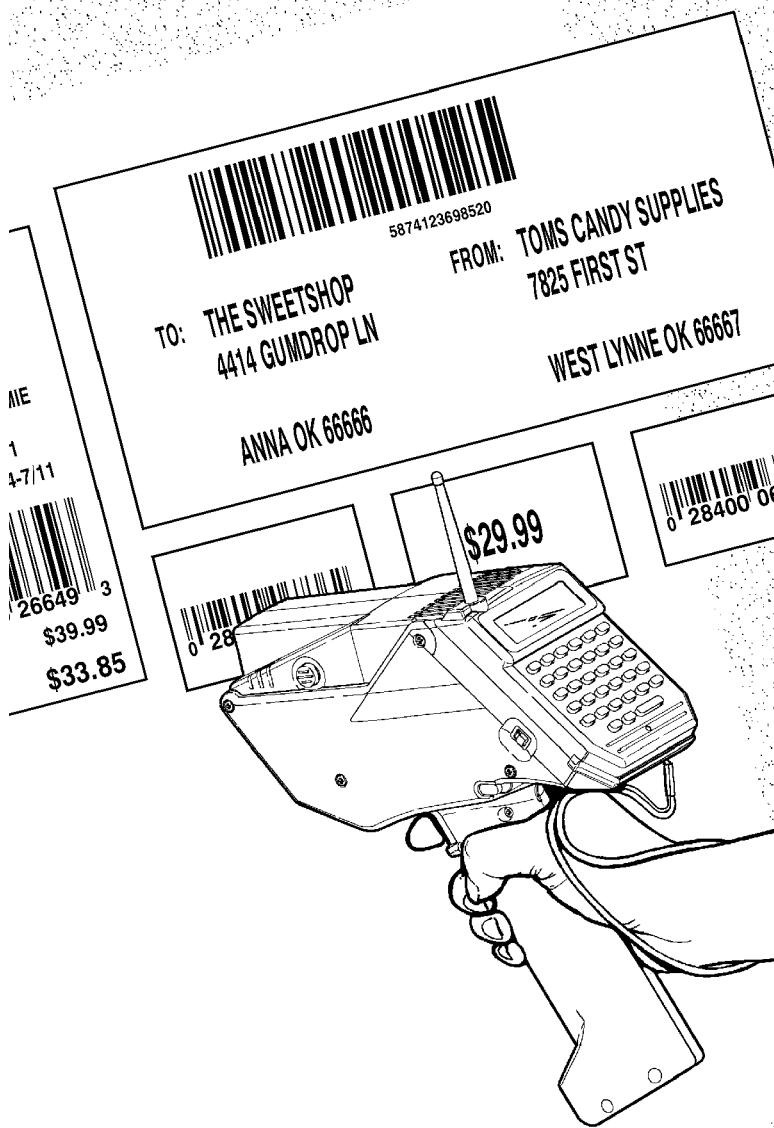


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INTRODUCTION

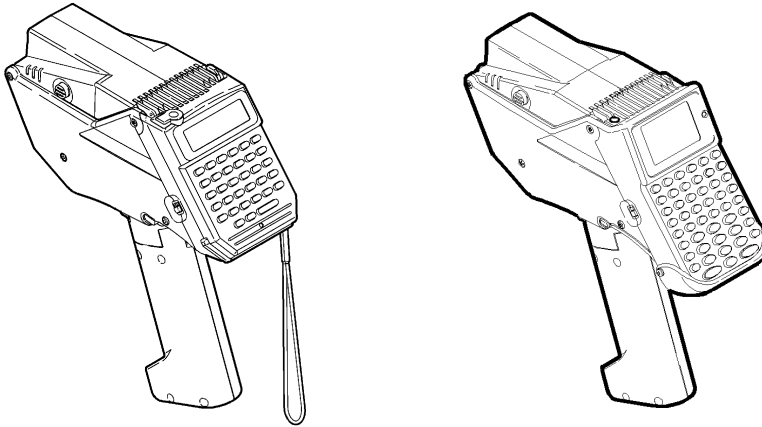
The Monarch® DOS-based PATHFINDER® Ultra® printer can act as a data collection device, a printer, or both.

You can scan bar codes, verify them against data in a database via a radio in your printer (if you have this option), and return new data to print a label.

This manual lists the features of your printer, and provides instructions on charging the battery handle and loading supplies. The manual also describes how to care for and maintain of your printer.

Printer Types

The printer comes in two types.



The printer on the left has a 4-line display and 33 keys. The printer on the right has an 8-line display and 48 keys. Other than the way things appear on the display or how you use the keys, the two printers are the same.

The information in this manual applies to both printers, unless specified otherwise.

Printer Features

The printer features

- ◆ alphanumeric keypad
- ◆ on-demand and continuous printing
- ◆ adjustable supply width capabilities
- ◆ clock/calendar
- ◆ Datalight® ROM-DOS™ 6.22 operating system
- ◆ RS-232 communications
- ◆ graphic printing capabilities
- ◆ display backlight
- ◆ low-power shutdown to conserve the battery
- ◆ radio communication (factory-installed option)
- ◆ laser scanner (factory-installed option)
- ◆ international keypad (factory-installed option).

See Appendix B, "Specifications and Accessories," for a list of available accessories.

Operator's Checklist

Before collecting data or printing, you must

- ✓ charge the battery handle. (See "Charging the Battery Handle" in Chapter 2.)
- ✓ attach a fully charged battery handle. (See "Changing the Battery Handle" in Chapter 2.)
- ✓ load your supplies. (See "Loading for Peel Mode" or "Loading for Non-Peel Mode" in Chapter 3.)

GETTING STARTED

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After you unpack your printer, charge the battery handle first and then attach it to the printer.

Turning on the Printer

When you first turn on the printer, our logo appears. You'll also notice a line moving horizontally across the bottom of the display. The movement of this line is tied to the progression of tasks the printer must do to get ready. When the printer finishes, the line and logo disappear. If they don't disappear, see Chapter 8, "Troubleshooting."

Charging the Battery

The printer is powered by a 12VDC NiCd battery pack in the handle. You can use and recharge the battery handle daily for approximately two years.

See the label on the bottom of the handle for battery recycling and disposal information.

