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Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 32(a)(3) requires that briefs be bound in a “manner that is secure, does not obscure the text, and permits the brief to lie reasonably flat when open.” In the Court’s view, only spiral and wire binding permit briefs to lie flat when open. For that reason, although the Court does not require any particular type of binding, it prefers that parties file briefs which are either spiral- or wire-bound instead of comb-bound, velo-strip-bound, tape-bound, metal-fastener-bound, thermal-bound, or stapled.