

VARIO III

Operating Manual



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1 Introduction

1.1 General Instructions

Basic information and warning references with the corresponding signal words for the danger level are as follows specified in this manual:



DANGER identifies an extraordinarily great and immediate danger which could lead to serious injury or even death.



WARNING identifies a possible danger could lead to serious bodily injury or even death if sufficient precautions are not taken.



WARNING of cutting injuries.

Pay attention that cutting injuries caused by blades, cutting devices or sharp-edged parts are avoided.



WARNING of hand injuries.

Pay attention that hand injuries caused by closing mechanical parts of a machine/equipment are avoided.



WARNING of hot surfaces.

Pay attention so as not to come into contact with hot surfaces.



CAUTION indicates a potentially dangerous situation which could lead to moderate or light bodily injury or damage to property.



NOTICE gives you tips. They make a working sequence easier or draw attention to important working processes.



Gives you tips on protecting the environment.



Handling instruction

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Optional accessories, special fittings

Datum

Information in the display

1.2 Intended Use

The label printer is a state-of-the-art device which complies with the recognized safety-related rules and regulations. Despite this, a danger to life and limb of the user or third parties could arise and the label printer or other property could be damaged while operating the device.

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The label printer may only be used while in proper working order and for the intended purpose. Users must be safe, aware of potential dangers and must comply with the operating instructions. Faults, in particular those which affect safety, must be remedied immediately.

The label printer is solely intended to print suitable media which have been approved by the manufacturer. Any other or additional use is not intended. The manufacturer/supplier is not liable for damage resulting from misuse. Any misuse is at your own risk.

Intended used includes heeding the operating manual, including the maintenance recommendations/regulations specified by the manufacturer.

1.3 Important Notes

The label printer can be used in thermal as well as in thermal transfer applications.

The label printer is equipped with eight vector, six bitmap and six proportional fonts. It can be printed inverse, in italic format or 90 degrees turned fonts.

The handling of our durable label printers is easy and comfortable. The parameter settings are made with the keys of the foil keyboard. At each time the graphic display shows the current status.

By the use of a 32 Bit processor and a large main memory of 16MB also for large labels (6000 mm) a fast print is possible.

An enormously high print quality is obtained by most modern printhead technology.

By a new-developed electronics a maximum print speed of up to 200 mm/s can be achieved.

Time-saving firmware update is possible by interface. As default, the print module is equipped with a parallel, serial, USB and Ethernet interface. The print module automatically recognizes by which interface it is controlled.

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1.4 Connector Pin Assignment (Printer Rear)

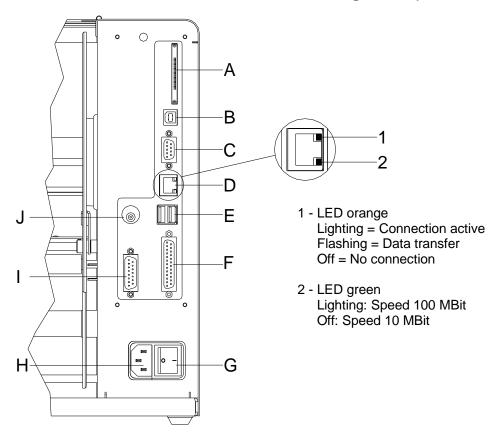


Figure 1

- A Plug-in for CF card
- B USB interface
- C Serial interface RS-232
- D Ethernet 10/100 interface
- E not occupied
- F Parallel interface
- G Switch On/Off
- H Power supply
- I External output/input (option)
- J Winder connection



CAUTION!

The label printer can be damaged by non-compliant winders.

⇒ Attach only winders of Carl Valentin.

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The print module is designed for power supply systems of 100 ... 240 V AC. Connect the print module only to electrical outlets with a ground contact.

Couple the print module to devices using extra low voltage only.

Before making or undoing connections, switch off all devices involved (computer, printer, accessories etc.).

Operate the print module in a dry environment only and do not get it wet (sprayed water, mist etc.).

Do not operate the print module in explosive atmosphere and not in proximity of high voltage power lines.

Operate the print module only in an environment protected against abrasive dust, swarf and other similar impurity.

Maintenance and servicing work can only be carried out by trained personnel.

Operating personnel must be trained by the operator on the basis of the operating manual.

If the direct print module is operated with the cover open, ensure that clothing, hair, jewellery and similar personal items do not contact the exposed rotating parts.

The print unit and parts of it (e.g. printhead) can get hot during printing. Do not touch the printhead during operation. Cool down the print unit before changing material, removal or adjustment.

Never use highly inflammable consumables.

Carry out only the actions described in these operating instructions. Any work beyond this may only be performed by the manufacturer or upon agreement with the manufacturer.

Unauthorized interference with electronic modules or their software can cause malfunctions.

Other unauthorized work or modifications to the print module can endanger operational safety.

Always have service work done in a qualified workshop, where the personnel have the technical knowledge and tools required to do the necessary work.

There are warning stickers on the print modules that draw your attention to dangers. Therefore the warning stickers are not to be removed as then you and others cannot be aware of dangers and may be injured.



DANGER!

Danger to life and limb from power supply!

⇒ Do not open the casing.

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2.1 Operating Conditions

Before initial operation and during operation these operating conditions have to be observed to guarantee save and interference-free service of our printers.

Therefore please carefully read these operating conditions.

Shipment and storage of our printers are **only** allowed in original packing.

Installation and initial operation of printer is only allowed if operating conditions were **fulfilled**.

Initial operation, programming, operation, cleaning and service of our printers are only recommended after careful study of our manuals.

Operation of printer is only allowed by especially trained persons.



NOTICE!

Perform trainings regularly.

Content of the training are chapter 2.1 (Operating Conditions), chapter 5 (Load Media) and chapter 9 (Maintenance and Cleaning).

These indications are also valid for someone else's equipment supplied by us.

Only use original spare and exchange parts.

Please contact the manufacturer with respect to spare/wear parts.

Conditions for installation place

The installation place of printer should be even, free of vibration and currents of air are to be avoided.

The printers have to be installed to ensure optimal operation and servicing.

Installation of power supply

The installation of the power supply to connect our printers has to be effected according to the international rules and regulations, especially the recommendations of one of the three following commissions:

- International Electronic Commission (IEC)
- European Committee for Electro technical Standardisation (CENELEC)
- Verband Deutscher Elektrotechniker (VDE)

Our printers are constructed according to VDE and have to be connected to a grounded conductor. The power supply has to be equipped with a grounded conductor to eliminate internal interfering voltage.

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Technical data of power supply

Power line voltage and power line frequency: See type plate

Allowable tolerance of power line voltage:

+6 % ... -10 % of nominal value

Allowable tolerance of power line frequency:

+2 % ... -2 % of nominal value

Allowable distortion factor of power line voltage: ≤ 5 %

Anti-Interference measures:

In case your net is infected (e.g. by using thyristor controlled machines) anti-interference measures have to be taken. You can use one of the following possibilities:

- Provide separate power supply to our printers.
- In case of problems please connect capacity-decoupled isolation transformer or similar interference suppressor in front of our printers.

Stray radiation and immunity from disturbance

Emitted interference according to EN 61000-6-3: 2007 industrial sector

- Interference voltage to wires according to EN 55022: 09-2003
- Interference field power according to EN 55022: 09-2003
- System perturbation according to EN 61000-3-2: 09-2006
- Flicker according to EN 61000-3-3: 1955 + A1:2001 + A2:2005

Immunity to interference according to EN 61000-6-2: 2005 industrial sector

- Stray radiation against discharge of static electricity according to EN 61000-4-2: 12-2001
- Electromagnetic fields according to EN 61000-4-3: 11-2003, ENV 50204: 03-1995
- Fast transient burst according to EN 61000-4-4: 07-2005
- Surge according to EN 61000-4-5: 12-2001
- High-frequency tension according to EN 61000-4-6: 12-2001
- Voltage interruption and voltage drop according to EN 61000-4-11: 02-2005



NOTICE!

This is a machine of type A. This machine can cause interferences in residential areas; in this case it can be required from operator to accomplish appropriate measures and be responsible for it.

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Connecting lines to external machines

All connecting lines have to be guided in shielded lines. Shielding has to be connected on both sides to the corner shell.

It is not allowed to guide lines parallel to power lines. If a parallel guiding cannot be avoided a distance of at least 0.5 m has to be observed.

Temperature of lines between: -15 ... +80 °C.

It is only allowed to connect devices which fulfil the request 'Safety Extra Low Voltage' (SELV). These are generally devices which are checked corresponding to EN 62368-1.

Installation of data lines

The data cables must be completely protected and provide with metal or metallised connector housings. Shielded cables and connectors are necessary, in order to avoid radiant emittance and receipt of electrical disturbances.

Allowable lines

Shielded line:

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4 x 2 x 0,14 mm<sup>2</sup> ( 4 x 2 x AWG 26)
6 x 2 x 0,14 mm<sup>2</sup> ( 6 x 2 x AWG 26)
12 x 2 x 0,14 mm<sup>2</sup> (12 x 2 x AWG 26)
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Sending and receiving lines have to be twisted in pairs.

Maximum line length:

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with interface V 24 (RS-232C) - 3 m (with shielding) with parallel interface - 3 m (with shielding) with USB - 3 m with Ethernet - 100 m
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Air convection

To avoid inadmissible heating, free air convection has to be ensured.

Limit values

Protection according IP: 20

Ambient temperature °C (operation): Min. +5 Max. +35 Ambient temperature °C (storage): Min. -20 Max. +60

Relative air humidity % (operation): Max. 80 Relative air humidity % (storage): Max. 80

(bedewing of printers not allowed)

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Guarantee

We do not take any responsibility for damage caused by:

- Ignoring our operating conditions and operating manual.
- Incorrect electric installation of environment.
- Building alterations of our printers.
- Incorrect programming and operation.
- Not performed data protection.
- Using of not original spare parts and accessories.
- Natural wear and tear.

When (re)installing or programming our printers please control the new settings by test running and test printing. Herewith you avoid faulty results, reports and evaluation.

Only specially trained staff is allowed to operate the printers.

Control the correct handling of our products and repeat training.

We do not guarantee that all features described in this manual exist in all models. Caused by our efforts to continue further development and improvement, technical data might change without notice.

By further developments or regulations of the country illustrations and examples shown in the manual can be different from the delivered model.

Please pay attention to the information about admissible print media and the notes to the printer maintenance, in order to avoid damages or premature wear.

We endeavoured to write this manual in an understandable form to give and you as much as possible information. If you have any queries or if you discover errors, please inform us to give us the possibility to correct and improve our manual.

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Delet association	103/8 T	104/8	107/12	107/24	108/12 T
Print resolution	203 dpi	203 dpi	300 dpi	600 dpi	300 dpi
Max. print speed	250 mm/s	250 mm/s	250 mm/s	100 mm/s	250 mm/s
Print width	104 mm	104 mm	105.7 mm	105.7 mm	108.4 mm
Passage width	110 mm				
Printhead	Flat Type ¹	Flat Type ²	Flat Type ²	Flat Type ²	Flat Type ¹
Labels					
Labels, continuous rolls or fan-fold	paper, card	board, textile,	synthetics		
Max. material weight	220 g/m² (la	irger on demai	nd)		
Min. label width	15 mm				
Min. label height					
Standard	6 mm				
Cutter/dispenser mode	15 mm				
Max. label height	6000 mm	6000 mm	3000 mm	1000 mm	3000 mm
Max. roll diameter					
Internal unwinder	200 mm				
Internal rewinder	100 mm				
Core diameter		mm (option)			
Winding	outside or in				
Label sensor	- Catolae of II	10140			
Standard	Transmission	nn			
Option		om bottom or t	nn		
Transfer Ribbon	TOTIONION	om bottom or t	.ор		
Ink	outside or in	nside			
Max. roll diameter	Ø 80 mm	10140			
Core diameter	25.4 mm / 1	"			
Max. length	450 m				
Max. width	110 mm				
Dimensions (mm)					
Width x height x depth	230 x 310 x	450			
Weight	16 kg	400			
Electronics	TORG				
Processor	High Speed	32 Rit			
RAM	16 MB	32 Dit			
Slot		t Flash card Ty	mo I		
Battery cache			ge of data with	chut down)	
Warning signal			<u> </u>	i Silut-dowii)	
Inerfaces	acoustic sig	nal when erro			
	DC 222C (u	n to 115000 D	aud)		
Serial		p to 115200 B	auu)		
Parallel	SPP	and Claus			
USB	2.0 High Sp		ID Drintin - Di	IOD LITTO 5	TD
Ethernet			IP-Printing, DI		
WLAN (option)	EAP	.11 b/g/n WEF	P, WPA, WPA-	PSK, WPA2,	WPA2-PSK,
Operation Data					
Power supply	100 240	V AC / 50-60 H	Ηz		
Max. power consumption	max. 150 V				
Operating temperature	5 35 °C				
Humidity		non condensii	ng)		
	, 55 ,6 (3/		

¹ for thermal direct ² for thermal transfer

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Operation Panel	Vario III 103/8 T	Vario III 104/8	Vario III 107/12	Vario III 107/24	Vario III 108/12 T
Keys	test print, functi feed, enter, 4 x			Í,	
LCD display	graphic display	132 x 64 pixe	el .		
Touch-Screen Display (Opt	ion)				
Operating functions	Favorites, function about menu	tion menu, me	emory card, pr	int start, test	print, feed,
Colour display	800 x 480 pixel	, screen size	7"		
Settings	•				
	date, time, shift	times			
	20 language se label and devic	e parameters	, interfaces,		
Manitarina	password prote	ection, variable	28		
Monitoring					
Stop printing if	end of ribbon /		, ,, ,		
Status report	extensive statu counter, runtim printout of all in	e counter, ph	otocell interfac	e and netwo	rk parameters
Fonts					
Font types	6 Bitmap fonts 8 Vector fonts/ 6 proportional f other fonts on o	onts	s		
Character sets	Windows 1250 all West and Ea characters are other character	up to1257, D ast European supported	Latin, Cyrillic,		
Bitmap fonts	size in width an zoom 2 9 orientation 0°, 9				
Vector fonts/TrueType fonts	size in width an variable zoom orientation 0°, 9	d height 1	99 mm		
Font attributes	depending on o	haracter font			
Font width	variable	,			
Bar Codes					
1D bar codes	CODABAR, Co extended, Code Identcode, ITF UPC-A, UPC-E	e 93, EAN 13, 14, Leitcode,	EAN 8, EAN	ADD ON, GS	S1-128,
2D bar codes	Aztec Code, Co MAXICODE, P			GS1 DataMa	atrix,
Composite bar codes	GS1 DataBar E Omnidirectiona Omnidirectiona	I, GS1 DataB I, GS1 DataB	ar Stacked, G ar Truncated	S1 DataBar S	Stacked
	all bar codes an orientation 0°, 9 readable line.				
Software					
Configuration	ConfigTool				
Process control	NiceLabel				
Label software	Labelstar Office	Lite, Labelst	ar Office		
Windows driver	Windows 8.1 [®] - Windows Serve				

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Standard equipment

- Real time clock with printout date and time Automatic daylight saving time Storage of data with shut-down
- Variables: link field, counter, date/time, currency and shift variable, CF data
- Integrated unwinder (max. outer diameter 200 mm
- Thermal and thermal transfer version
- Ethernet interface
- CVPL protocol and ZPL II[®] protocol
- Label photocell (transmission)
- Slot for CF card

Optional equipment

- 7" touch-screen display
- Tear-off edge
- Cutting unit
- Dispenser unit with photocell
- Dispenser unit without photocell
- Label photocell (reflexion from bottom or top)
- External rewinder for labels PR 45V
- External unwinder for labels PA 50A
- WLAN interface
- Dispenser I/O
- Scanner

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3.1 Control Inputs and Outputs

By means of a maximum of 16 control inputs and outputs which, in the following, are also referred to as ports, different functions of the printer system can be triggered and operating states can be displayed.

The ports are provided by means of a D-Sub bushing (26pin HD) at the rear panel of the printer system and are galvanically isolated from protective earth (PE) by means of an optocoupler semi-conductor route.

Each port can be configured as input and as output. This function however, is predefined in the printer software and cannot be changed by the user.

The following parameters can be changed and set by using the menu: debounce times and high or low active.