A stored battery handle loses 2 to 3% of its charge per day.

Do Not store a battery handle for a long period of time because it may lose its charge. If storing the printer for longer than a month, charge the battery once a month or leave the battery attached to the printer and plugged in to a trickle charger.

Extremely hot or cold environments will change the discharge rate. Charge the battery handle only when it is drained. If you charge a battery that already contains a charge, you decrease the battery's charge capacity and life. Always fully discharge and charge the battery handle.

The following will decrease battery operating time:

- ◆ using the laser scanner
- ◆ communicating via radio frequency
- ◆ enabling the backlight
- ◆ printing (especially when printing large amounts of data on the supply, or when printing in on-demand mode).

CAUTION

Always keep a charged handle attached to the printer. Storing the printer without a handle may erase or alter the memory.

To ensure maximum battery charge cycles, charge the battery handle only when the printer indicates that it needs to be charged.

Before operating the printer, charge the battery handle and attach it to the printer. You can use one of the following chargers:

Charger	Approximate Charging Time
6093™-07 Fast Charger	1.5 hours
6094™-01 Four Station Charger	1.5 hours

Charge time may vary depending on the type of battery and the degree to which the battery was drained. For example, high capacity batteries may take one or two hours longer to charge.

When using or storing the charger:

- ◆ **Do Not** wrap the cord around the charger.
- ◆ **Do Not** pull or put unusual stress on the cord.

Before using the charger, inspect the cord for bare wires. **Do Not** use a charger with bare wires.

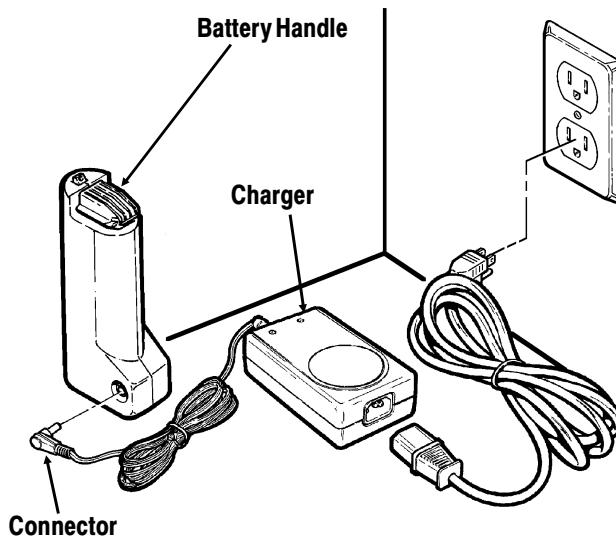
Use only a manufacturer-approved charger.

Refer to the *Battery Addendum* for more information on battery usage.

To charge the battery handle with the fast charger:

1. Turn the printer off.
2. Remove the battery handle (see "Changing the Battery Handle").
3. Plug the round connector of the charger into the socket on the battery handle.
4. Plug one end of the power cable into the charger and the other end into a grounded (three prong) electrical outlet of the correct voltage.

Refer to the instructions that come with the charger for more information.



Charging the Backup Battery

The printer has a rechargeable Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) battery that backs up the battery handle. If both batteries are completely drained when you turn on the printer, a CMOS error occurs. You will receive one or two error messages (depending on the type of problem).

This message appears if power is lost.

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WARNING -  
CMOS FAILURE  
DEFAULTS RESTORED
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This message appears if data is corrupted.

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WARNING - CMOS  
CHECKSUM INVALID  
DEFAULTS RESTORED
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If you receive either message:

1. Press any key after each message. The printer attempts to finish booting.
2. Replace the drained battery handle with a fully-charged battery handle and turn the printer on.

The length of time it takes for the NiMH battery to recharge varies (up to eight hours), depending on

- ◆ the options you have on your printer.
- ◆ if, how, and how long you use the printer while recharging.

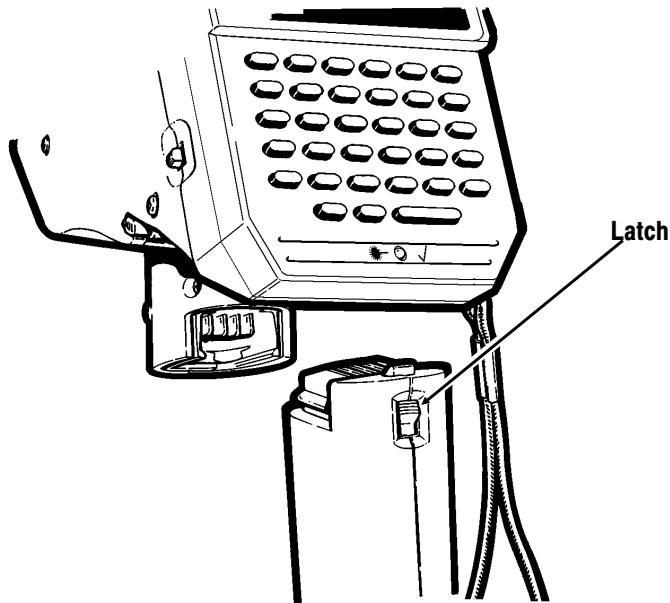
The battery handle may drain before the NiMH battery is fully charged (probably after four hours, depending on the factors listed above). This drainage affects recharging performance. For example, an hour of printing, scanning, radio communications, or just sitting untouched takes different amounts of power. To avoid this drainage, you may need to switch battery handles or plug the printer into a fast charger while recharging the NiMH battery.

The best bet for a quick recharge is to place a powered-on printer on a fast charger and leave it alone for eight hours.

Changing the Battery Handle

To change the battery handle:

1. **Important.** Turn the printer off.
2. Hold the latch down while you slide the battery handle off towards the keypad.
3. Slide a fully charged battery handle onto the printer until it stops.



Make sure the latch clicks when you attach the battery handle.

LOADING SUPPLIES

The printer uses thermal supplies:

- ◆ synthetic labels
- ◆ paper labels and tags
- ◆ specialty paper.

See Appendix B, "Specifications and Accessories," for available supply sizes.

