pad also works with Windows 11 with NVDA (JAWS support coming in 2025). Roughly the size of a laptop, and weighing 1.2kg, the Dot Pad is also extremely portable.

The six freely assignable tactile buttons allow you to explore images by inverting, zooming, rotating and panning them.

HT421 £7,995.00 £9,594.00

Available
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3 January

Get better braille

The Index Basic-D V5 Embosser is a compact and powerful tractor-fed braille printer that has been updated with new features, including wi-fi connectivity, embossing from USB memory sticks, and from mobile devices.



Producing 140 characters per second, this popular, compact embosser turns out single and double-sided braille and can be used with our 135gsm tractor-fed embosser paper (BP41).

This updated Basic-D V5 is compatible with mainstream technology and features the latest braille techniques as well as improved braille quality from the V5 solenoids – these offer even better braille dot quality, a longer life cycle, higher embossing speed and lower power consumption. It is also possible to clean paper dust off the solenoids.

You can select and save region specific layouts or operate using 1-9 layout options, including user-

defined. You can also emboss braille horizontally or vertically (sideways) on the page.



The control panel has keys labelled in text and braille; arrows and OK keys for menu control; backlit keys (on, help, and menu), icons and text; a speaker for speech feedback; connectors for sensors, fan and motors; and braille tray door control.

In addition to backlit keys, icons and text, there is an LED light in the embosser head area.

The Index BrailleApp is included free-of-charge, for an unlimited number of users and allows you preview, edit and save braille documents on your devices when the embosser is connected to your network. You can also use the app to update firmware; monitor the status of the embosser, network, Bluetooth and USB memory stick; and for setting up network and Bluetooth connections. It's easy to use, and no license or registration is required. Index BrailleApp supports all major operation systems such as Windows, iOS, Android, Linux, and Unix, and all major browsers such as Internet Explorer, Safari, and Firefox.

The embosser also has Index's own, free direct braille printing application built in. idB is compatible with Windows, Mac and Linux computers and gives you endless embossing options from your smartphone, tablet or portable PC. Simply select the file (doc, docx, pdf or epub) and send it to the embosser – idB translates and formats into contracted or uncontracted braille, for embossing. (idB supports page numbering and uses the resources in the Liblouis open source project).

HT422 £2,830.00 £3,396.00

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RNIB Products for Life stores

Our Products for Life stores are open for visits, Teams and telephone consultations by appointment only.



We're available:

London: 9.30am to 4pm,
Monday to Friday.

Edinburgh: 9.30am to 4pm,
Tuesday and Thursday.

Belfast: 9.30am to 4pm,
Tuesday and Thursday.

Our Products for Life stores give you the opportunity to view and try products from our catalogue before you buy. We can provide guidance and instructions for use

and set up items so they're ready to use when you get home.

Our stores carry some stock, and we advise you contact us before visiting to check we have the products you wish to see, and stock of those you wish to purchase.

For items not in stock, our staff and volunteers will be happy to help you contact our Helpline or place an order via our Online Shop.



To book an appointment go to rnib.org.uk/stores (scan this accessible QR code to go directly to the page) or call our Helpline, who'll be happy to make the booking on your behalf.

Store locations

London

Our London store is a 10-minute walk from King's Cross, and St Pancras International stations, and a 22-minute walk from Euston. Address: The Grimaldi Building, 154a Pentonville Road, London, N1 9JE. Phone: 0303 123 9999.

Edinburgh

Temporary address while our Hillside offices are renovated: RNIB Mouldsdale House, 24D Milton Road East, Edinburgh, EH15 2NJ. Phone: 0303 123 9999.

Belfast

Address: Victoria House, 15-17 Gloucester Street, Belfast, County Antrim, BT1 4LS. Phone: 0303 123 9999.

RNIB Cricket Fixtures 2025

It's too early for the cucumber sandwiches, but not too early to remind cricket fans that RNIB Cricket Fixtures 2025 will be available next month.

With RNIB's accessible fixture listings, you will be able to keep up with all the action from the domestic game, as well as international matches. So, whether you're eagerly awaiting the start of the County Championships, or anticipating the Vitality Blast competitions, you never need miss a game.

RNIB Cricket Fixtures 2025 will be available to buy towards the end of February in braille, on DAISY audio CD and via email. All formats will be priced £3.13 each.



Braille labelling sheets are back!



Our pack of eight clear, self-adhesive Perkins-size labelling sheets are back under a new product code – DL142.

Create braille labels using a braille machine or hand frame and easily cut them out. Because the sheets are clear, they are ideal for labelling items discreetly or where you want the print or image to show through.

DL142 £9.25 £11.10

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