Printer, internal circuitry

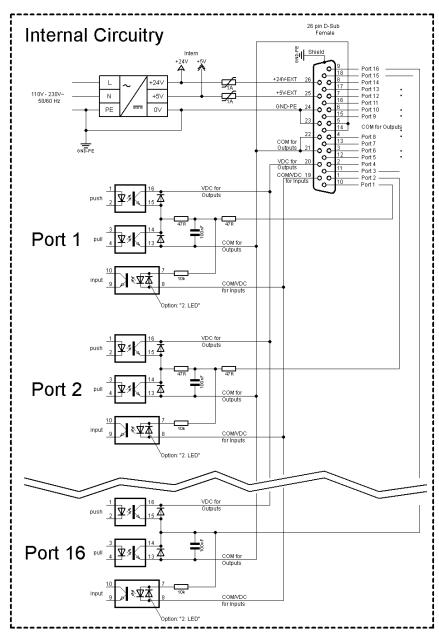


Figure 2

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Configuration of D-Sub socket



Figure 3

Cable identification

Number	Color
1	white
2	brown
3	green
4	yellow
5	grey
6	pink
7	blue
8	red
9	black
10	violet
11	grey-pink
12	red-blue
13	white-green
14	brown-greed
15	white-yellow
16	yellow-brown
17	white-grey
18	grey-brown
19	white-pink
20	pink-brown
21	white-blue
22	brown-blue
23	white-red
24	brown-red
25	white-black
26	brown-black

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Port 1 to Port 16 = Assignment for I/O Profile Std_Label

Identification	Pin	Description / Function
Port 1	10	Print start and cut (Input)
Port 2	1	Reprint last printed label (Input)
Port 3	11	Counter Reset (Input)
Port 4	2	Option applicator only: Start application (Input)
Port 5	12	Error reset (Input)
Port 6	3	Cancel all print jobs (Input)
Port 7	13	No function
Port 8	4	No function
Port 9	15	Error (Output)
Port 10	6	Print order activ (Output)
Port 11	16	Dispenser photocell: Label exists at dispenser photocell (Output)
Port 12	7	Single print (Output)
Port 13	17	Ready (Output)
Port 14	8	Option applicator only: Ready for application (Output)
Port 15	18	Option scanner only: Bar code not readable (Output)
Port 16	9	Prior warning for transfer ribbon end (Output)
COM/VDC for Inputs	19	Common reference potential of all control inputs. 'COM/VDC for Inputs' is usually connected with the (-) terminal of the control voltage and the control inputs are switched to active (+). By means of the option '2nd LED', 'COM/VDC for Inputs' can optionally be connected with the (+) terminal of the control voltage. Then, the control inputs are switched to active (-).
VDC for Outputs	20	Common supply connection of all control outputs. 'VDC for Outputs' must be connected with the (+) terminal of the control voltage. Never leave 'VDC for Outputs' open even if no output is used.
COM for Outputs	5,14 21,22	Common reference potential of all control outputs. 'COM for Outputs' must be connected with the (-) terminal of the control voltage. Never leave 'COM for Outputs' open even if no output is used.
GND-PE	23,24	'GND-PE' is the reference potential of the '+5 VDC EXT' and '+24 VDC EXT' voltages provided by the printer system. 'GND-PE' is printer internally connected with protective earth (PE).
+ 5 VDC EXT	25	5 Volt DC output for external use. Max. 1 A. This voltage is provided from direct print module and can be used e.g. as control voltage. Never apply any external voltage to this output.
+ 24 VDC EXT	26	24 Volt DC output for external use. Max. 1 A. This voltage is provided from direct print module and can be used e.g. as control voltage. Never apply any external voltage to this output.

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Port 1 to Port 16 = Assignment for I/O Profile StdFileSelLabel

Identification	Pin	Description / Function
Port 1	10	Print start and cut (Input)
Port 2	1	Error reset (Input)
Port 3	11	Number of the file to load Bit 0 (Input)
Port 4	2	Number of the file to load Bit 1 (Input)
Port 5	12	Number of the file to load 2 (Input)
Port 6	3	Number of the file to load 3 (Input)
Port 7	13	Number of the file to load 4 (Input)
Port 8	4	Number of the file to load 5 (Input)
Port 9	15	Error (Output)
Port 10	6	Print order active (Output)
Port 11	16	Dispenser photocell: Label exists at dispenser photocell (Output)
Port 12	7	Printing (Output)
Port 13	17	Ready (Output)
Port 14	8	No function
Port 15	18	Option scanner only: Bar code not readable (Output)
Port 16	9	Transfer ribbon prior warning (Output)

Port 1 to Port 16 = Assignment for I/O Profile APL

Identification	Pin	Description / Function
Port 1	10	Print start and cut (Input)
Port 2	1	Reprint last printed label (Input)
Port 3	11	Counter reset (Input)
Port 4	2	Option applicator only: Start application (Input)
Port 5	12	Error reset (Input)
Port 6	3	Cancel all print jobs (Input)
Port 7	13	No function
Port 8	4	No function
Port 9	15	Error (Output)
Port 10	6	Print order active (Output)
Port 11	16	Dispenser photocell: Label exists at dispenser photocell (Output)
Port 12	7	Printing (Output)
Port 13	17	Ready (Output)
Port 14	8	Option applicator only: Ready for application (Output)
Port 15	18	Option applicator only: Pad is in printing position (Output)
Port 16	9	Transfer ribbon prior warning (Output)

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Plug Connector			
Туре	D-Sub connector High Density 26-pin. / connector		
Manufacturer	W+P-Products		
Reference number	110-26-2-1-20		
Output Voltages (conne	cted with GND-PE)		
+ 24 V / 1 A	Fuse: Polyswitch / 30 V / 1 A		
+ 5 V / 1 A	Fuse: Polyswitch / 30 V / 1 A		
Port 1 - 15			
Input			
Tension	5 VDC 24 VDC		
Impedance	47Ω + (100nF 10 kΩ)		
Output			
Tension	5 VDC 24 VDC		
Impedance	47Ω + (100nF 10 kΩ 47Ω)		
Current max.	High +15 mA Low -15 mA		
Port 16			
Input			
Tension	5 VDC 24 VDC		
Impedance	100nF 10 kΩ		
Output			
Tension	5 VDC 24 VDC		
Impedance	100nF 10 kΩ		
Current max.	High +500 mA (Darlington BCP56-16) Low - 500 mA (Darlington BCP56-16)		
Optocoupler			
Output	TCMT4106, CTR 100 % - 300 %, Vishay or TLP281-4(GB), CTR 100 % - 600 %, Toshiba		
Input	TCMT4106, CTR 100 % - 300 %, Vishay or TLP281-4(GB), CTR 100 % - 600 %, Toshiba		
Input Option 2nd LED	TCMT4600, CTR 80 % - 300 %, Vishay or TLP280-4, CTR 33 % - 300 %, Toshiba		

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Example 1

Device connection to a machine with S7-300 SPS.

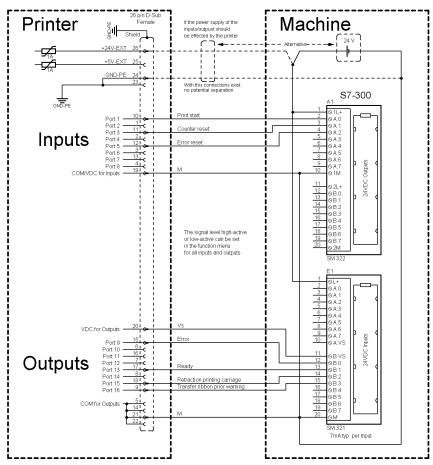


Figure 4

Example 2

Device connection to a operating panel.

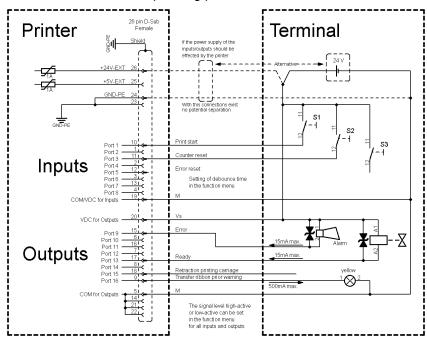


Figure 5

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Example 3

Device connection version if 'Option: 2. LED'.

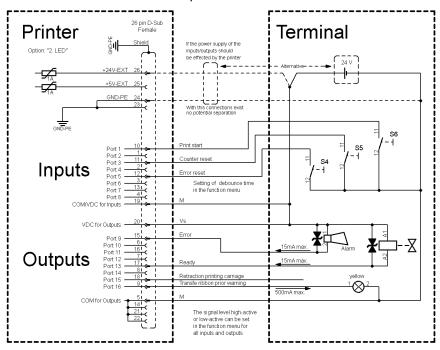


Figure 6

Precautions

When connecting a reed contact with a control input, the contact must have a switching capacity of min. 1 A in order to prevent the contact from sticking due to the inrush current. As an alternative, a suitable resistor can be connected in series.

If one of the printer's internal voltages '+5 VDC EXT' or '+24 VDC EXT' is used, an external fuse e.g. 0.5 AF, should be additionally installed to protect the printer electronics.

In the event of an inductive load, an antiparallel connected diode, for instance, must be used to discharge the induction energy.

In order to minimise the influence of leakage currents at control outputs, a resistor must, depending on what is connected, be installed in parallel with the load.

In order to avoid any damages to the printing system, the max. output currents must not be exceeded or outputs shorted.

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Unpack the label printer

- ⇒ Lift the label printer on the bottom and remove the printer from the carton.
- ⇒ Check the label printer for transport damages.
- ⇒ Check delivery for completeness.

Scope of delivery

- Label printer.
- Power cable.
- Empty core, mounted on the transfer ribbon rewinder.
- Tear-off edge (printers with the option tear-off edge only).
- Dispensing edge (printers with the option dispenser only).
- Cutter unit (printers with the option cutter only).
- Product Safety Guide.



NOTICE!

Retain the original packaging for subsequent transport.

4.1 Set up the Label Printer



CAUTION!

The label printer and the print media can be damaged by moisture and water.

- ⇒ Set up the label printer only in a dry place protected from sprayed water.
- ⇒ Set up the label printer on a level, vibration-free and air draught-free surface.
- ⇒ Open the cover of label printer.
- ⇒ Remove the foam transportation safeguards near the printhead.

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4.2 Connect the Label Printer

Connect to power supply

The label printer is equipped with a versatile power supply unit. The device may be operated with a mains voltage of 100 ... 240 V AC / 50-60 Hz without any adjustments or modifications.



CAUTION!

The label printer can be damaged by undefined switch-on currents.

- ⇒ Set the power switch to '0' before plugging in the label printer.
- ⇒ Insert the power cable into the power connection socket.
- ⇒ Insert the plug of power cable into a grounded electrical outlet.

Connect to a computer or to a computer network



NOTICE!

Insufficient or missing grounding can cause faults during operation.

Ensure that all computers and connection cables connected to the label printer are grounded.

Connect the label printer to a computer or network with a suitable cable.

4.3 Switch the Label Printer On and Off

After all connections are completed, switch on the label printer.

The main menu appears showing the printer type, current date and time.

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4.4 Initial Operation of the Label Printer

After switching on the label printer the main menu appears which shows the printer type, current date and time.

Insert label material and transfer ribbon (see chapter 5. Load Media, page 29).

Go to the menu *Label layout*, select the menu item *Measure label* and start measuring (see chapter 6.5 Label Layout, page 43).

Press the key ____ to finish measuring.



NOTICE!

To enable correct measuring, at least two completed labels have to be passed through (not for continuous labels).

During measuring the label and gap length small differences can occur. Therefore the values can be set manually in menu *Label layout/Label and Gap*.

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Vario III Load Media

5 Load Media

5.1 Load Label Roll



NOTICE!

As for the electrostatic unloading the thin coating of the thermal printhead or other electronic parts can be damaged, the label material should be antistatic. The use of wrong materials can lead to printer malfunctions and the guarantee can expire.

Load label roll in rewind mode

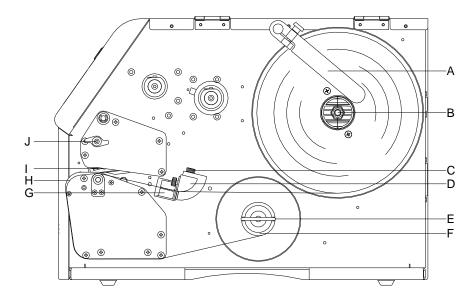


Figure 7



NOTICE!

In rewind mode the labels are wound up internally after printing for later use.

- 1. Open the printer cover.
- 2. Open the printhead (I) by turning the pressure lever (J) anticlockwise.
- 3. Remove the outside label mounting plate (A).
- 4. Load the label roll with inner winding onto the unwinding roll (B).
- 5. Attach again the label mounting plate (A).
- Lead the label material below the label guiding (D).Take care that the material runs through the photocell (G).
- 7. Place the labels around the front sheet (H) and lead them below the mechanics to the rear.
- 8. Clamp the label material, with the handle (E) designated for it, at the rewinding roll (F).

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- 9. To move the printhead (I) down, turn the pressure lever (J) in clockwise direction until it locks.
- Adjust the limit stops (C) of the label guiding roll to the width of material.

11. Close the printer cover.

Load label roll in tearoff mode

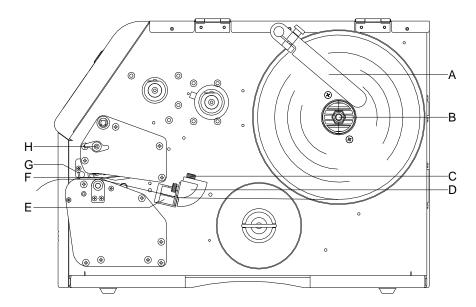


Figure 8

- 1. Open the printer cover.
- 2. Open the printhead (F) by turning the pressure lever (H) anticlockwise.
- 3. Remove the outside label mounting plate (A).
- 4. Load the label roll with inner winding onto the unwinding roll (B).
- 5. Attach again the label mounting plate (A).
- 6. Lead the label material below the label guiding (D). Take care that the label runs through the photocell (E).
- 7. To move the printhead (F) down, turn the pressure lever (H) in clockwise direction until it locks.
- 8. In front of the printhead the tear off edge (G) is visible.
- 9. Enter the offset value in menu *Printer Initialisation/Tear off* (see chapter 6.4, page 42).
- Adjust the limit stops (C) of the label guiding to the width of material.
- 11. Close the printer cover.

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Load label roll in cutter mode

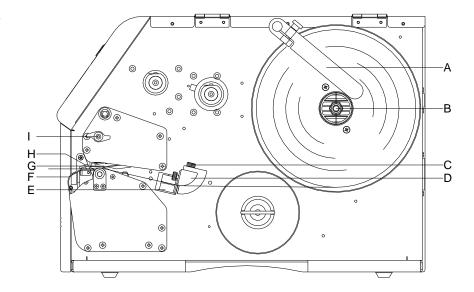


Figure 9

- 1. Open the printer cover.
- 2. Open the printhead (G) by turning the pressure lever (I) anticlockwise.
- 3. Remove the outside label mounting plate (A).
- 4. Load the label roll with inner winding onto the unwinding roll (B).
- 5. Attach again the label mounting plate (A).
- Lead the label material below the label guiding (D) and the printhead (G).
 Take care that the label runs through the photocell (E).
- 7. Lead the label material between the inserting angle (F) and the cutter ledge (H).
- 8. To move the printhead (G) down, turn the pressure lever (I) in clockwise direction until it locks.
- 9. Adjust the limit stops (C) of the label guiding to the width of material.
- 10. Close the printer cover.

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Load label roll in dispenser mode

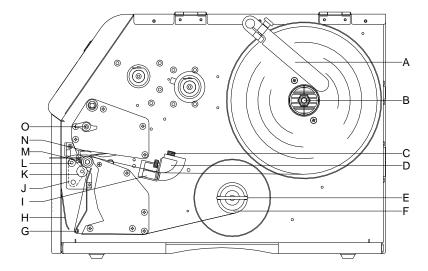


Figure 10

- 1. Remove the cover plate (H) by turning it to the front.
- 2. Open the printer cover.
- Open the printhead (N) by turning the pressure lever (O) anticlockwise.
- 4. Remove the outside label mounting plate (A).
- 5. Load the label roll with inner winding (minimum label height = 15 mm) onto the unwinding roll (B).
- 6. Attach again the label mounting plate (A).
- 7. Lead the label material below the label guiding (D) and printhead (N). Take care that the labels run through the photocell (I).
- 8. Lift the dispensing whip (J) to the front/bottom by pulling the shaft at the side (L) to the inside.
- 9. To move the printhead (N) down, turn the pressure lever (O) in clockwise direction until it locks.
- Adjust the limit stops (C) of the label guiding to the width of material.
- 11. Strip some labels from the backing paper and lead the paper over the dispensing ledge (M) and behind the plastic roll (K).
- 12. Press again the dispensing whip (J) to the top and lock it.
- 13. Place the backing paper around the shaft (G) and fix it with the clamp (E) at the rewinding unit (F).
- 14. Enter the offset value in menu *Dispenser I/O/Offset* (see chapter 7.2, page 61).
- 15. Close the printer cover.

Vario III Load Media

5.2 Load Transfer Ribbon



NOTICE!

For the thermal transfer printing method it is necessary to load a ribbon, otherwise when using the printer in direct thermal print it is not necessary to load a ribbon. The ribbons used in the printer have to be at least the same width as the print media. In case the ribbon is narrower than the print media, the printhead is partly unprotected and this could lead to early wear and tear.

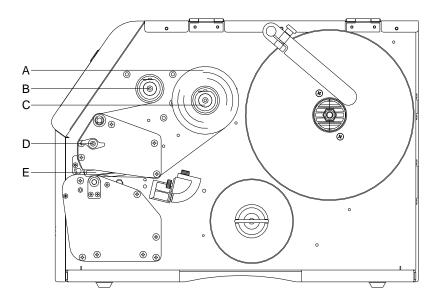


Figure 11



NOTICE!

Before a new transfer ribbon roll is loaded, the printhead must be cleaned using printhead and roller cleaner (97.20.002). The handling instructions for the use of Isopropanol (IPA) must be observed. In the case of skin or eye contact, immediately wash off the fluid thoroughly with running water. If the irritation persists, consult a doctor. Ensure good ventilation.