There are two methods for loading supplies:

- ◆ Peel mode is for labels only. Load the supplies in peel mode when printing in on-demand mode or when printing and applying labels.
- ◆ Non-peel mode is for tags, strips of labels, or specialty paper. Load the supplies in non-peel mode when printing in continuous mode.

See your System Administrator to find out which
mode you need.

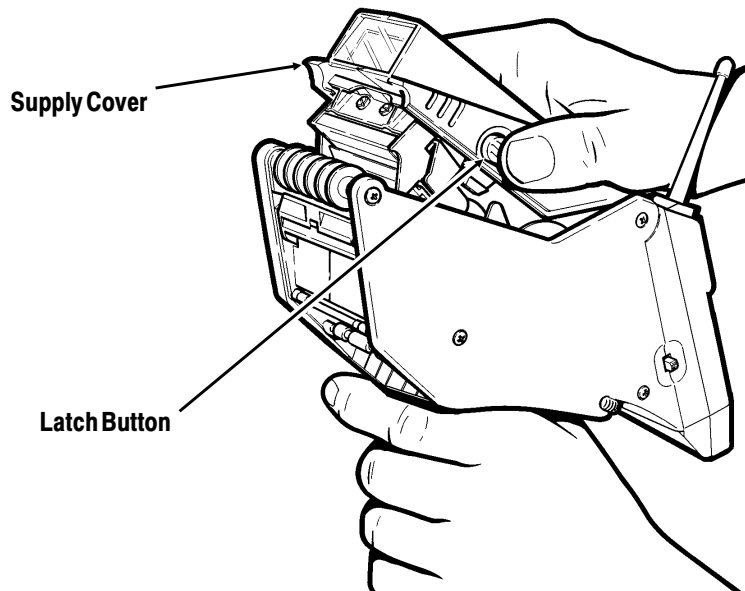
Loading for Peel Mode

Peel mode separates labels from the backing paper, which allows you to print and apply labels immediately. You must load labels in this mode when the on-demand sensor is enabled.

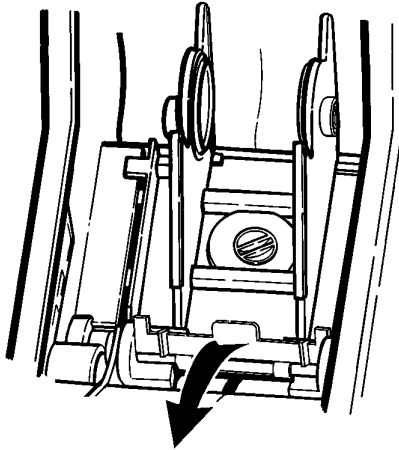
Confirm all loading procedures with your System Administrator, because these procedures can vary depending on the application you are running.

To load your labels:

1. Turn the printer on. The printer initializes.
2. Start the application and maneuver to the point where it prompts you to load the supplies.
3. Press the latch buttons as shown, and open the supply cover completely.

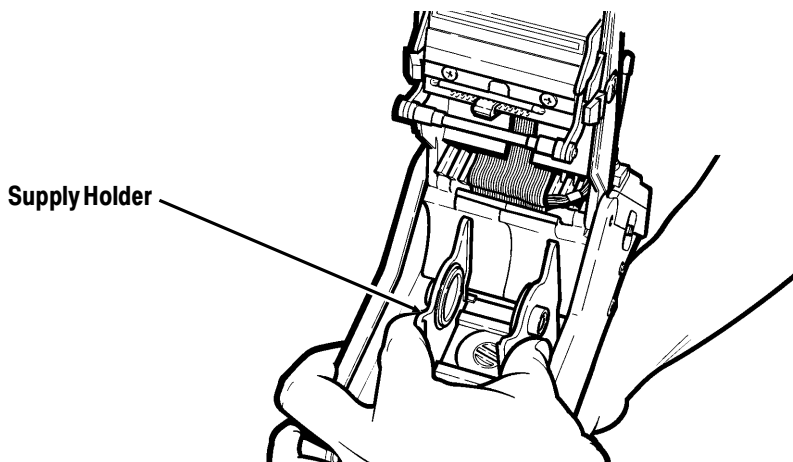


4. Pull back the supply lock tab.

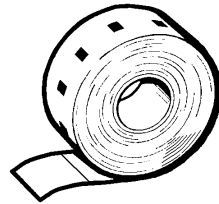


5. Squeeze or pull apart the supply holder at its base so it adjusts to the size of your supply roll. You can set it at 1.2", 1.5", and 2.0".

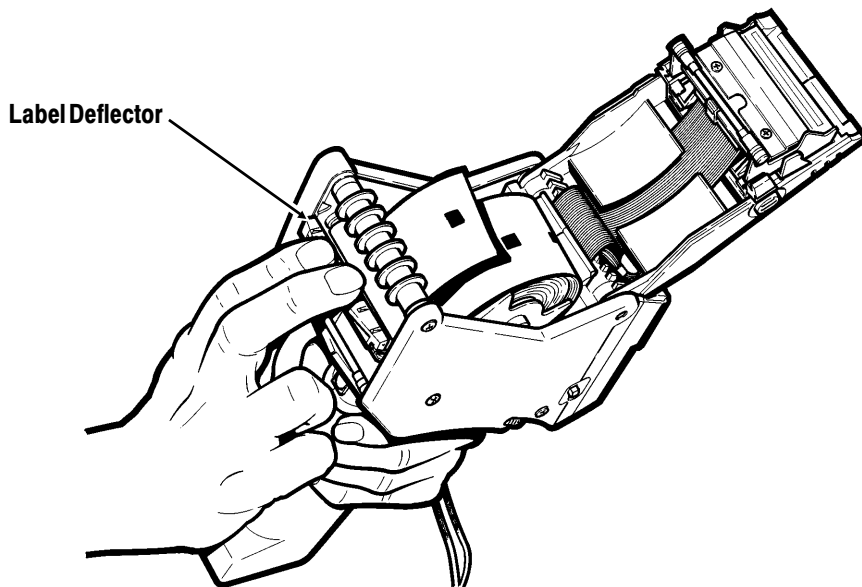
Do not move the supply holder without pulling back the supply lock tab first.



