Acceptable User Manual overall, and pretty good job on the troubleshooting. Could be improved with more info on the battery charging, storage / transportation, safety warnings, and replacement parts lists. Spelling and grammar also need improvement, and more images showing the steps should be included Ohio University Mechanical Engineering

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User Manual



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1.0 Introduction

Thank you for choosing the Easy Reader Page Turner. The purpose of the device is to aid those that have a disability, which reduces their ability to turn the pages in a printed book or Manuel.

In this User Manuel you will discover all that you will need to know to successfully operate the Easy Reader Pager turner 5100. This User Manuel also provides you with the information needed to maintain and trouble shoot the device. Operating Mode

The Easy Reader Page Turner 5100 is designed to allow the user to sit it on any table. The device is equipped with an angling mechanism that can be raised or lowered to the desired reading angle.







- 1. Four-bar Mechanism
- 2. Wheel Arm
- 3. Power switch
- 4. Power/low battery light
- 5. Activation button
- 6. Book holding surface
- 7. Angle mechanism
- 8. Electronic control

2.0 Getting Started

2.1 Loading the Device

Open book to with-in 25 pages of the desired page. Once open, lift the wheel arm and place the book on the lip of the reader as shown in the following figure. Ensure that the spine of the book is lined up with the links of the turning device.

2.2 Advancing/Retreating Pages



Once the media is successfully loaded into the system ensure that the lift wheel arm is moved to the right side of the media with the rubber wheel resting on the page of media that is to be turned. Ensure that the on/off switch is in the on position with the green light lit up. Press the activation button to advance the media by one page. Each time the activation button is pressed the lift wheel and four bar turning mechanism will complete a single cycle which will turn a single page. Repeat as needed. If more than one page is turned, see Troubleshooting.

In order for the user to retreat the pages of the media, place the lift wheel arm on the left side of the media. Once the arm is rotated to the left side of media, a switch will be engaged which will reverse the operation of the page turner. Ensure that the on/off switch is in the on position with the green light lit up. Press the activation button to retreat a single page of the media. Repeat as needed. If more than one page is turned, see Troubleshooting.

3.0 Troubleshooting

3.1 Wheel not Rotating

There can be several causes for the lift wheel not rotating. To determine the root cause follow the following steps.

Step 1: Is the power on? Check the back of the reader to ensure that the **GREEN** power light is illuminated. If the light is not illuminated, then flip the power switch to **on**. If the switch is set to **on** and the light will not illuminate then the battery is depleted and must be charged.

Step 2: Visually inspect the wheel to ensure that the axel isn't bent. If the axel is bent causing the wheel to bind while rotating slowly straighten the axel with your hand. *Note:* Once this is done the axel will lose considerable strength. All efforts to prevent this from happening should be taken.

Step 3: The most unlikely cause is a short or severed wire in the arm housing. The only way to check for this is to deconstruct the arm. If you feel comfortable doing this then ensure that the parts are replaced properly when reconstructing. Otherwise please contact one of the members of the design team for assistance.

3.3 Rotating Link not returning to home point

For this system to work properly the rotating link must return to the home point above the turned page. If this does not happen follow these steps.

Step 1: Press the **RESET** button located on the base of the reader. This should stop all the motors from rotating and return the rotating links to the home position.

Step 2: If the previous step does not work then manually return the link to the home position aproximatley 45° to opposite side being turned.

3.2 Linkage not Rotating

If at some point during the operation of the reader, the linkage that advances the page ceases to rotate, two things might be wrong.

Is the power on?

The servo motor that drives the gear to move the links needs to be powered with at least 5 volts. The circuit is set up to deliver the appropriate amount so long as there is power running to the system. If the power is on and the link is still not rotating, the battery needs to be charged. To do this, plug the battery into a wall socket and allow to charge for at least 3 hours.

Are the drive gears damaged?

The gears are viewable through the plastic top of the linkage box located in the front of the reader. Check to see if the nylon (white) gear is rotating, if it is not, the servo motor has become disconnected from the gear and needs to be taken apart and re-attached. This can be done by replacing the 4 set screws around the gear.

If the gear is rotating and the link is still not moving, it could be that the gear teeth have worn down. If this is the case, a new gear will need to be ordered. Refer to the schematic to find the correct size.

Finally dirt or debris may have got caught in the gear teeth, if this is the case, the box will need to be taken apart and the gears cleaned. The clean them, submerge under a stream of water until the dirt is cleared. Allow to dry completely before reinstalling into the reader.

3.4 Multiple Pages Turning

If at some point during operation the mechanism turns more than the desired amount of pages, the recommended courses of action are to either manually regress the pages to the desired page or use the reversal operating mode and advance the pages until one reaches the desired page. If there is a problem with the positioning of the turning mechanism, press the reset button. This will return the link to the proper starting location. Here is a list of what may have caused the excess:

The wheel may have acquired dirt.

If this is the case, the wheel will need cleaned. Check the rubber band around the wheel for damage and/or wear. If this is the case, replace the rubberband with the replacement bands included. To clean an existing band, just take a cloth towel and gently rub the wheel until the debris is removed. In the event of a shortage of replacement bands, refer to the schematic for ordering information.

The media may not be compatible.

Although this was initially designed for all media, some limiting was necessary. As long as the media is bounded, the machanism should work. The failure rate is higher with a glossy page coating