- 1. Open the printer cover.
- Open the printhead (E) by turning the pressure lever (D) anticlockwise.



CAUTION!

Risk of scraping when inserting the transfer ribbon res. when removing the used transfer ribbon!

- ⇒ Be careful with the spring steel plate edges!
- 3. Load the transfer ribbon roll (A) with outer winding onto the unwinding roll (C).
- 4. Place an empty ribbon roll on the rewinding roll (B).
- 5. Lead the transfer ribbon below the printhead.

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6. Fix the ribbon with an adhesive tape in rotating direction at the empty roll of the rewinding roll (B).

- 7. To move the printhead (E) down, turn the pressure lever (D) in clockwise direction until it locks.
- 8. Close the printer cover.



NOTICE!

As for the electrostatic unloading the thin coating of the thermal printhead or other electronic parts can be damaged, the transfer ribbon should be antistatic.

The use of wrong materials can lead to printer malfunctions and the guarantee can expire.



CAUTION!

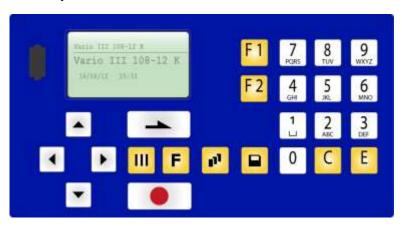
Impact of electrostatic material on people!

⇒ Use antistatic transfer ribbon because electrostatic discharge can occur when removing.

Vario III Function Menu

6 Function Menu

6.1 Operation Panel



	The top line of the graphic display shows the printer type.
	The graphic display shows information about the current status of the printer and the print order, reports errors and shows the printer settings in the menus.
	Back to the main menu. Start a test print. Delete a stopped print order.
F	Change to the function menu. In function menu: one menu item back.
III	Change to the quantity (number of pieces) menu. Press the keys ▲ and ▼ to select the number of labels that should be printed.
	Change to the menu of the CF card.
	In main menu: feed of one label. In function menu: skip to the next menu item.
	Confirm settings and modifications. Stop and continue current print orders. Delete a stopped print order with the key No further label of the print order is printed.
•	Return to the previous input field. Press the keys and to change the values.
•	Skip to the next input field. Press the keys and to change the values.
	Increase the figure at the cursor position.
	Decrease the figure at the cursor position.
С	Delete the complete entry.
Е	Confirm the entry. After confirmation of settings, return to the main menu.

Function Menu Vario III

6.2 Keyboard Assignment (Text Entry / Customized / CF Card)

The foil keyboard of the printing system is equipped with an alphanumeric character block which allows the user to enter parameters and customised variables without the connection of an external keyboard. Each key contains letters and similar to the use of a mobile phone (like sms) a direct and time-saving input is possible.

The mode is displayed in the first line at the right position so the user can control in which input mode is selected.

As the input is almost done with characters from one mode, the characters are divided in different groups. Following input modes are available:

Symbol	Mode
0	Standard, starting with figures
М	Starting with capital letters
m	Starting with small letters
А	Input Alt
а	Input Alt, is switched off after one character

Mode 0

This mode is displayed as default. At first the figure which corresponds to the key is displayed, then all capital and afterwards the small letters.

Mode M

At first all capital, then the small letters and at last the corresponding figure.

Mode m

At first all small letters, then the figure and at last the capital letters.

Mode A

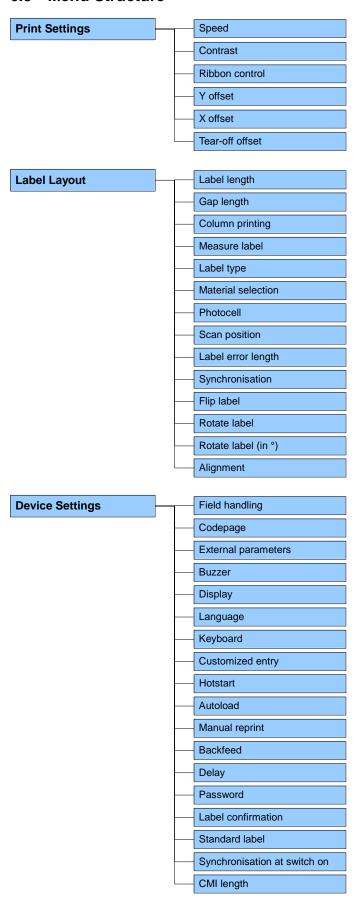
This mode can be used for the creation of special characters. The desired character can be displayed by the assigned number by entering the ANSI code. Please note that the ANSI code has to consist of three digits, i.e. you have possible to enter a zero first.

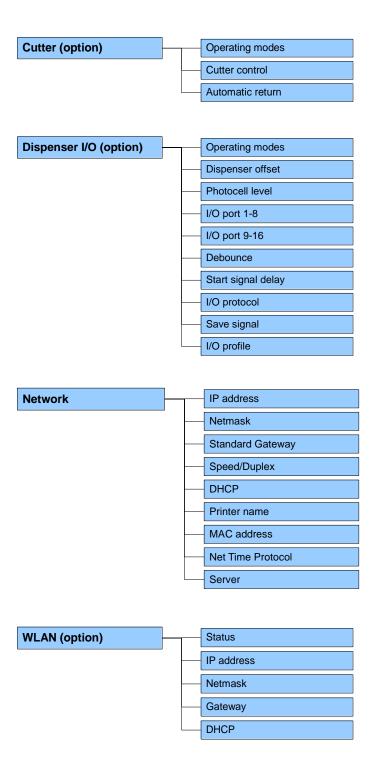
Mode a

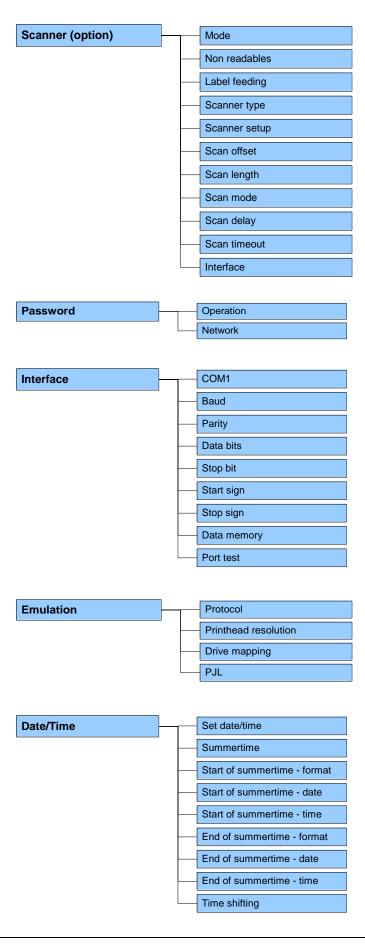
Same as mode A. After input of the selected ANSI code the machine, however, changes back to the previously selected input mode.

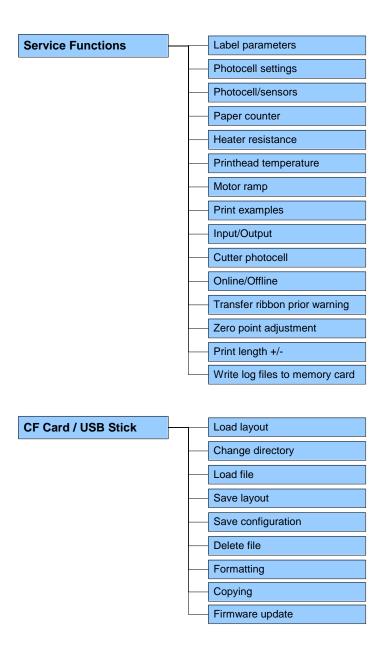
Key	Meaning	Function
	Main menu	Back to the main menu.
		Activate test print.
		Delete stopped print order.
	Up	For customized variables, change between the single entries.
	Down	For customized variables, change between the single entries.
F	Funktion menu	No function.
	Vorschub	Entry confirmation. Change to the main menu.
	Start/Stopp	Confirmation/end of entry.
	Memory	Entry mode selection.
1 11	Quant	Delete the character at the cursor position. If the cursor is behind the last character, the last one is deleted. Character is only deleted if it was before entered by the character block.
•	Backwards	Cursor one position to the left.
•	Forwards	Cursor one position to the right.
0 - 9	Character block	Entry of desired data.
С	Function key	Delete the complete entry. The entry is only deleted if it was entered by the character block.
E	Function key	Confirm the entry. After confirmation of settings, return to the main menu.

6.3 Menu Structure









6.4 Print Settings

Switch on the label printer and the display shows the main menu.

Press the key **F** to access the function menu.

Press the key ____ to select the menu *Print settings*.

Speed

Indication of print speed in mm/s (see chapter Technical Data, page 15). The print speed can be determined for each print order anew. The setting of print speed affects also the test prints.

Contrast

Indication of value to set the print intensity when using different materials, print speeds or printing contents.

Value range: 10 % ... 200 %.

Step size: 10 %.

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

Ribbon control

Examination if the transfer ribbon roll is to end or if the ribbon was torn at the unwinding roll. The current print order is interrupted and an Error Message appears at the printer display.

Off: The ribbon control is deselected, i.e. the printer continues without an error message.

On, weak sensibility (default): The printer reacts at approx. 1/3 more slowly to the end of the transfer ribbon.

On, strong sensibility: The printer reacts immediately to the end of the transfer ribbon.

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

Y displacement

Indication of initial point displacement in mm.

Displacement of the complete print in paper direction. With positive

values the print in paper direction starts later.

Value range: -30.0 ... +90.0.

Press the key to arrive the next menu item.

X displacement

Displacement of the complete print transverse to the paper direction. The displacement is possible only up to the edges of the printing zone and is determined by the width of the focal line in printhead.

Value range: −90.0 ... +90.0.

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Tear-off

Indication of value to which the last label of a print order is moved forward and is moved back to the beginning of label at a new print start. Labels can be torn off after terminating the print order without a label loss by tearing up.

Default value: 12 mm. Value range: 0 ... 50.0 mm.

6.5 Label Layout

Switch on the label printer and the display shows the main menu.

Press the key **F** to access the function menu.

Press the key until the menu Label layout menu is displayed.

Press the key ____ to select the menu.

Label length Indication of label length in mm

(see chapter Technical Data, page 15).

Gap length Indication of distance between two labels in mm

(not for continuous labels). Minimum value: 1 mm.

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

Column printing Indication of width of one label as well as how many labels are placed

side by side (see chapter 11.1 Column Printing, page 97).

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Measure label Press the key to start measuring. The printer stops

automatically after termination of measuring. The determined values

are displayed and saved.

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

Label type Generally adhesive labels are set. Press the key

to select

continuous labels. If the menu item Label length/Gap length contains

a gap value, this value is added to the label length...

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

Material selection Selection of the used label and transfer ribbon material.

Press the key _____ to move to the next menu item.

Photocell Selection of the used photocell.

The selection of one of the following photocell types is possible:

transmission photocell normal and inverse, reflexion photocell normal

and inverse

(see chapter 11.4 Photocells, page 102).

Scan position (AP) Entry of percental label length by that the label end is searched.

Marks onto the label can be skipped.

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item. In case an error occurs, indication after how many mm a message Label error length appears in the display. Value range: 1 mm ... 999 mm. **Synchronization** On: If a label is missed on the liner an error message is displayed. **Off:** Missing labels are ignored, i.e. it is printed into the gap. Press the key to move to the next menu item. The axis of reflection is in the middle of the layout. If the label width Flip label was not transferred to the printer, automatically the default label width i.e. the width of the printhead is used. It is recommended to use labels with the same width as the printhead. Otherwise this can cause problems in positioning. Press the key to move to the next menu item. According to standard the label is printed ahead with a rotation of 0°. If **Rotate label** the function is activated, the label is rotated by 180° and printed in reading direction. Press the key _____ to move to the next menu item. Corresponding to the parameter Rotate label, the label can be turned Rotate label (in °) in 90° steps. NOTICE! Only printer internal objects (text, lines and barcodes) can be turned. The rotation of graphics is not possible. Press the key to move to the next menu item. The adjustment of label is effected only after Flip/Rotate label, i.e. the **Alignment** adjustment is independent of the functions Flip label and Rotate label.

adjustment is independent of the functions *Flip label* and *Rotate la* **Left:** The label is aligned at the left-most position of printhead. **Centre:** The label is aligned at central point of printhead. **Right:** The label is aligned at right-most position of printhead.

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6.6 Device Settings

Switch on the label printer and the display shows the main menu.

Press the key **F** to access the function menu.

Press the key until the menu Device settings is displayed.

Press the key ____ to select the menu.

Field handling

Off: The complete print memory is deleted.

Keep graphic: A graphic res. a TrueType font is transferred to the printer once and stored in the printer internal memory. For the following print order only the modified data is transferred to the printer. The advantage is the saving of transmitting time for the graphic data. The graphic data created by the printer itself (internal fonts, bar codes, ...) is generated only if they were changed. The generating time is saved.

Delete graphic: The graphics res. TrueType fonts stored in the printer-internal memory is deleted but the other fields are kept.

Restore graphic: At the end of the print order the printed order can again be started at the printer. All graphics and TrueType fonts are again printed.



NOTICE!

Exception: With column printing always full columns must be printed (number of pieces always multiple of the columns). Deleted columns are not restored.

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Codepage

Indication of the font used in the printer. The following possibilities are available:

Codepage 1252 West European (former ANSI)

Codepage 437 English

Codepage 850 Western European

Codepage 852 Slavic

Codepage 857 Turkish

Codepage 1250 Central and East European

Codepage 1251 Cyrillic

Codepage 1253 Greek

Codepage 1254 Turkish

Codepage 1257 Baltic

WGL4

Please find the tables referring to the above mentionned character sets on www.carl-valentin.de/Downloads.

Press the key to move to the next menu item. Label dimension only: The parameters for label length, gap length **External parameters** and label width can be transferred to the printer. All other parameter settings are to be made directly at the printer. On: Sending parameters such as print speed and contrast via our label creation software to the printer. Parameters which are set directly at the printer before are no longer considered. Off: Only settings made directly at the printer are considered. Press the key _____ to move to the next menu item. On: An acoustic signal is audible when pressing a key. **Buzzer** Value range: 1 ... 7. Off: No signal is audible. Setting of display contrast. Display Value range: 45 ... 75. Press the key _____ to move to the next menu item. Selection of language in which you want to display the text in the **Printer language** printer display. At the moment the following languages are available: German, English, French, Spanish, Finnish, Czech, Portuguese, Dutch, Italian, Danish, Polish, Greek, Hungarian, Russian, Chinese (option), Ukrainian, Turkish, Swedish, Norwegian, Estonian. Press the key to move to the next menu item. **Keyboard layout** Selection of region for the desired keyboard layout. The following possibilities are available: German, English, French, Greek, Spanish, Swedish, US American, Russian. Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item. Off: No question appears at the display. In this case the stored default **Customized entry** value is printed. On: The question referring the customized variable appears once before the print start at the display. **Auto:** The questions referring the customized variable and the quantity query appear after every printed layout. Auto without quantity query: The question referring the customized variable appears after every layout without additional guery for the quantity. Press the key _____ to move to the next menu item. **Hotstart** On: Continue an interrupted print order after switching on the printer anew. Off: After switching off the printer the complete data is lost (see

chapter 11.2 Hotstart, page 98).

Autoload

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

On: A label which was loaded once from CF card can be loaded again automatically after a restart of printer.

Procedure: The used label is saved onto CF card. The label is loaded from CF card and printed. After switching the printer Off and again On, the label is loaded from CF card automatically and can be printed

again. Press the key to start the print with input of number of labels.



NOTICE!

The last loaded label from CF card is always again loaded after a restart of printer.

Off: After a restart of printer the last used label must be again loaded manually from CF card.



NOTICE!

A common use of the functions Autoload and Hotstart is not possible. For a correct Autoload procedure the Hotstart must be deactivated in the printer.

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

Manual reprint

Yes: I In case an error occurred and printer is in stopped mode then you can reprint the last printed labels by means of keys and . **No:** Only blank labels were advanced.

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

Backfeed

The backfeed was optimised in the operating modes dispenser (optional) and cutter (optional). Now, when driving into the offset, the following label is 'pre-printed' if possible and therefore the backfeed of label is no necessary and time can be saved.

Delay

The adjustable deceleration time is only for mode 'backfeed automatic' of importance (see chapter 11.3 Backfeed/Delay, page 100).

Press the key _____ to move to the next menu item.

CMI length

If the print is interrupted in the label, at the printhead this could lead to a small interruption in the printout, showing a fine white line onto the label. To avoid this, a value for the minimum backfeed can be set (0 – 1 mm) at which the label material is moved backwards. At the next print start the free range is overprinted. The setting of CMI length has only an influence at the selection of backfeed mode 'optimised backfeed'.

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

Label confirmation

On: A new print order is only printed after confirmation at the device. An already active continuing print order is printed as long as the confirmation is effected at the device.

Off: No query appears at the display of control unit.

Standard label

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

On: If a print order is started without previous definition of label, the standard label is printed.

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Off: If a print order is started without previous definition of label, an error message appears in the display.

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Synchronization at print start

Off: The synchronization is disabled, i.e. the measuring and label feed have to be released manually.

Measure: After switching on the printer, the loaded label is automatically measured.