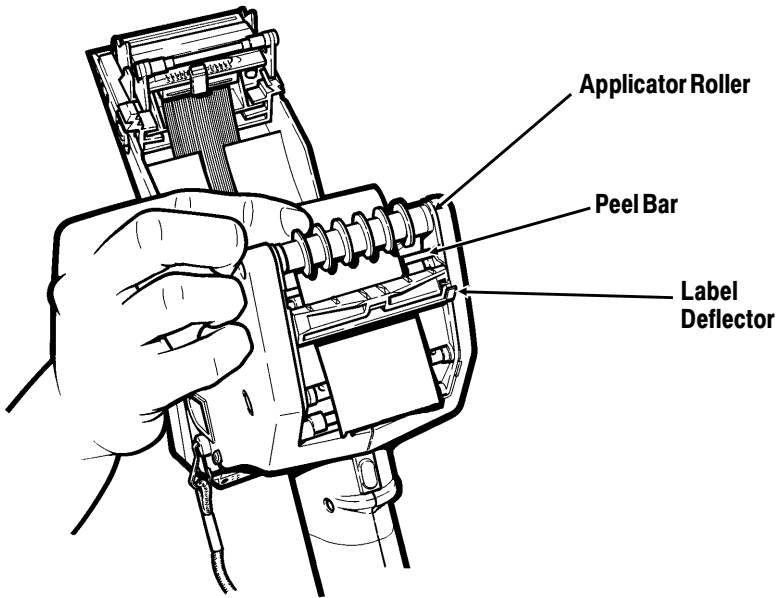
6. Press the supply lock down to lock the supply holder in place.
7. Remove the seal from the supply roll. Peel and discard the first four inches of labels from the backing paper. Tear evenly across the supply strip.
8. Place the supply roll as shown in the supply holder so that it feeds labels from the bottom. The black marks on the labels should be facing down.



9. Hold the printer upright and gently press down on the label deflector as shown. It may be stiff.



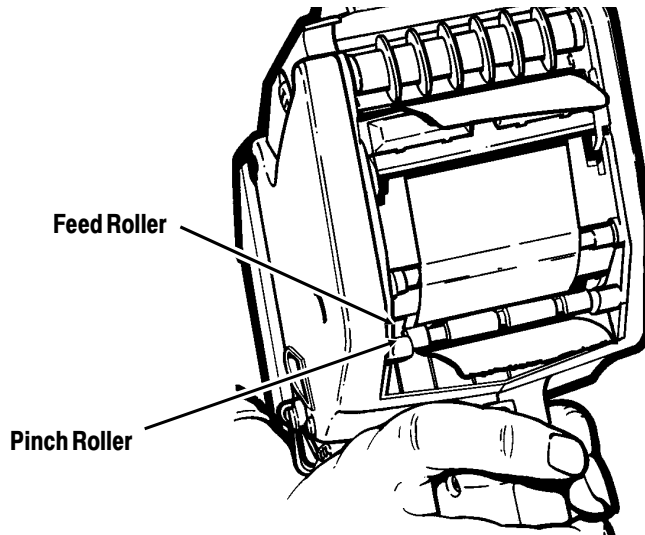
10. Feed all four inches of the backing paper over the peel bar and under the applicator roller and the label deflector.



11. Push the label deflector up until it snaps into place.
12. Partially close the supply cover to the first position (until it clicks once).

Do Not close the cover completely at this step
or label jams may occur.

13. Hold the supply edge between the feed and pinch rollers, and then press the trigger or a key assigned by your System Administrator until all slack is removed. Discard the extra labels that feed.



14. Close the supply cover completely.

Printing in On-Demand Mode

In on-demand mode, the printer prints a label each time you remove the previously printed label. Whether you are printing in on-demand mode depends on the application you are running. Ask your System Administrator if you are printing in this mode.

Before you begin printing, make sure the handle is fully charged and attach the safety strap of the printer to your wrist.

Most likely, the application you are running will have you print labels in on-demand mode as follows:

1. Press the trigger (or other key your System Administrator assigns).
2. Apply the label.

Subsequent labels print automatically after you apply each label. As each prints, apply the label.

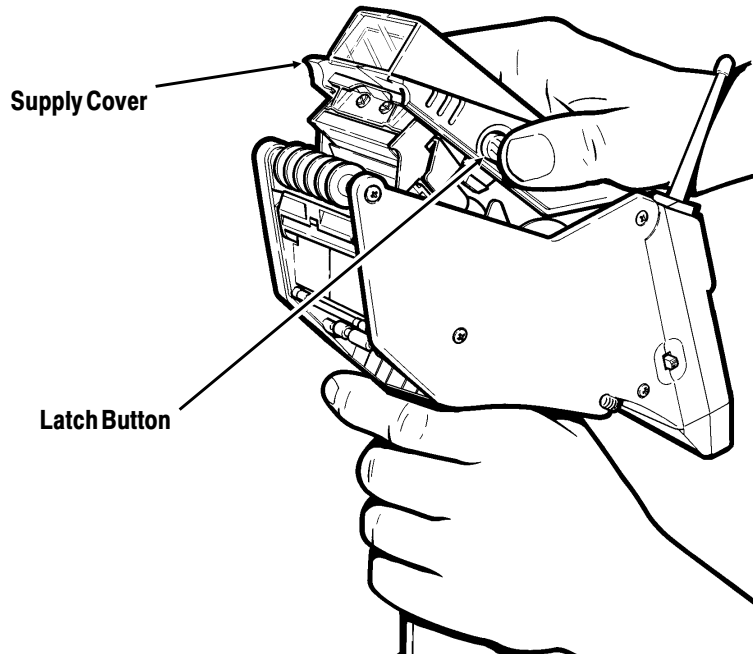
To remove excess backing paper,
gently tear down.

Loading for Non-Peel Mode

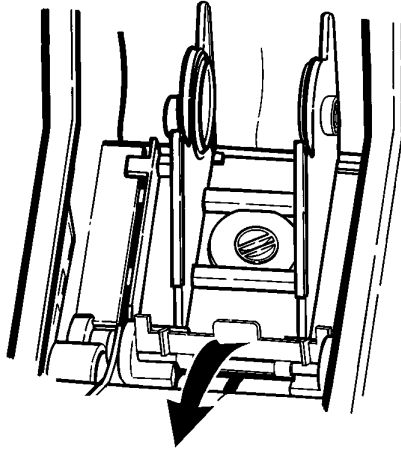
Non-peel mode feeds the supply through the printer in one continuous strip. Use non-peel mode to print strips of labels, tags, or specialty paper.

