

Take Apart & Re-bind

- ① Comb ② Channel ③ Wire

Comb bound documents can also be opened and the comb re-used or replaced with another size. Channel Binding is non-destructive and can be re-opened with our equipment, pages changed, added or removed (within reason) and the same cover re-used up to 3 times. Opening Wire bound documents destroys the spine which would need to be replaced.

Non-A4 Binding

- ① = Comb & Wire ③ Channel

It is possible to bind A5 and A3 size pages with Comb and Wire, or anything in between (A3 short edge only). Metalbind Channel can be used on the short edge of A3.

Useability

- ① Wire ② Comb ③ Channel

All except Channel open up flat. Wire can be turned back on itself fully and therefore just edges Comb.

Lettering on Spine

- ① Channel

We can put lettering, e.g. degree, name, year, on the spine of Channel bound documents for £1.50.

Strength

We have not graded this factor as it tends to be rather subjective and your personal experience may vary. We would like to think that none of the three types falls apart after it leaves us!

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Softback Binding

Binding Type	Pages / Diameter	Price
WIRE BINDING	Up to 60 pages * (6 to 9.5mm diameter)	£2.00
	Up to 120 pages * (11 to 14mm diameter)	£2.30
	Up to 190 pages * (16 to 22mm diameter)	£2.60
	Up to 280 pages * (25 to 32mm diameter)	£2.90
COMB BINDING	Up to 85 pages * (6 to 14mm diameter)	£1.70
	Up to 190 pages * (16 to 25mm diameter)	£2.00
	Up to 400 pages * (28 to 51mm diameter)	£2.30
CHANNEL BINDING (IMPRESS)	Up to 140 pages (80gsm paper)	£3.00
	As above with Gold Lettering on Spine (white lettering for very small documents)	£4.50
CHANNEL BINDING (METALBIND)	Up to 300 pages (80gsm paper)	£3.00
	As above with Gold Lettering on Spine (white lettering for very small documents)	£4.50

*Number of pages quoted is for 80gsm paper and is approximate. We will measure the thickness of your document to select the best size.

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We offer three types of softback binding, each with its own range of benefits. In summary, these are:

Channel Binding

A steel spine 'clamps' pages in place. Available in two styles: Impress Bind (with integral cover, 140 sheets max) and Metalbind (spine & covers separate, 300 sheets max).

Lettering on spine may be added for **£1.50** extra.

£3.00 any size

Hardback (280 sheets max): **£5.00** any size

Wire Binding

Holes are punched through the sheets and the document is held together with metal wire rings.

Price: £2.00 (up to 60 sheets) • **£2.30** (up to 120 sheets)

£2.60 (up to 190 sheets) • **£2.90** (up to 280 sheets)

Comb Binding

Holes are punched through the sheets and the document is held together with plastic rings.

£1.70 (up to 85 sheets) • **£2.00** (up to 190 sheets)

£2.30 (up to 400 sheets)

PLEASE NOTE: The maximum number of sheets quoted is approximate only and is for 80gsm paper. All types of binding have a range of different sized binders and we will select the most appropriate one for each document.

We are often asked which is the "best" type of soft binding. However as everyone has their own requirements, there cannot be a single, definitive answer. We have therefore graded each type of binding across a range of factors to help you decide, 1 being the best in that category, with some relevant notes.

Speed

① Channel ② Comb ③ Wire

Channel binding is very quick - it can take as little as 15 seconds per volume. Comb binding is noticeably faster than Wire.

Low Cost

① Comb ② Wire ③ Channel

If you decide not to use our covers then the price on Comb, Wire and Metalbind Channel is reduced by 20p per volume.

Maximum Thickness

① Comb ② Channel ③ Wire

Comb binding can hold up to 420 pages, Channel Binding up to 300 pages and Wire binding up to 280 pages. The limit of pages for each type of binding is approximate and based on 80gsm paper. Thicker paper will mean the limits are reduced.

Choice of covers

① = Comb, Wire & Channel

All three Bindings allow you to use your own covers or choose from our selection of clear PVC and 8 different coloured cards. Original Esselte Channel binding covers are available only with PVC front and black card back.

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