Feed: After switching on the printer the label is synchronized to the beginning of label. For this one or multiple labels are advanced.

6.7 Network

Switch on the label printer and the display shows the main menu.

Press the key **F** to access the function menu.

Press the key until the menu *Network* is displayed.

Press the key ____ to select the menu.

For more information, please see the separate manual.

6.8 Password

Switch on the label printer and the display shows the main menu.

Press the key **F** to access the function menu.

Press the key until the menu *Password* is displayed.

Press the key to select the menu.

With a password different functions can be blocked for the operator. There are different applications with which such a password protection can be used reasonably. To receive a most flexible password protection, the printer functions will be divided into several function groups.

Because of these different function groups the password protection is very flexible. The printer can be adjusted best to its actual order, as only certain functions are blocked.

Operation

Password Entering a 4-digit numeric password.

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

Protection configuration

Printer settings can be changed (contrast, speed, operating mode, ...). The password protection prevents modifications at the printer settings.

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Protection favorites The password protection prevents the access to the favorites.

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Protection memory card

With the functions of the memory card, labels can be stored, loaded, etc. The password protection has to decide if no access or only readable acces on CF card is allowed.

No protection: No password protection Userview only: Only reading access

Protected: Access blocked

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Protection Printing

In case the printer is connected to a PC, it can be useful, that the user is not able to produce a print manually. So the password protection

prevents that prints can be produced manually.

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

In order to execute a blocked function, first of all the valid password has to be entered. If the correct password is entered then the desired

function can be executed.

Network

Password Entering a 15-digit password. The password can consists of

alphanumeric and special characters.

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Protection HTTP The communication by HTTP can be avoided.

Press the key _____ to move to the next menu item.

Protection Telnet The settings of the Telnet service cannot be changed.

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

Protection remote access

The password protection prevents the remote control of the printer.

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

In order to execute a blocked function, first of all the valid password has to be entered. If the correct password is entered then the desired

function can be executed.

6.9 Interface

Switch on the label printer and the display shows the main menu.

Press the key to access the function menu.

Press the key until the menu *Interface* is displayed.

Press the key ____ to select the menu.

COM1 / Baud / P/D/S

COM1:

0 - serial interface Off.

1 - serial interface On.

2 - serial Interface On, no error message occurs in case of a transmission error.

Baud:

Indication of bits which are transferred per second (speed of data

Value range: 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600 and 115200.

P = Parity:

N - No parity

E - Even

O - Odd

Please observe that the settings correspond to those of the printer.

D = Data bits:

Setting of data bits. Value range: 7 or 8 Bits.

S = Stop bits:

Indication of stop bits between bytes.

Value range: 1 or 2 stop bits.

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Start sign / End sign

SOH: Start of data transfer block → Hex format 01 ETB: End of data transfer block → Hex formal 17

Two different start / en signs can be set. The settings are normally SOH = 01 HEX and ETB = 17 HEX. Several host computers cannot process these signs and therefore SOH = 5E HEX and ETB = 5F cannot be set.

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Data memory

Standard: After starting a print order the printer buffer receives data as long as it is filled.

Advanced: During a current print order data is received and processed.

Off: After starting a print order no more data is received.

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Port test

Check whether the data are transferred via the interface.

Press the key and to select standard (on). Press the key and the data sent via any port (COM1, LPT, USB, TCP/IP) is

printed.

6.10 Emulation

Switch on the label printer and the display shows the main menu.

Press the key **F** to access the function menu.

Press the key until the menu *Emulation* is displayed.

Press the key ____ to select the menu.

Protocol

CVPL: Carl Valentin Programming Language

ZPL: Z ebra® Programming Language

Change between CVPL protocol and ZPL II® protocol.

Press the key ____ to confirm the selection.

The printer performs a restart and ZPL II® commands are transformed into CVPL commands internally by the printer and then executed by the printer.

In menu Protocol, press the key to move to the next menu item

Printhead resolution

At activated ZPL II[®] emulation the printhead resolution of the emulated printer must be set, e.g. 11.8 Dot/mm (= 300 dpi).



NOTICE!

If the printhead resolution of the Zebra® printer differs from that of the Valentin printer, then the size of objects (e.g. texts, graphics) complies not exactly.

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Drive mapping

The access to Zebra® drives

B: CF card **E:** Flash drive

R: RAM disk (standard drive, if not indicated)

is rerouted to the corresponding Valentin drives

A: CF

R: RAM disk U: not occupied

This can be necessary if the available space on the RAM disk (at present. 512 KByte) is not sufficient or if bitmap fonts are downloaded to the printer and be stored permanently.



NOTICE!

As the printer build-in fonts in Zebra® printers are not available in Valentin printers, this can cause small differences in the text image.

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

PJL (Printer Job Language)

The processing of PJL commands (Hewlett Packard® Print Job Language) can be switched On/Off. Status information relating to the print order can be queried.

6.11 Date & Time

Switch on the label printer and the display shows the main menu.

Press the key **F** to access the function menu.

Press the key until the menu Date/Time is displayed.

Press the key ____ to select the menu.

Setting of date and time

The upper line of display shows the current date, the second line the current time. Press the key or to move to the next input field. Press the key or to increase or decrease the figures at the cursor position.

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Summertime

On: Printer automatically adjust clock for daylight saving changes. **Off:** Summertime is not automatically recognized and adjusted.

Press the key _____ to move to the next menu item.

Start of summertime – Format

Select the format in which you want to define beginning summertime. The above example indicates the default setting (European format).

DD = day WW = week WD = weekday

MM = month YY = year next day = only next day is taken

into consideration

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

Start of summertime – Date

By means of this function you can enter the date at which summertime has to start. This entry refers to the previously selected format. Example: summertime is automatically adjusted at last Sunday in March (03).

Press the key _____ to move to the next menu item.

Start of summertime – Time

By means of this function you can define the time when you want to start summertime.

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

End of summertime – Format

Select the format in which you want to define end of summertime. The example above indicates the default setting (European format).

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

End of summertime – Date

By means of this function you can define the date when you want to stop summertime. The entry refers to the previously selected format. Example: summertime is automatically adjusted at last Sunday in October (10).

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

End of summertime – Time

By means of this function you can define the time when you want to stop summertime.

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Time shifting

By means of this function you can enter time shifting in hours and minutes (for automatically adjustment from summer and wintertime). This entry refers to the currently set printer time.

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6.12 Service Functions



NOTICE!

So that the distributor res. the printer manufacturer in case of service can offer fast support, the printer is equipped with the menu *Service functions*.

Necessary information such as selected parameters can be taken directly from the printer. More details such as version of firmware or font are shown from the *Main menu*.

Switch on the label printer and the display shows the main menu.

Press the key **F** to access the function menu.

Press the key until the menu Service functions is displayed.

Press the key ____ to select the menu.

Label parameters Indication of label parameters in Volt.

A: Indication of minimum value. **B:** Indication of maximum value.

C: Indication of trigger level. The value is ascertained while measuring and can be changed.

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

Photocell configuration

This function enables definition of photocell levels.

In case of problems while positioning or measuring of label, levels for label photocell can be set manually. Make sure that a large hub as possible (above the label >3 V, above the gap <1 V) is set.

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Photocell parameters

DLS: Indication of transmission photocell level in Volt. **RLS:** Indication of reflexion photocell level in Volt. **SLS:** Indication of peel off photocell level in Volt. **TR:** Indication of transfer ribbon photocell status

(either 0 or 1).

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

Paper counter D: Indication of printhead attainment in meters.

G: Indication of printer attainment in meters.

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Heater resistance

To achieve a high print quality, the indicated Ohm value must be set

after replacing the printhead.

Press the key to move to the next menu item. Indication of printhead temperature. The printhead temperature Printhead temperature corresponds normally to the room temperature. In case the maximum printhead temperature is exceeded, the current print order is interrupted and an error message appears at the printer display. Press the key to move to the next menu item. This function is often used for high printing speed as the tearing of **Motor Ramp** transfer ribbon can be prevented. The higher the '++' value is set, the slower the feeding motor is accelerated. The smaller the '--' value is set, the faster the feeding motor is decelerated. Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item. Settings: Printout of all printer settings such as speed, label and **Print examples** transfer ribbon material. Bar codes: Printout of all available bar code types. Fonts: Printout of all available font types. Press the key _____ to move to the next menu item. Indication of input signal level which depends on the set I/O Profile Input (see page 63). 0 = Low1 = HighPress the key _____ to move to the next menu item. Output Indication of signal level which depends on the set I/O Profile (see page 63). 0 = Low1 = HighPress the key _____ to move to the next menu item. I/O Status Relevant results are counted and registered in RAM memory. The protocole get lost after switching off the device. RInt = Real Interrupts

The start input impulses are counted directly at the Interrupt.

Dbnc = Debounced

The start input impulses that are longer than the set debounce time are counted. Only these start impulses can lead to a print. If a start impulse is too short, no print is released. This is recognized by the fact that RInt is counted, Dbnc not.

NPrn = Not Printed

The debounced start input impulses that have not lead to a print are counted. Causes: no active print order, print order stopped (manually or because of an error) or the printing system ist still active with the processing of a print order.

PrtStrtReset = The counters are reset.

PrtStrtTime = Measured length of the last start impulse in ms.

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Cutter photocell

- 1 Printer is equipped with a cutter
- 2 Printer is not equipped with a cutter

Cutter Home (cutter in home position)

- 1 The cutter is in the initial position and ready for the cutting procedure.
- 0 The cutter is not in the initial position. Before you are going to release a cutting procedure you first have to place the cutter in its initial position.

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

Online / Offline

This function is activated e.g. if the transfer ribbon is to be changed. It is avoided that a print order is processed although the module is not ready. If the function is activated then press the key to change between Online and Offline mode. The respective state is indicated in the display.

Standard: Off

Online: Data can be received by interface. The keys of the foil keyboard are only active, if you changed in the Offline mode with the key ...

Offline: The keys of the foil keyboard are still active but received data are not processed. If the module is again in Online mode then new print orders can be again received.

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

Transfer ribbon advance warning

Before the end of transfer ribbon, a signal is send by the control output.

Warning diameter

Setting of transfer ribbon advance warning diameter.

In case you enter a value in mm then a signal appears via control output when reaching this diameter (measured at transfer ribbon roll).

Ribbon advance warning mode

Warning: When reaching the transfer ribbon advance warning diamter, the corresponding I/O output is set.

Reduced print speed: Speed on which the printing speed is to be reduced.

Error: The printing system stops when reaching the transfer ribbon advance warning diameter with the message 'too less ribbon'.

Reduced print speed

Setting of the reduced print speed in mm/s. This can be set in the limits of the normal print speed.

Current diameters

Roll diameter: Indication how much transfer ribbon is still on the transfer ribbon roll. For a correct display some labels must be reprinted.

Time left: Indication during a current print order, how long it can be printed with the existing transfer ribbon.

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Zero point adjustment in Y direction

Indication of value in 1/100 mm.

After replacing the printhead - the print cannot be continued at the same position on the label, the difference can be corrected in printing direction.



NOTICE!

The value for zero point adjustment is set ex works. After replacing the printhead, only service personnel are allowed to set this value anew.

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

Zero point adjustment in X direction

Indication of value in 1/100 mm.

After replacing the printhead - the print cannot be continued at the same position on the label, the difference can be corrected across the printing direction.



NOTICE!

The value for zero point adjustment is set ex works. After replacing the printhead, only service personnel are allowed to set this value anew.

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Print length +/-

Indication of print layout correction in percent.

By mechanical influences (e.g. label roll size) the print layout can be printed increased and reduced to its original size.

Value range: +10.0 % ... −10.0 %

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Write log files to memory card

The printer logs different events internally. In case of service, the error cause can be located faster.

With this command, different log files are saved on an existing storage medium (memory card). After the 'Finish' message the storage medium can be removed.

The files are in directory 'log':

LogMemErr.txt: Logged errors with additional information such as date/time and file name/line number (for developers).

LogMemStd.txt: Logging of selected events.

LogMemNet.txt: Data latest send via port 9100.

Parameters.log: All printer parameters in human readable form.

TaskStatus.txt: Status of all printer tasks.

The files LogMemErr.txt and LogMemStd.txt are written in circle, i.e. old contents are overwritten. The entry logged last is marked with "---"

6.13 Main Menu

Switch on the label printer and the display shows the main menu. The main menu shows information such as printer type, current date and time, version number of firmware and the used FPGA.

The selected display is shown for a short time, then the indication returns to the first information.

Press the key to move to the next information display.

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7.1 Cutter



CAUTION!

Risk of injury, particularly during maintenance, the cutter blades are sharp!

- ⇒ Switch off the printer before attaching the cutter!
- ⇒ The cutter may only be used when it is mounted on the printer!
- Do not try to cut any materials which exceed the maximum width or thickness specifications.
- ⇒ Do NOT touch the area of the moving blades!

Switch on the label printer and the display shows the main menu.

Press the key **F** to access the function menu.

Press the key until the menu *Cutter* is displayed.

Press the key ____ to select the menu.



NOTICE!

The menu item cutter is only displayed if the printer recognizes the option via cutter photocell when switching on the printer.

In the upper line of display, the cutter mode can be selected.

In the line below, the cutter offset (approx. 20 mm) can be set.

Press the key
to move to the next operating mode.

Operating modes

Off:

The print order is processed without cutting.

Without backfeed:

A cut is effected after each label.

We recommend using this operating mode if no data which is to print is in the upper part of the label.

With backfeed:

A cut is effected after each label.

Interval with final cut:

A cut is effected after a fixed number of labels which you have to enter at the print start and additionally at the end of the print order.

Interval without final cut:

A cut is effected after a fixed number of labels which you have to enter at the print start. At the end of the printer order no cut is effected except when the set interval comes to the end of the print order.

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Final cut:

A cut is only effected at the end of the print order.

Select the desired cutter operating mode, then press the key to select additional functions.

Cutter control Automatic: After each printed label a cut is released.

Extern: A cut is released by an external I/O. External can only be selected if the label printer is equipped with option external I/O Nach

jedem gedruckten Etikett wird ein Schnitt ausgelöst.

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

Automatic return On: The label is pulled back immediately after the cut.

Off: The label is pulled back only before the next print.

Single cut In case you are in the main menu or a print order has been stopped

you can release a single cut by pressing the key ...

The type of the single cut depends on the set cutter mode and offset.

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7.2 Dispenser I/O



NOTICE!

In order to operate the printer in dispenser mode a print order has to be started and the printer has to be in 'waiting' mode.

Switch on the label printer and the display shows the main menu.

Press the key to access the function menu.

Press the key until the menu *Dispenser I/O* is displayed.

Press the key ____ to select the menu.

Dispenser offset

In the upper line of display, the operating mode can be selected.

In the line below, the dispenser I/O offset (approx. 20 mm) can be set.

Press the key
to move to the next operating mode.

Operating modes

Off:

It is printed without the labels are dispensed.

I/O static:

The input signal evaluated, i.e. it is printed as long as the signal exists. The number of labels which was entered at the print start is printed.

The set dispenser offset is not taken into consideration.

I/O static continuous:

For description of this operating mode, see I/O static.

Continuous means that it is printed as long as new data is transferred via interface

The set dispenser offset is not taken into consideration.

I/O dynamic:

The external signal is evaluated dynamically, i.e. is the printer in 'waiting' mode a single label is printed at each signal changing. After the print the set dispenser offset is executed, i.e. a backfeed is effected.

I/O dynamic continuous:

For description of this operating mode, see I/O dynamic.

Continuous means that it is printed as long as new data is transferred via interface.

Photocell:

The printer is controlled via photocell. The printer prints automatically a label if the user takes away the label at the dispensing ledge. The print order is finished when the target number of labels is reached.

Photocell continuous:

For description of this operating mode, see Photcell.

Continuous means that it is printed as long as new data is transferred via interface.

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Additional parameters for Dispenser I/O

After selection of desired Dispenser I/O operating mode, press the key to select additional parameters.

Dispenser photocell

First value

 Indication of the current sensor level. This indication is for checking purposes and cannot be modified.

Second value

Indication if a label (value = 1) or if no label (value = 0) was found. This indication is for checking purposes if the set switch level leads to a correct label recognition.

Third value

= Indication of switch level (Default: 1.2).

Fourth value

 Transmission power of label sensor [1..255]
 Depending on label material (color) the sensor level can be adapted in order to permit a safe label recognition (Default: 80).



NOTICE!

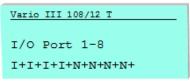
The modification of this value is only taken into consideration for the operating modes *Photocell* and *Photocell* continuous.

Press the key to move to the next parameter.

I/O Port 1-8 and I/O Port 9-16

Definition of port functions:

2 sign show the current setting for each port.



Port

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

(because of space reasons, the port number cannot be indicated)

The first sign specifies the following:

I = Port operates as Input

O = Port operates as Output

N = Port has no function (not defined)

These settings cannot be modified.

The second sign specifies the following:

- + = Active signal level is 'high' (1)
- = Active signal level is 'low' (0)
- x = Port is deactivated
- & = Function is executed at each change of the signal level
- **s** = Status can be enquired/influenced by interface The printer-internal function is deactivated.

The modification of the signal level is only taken into consideration for the operating modes I/O static, I/O dynamic, I/O static continuous and I/O dynamic continuous.

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Press the key ____ to move to the next parameter.