To load your supply:

1. Turn the printer on. The printer initializes.
2. Start the application and maneuver to the point where it prompts you to load the supplies.
3. Press the latch buttons as shown and open the supply cover completely.

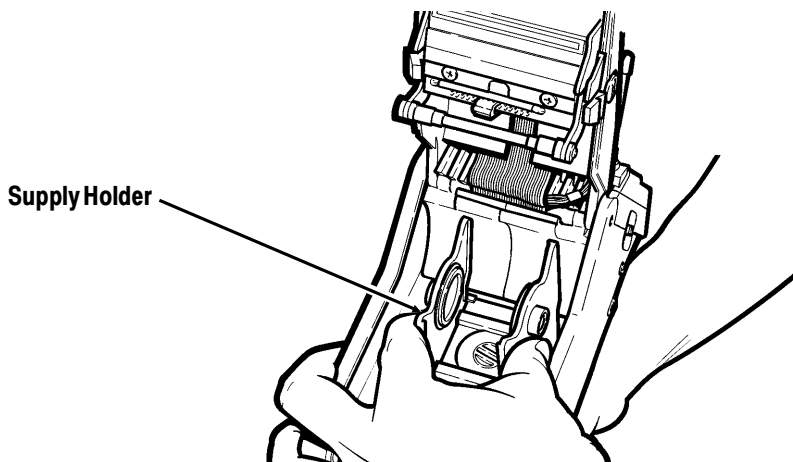


4. Pull back the supply lock tab.

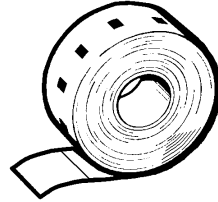


5. Squeeze or pull apart the supply holder at its base so it adjusts to the size of your supply roll. You can set it at 1.2", 1.5", and 2.0".

Do not move the supply holder without pulling back the supply lock tab first.

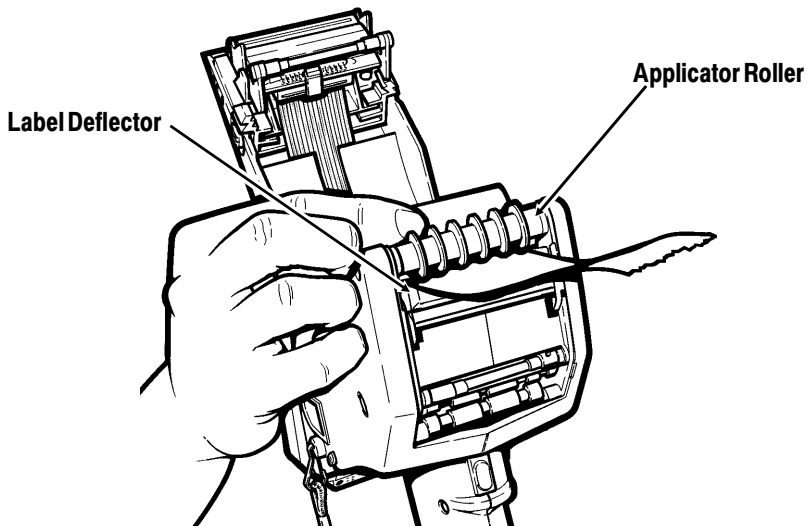


6. Press the supply lock down to lock the supply holder in place.
7. Remove the seal from the supply roll.
8. Place the supply roll as shown in the supply holder so that it feeds labels from the bottom. The black marks on the labels should be facing down.



Specialty paper has no black marks.

9. Feed the supply under the applicator roller and over the label deflector.



10. Press the trigger or a key assigned by your System Administrator until all slack is removed. Discard extra supplies.
11. Close the supply cover completely.

Printing in Continuous Mode

In continuous mode, the printer prints one supply or a strip of supplies all at once. Supplies may be thermal labels, tags, or specialty paper. Whether you are printing in continuous mode depends on the application you are running. Ask your System Administrator if you are printing in this mode.

Before you begin printing, make sure the handle is fully charged and attach the safety strap of the printer to your wrist.

Most likely, the application you are running will have you print labels in continuous mode as follows:

1. Press the trigger (or other key the System Administrator assigns).
2. When printing stops, cut the supply and remove the strip.

Removing Supplies

To remove supplies:

1. **Peel Mode Only.** Tear the backing paper just above the pinch roller.
2. Open the supply cover completely.
3. Twist the supply roll or core while pushing down, and then pull forward to remove.

BASIC OPERATIONS

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This chapter gives you information about

- ◆ the display
- ◆ the keypad
- ◆ the data entry modes.


About the Display

Each display line contains 20 characters. Depending on the application running, you may have to use the arrow keys to scroll right, up, or down to see the entire display. An arrow to the bottom right of the display means that there are more functions. Read the following sections to use the arrow keys.

Reading the Printer Status

8-line/48 Key Printer Only. The following indicators can appear at the bottom of the display, depending on the data entry mode the printer is in.

FCA↑X

Indicator	Description
F	Function Key Mode
C	Control Mode
A	Alt Mode
	Upper-case Alpha Mode Caps Lock Mode
X	Delete Mode (dependent on the application running)

When none of the indicators are on, the printer is in Normal Mode. This mode is current when you first turn the printer on. See "About Data Entry Modes" for more information.

4-line/33 Key Printer. Indicators appear along the left side of the display to show the mode the printer is in. The indicators are vertical lines, except for the lowest level, which is a **┘** or a **┙**, and the highest, which is a **⋮**, or **┆**.



Numbering the positions 1-4 (from top to bottom), following is the meaning of each indicator.

