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INTRODUCTION

The most commonly available aid in the classroom situation is the blackboard. It is helpful in meetings and in group discussions.Blackboard can be prepared with a piece of plywood about $'30' \times '40'$ square or rectangular in shape. It is easy to carry from one place to another, blackboard can be made in two pieces and hings it in the middle.



DEFINITION

A blackboard or chalkboard is a slightly abrasive writing surface made (wood, ply, hardboard,cement,groundglass,asbestos,etc) with black,green or bluish green paint on it.

TYPES

1. ORDINARY CHALKBOARD held by an easel
A portable and adjustable blackboard put on a
wooden easel can be taken out of the classroom.



2. Roller type chalkboard with a mat surface Made of thick canvas wrapped on a roller.

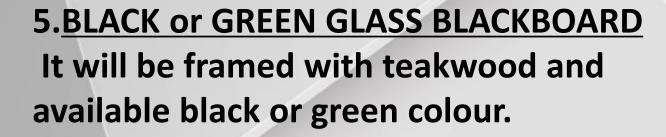


3.MAGNETIC BOARD

Board is made up of steel on which magnets can be fixed.

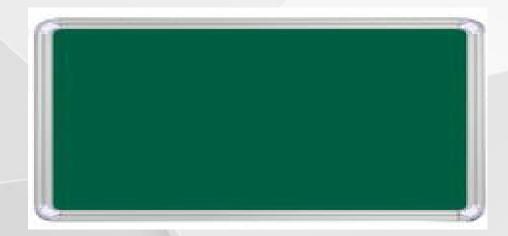
4. BLACK CERAMIC UNBREAKABLE BOARD

It will be framed with aluminium or teakwood.









6. LOBBY STANDBOARD

It is useful in lobby. Alphabets and figures are changeable. It is light weight and easy to carry. Stand height will be 6 feet.

7.EXHIBITION BOARD

It can be folded and expanded easily. Both side useable. Papers and pamphlets can be fixed with pushpin.

8. DOUBLE SIDE STANDBOARD

One side whiteboard for marker writing and otherside blackboard for chalk piece writing. It is fixes on wheel stand.



9. RECEPTION BOARD

Gold cover powder coated aluminium frame. Golden letters can be fixed on this.

10. TARIFF BOARD

Useful for pricelist, reception welcome to delegates and wedding.

11. PAGING BOARD

One side with marker pen writing and one side letters interchangeable. It us useful at public places to recieve the VIPs.



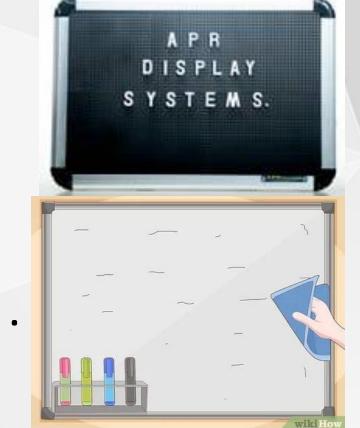


12.PRESSING GRAPH PERFORATED BOARD

It can be used vertically horizontally in any place like educational institution, administrative office, etc.

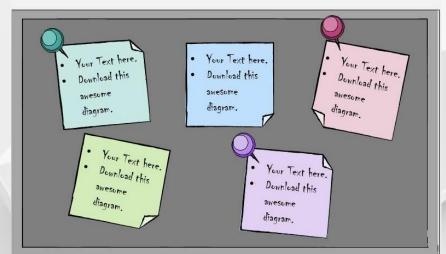
13. WRITE AND WIPE OFF WHITEBOARD

Marker pen can be used for writing and it can be erased easily with duster or ordinary clothes or brush.



14. INFORMATION NOTICE BOARD

It is framed with aluminium frame, notices can be fixed with pushpins, available in green ,blue and maroon colour.



CHARACTERISTICS

- Size $5m \times 6m$.
- Surface rough, dull.
- The writing should be easily eliminated with duster.
- The chalkboard should be mounted on an appropriate height.

USES

- For writing important points and drawing illustrations.
- For solving problems of mathematics and science.
- Used in conducting literacy classes.
- It can restore the attention of the group.
- Inexpensive and no electricity is required.
- For listing topics.
- It can be used for recording the progress and status.
- It provides many educational opportunities in all curricular and cocurricular activities.

RULES

- Avoid spelling mistakes.
- Writing should be in straight line.
- While writing on the board the teacher should ensure that the class is attentive.
- Do not stand in front of the board, stand to one side so that learners may see what and how you are writing.
- Use a pointer if necessary.
- You may prepare a diagram, a figure etc in advance to save time.
- Practise using the blackboard repeatedly until you gain the skill.
- Do not talk as you write.
- Face the group after writing and continuing the discussion.
- Do not use abbrevations.
- Use coloured chalk if necessary.

LIMITATIONS

- No illustrate moving parts.
- Limited for small group of audience.
- Prone for chalk dust allergy.
- It won't convey sound.

CONCLUSION

The most commonly avaliable aid in the classroom situation is the blackboard. It restores the attention of the group. It is the most commonly used audio vision aid.

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