Debounce

Indication of debounce time of the dispenser input. The setting range of the debounce time is between 0 and 100 ms.

In case the start signal is not clear then you can debounce the input by means of this menu item.

Press the key to move to the next parameter.

Start signal delay

Indication in time per second of the delay for the start signal.

Value range: 0.00 ... 9.99.

Press the key to move to the next parameter.

I/O protocol

Indication of interface at which the modifications of input signals and output signals (I/O) are sent.

Press the key ____ to move to the next parameter.

Save signal

On: The start signal for the next label can already be released during printing the current label. The signal is registered from the printer. The printer starts printing the next label immediately after finishing the current one. Therefore time can be saved and performance be increased.

Off: The start signal for the next label can only be released if the current label is printed to the end and the printer is again in 'waiting' state (output 'ready' set). If the start signal was released already before, so this is ignored.

Press the key to move to the next parameter.

I/O Profile

Selection of the available configurations *Std_Label* (factory setting), *StdFileSelLabel* or *APL*.

List of registered functions for Std Label

1	Print start and cut (Input)		
2	Reprint last printed label (Input)		
3	Counter reset (Input)		
4	Option applicator only: Start application (Input)		
5	Error reset (Input)		
6	Cancel all print jobs (Input)		
7	No function		
8	No function		
9	Error (Output)		
10	Print order active (Output)		
11	Dispenser photocell: Label exists at dispenser photocell (Output)		
12	Printing (Output)		
13	Ready (Output)		
14	Option applicator only: Ready for application (Output)		
15	Option scanner only Bar code not readable (Output)		
16	Transfer ribbon prior warning (Output)		

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List of registered functions for StdFileSelLabel

1	Print start and cut (Input)		
2	Error reset (Input)		
3*	Number of the file to load Bit 0 (Input)		
4*	Number of the file to load Bit 1 (Input)		
5*	Number of the file to load 2 (Input)		
6*	Number of the file to load 3 (Input)		
7*	Number of the file to load 4 (Input)		
8*	Number of the file to load 5 (Input)		
9	Error (Output)		
10	Print order active (Output)		
11	Dispenser photocell: Label exists at dispenser photocell (Output)		
12	Printing (Output)		
13	Ready (Output)		
14	No function		
15	Option scanner only		
10	Bar code not readable (Output)		
16	Transfer ribbon prior warning (Output)		

* The files must be saved onto the CF card in the user directory (see chapter 8.4, page 71).

The files must start with 1 or 2 digits (1_Etikett.prn, 02_Etikett.prn).

The files can be saved with a file extension.

In the printer status 'ready', 'waiting' or 'stop', a new file can be loaded. The printer order will be started after charging and an already existing printer order will be deleted.

The input signal 000000 does not charge a file and does not delete an already existing print order.

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List of registered functions for APL

1	Print start and cut (Input)	
2	Reprint last printed label (Input)	
3	Counter reset (Input)	
4	Option applicator only: Start application (Input)	
5	Error reset (Input)	
6	Cancel all print jobs (Input)	
7	No function	
8	No function	
9	Error (Output)	
10	Print order active (Output)	
11	Dispenser photocell: Label exists at dispenser photocell (Output)	
12	Printing (Output)	
13	Ready (Output)	
14	Option applicator only: Ready for application (Output)	
15	Option applicator only: Pad is in printing position (Output)	
16	Transfer ribbon prior warning (Output)	

7.3 WLAN

Switch on the label printer and the display shows the main menu.

Press the key **F** to access the function menu.

Press the key until the menu WLAN is displayed.

Press the key to select the menu.

The menu item WLAN can only be selected if a WLAN card was recognized at switching on the printer.

For more information, please see the separate manual.

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7.4 Scanner

Switch on the label printer and the display shows the main menu.

Press the key **F** to access the function menu.

Press the key until the menu Scanner is displayed.

Press the key ____ to select the menu.

Mode

- 0 Off
- Mode 1 (data comparison)

 i.e. bar code date which was read by the scanner is compared with the printed data.
- 2 Mode 2 (check readability) i.e. it is only checked if the scanner can read the printed bar codes.
- 3 Mode 3 (check readability, graphic), i.e. it is only checked if the scanner can read the printed bar codes. This mode is to use if the bar code is available as graphic (e.g. printing with printer driver). In this case the printer cannot recognize that a bar code is placed onto the label.

NoRd = Non readables

Indication of number of successive non readables, i.e. when the printer indicates an error message.

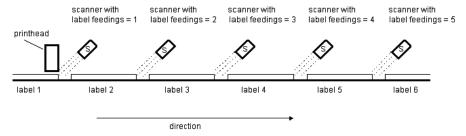
Value range: 0 - 9

- 1 = the printer stops at the first label which cannot be red from the scanner and shows an error message.
- 0 = the printer do not stop at non-readable. A message appears at the display only.

VEtik = Label feeding

In many cases it is impossible to position the scanner directly at the printhead, and therefore with this setting a feeding can be set Value range: 1 - 5

The illustration below clarifies the meaning of this parameter.



Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Scanner type

Selection of the connected scanner type.

For more information about the different scanner models, please contact our sales department.

Press the key _____ to move to the next menu item.

Scanner setup

Positioning of scanner. First of all, the scanner must be connected, the appropriate scanner must be selected in the scanner type menu, the interface must be activated in the interface parameter menu and the interface parameters must be set correctly.

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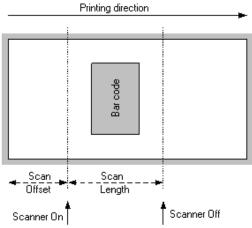
Press the key to move to the next menu item.

Scan offset Indication of value at which the label is moved so the scanner can read data onto the label.

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

If this parameter is set to 0 (AUTO), the switch on and off position of scanner is calculated by means of position and height of bar code onto the label.

If the parameter Scan Length is not 0, so this defines the length of scan sector. The start of scan sector is then set by the parameter Scan Offset. The following drawing shows the meaning of parameter.



Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

With this parameter can be adjusted, at which time the scanning of the bar code is to be effected - during printing or after printing.

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

In scan mode 'after print' the scanner is switched On after the label was printed. With this value the time can be specified between printing the label and switching On the scanner.

Press the key ____ to move to the next menu item.

In scan mode 'after print' can be specified with this value the time which is available for scanning the label.

Press the key to move to the next menu item.

To use a scanner, the COM2 interface is set to 1.

For more information, please see the separate manual.

Scan length

Scan mode

Scan delay

Scan timeout

Interface

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8 Compact Flash Card / USB Memory Stick*

8.1 General Information

On the back side of the label printer is the slot for the CF card and the USB port for inserting the USB memory stick.

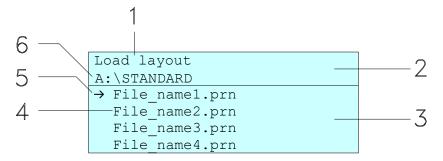
The mass storage menu (memory menu) permits the access to CF cards or USB memory sticks attached to the printer. Among loading and saving labels simple operations of contents are possible such as delete files/directories, copy files/directories or formatting.



NOTICE!

In case of a malfunction of the original memory medium it is recommend to copy the most important data by means of a commercial Card Reader.

8.2 Display Structure



- 1 = Current function
- 2 = 2-lined header
- 3 = Scroll range
- 4 = File names / directory names
- 5 = Marking of the selected file (cursor)
- 6 = Current path (drive:\directory)

The two-line header (2) contains the current function name (1) and the current path (6).

The four-line scroll range indicates a list of files/directories. The first entry (marked with an arrow) is the active one. To this file/directory and/or these files/directories refer all actions.



NOTICE!

Three drives are available.
A:\ indicates the CF card.
U:\ indicates the USB memory stick.
 (only one stick can be inserted)
R:\ indicates the RAM (ZPL Emulation).

^{*} not available

8.3 Navigation

The memory menu is operated with the keys of the foil keyboard of the control unit or with different function keys of an attached USB keyboard.

III	Esc	Return to the previous menu.
F	F2	Function Load layout: Change to the File Explorer. File Explorer: Change to the 'context menu'.
III	F7	Select a file/directory if a multiple selection is possible.
	F6	Main menu: Access to the memory menu. File Explorer: Create a new file.
	T	Start the current function for the active file/directory.
•	←	Change to the superordinate directory.
•	\rightarrow	Change to the currently marked directory.
•	lack	In the current directory scroll upwards.
•	\downarrow	In the current directory scroll downwards.

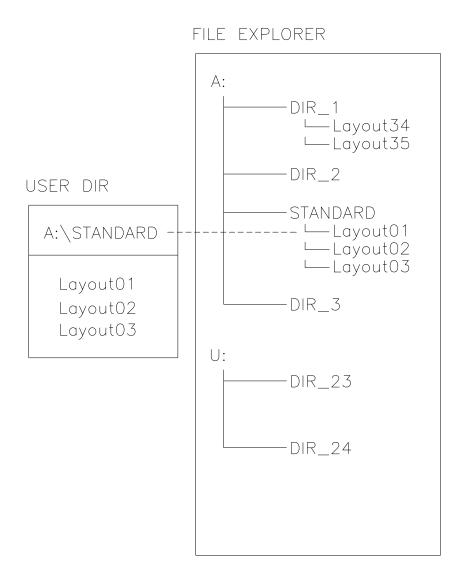
8.4 Define User Directory



NOTICE!

An user directory is to be defined:

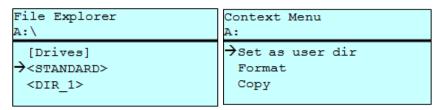
- before using and/or navigating through the memory menu.
- if formatting of CF card is effected at PC and thus the STANDARD directory was not created automatically.



The user directory is the root directory in which the user saves usually the most frequently used files/layouts. The utilisation of the user directory permits the quick and direct access to the files saved in the defined user directory. The definition of an user directory saves thus a long search of the file to be printed.

Press the key 📮 to access the memory menu.

Press the key F to call the File Explorer.



Press the keys , , to select the directory.

Press the key **F** to display all available functions.

Select the function *Set as user dir* and press the key ____ to confirm the selection.

Press the key "" until the printer is back in the main menu.

At the next start of the memory menu the selected directory is displayed as user directory.

8.5 Load Layout

Loads a layout within a defined user directory. The function allows quick access to the desired layout as only layout files are displayed and directories hidden.

```
Load layout
A:\STANDARD

File_name1.prn
File_name2.prn
File_name3.prn
File_name4.prn
```

Press the key et to access the memory menu.

Press the keys , , , to select the layout to be printed.

Press the key ____ to confirm the selection.

The printer display shows automatically the window to insert the number of copies which are to print.

Select the number of copies which are to be printed.

Press the key ___ to start the print order.



NOTICE!

The directory can NOT be changed here. A change of directory MUST be made in the File Explorer with the function *Change directory*.

8.6 File Explorer

The File Explorer is the file manager of the printing system. The File Explorer provides the main functions for the user interface of memory menu.

In the user directory, press the key to access to the File Explorer.

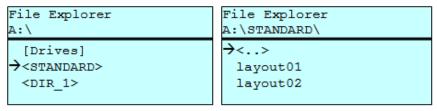
- Following functions are available:
- Load file
- Save layout and/or configuration

Change drive and/or directory

- Delete file(s)
- Format CF card
- Copy file(s)

Change drive/directory

Selection of drive and/or directory in which the files are saved.



Press the key 🕒 to access the memory menu.

Press the key **F** to call the File Explorer.

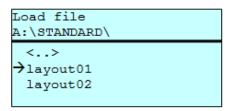
Press the keys \blacksquare , \blacksquare , \blacksquare to select the directory.

Press the key ____ to confirm the selection.

The selected directory is now displayed.

Load file

Loads a file. This can be a configuration saved before, a layout, etc.



Press the key to access the memory menu.

Press the key **F** to call the File Explorer.

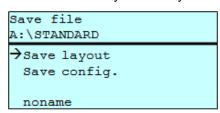
Press the keys
and to select the file.

Press the key ____ to load the selected file.

If the selected file is a layout, then the number of copies to print can be entered immediately.

Save layout

Saves the currently loaded layout under the selected name.



Press the key Press the memory menu.

Press the key F to call the File Explorer.

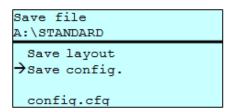
Press the key to move to the menu Save file.

Select the function *Save layout* and press the key ____ to confirm the selection.

If an USB keyboard is attached a new file name for *noname* can be assigned.

Save configuration

Saves the complete, current printer configuration under the selected name.



Press the key let to access the memory menu.

Press the key F to call the File Explorer.

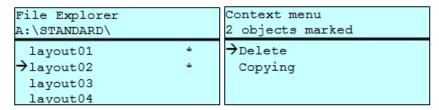
Press the key to change to the menu Save file.

Select the function *Save configuration* and press the key **o** to confirm the selection.

If an USB keyboard is attached a new file name for *config.cfg* can be assigned.

Delete file(s)

Deletes one or more files and/or directories irrevocably. With the deletion of a directory both the contained files and the subdirectories are deleted.



Press the key Press to access to the memory menu.

Press the key **F** to call the File Explorer.

Press the keys
and to select the file.

Press the key to mark the files which are to be deleted. The marked entries are listed with *. Repeat this procedure until all desired files and/or directories are marked for deletion.

Press the key **F** to call the context menu.

Select the function *Delete* and press the key ____ to confirm the selection.



NOTICE!

The deleting procedure is irreversible!

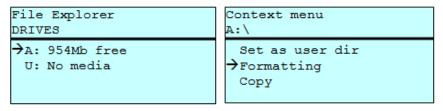
Formatting

Formats irrevocably the memory card.



NOTICE!

USB sticks cannot be formatted at the printer!



Press the key ento access the memory menu.

Press the key **F** to call the File Explorer.

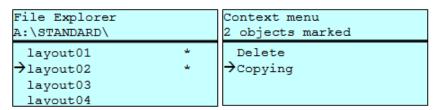
Select the drive which is to format with the navigation keys.

Press tkey F to call the context menu.

Select the function *Format* and press the key ____ to confirm the selection.

Copying

Creates a duplicate of the original file and/or the original directory to make changes independently of the original.



Press the key to access the memory menu.

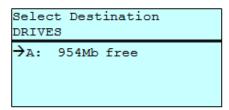
Press the key **F** to call the File Explorer.

Press the keys and to select the file.

Press the key to mark the files which are to be copied. The marked entries are listed with *. Repeat this procedure until all desired files and/or directories are marked for copying.

Press the key **F** to call the context menu.

Select the function *Copy* and press the key ____ to confirm the selection.



Select the target storage with the navigation keys and press the key to confirm the selection.

8.7 Firmware Update

Starting from firmware version 1.58, updates can be performed via the memory menu. Both the USB stick as well as the CF card can be used for this.

Procedure

On the CF card / USB memory stick a directory is created in which the necessary update files are stored (firmware.prn, data.prn). By means of the function *Load file* the file *firmware.prn* is selected/loaded. In the first step the printer executes the firmware update. After the necessary restart automatically the file *data.prn* is loaded. In this way the remaining components were updated. is After a renewed restart the update procedure is finished.

8.8 Filter

For certain functions a filter mask or a file name of a file which is to be saved can be entered. This input is indicated in the path line. The filter mask can be used to search for specific files. For example, with the input of 'L' only the files are listed whose character string starts with 'L' (regardless of upper and lower cases).

Without filter

```
Load layout
A:\STANDARD

First_file.prn
Layout_new.prn
Sample.prn
12807765.prn
```

With filter

```
Load layout
L
->Layout_new.prn
```

9 Maintenance and Cleaning



DANGER!

Risk of death by electric shock!

⇒ Disconnect the label printer from power supply before performing any maintenance work.



NOTICE!

Before opening the housing cover, disconnect the device from the mains supply and wait for a moment until the power supply unit has discharged.

Maintenance plan

Maintenance task	Frequency
General cleaning (see chapter 9.1, page 80).	As necessary.
Clean the transfer ribbon drawing roller (see section 9.2, page 81).	Each time the transfer ribbon is changed or when the printout is adversely affected.
Clean the pressure roller (see chapter 9.3, page 81).	Each time the label roll is changed or when the printout and label transport are adversely affected.
Clean the printhead (see chapter 9.4, page 82).	Each time the transfer ribbon is changed or when the printout is adversely affected.
Clean the label photocell (see chapter 9.5, page 83).	When replacing the label roll.
Replace the printhead (see chapter 9.6, page 84).	When errors in the printout occur.



NOTICE!

The handling instructions for the use of Isopropanol (IPA) must be observed. In the case of skin or eye contact, immediately wash off the fluid thoroughly with running water. If the irritation persists, consult a doctor. Ensure good ventilation.



WARNING!

Risk of fire by easily inflammable label soluble!

⇒ When using label soluble, dust must be completely removed from the label printer and cleaned.

9.1 General Cleaning



CAUTION!

Abrasive cleaning agents can damage the label printer!

- ⇒ Do not use abrasives or solvents to clean the outer surface of the label printer.
- Remove dust and paper fuzz in the printing area with a soft brush or vacuum cleaner.
- ⇒ Clean the outer surfaces with an all-purpose cleaner.

9.2 Cleaning the Transfer Ribbon Drawing Roller

A soiled drawing roller can lead to a reduced print quality and can affect the transport of material.