Position	Description
1-┆	Function Key Mode
⋮	Delete Mode
2	Control Mode
3	Alt Mode
4-┘	Upper-case Alpha Mode
┙	Lower-case Alpha Mode

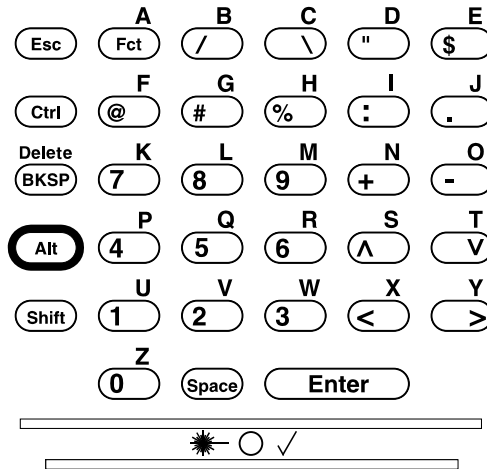
In the case of positions 1 and 4, you press the key twice to get the second indicator.













About the Keypad

Information about the keypad and the function of the keys is for domestic models only.

4-line/33 Key Printer

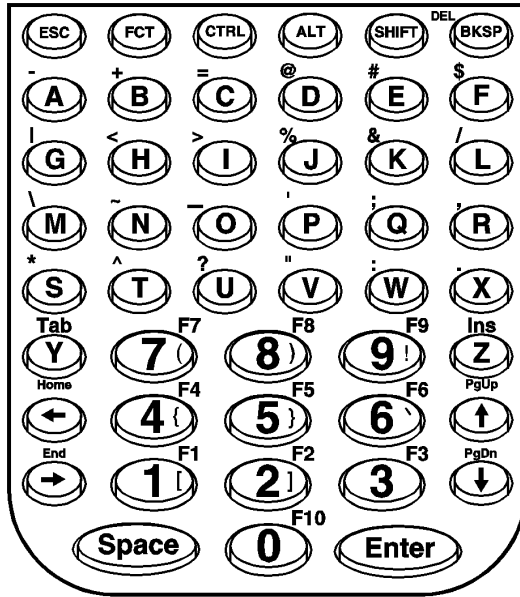
Your printer may have a keypad as shown.



	Invokes a code or command designated by the application.
	Invokes the function keys as designated by the application.
	Invokes a code or command designated by the application.
	Moves the cursor to the left while deleting one character at a time.
	Invokes a code or command designated by the application.
	Enters and exits Upper-case and Lower-case Alpha mode.
	Enters a blank character on the display.
	Accepts data or a menu selection.
	Invokes a code or command designed by the application or moves the cursor one position to the left, and deletes the character.
  	Invokes a code or command designated by the application.
Symbol keys	/, \, ", \$, @, #, %, :, ., +, -
Number keys	0-9
Alphabetic keys	A-Z
Function keys	<, >, ', ?, INS, , &, ;, ,, DELETE, F7, F8, F9, *, =, F4, F5, F6, [,], F1, F2, F3, HOME, END, F10, _

8-line/48 Key Printer

Following is a diagram of the keypad.



DEL and the symbols appearing on the face of the number keys do not appear on the keypad. These are hidden symbols/functions that you enter in Upper-case Alpha mode.

Key	Description
Fct	Toggles Function Key mode on/off.
Ctrl	Toggles Control mode on/off.
Alt	Toggles Alt mode on/off.
Shift	Toggles Upper-case Alpha mode on/off.
Bksp	Moves the cursor one position to the left, then deletes the character.
Enter	Accepts a DOS prompt command, application-specific data, or menu selections.
←	Moves the cursor one position to the left, then deletes the character or invokes a code or command designated by the application.
Esc	Invokes a code or command designated by the application.
Tab	
Del	
Home	
End	
Ins	
PgUp	
PgDn	
↑, ↓, →	

To enter Caps Lock Mode, press Fct,
then Shift.

About Data Entry Modes


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
- ◆ Numeric/Normal mode (default)
- ◆ Upper-case Alpha mode
- ◆ Lower-case Alpha mode
- ◆ Function Key mode
- ◆ Delete mode
- ◆ Alt and Ctrl Key mode.

See "Reading the Printer Status" and "About the Keypad" for more information. When the printer is turned on, you are in Numeric/Normal mode.


For Upper-case Alpha


Press .

Press  twice to return to Numeric/Normal (4-line/33 Key printer).

Press  once to return to Numeric/Normal (8-line/48 Key printer).

For Lower-case Alpha

Press  twice.

(4-line/33 Key Printer only) Press  once to return to Numeric/Normal.

See "Reading the Printer Status" and "About the Keypad" for more information.

8-line/48 Key Modes

The ninth display line indicates which mode the printer is in. See "Reading the Printer Status" for more information. To enter or exit the modes, use the function keys. See "About the Keypad" for more information.

When you enter any mode (except Delete), it stays in effect through the next key press. The printer then returns to Normal mode. Delete mode stays in effect until you press a key other than Del.

The modes are not mutually exclusive. In different cases, you can have more than one in effect.

Using Numeric/Normal Mode

Numeric/Normal mode is the default mode when the printer is turned on.

4-line/33 Key Printer

This mode allows you to use the following keys on the keypad:

- ◆ Numeric keys
- ◆ Symbol keys

When you are in Numeric/Normal mode, no indicators appear.

8-line/48 Key Printer

This mode allows you to use the following keys on the keypad:

- ◆ Numeric keys
- ◆ The space key
- ◆ The alphabetic keys (producing lower-case letters).

When you are in Numeric/Normal mode, nothing appears on the status line.

Using Upper-case Alpha Mode

Upper-case Alpha mode works differently on the two printers.

4-line/33 Key Printer

This mode allows you to enter upper-case letters or spaces. When you are in Upper-case Alpha mode, the cursor is an underscore and the **■** indicator appears on the left side of the display.

To use Upper-case Alpha mode:

1. When you are in Numeric/Normal mode, press **(Shift)** to enter Upper-case Alpha mode.
2. Enter your data.
3. Press **(Shift)** to return to Numeric/Normal mode.

8-line/48 Key Printer

This mode allows you to enter upper-case letters, spaces, or hidden symbols. In Upper-case Alpha mode, the cursor is an underscore and the status line has the **↑** symbol on it, or **■** for caps lock.

