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Frequently Asked Questions regarding Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs) for Fall 2008 and 2009

13. How does the BMD work?

The BMD provides two ways for voters to access the ballot:

- 1) By seeing the ballot on the display screen
- 2) By listening to the ballot through headphones (for those with visual disabilities).

The BMD assists voters in a total of three (3) ways in marking the ballot and casting a vote (the combinations are shown in the pictures below):

Touch Screen and Key Pad – ATM-style interface and Braille-embossed keypad buttons provide support to voters with vision impairments. The touch screen and key pad buttons are interconnected. Voters may use either system to navigate the ballot at any time.

Sip & Puff Device – Intended for those with dexterity disabilities

Rocker Paddle – Intended for those with dexterity disabilities

Figure 2: ES&S AutoMARK Touchscreen



Figure 3: Key Pad and Audio Controls

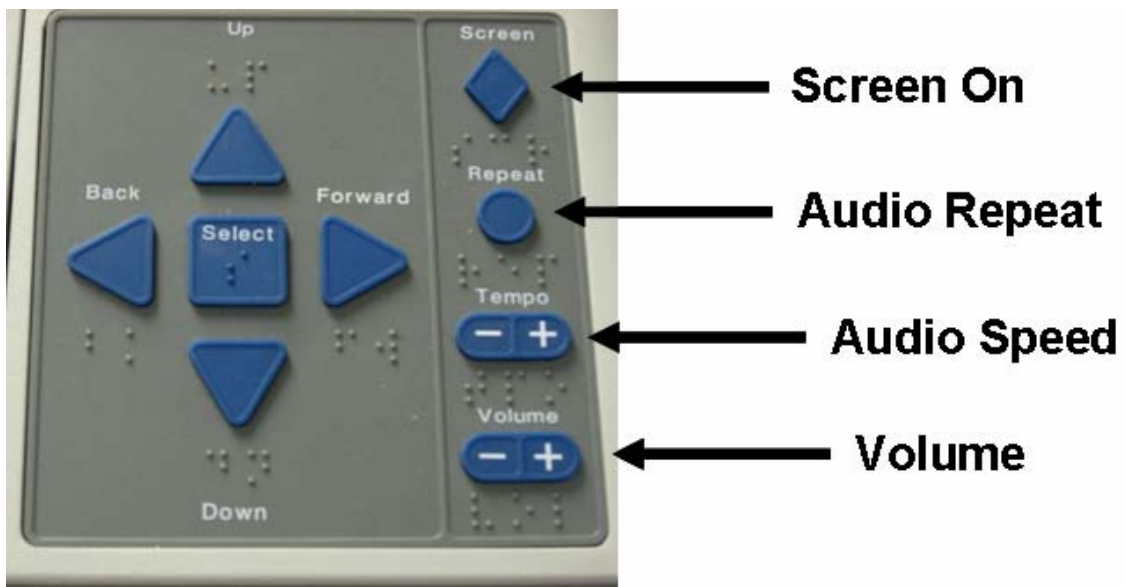


Figure 4: Sip and Puff Device

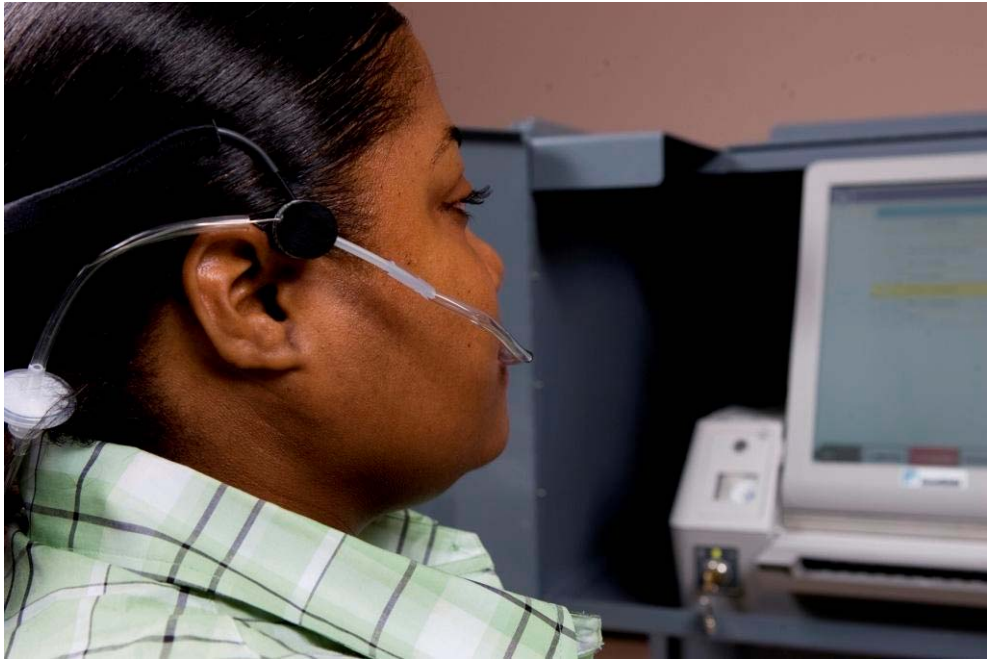


Figure 5: Two-position Rocker Paddle