- 1. Open the printer cover.
- 2. Remove transfer ribbon from the label printer.
- 3. Remove deposits with the roller cleaner and a soft cloth.
- 4. If the roller appears damaged, replace it.
- 5. Insert again the transfer ribbon material.
- 6. Close the printer cover.

9.3 Cleaning the Pressure Roller

A soiled pressure roller can lead to a reduced print quality and can affect the transport of material.



CAUTION!

Pressure roller can be damaged!

⇒ Do not use sharp or hard objects to clean the pressure roller.

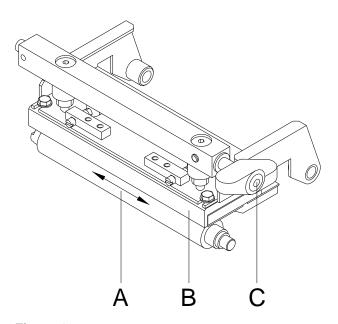


Figure 13

- 1. Open the printer cover.
- 2. Turn the lever (C) counter clockwise to lift up the printhead (B).
- 3. Remove labels and transfer ribbon from the label printer.
- 4. Remove deposits with the roller cleaner and a soft cloth.
- 5. Turn the roller (A) manually step by step to clean the complete roller (only possible when printer is switched off, as otherwise the step motor is full of power and the roller is kept in its position).
- 6. To move the printhead down, turn the pressure lever in clockwise direction until it locks.
- 7. Close the printer cover.

9.4 Cleaning the Printhead

Printing can cause accumulation of dirt at printhead e.g. by colour particles of transfer ribbon, and therefore it is necessary to clean the printhead in regular periods depending on operating hours, environmental effects such as dust etc.



CAUTION!

Printhead can be damaged!

- Do not use sharp or hard objects to clean the printhead.
- ⇒ Do not touch protective glass layer of the printhead.

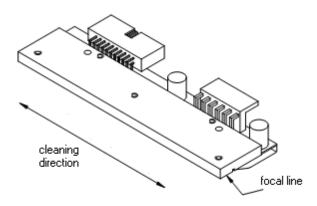


Figure 14

- 1. Open the printer cover.
- 2. Turn the lever (A, in Figure 13) counter clockwise to lift up the printhead.
- 3. Remove labels and transfer ribbon from the label printer.
- 4. Clean the printhead surface with a special cleaning pen or a cotton swab dipped in pure alcohol.
- Before using the label printer, let the printhead dry for about two to three minutes.
- 6. Reload labels and transfer ribbon.
- 7. To move the printhead down, turn the pressure lever (A, in Figure 13) in clockwise direction until it locks.
- 8. Close the printer cover.

9.5 Cleaning the Label Photocell



CAUTION!

Label photocell can be damaged!

Do not use sharp or hard objects or solvents to clean the label photocell.

The label photocell can be soiled with paper dust. This may affect the label scanning.

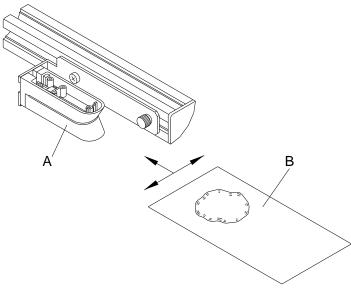


Figure 15

- 1. Open the printer cover.
- 2. Turn the lever counter clockwise to lift up the printhead.
- 3. Remove labels and transfer ribbon from the label printer.
- 4. Blow out the photocell (A) with the pressure gas spray. Observe strictly the instructions on the spray can!
- 5. Clean the label photocell (A) additionally with a cleaning card (B) before soaked in pure alcohol. Move the cleaning card from one side to the other (see illustration).
- 6. Reload labels and transfer ribbon (see chapter 5 Load Media, on page 29).
- 7. To move the printhead down, turn the pressure lever in clockwise direction until it locks.
- 8. Close the printer cover.

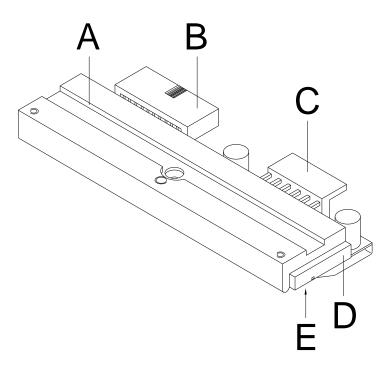
9.6 Replacing the Printhead (General)



CAUTION!

The printhead can be damaged by static electricity discharges and impacts!

- ⇒ Set up the printer on a grounded, conductive surface.
- Ground your body, e.g. by wearing a grounded wristband.
- ⇒ Do not touch the contacts on the plug connections (B, C).
- ⇒ Do not touch the printing line (E) with hard objects or your hands.



- A Head plate
- B Plug connection signal
- C Plug connection tension
- D Printhead
- E Focal line

Figure 16



NOTICE!

The printhead (4) is preinstalled on a head plate (1) and aligned at the factory.



CAUTION!

Danger of abrasion when removing/installing the printhead!

⇒ Pay attention to the toothing when the tear-off edge is installed.

9.7 Replacing the Printhead

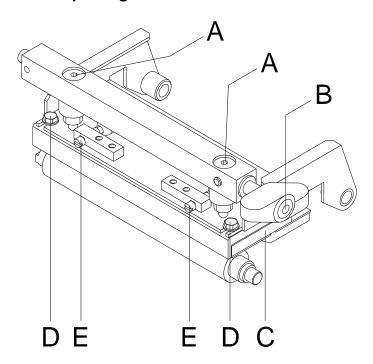


Figure 17

Removing the printhead

- 1. Remove labels and transfer ribbon from the label printer.
- 2. When the printhead is closed, loosen the screws (D).
- 3. Turn the lever (B) counter clockwise to lift up the printhead.
- 4. If the printhead (C) is not disengaged on the pressure roller, continue loosen the screws (D).
- 5. Remove the printhead carefully to the front until you can reach the plug connections.
- 6. Remove the plug connections and then remove the printhead (C).

Installing the printhead

- 1. Attach the plug connections.
- Position the printhead in the printhead mounting bracket in such a way that the pin is secured in the corresponding hole in the head plate.
- 3. Lightly keep the printhead mounting bracket on the printer roller with one finger and check for correct positioning of the printhead.
- 4. Tighten again the screws (D).
- 5. Reload labels and transfer ribbon (see chapter 5 Load Media, on page 29).
- 6. To move the printhead down, turn the pressure lever in clockwise direction until it locks.
- 7. Close the printer cover.
- 8. Check the resistance value on the type plate of printhead and if necessary change the value in the *Service functions/heater resistance*.

9.8 Adjusting the Printhead

Parallelism

An important characteristic for a high quality print is the parallelism of the focal line of the thermal printhead to the pressure roll. Because of the fact that the position of focal line of the printhead depends on fluctuations caused by production, it is necessary to adjust the parallelism.

- Loosen the screws (D, Figure 17) with a hexagon key by approx.
 rotations.
- Adjust the parallelism with the adjusting screws (E, Figure 17).
 Clockwise = printhead moves forwards
 Counter clockwise = printhead moves backwards
- 3. Adjust the parallelism as long as the printing result comes up to your full expectation.
- 4. Tighten again the screws (D, Figure 17).
- 5. Start a print order with approx. 10 labels and control the correct passage of transfer ribbon.

Pressure

Increasing the head contact pressure leads to an improvement of the print image density on the corresponding side and to a shifting of the ribbon feed path in the corresponding direction.



CAUTION!

Damage of printhead by unequal use!

⇒ Only change the factory settings in exceptional cases.

The selection of the smallest value can optimise the life cycle of printhead.

- Turn the pressure screws (A, Figure 17) to change the pressure of printhead.
- 2. Turning the pressure screws (A, Figure 17) in clockwise direction results in a pressure increase.
- 3. Turning the pressure screws (A, Figure 17) counter clockwise results in a pressure decrease.

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10 Error correction

Erro	r message	Cause	Remedy
1 Line too	Line too high	Line rises up completely or partly over the upper edge of	Move line down (increase Y value).
		label.	Check rotation and font.
2	Line too low	Line rises up completely or	Move line up (reduce X value).
		partly over the bottom edge of label.	Check rotation and font.
3	Character set	One res. several characters of	Change text.
		the text is res. are not available in the selected font.	Change font.
4	Unknown BC type	Selected code is not available.	Check code type.
5	Illegal rotation	Selected rotation is not available.	Check rotation.
6	CV font	Selected font is not available.	Check font.
7	Vector font	Selected font is not available.	Check font.
8	Measuring label	While measuring no label was found.	Check label length and if labels are inserted correctly.
		Set label length is too large.	Restart measuring anew.
9	No label found	No label available.	Insert new label roll.
		Soiled label photocell.	Check if labels are inserted
		Labels not inserted correctly.	correctly. Clean the label photocell.
10	No ribbon	During the print order the	Change transfer ribbon.
		ribbon roll becomes empty	Check transfer ribbon photocell
		(front printhead). Defect at the transfer ribbon	(service functions).
		photocell (front photocell).	
11	COM FRAMING	Stop bit error.	Check stop bits.
			Check baud rate.
			Check cable (printer and PC).
12	COM PARITY	Parity error.	Check parity.
			Check baud rate.
			Check cable (printer and PC).
13	COM OVERRUN	Loss of data at serial interface	Check baud rate.
		(RS-232).	Check cable (printer and PC).

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Erro	r message	Cause	Remedy
14	Field number	Received line number is invalid.	Check sent data. Check connection PC - printer.
15	Length mask	Invalid length of received mask statement.	Check sent data. Check connection PC - printer.
16	Unknown mask	Transferred mask statement is invalid.	Check sent data. Check connection PC - printer.
17	Missing ETB	No end of data found.	Check sent data. Check connection PC - printer.
18	Invalid character	One res. several characters of the bar code is res. are not valid.	Change bar code data. Change font.
19	Invalid statement	Unknown transferred data record.	Check sent data. Check connection PC - printer.
20	Invalid check digit	For check digit control the entered res. received check digit is wrong.	Calculate check digit anew. Check code data.
21	Invalid SC code	Selected SC factor is invalid for EAN res. UPC.	Check SC factor.
22	Invalid number of digits	Entered digits for EAN res. UPC are invalid < 12; > 13.	Check number of digits.
23	Type check digit	Selected check digit calculation is not available in the bar code.	Check calculation of check digit. Check bar code type.
24	Invalid extension	Selected zoom factor is not available.	Check zoom factor.
25	Offset sign	Entered sign is not available.	Check offset value.
26	Offset value	Entered offset value is invalid.	Check offset value.
27	Printhead temperature	Printhead temperature is too high. Defective printhead sensing device.	Reduce contrast. Change printhead.
28	Cutter error	With cut an error occurred. Paper jam.	Check label run. Check cutter run.
29	Invalid parameter	Entered data do not correspond to the characters allowed from the application identifier.	Check code data.

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Erro	r message	Cause	Remedy
30	Application Identifier	Selected application identifier is not available in GS1-128.	Check code data.
31	HIBC definition	Missing HIBC system sign. Missing primary code.	Check definition of HIBC code.
32	System clock	Real Time Clock function is selected but the battery is empty. Defective RTC.	Change battery. Change RTC component.
33	No CF interface	Interrupted connection CPU - CF card. Defective CF card interface.	Check connection CPU - CF card interface. Check CF card interface.
34	No print memory	Not enough print memory available.	Check CF assembly on CPU.
35	Printhead open	At start of a print order the printhead is open.	Close the printhead and start print order anew.
36	BCD invalid format	BCD error Invalid format for the calculation of Euro variable.	Check entered format.
37	BCD overflow	BCD error Invalid format for the calculation of Euro variable.	Check entered format.
38	BCD division	BCD error Invalid format for the calculation of Euro variable.	Check entered format.
39	FLASH ERROR	Flash component error.	Run a software update. Change CPU.
40	Length command	Invalid length of the received command statement.	Check data sent. Check connection PC - printer.
41	No drive	CF card not found / not correctly inserted.	Insert CF card correctly.
42	Drive error	Impossible to read CF card (faulty).	Check CF card, if necessary change it.
43	Unformatted	CF Card not formatted.	Format CF card.
44	Delete directory	Attempt to delete the actual directory.	Change directory.
45	Invalid path	Too long indication of path.	Indicate a shorter path.

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Erro	r message	Cause	Remedy
46	Drive write- protected	Memory card is write-protected.	Deactivate write protection.
47	Directory not file	Attempt to indicate a directory as file name.	Correct your entry.
48	File already open	Attempt to change a file during an access is active.	Select another file.
49	No file/directory	File does not exist on CF card.	Check file name.
50	Invalid file name	File name contains invalid characters.	Correct entry of name, remove special characters.
51	Internal file error	Internal file system error.	Please contact your distributor.
52	Root full	The max. number (64) of main directory entries is reached.	Delete at least one main directory entry and create subdirectories.
53	Drive full	Maximum CF capacity is reached.	Use new CF Card, delete no longer required files.
54	File/directory exists	The selected file/directory already exists.	Check name, select a different name.
55	File too large	During copying procedure not enough memory space onto target drive available.	Use a larger target card.
56	No update file	Errors in update file of firmware.	Start update file anew.
57	Invalid graphic file	The selected file does not contain graphic data.	Check file name.
58	Directory not empty	Attempt to delete a not empty directory.	Delete all files and sub- directories in the desired directory.
59	No CF interface	No CF card drive found.	Check connection of CF card drive.
			Contact your distributor
60	No media	No CF card is inserted.	Insert CF card in the slot.
61	Webserver error	Error at start of web server.	Please contact your distributor.
62	Wrong PH FPGA	The direct print module is equipped with the wrong FPGA.	Please contact your distributor.
63	End position	The label length is too long.	Check label length res. the
		The number of labels per cycle is too much.	number of labels per cycle.

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Erro	r message	Cause	Remedy
64	Zero point	Defective photocell.	Change photocell.
65	Compressed air	Pressure air is not connected.	Check pressure air.
66	External release	External print release signal is missing.	Check input signal.
67	Column too wide	Wrong definition of column width res. number of columns.	Reduce the column width res. correct the number of columns.
68	Scanner	The connected bar code scanner signals a device error.	Check the connection scanner/printer.
			Check scanner (dirty).
69	Scanner NoRead	Bad print quality.	Increase contrast.
		Printhead completely soiled or defective.	Clean printhead or replace (if necessary).
		Print speed too high.	Reduce print speed.
70	Scanner data	Scanned data does not correspond to the data which is to print.	Replace printhead.
71	Invalid page	As page number either 0 or a number > 9 is selected.	Select a number between 1 and 9.
72	Page selection	A page which is not available is selected.	Check the defined pages.
73	Undefined page	The page is not defined.	Check the print definition.
74	Format user guiding	Wrong format for customized entry.	Check the format string.
75	Format date/time	Wrong format for date/time.	Check the format string.
76	Hotstart CF	No CF card found.	If option hotstart was activated, a CF card must be inserted.
			Switch off the printer before inserting the memory card.
77	Flip/Rotate	Selection of print of several columns and also mirror/rotate.	It is only possible to select one of both functions.
78	System file	Loading of temporary hotstart files.	Not possible.
79	Shift variable	Faulty definition of shift times	Check definition of shift times.
		(overlapping times).	
80	GS1 Databar	General GS1 Databar error.	Check definition and parameter of GS1 Databar code.
81	IGP error	Protocol error IGP.	Check sent data.

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Erro	r message	Cause	Remedy
82	Time generation	Printing creation was still active at print start.	Reduce print speed.
			Use printers' output signal for synchronization.
			Use bitmap fonts to reduce generating time.
83	Transport protection	Both DPM position sensors (start/end) are active.	Displace zero point sensor
		(starteria) are active.	Check sensors in service functions menu
84	No font data	Font and web data is missing.	Run a software update.
85	No layout ID	Layout ID definition is missing.	Define layout ID onto the label.
86	Layout ID	Scanned data does not correspond to defined ID.	Wrong label loaded from CF card.
87	RFID no label	RFID unit cannot recognize a label.	Displace RFID unit or use an offset.
88	RFID verify	Error while checking	Faulty RFID label.
		programmed data.	Check RFID definitions
89	RFID timeout	Error at programming the RFID label.	Label positioning.
		iabol.	Faulty label.
90	RFID data	Faulty or incomplete definition of RFID data.	Check RFID data definitions.
91	RFID tag type	Definition of label data does not correspond with the used label.	Check storage partitioning of used label type
92	RFID lock	Error at programming the RFID	Check RFID data definitions.
		label (locked fields).	Label was already programmed.
93	RFID programming	Error at programming the RFID label.	Check RFID definitions.
94	Scanner timeout	The scanner could not read the bar code within the set timeout time.	
		Defective printhead.	Check printhead.
		Wrinkles in transfer ribbon.	Check transfer ribbon.
		Scanner wrong positioned.	Position scanner correctly,
		Timeout time too short.	corresponding to the set feeding.
			Select longer timeout time.