To use Upper-case Alpha mode:

1. When you are in Numeric/Normal mode, press **(Shift)** to enter Upper-case Alpha mode. Or, you can press **(Fct)**, then **(Shift)** to set caps lock.
2. If caps lock is on, enter your data. Otherwise, press the first character key (from step 1) and repeat steps 1 and 2 as needed until you have entered all the data.
3. If you set caps lock, press **(Fct)**, then **(Shift)** again to turn off caps lock.

Using Lower-case Alpha Mode

4-line/33 Key Printer Only. This mode allows you to enter lower-case letters. When you are in Lower-case Alpha mode, the cursor is an underscore and the ¶ indicator appears on the left side of the display as shown.

To use Lower-case Alpha mode:

1. When you are in Numeric/Normal mode, press **Shift** *twice* to enter Lower-case mode.
2. Enter your data.
3. Press **Shift** to return to Numeric/Normal mode.

Special Key Combinations

You can switch between modes temporarily to enter combination upper-case/lower-case/numeric data. For example, you may need to enter a part number which includes numeric and alpha characters (123AB45).
















4-line/33 Key

1. Enter 123.
2. Hold **Shift** and enter AB.
3. Release **Shift** and enter 45.

8-line/48 Key



1. Enter 123.
2. Press **Fct**, **Shift**, then enter AB.
3. Press **Fct**, **Shift**, then enter 45.

To switch modes temporarily, use the keys shown in this table.

Mode you are in	You need	Press + Hold (4-line/33 Key Printer)	Press (8-line/48 Key Printer)
Numeric/Normal	Upper-case Alpha		 or  then 
	Lower-case Alpha		The letter as needed
Upper-case Alpha	Lower-case Alpha		 or  then 
	Numeric/Normal		The letter as needed
Lower-case Alpha	Upper-case Alpha		 or  then 
	Numeric/Normal		The letter as needed

Ctrl and Alt also invoke codes or commands designated by the application.

Using Function Key Mode

This mode allows you to use the numeric keys ( - ) as function keys and to enter the other characters on the upper left corner of the keys (see the next page). On the 8-line/48 Key, you can enter displayed symbols or numeric keys (0-9) as function keys. The function keys are used to perform special functions. Ask your System Administrator if you need to use these keys.

On the 4-line/33 Key in function key mode, the cursor is an underscore and a vertical line appears on the left side of the display.

On the 8-line/48 Key Printer, an F appears on the status line, and the cursor is an underscore.

To use the function key:

1. Press **Fct** .
2. Press a character or number key. (For example, press **Fct** and then **0** to invoke the F10 function.)

You must press **Fct** for each character you want to enter.

On 4-line/33 Key Printer, use the function key to activate the character shown in the upper left corner of each key position in the table below.

	A	< B	> C	' D	? E
Esc	Fct	/	\	'	\$
	INS F	G	& H	; I	, J
Ctrl	@	#	%	:	.
DELETE	F7 K	F8 L	F9 M	* N	= O
BKSP	7	8	9	+	-
	F4 P	F5 Q	F6 R	[S] T
Alt	4	5	6	^	v
	F1 U	F2 V	F3 W	HOME X	END Y
Shift	1	2	3	<	>
	F10 Z	_			
	0	Space			

Refer to the diagram of the 8-line/48 Key Printer keypad in "About the Keypad" to see the various symbols and characters associated with each key.

Using Delete Mode

To use the Delete mode:

1. Press **Fct**. On the 4-line/33 Key Printer, the cursor is an underscore, and a vertical line appears on the left side of the display.

On the 8-line/48 Key Printer, the cursor is an underscore and an F appears on the status line.

2. Press **BKSP** to enter delete mode. On the 4-line/33 Key Printer, the cursor is an underscore, and a ¶ indicator appears on the left side of the display.

On the 8-line/48 Key Printer, the cursor is an underscore and an X appears on the status line.

Continue deleting by pressing **BKSP** repeatedly. Return to the original mode by pressing any other key besides **BKSP**.

Use of Delete mode is dependent on the application you are running. You cannot enter delete mode on the DOS Command line.

Using the Alt and Ctrl keys

The **Alt** and **Ctrl** keys invoke codes or commands designated by the application.

To use the **Alt** or **Ctrl** key:

1. Press the appropriate key(s) to enter this mode:

◆ **Alt**

◆ **Ctrl**

2. Press the key you need for your application.

4-line/33 Key Printer

When you press the **Ctrl** key, the cursor is an underscore and a vertical line appears on the left side of the display.

8-line/48 Key Printer

When you press the **Ctrl** key, the cursor is an underscore and a C appears on the status line.

When you press the **Alt** key, the cursor is an underscore and an A appears on the status line.

Restarting the Printer

To restart the printer, press **Ctrl** + **Alt** + **BKSP** .

USING THE LASER SCANNER

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Your printer may have a built-in scanner.

This product is certified to be a Class II laser product with the United States DHHS Center for Devices and Radiological Health. The scanner emits less than 1.0 milliwatt beam of laser light from the scanning window. Laser light in excess of Class I limits must be inside a protective cover. No maintenance is required to keep this product in compliance with IEC 825 and DHHS Regulation 21, Subchapter J. No controls are provided for operation or maintenance.

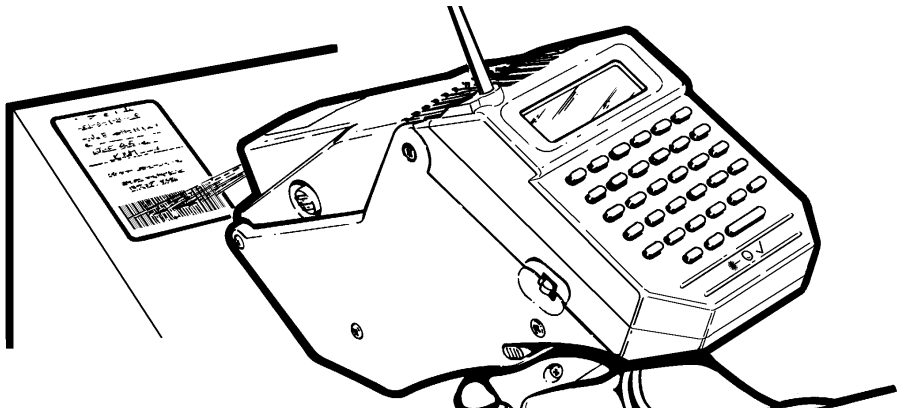
CAUTION

Laser light - **Do Not** stare into the beam.