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Error	message	Cause	Remedy
95	Scanner layout difference	Scanner data does not correspond to bar code data.	Check adjustment of scanner. Check scanner settings / connection.
96	COM break	Serial interface error.	Check settings for serial data transmission as well as cable (printer-PC).
97	COM general	Serial interface error.	Check settings for serial data transmission as well as cable (printer-PC).
98	No software printhead FPGA	No printhead-FPGA data available.	Please contact your responsible distributor.
99	Load software printhead FPGA	Error when programming printhead-FPGA.	Please contact your responsible distributor.
100	Upper position	Option applicator: Sensor signal up is missing.	Check input signals / compressed-air supply.
101	Lower position	Option applicator: Sensor signal down is missing.	Check input signals / compressed-air supply.
102	Vacuum plate empty	Option applicator: Sensor does not recognize a label at vacuum plate.	Check input signals / compressed-air supply.
103	Start signal	Print order is active but device not ready to process it.	Check start signal.
104	No print data	Print data outside the defined label. Selection of wrong module type (design software).	Check selected module type. Check selection of left/right version.
105	Printhead	No original printhead is used.	Check the used printhead. Contact your distributor.
106	Invalid Tag type	Wrong Tag type. Tad data do not match the Tag type in the printer.	Adapt data or use the correct Tag type.
107	RFID inactive	RFID module is not activated. No RFID data can be processed.	Activate RFID module or remove RFID data from label data.
108	GS1-128 invalid	Transferred GS1-128 bar code is invalid.	Verify bar code data (see GS1-128 bar code specification).
109	EPC parameter	Error at EPC calculation.	Verify data (see EPC specification).

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Error	message	Cause	Remedy
110	Housing open	When starting the print order the housing cover is not closed.	Close the housing cover and start the print order anew.
111	EAN.UCC code	Transferred EAN.UCC code is invalid.	Verify bar code data (see corresponding specification).
112	Print carriage	Printing carriage does not move.	Check gear belt (possibly broken).
113	Applicator error	Option applicator: Error while using applicator.	Check applicator.
114	Left position	Option applicator: Left final position switch is not in correct position.	Check LEFT final position switch for correct function and position.
			Check function of pneumatics for cross traverse.
115	Right position	Option applicator: Right final position switch is not in correct position.	Check RIGHT final position switch for correct function and position.
			Check function of pneumatics for cross traverse.
116	Print position	Option applicator: The applicator is not in the print position when trying to print a	Check TOP and RIGHT final position switch for correct function and position.
		label.	Check pneumatics for function
117	XML parameter	The parameters in the XML file are not correct.	Please contact your responsible distributor.
118	Invalid variable	Transferred variable is invalid with customized entry.	Select correct variable without customized entry and transfer it.
119	No ribbon	During the print order the ribbon roll becomes empty	Change transfer ribbon.
		(rear printhead).	Check transfer ribbon photocell (service functions).
		Defect at the transfer ribbon photocell (rear photocell).	
120	Wrong directory	Invalid target directory when copying.	Target directory must not be within the source directory.
			Check target directory.
121	No label PH2	No label found at the rear printhead (DuoPrint).	Insert new label roll.
	Soiled label photocell	Clean the label photocell. Check if labels are inserted	
		Labels not inserted correctly.	correctly.
122	IP occupied	The IP address was already assigned.	Assign a new IP address.

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Erro	r message	Cause	Remedy
123	Print asynchronous	The label photocell do not work in the order as it is expected according to print data.	Check label size and gap size.
		The settings of the photocell are not correct.	Check label photocell settings.
		Settings of label size and gap size are not correct.	Check correct loading of label material.
		No label found at the rear printhead.	Insert new label roll.
		Soiled label photocell.	Clean the label photocell.
		Labels not inserted correctly.	Check if labels are inserted correctly.
124	Speed too low	The print speed is too slow.	Increase the speed of customers' machine.
125	DMA buffer	Communication problem HMI.	Restart the printer.
126	UID conflict	Configuration RFID programming faulty.	Run RFID initialising.
127	Module not found	RFID module not available.	Check the RFID module connection.
			Please contact your responsible distributor.
128	No release signal	No print release by higher-level control (customer machine).	Activate release signal at the higher-level control.
129	Wrong firmware	Firmware does not match the used printer type.	Use firmware that fits to the printer type.
			Please contact your responsible distributor.
130	Language missing	Language file for the set printer language is not available.	Please contact your responsible distributor.
131	Wrong material	Label material does not fit to printing data.	User label material with suitable label and/or gap length.
132	Invalid mark-up tag	Invalid mark-up formatting characters in text.	Correct the formatting characters in the text.
133	Script not found	LUA script file not found.	Check the file name.

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Erro	r message	Cause	Remedy
134	Script failure	LUA script is incorrect.	Check the script.
135	Script user error	Error in LUA script user input.	Correct the input value.
136	No reprint available	No label data for reprinting available.	Send new label data to the printer.
137	Printhead short	Electrical short at the printhead.	Check the used printhead.
	CIICUIC		Please contact your distributor.
138	Too less ribbon	Transfer ribbon ends.	Change transfer ribbon.
139	Rewinder error	Label band is torn	Load a new label roll.
			Stick together the label band.
140	Rewinder motor blocked	External rewinder motor is blocked.	Switch off the printing system and check mechanical resistance.
			Change the full label roll.
141	Hardware error	A hardware component could not be found.	Please contact your responsible distributor.
142	No print mechanics	No print mechanics connected.	Check connection (print mechanics – control unit)

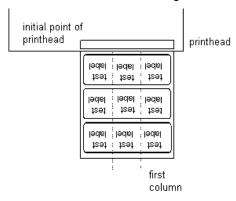
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11.1 Column Printing

With this printer several columns can be printed, i.e. the information of one column can be printed several times (depending on its width) on a label. Caused by this the use of the complete print width is possible and the generating time is enormously reduced.

For example four columns with a width of 25 mm or two columns with a width of 50 mm can be printed onto a label with a width of 100 mm. Please note that the first label is always the one with the largest x coordinate, i.e. it has the largest distance to the printhead.



Setting the print of several columns

Press the key to access the function menu.

Press the key until the menu Label layout is displayed.

Press the key ____ to confirm the selection.

Press the key until the menu item *Width/Columns* is displayed.

Press the keys and to set the label width. The *Width* is the width of one column, e.g. 20.0 mm.

Press the keys 🗓 and 🕨 to move to the *Column* input field.

Press the keys and to change the number of columns, e.g. four columns with a label width of 20.0 mm.

Press the key to start the print with input of number of labels and number of lines. The number of labels corresponds to the number of labels that should be printed.

e.g. Columns: 3, Items: 4



The first four labels were printed but not label 5 and 6.

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11.2 Hotstart



NOTICE!

The data is saved onto CF card. Therefore the CF card is a condition for the *Hotstart* menu item.

The function *Hotstart* contains e.g. that in case of a power failure the currently loaded label can be further processed without any loss of data. Moreover a print order can be interrupted and to be continued after switching on the printer anew.



NOTICE!

At an active *Hotstart* all necessary data is stored on the CF card therefore do not remove the card during operation. When removing during operation, this causes the loss of all data on the CF card.

Save current label

In case the *Hotstart* function is set to on, at the start of a print order the data of the current label is saved to the corresponding directory of the CF card.

However the following conditions have to be fulfilled:

- CF card inserted in drive A.
- Enough free storage space onto CF card.

An error message appears in case these conditions are not fulfilled.

Save print order state

At switching off the printer the state of the current print order is saved to the corresponding directory of the CF card. However the following conditions have to be fulfilled:

- CF card inserted in drive A.
- Enough free storage space onto CF card.

Load label and print order state

When restarting the label printer (if the function *Hotstart* is activated) the saved label data and the status of print order were loaded from the corresponding file on the CF card. Because of this reason, when switching on the label printer a CF card has to be inserted in the appropriate drive. If the data cannot be loaded an error message appears.

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Start print order

In case at switching off the label printer a print order was active, then a print start is released automatically and the required res. actual number of printed labels is refreshed.

In case the print order was stopped at switching off the label printer, it is again set to the stopped mode after switching on the label printer anew.

In case a customized entry was active during switching off the label printer, the window for the first customized variable is displayed.

Refresh variable counter

As in the intended file only the start values of the counter are saved, they are refreshed at a new start of the print order by means of the number of printed labels. Each counter is counted corresponding from its start value. Afterwards the position of the current and the next counter update are correctly set by means of the update intervals.



NOTICE!

Make sure that in case graphics are onto the label they have to be saved onto CF card.

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11.3 Backfeed/Delay

Backfeed modes

In continuous dispenser mode (IO dynamic continuous, IO static continuous, IO photocell continuous) no optimised backfeed is possible. Because of the fact when changing the print order, then the current label in the offset sector is already printed from the old print order.

In the sector that is printed when preprint the following label, no date/time variable should be existing, because this could be refreshed before the next start impulse.

Standard

Dispenser: After printing the label, it is driven into the

dispenser offset and waited there, until the label was removed (photocell) or a new start signal is given (IO dynamic). Afterwards it is again

backtracked to the beginning of label and then the

next label is printed.

Cutter: After printing the label, it is driven into the cutter

offset; the label is cut and then backtracked immediately to the beginning of label (if an operating mode with backfeed is selected). Afterwards the next label is printed, if necessary.

Tear-off edge:

After printing the last label of a print order it is driven into the tear-off offset and the label res. labels can be taken away. When starting a new print order, first it is backtracked again to the beginning of label and then the next label is

printed.

If a following print order is available before driving into the tear-off offset, then it is not driven into tear-off offset but the following label is directly

printed.

Automatic

Dispenser: After printing the label it is driven into the

dispenser offset and then backtracked to the beginning of label either immediately or after the set delay time. When releasing a new start signal (IO dynamic) the next label is immediately printed.

Cutter: This is the same function as for 'backfeed

standard' as it is always backtracked immediately

to the beginning of label.

Tear-off edge: After printing the last label of a print order it is

driven into the tear-off offset and then backtracked to the beginning of label either immediately of after the set delay time. When starting a new print order then the next label is

immediately printed.

If a following print order is available before driving into the tear-off offset, then it is not driven into tear-off offset but the following label is directly

printed.

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No backfeed

Dispenser:

After printing the label it is driven into the dispenser offset and there waited. When releasing a new start signal (IO dynamic) then the next label is immediately printed. Because of the fact that the label is already in the offset, the label is only printed from beginning of offset position, i.e. at the definition of label an accordingly large range must be left free at the top margin of label, because these data are otherwise not printed.

Cutter:

This is the same function as for 'backfeed standard' as it is always backtracked after cutting immediately to the beginning of label.

Tear-off edge:

After printing the last label of a print order it is driven into the tear-off offset. When starting a new print order, the next label is immediately printed. Because of the fact that the label is already in the offset, the label is only printed from beginning of offset position, i.e. at the definition of label an accordingly large range must be left free at the top margin of label, because these data are otherwise not printed.

If a following print order is available before driving into the tear-off offset, then it is not driven into tear-off offset but the following label is directly

printed.

Optimised backfeed

Dispenser:

After printing the label, during driving into dispenser offset the following label is 'pre-printed', if this is already available (generated). When releasing a new start signal (IO dynamic) the already 'pre-printed' label is printed to the end and when driving into the dispenser offset the following label is again 'pre-printed'. In case the following label is not yet available or at the last label of a print order, the dispenser offset is driven as until now, and then for the next label before printing the backfeed to the beginning of label is executed.

Cutter:

After printing the label, during driving into the cutter offset the following label is 'pre-printed', if this is already available (generated). After the cut it is not backtracked but the already 'pre-printed' label is printed to the end and when driving into the cutter offset the following label is again 'pre-printed'. If the following label is not yet available or at the last label of a print order, the cutter offset is driven as until now, then cut and afterwards the backfeed to the beginning of label is executed.

Tear-off edge:

This is the same function as for 'backfeed standard' as it is only driven into the tear-off offset at the last label of a print order, if no following print order is available.

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11.4 Photocells



NOTICE!

When using reflection photocells you should observe that the label printer cover is closed and in this way other light (e.g. working lamp) on the photocell is prevented.

Transmission photocell normal

For this photocell type the transmitter is at the top res. the receiver at the bottom, i.e. the infra-red light is sent from the top. In this way the label detection is also from the top. This photocell type is used for standard adhesive labels with gap.

Reflexion photocell normal

For this photocell type the transmitter and receiver are at the bottom, i.e. the light is reflected by the label and taken over from the receiver. This photocell type is used for white (light) continuous labels with a black (dark) bar. The bar is the separator, i.e. it indicates the position of gap and in this way the label start.

Transmission photocell inverse

For this photocell type the transmitter is at the top res. the receiver at the bottom, i.e. the infra-red light is sent from the top. The label detection is, same as for the **transmission photocell normal**, from the top. However, it is printed differently as for normal photocells, in the translucent place; the label printer recognizes the opaque place as gap. This photocell type is used frequently when printing foils.

Reflexion photocell inverse

For this photocell type the transmitter and receiver are at the bottom, i.e. the light is reflected by the label and taken over from the receiver. This photocell type is used for black (dark) continuous labels with a white (light) bar. This bar is the separator, i.e. it indicates the position of gap and in this way the start of label.

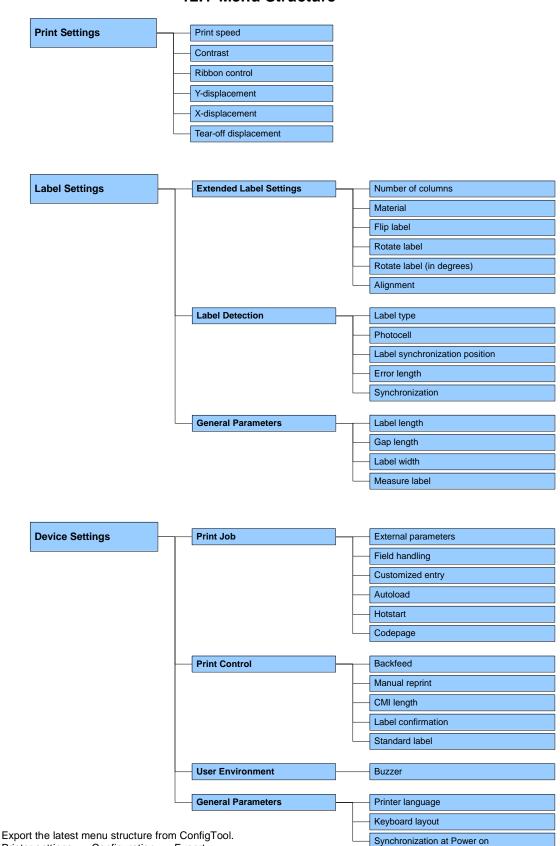


NOTICE!

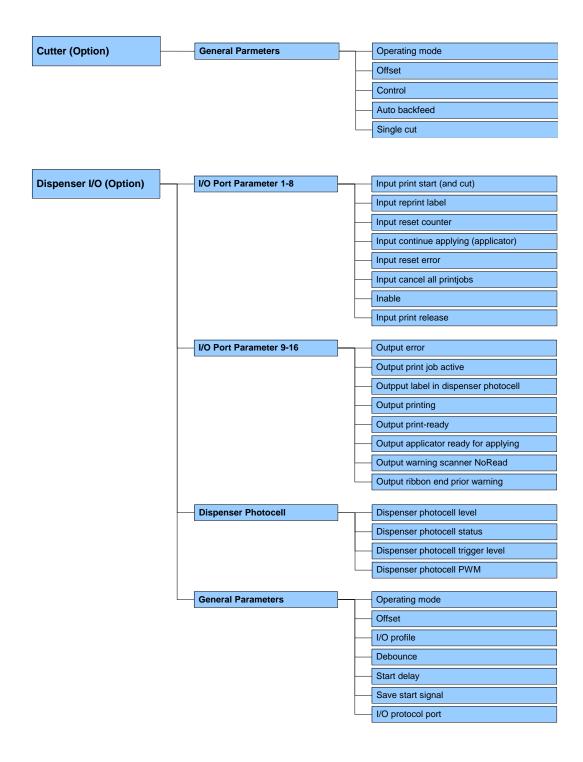
When using transmission photocells inverse, the label printer must measure a difference of 2.5 V and for reflection photocells inverse 1 V between translucent and opaque material. Otherwise the label printer does not recognize a difference between label and gap (bar).

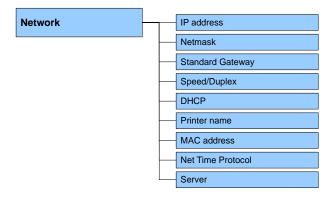
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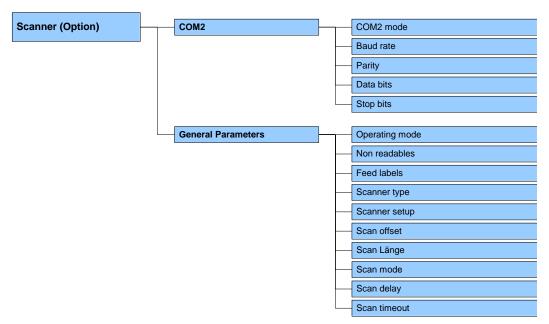
12.1 Menu Structure

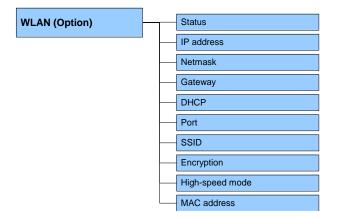


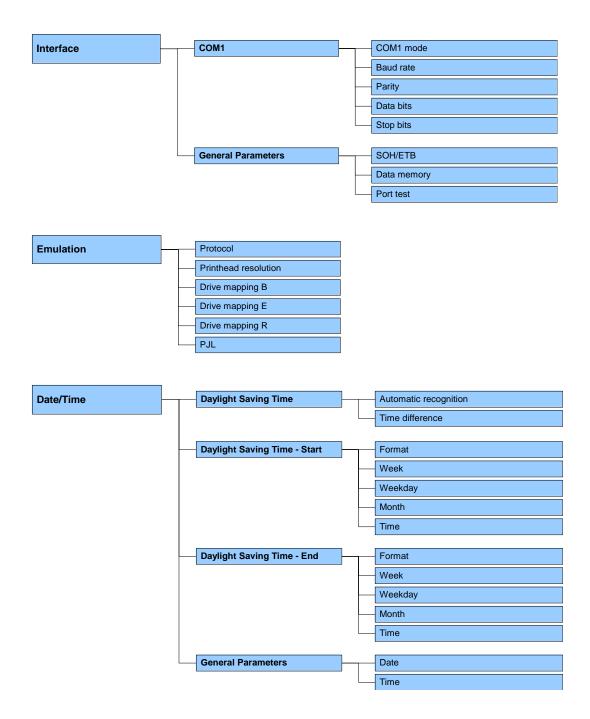
Printer settings --> Configuration --> Export

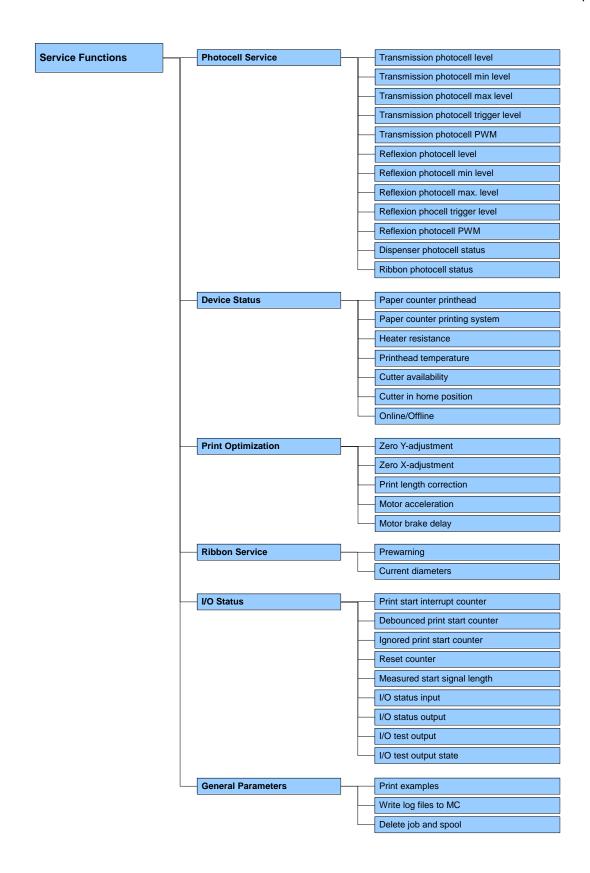


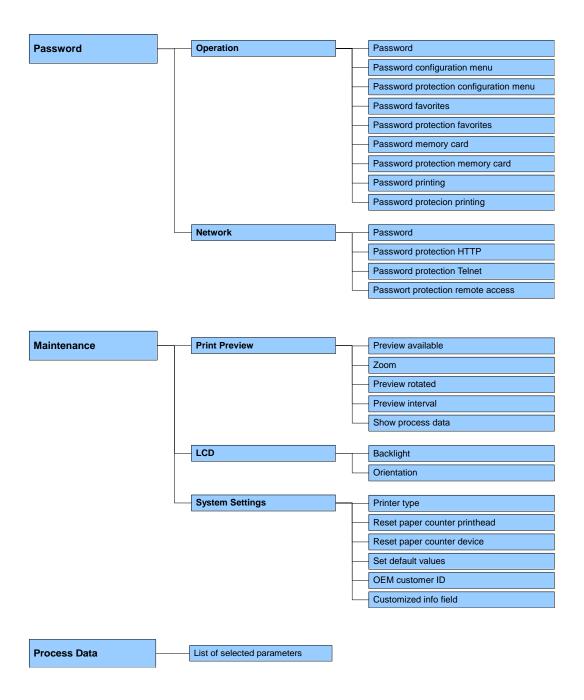












12.2 Touch-Screen Display Structure

The touch-screen display shows an intuitive graphic user interface with well-defined symbols and buttons.

The touch-screen display informs about the current device status and status of the print order, alerts in case of an error and indicates the device settings in the menu.

The desired settings are made by selecting the buttons on the touchscreen display.

Current date & time Printer name (in the network parameters)

Transfer ribbon status

Customized info field



Favorites	Display favorites list
Configuration	Select parameter settings
Memory Card	Access to memory card menu
Print	Start print job
Test print	Start test print
Formfeed	Start layout feed
Info	List of the installed components

12.3 Indication of Menus

Indication of main menus

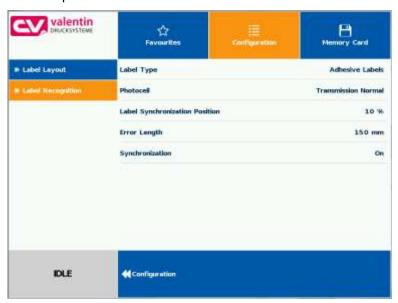


The selected (active) menu is highlighted on orange background.

If a selected menu contains so-called submenus, these are blue highlighted.

Indication of submenus

Different parameters are combined in a submenu.



The left display side shows the available submenus. The currently selected (active) submenu is highlighted on orange background.

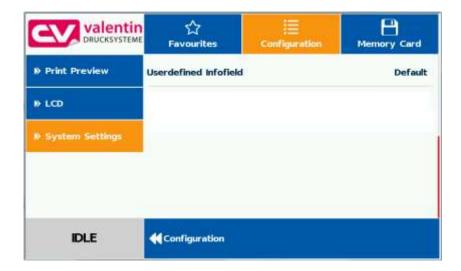
Press to return one level.

12.4 User-Defined Info Field

From the predefined contents, the user can define the display of the user-defined info field (green).



Select menu *Maintenance/System settings/User-defined info field* to specify what is to be displayed in the user-defined info field.



Selection of parameters



Standard: Horizontale display orientation:

Empty info field

Vertical display orientation:

Indication of job info (label name and number

of printed labels)

Job info: Indication of label names and the number of

already printed

IP configuration: Indication of IP address and MAC address of

printing system

Printed labels: Indication of printed labels as enlarged text

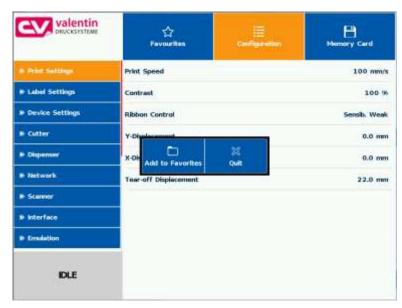
output

Display of predefined configuration



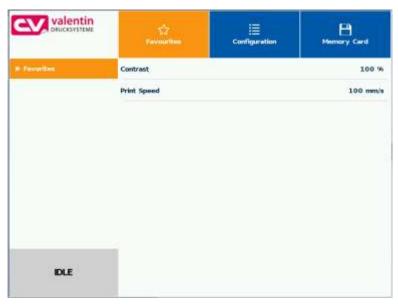
12.5 Favorites List

Add parameters to favorites

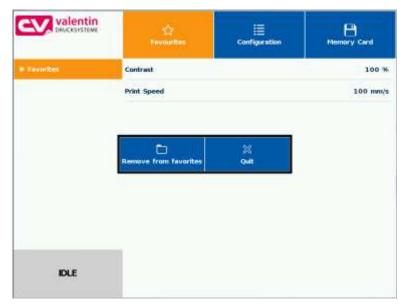


Press long (2 s) on a parameter (e.g. print speed) to display the appropriate selection.

Press *Add to favorites* to add the selected parameter to the favorites list.



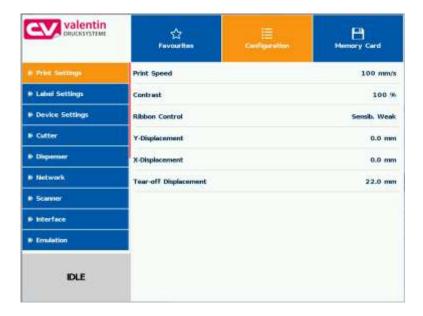
Remove parameters from favorites



Press long (2 s) on a parameter (e.g. print speed) to display the appropriate selection. Press *Remove from favorites* to remove the selected parameter from the favorites list.

12.6 Parameter Input

Parameter input



Numeric input



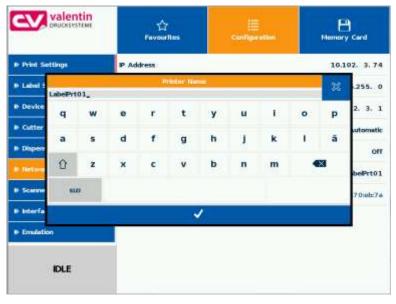
In the header of input dialog the name of the parameter and the permissible value range are shown. The input is checked for validity. If the entered value not permissible, the button is blocked.

Selection from list

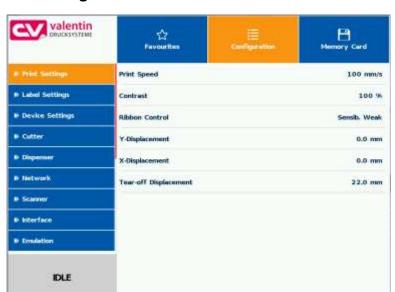


Select the parameter for which you want to change the selection. The currently selected value is highlighted on orange background. Press to confirm the selection.

Alphanumeric input



The alphanumeric input is shown in the header of input dialog. Press to confirm the selection.



12.7 Navigation Zones

The respective navigation zone can be moved with an appropriate swipe movement from top to bottom or from the bottom up.



NOTICE!

With the used resistive touch screen variant a certain pressure on the display is needed.

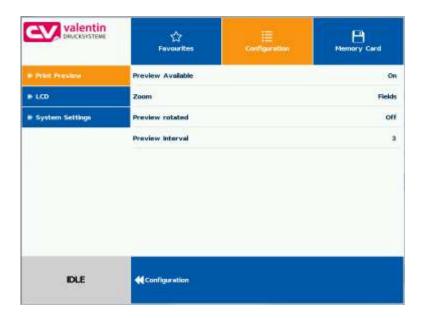
It is not possible to navigate on the display with the swipe movement to the left and right with a finger (well-known from smartphones).

The position indications signalise the detail of the total list currently visible. If no position indication is visible then the total list can be displayed on the display. A swipe movement from top to bottom and/or from the bottom up is not possible.

12.8 Maintenance Zone

Different settings for the display indication can be done.

Maintenance - Print preview



Print preview activated On/Off

With activated print preview a picture of the currently printed layout is shown on the display. If the function is not activated, the field remains empty.



Print preview - Zoom

Selection of a certain zoom value for the representation of print preview.



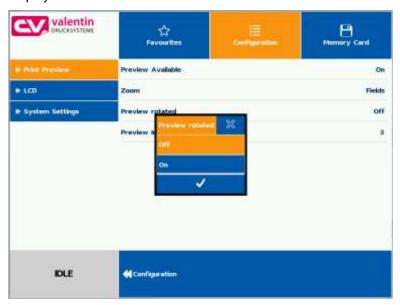
Label: The complete layout is fit to the indication zone.

Fields: Only the print range is fit to the indication zone.

1 .. 8: Manual zoom factor to scale the complete layout down.

Print preview – Preview rotated

The display of label preview can be rotated on the touch-screen display.

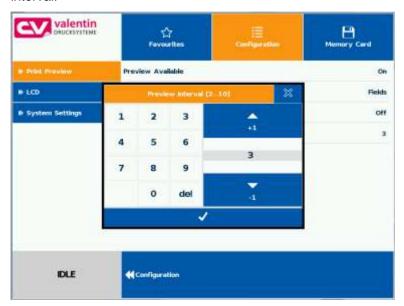


On: The label preview is shown rotated by 180° on the display.

Off: The label preview is represented in read direction.

Print preview - Interval

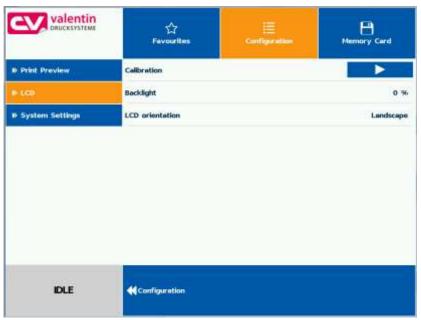
During a running print order the preview is refreshed in the set interval.



Value range: 0 .. 10 seconds

Maintenance - LCD

In the LCD maintenance sector, different parameters ro the touchscreeen display can be set.



LCD - Backlight



Value range: 0 .. 100 %.

LCD - Orientation



Landscape 180°: The display is represented turned by 180 degres to the function 'Landscape'.

Landscape: The display is represented turned by 90 degres to the reading direction.

Portrait: The display is represented in reading direction.

Portrait 180°: The display is represented turned by 180 degres.

Maintenance - System settings



Different system settings such as set printer type, reset paper counter etc. can be made.

However, for the settings the corresponding password is necessary.



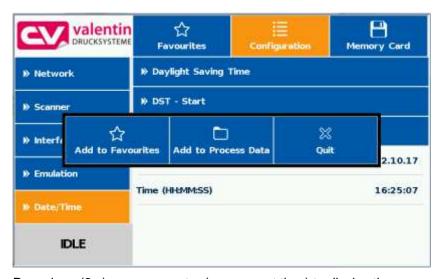
12.9 Process Data

Activation of display for process data



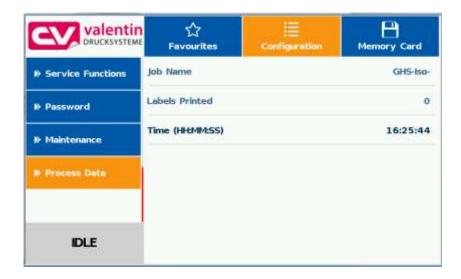
In order to show the process data, the parameter must be activated before in the menu *Maintenance/Print preview*.

Add parameter to process data



Press long (2 s) on a parameter (e.g. current time) to display the appropriate selection.

Press *Add to process data* to add the selected parameter to the process data list.



Remove parameter from process data



Press long (2 s) on a parameter (e.g. current time) to display the appropriate selection. Press *Remove from process data* to remove the selected parameter from the process data list.

Change of display vies Process data – Print preview With activated print preview, the display shows a picture of the currently printed layout. The change to the process data view is effected by wiping to the right.

With activated print preview on the display a picture of the up-to-date printed layout is shown.

12.10 Memory Menu

Compact Flash Card

On the left side, the content of the currently selected directory is shown one below the other.

The preview zone in on the right side is. If available, the preview of the selected layout is shown.



Load: The selected layout is loaded. After the number of copies have been entered, the print order is started.

Admininstrative tools:

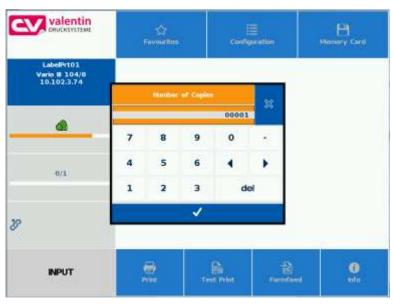
Switching to the file manager (File Explorer).



The user query can be entered at the cursor position.

Press 🖨 to change to the input of number of copies.

Number of copies



Enter the number of layouts to be printed.



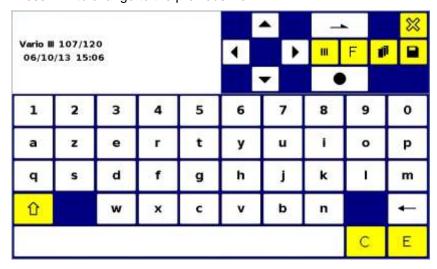
12.11 Information Zone

By pressing the **Info** button the versions of the installed components are displayed.

By pressing the **Info** button once more, the Home view is again displayed.

12.12 Change to Foil Keyboard

Press long (> 3 s) on the company logo left above, and the display changes to the indication of a conventionalize foil keyboard. The settings can be done by the standard operating panel (see page 35). Press to change to the previous view.



For more information about the use of printer and its foil keyboard can be found in chapter 6.1.

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13 Environmentally-Friendly Disposal

Manufacturers of B2B equipment are obliged to take back and dispose of old equipment that was manufactured after 13 August 2005. As a principle, this old equipment may not be delivered to communal collecting points. It may only be organised, used and disposed of by the manufacturer. Valentin products accordingly labelled can therefore be returned to Carl Valentin GmbH.

This way, you can be sure your old equipment will be disposed of correctly.

Carl Valentin GmbH thereby fulfils all obligations regarding timely disposal of old equipment and facilitates the smooth reselling of these products. Please understand that we can only take back equipment that is sent free of carriage charges.

The electronics board of the printing system is equipped with a battery. This must only be discarded in battery collection containers or by public waste management authorities.

Further information on the WEEE directive is available on our website www.carl-valentin.de.

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