Scanning a Bar Code

The application you are running controls when you can scan a bar code. When it indicates to scan:

1. Attach the safety strap to your wrist.
2. Point the scanner at a slight angle approximately four to eight inches from the bar code symbol.
3. Press the trigger or other key specified by your System Administrator.



The Laser Scan LED lights after a successful scan. This light is at the bottom of the keypad on the 4-line/33 Key Printer and on the right side of the display on the 8-line/48 Key Printer.

If the bar code does not scan:

- ◆ Change the angle of the scanner and press the trigger again.
- ◆ Make sure the scanner window is clean. See "Cleaning the Scanner Window" later in this chapter.
- ◆ Try scanning another bar code that you have scanned successfully. If that scan is successful, this means the first bar code cannot be decoded. See Chapter 8, "Troubleshooting."

Cleaning the Scanner Window

CAUTION

Do Not use solvents (e.g., alcohol or acetone) or abrasive cleaners to clean the scanner window.
This will damage the finish.

Clean the scanner window whenever the window appears to be dirty or smeared.

To clean the scanner window:

1. Moisten a soft cloth with water.
2. Wipe the window until it is completely clean.

Scanning Tips

- ◆ Make sure there are no voids in the bar code symbol.
- ◆ Hold the scanner four to eight inches from the bar code. Move the scanner toward and away from the bar code to find the correct distance for a successful scan.
- ◆ Aim the scanner at a slight angle to the bar code.
- ◆ Keep the scanner window clean.
- ◆ Move to a more dimly lit area if you have several unsuccessful scans.
- ◆ Direct sunlight may cause unsuccessful scans.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

6

This chapter tells you how to

- ◆ clear supply jams.
- ◆ clean the printhead.
- ◆ clean the platen roller.
- ◆ clean the sensors.
- ◆ store the printer.

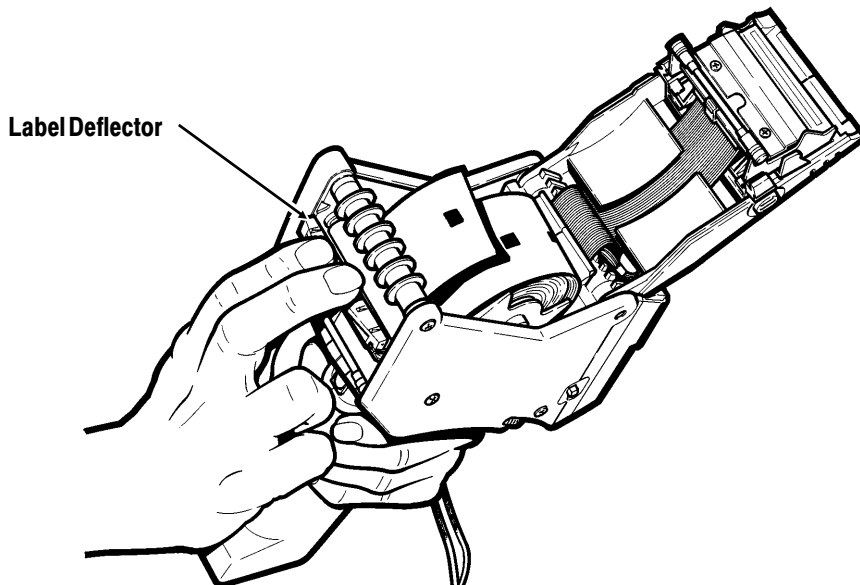
Clearing Supply Jams

When clearing a supply jam, check the

- ◆ label deflector
- ◆ feed and pinch rollers

To clear a supply jam:

1. Press the latch buttons and open the supply cover completely.



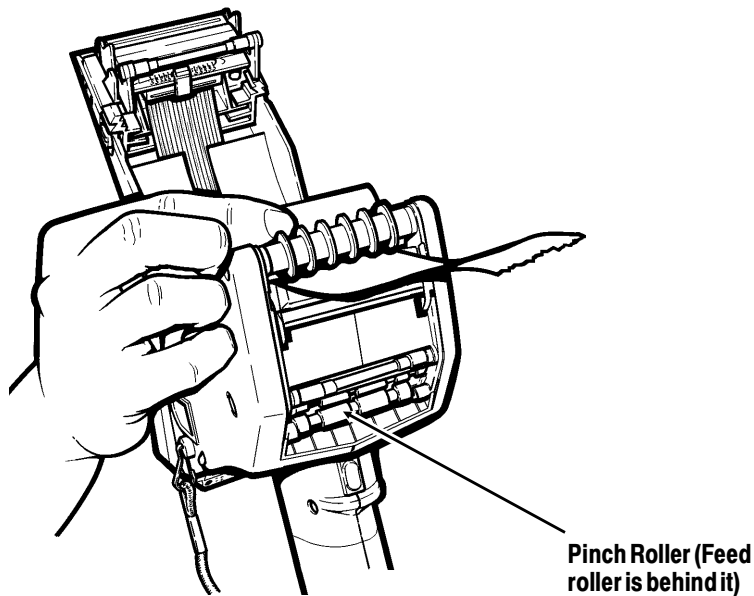
2. Gently press down with your fingers on the label deflector.
3. Remove the supply and backing paper. See "Removing Supplies" in Chapter 3.

4. Gently remove any jammed supply and close the deflector.

Do Not pull the jammed supply out through the front of the label deflector.

Do Not use sharp objects to remove jammed supplies.

5. Check the feed and pinch rollers for jammed supply.



6. Gently remove any jammed supply.

Cleaning the Printhead

Clean the printhead

- ◆ after using 7-10 rolls of supplies.
- ◆ in extreme temperatures, humid conditions or dirty environment.
- ◆ when you see voids in the print.
- ◆ after a supply jam.

Use isopropyl alcohol on the interior areas only, never on the exterior. **Do Not** use silicone to clean or lubricate.

Use any of the following items to clean the printhead:

- ◆ soft cloth moistened with isopropyl alcohol
- ◆ Monarch Cleaning Pen #114226
- ◆ Monarch 6076™ Cleaning Kit

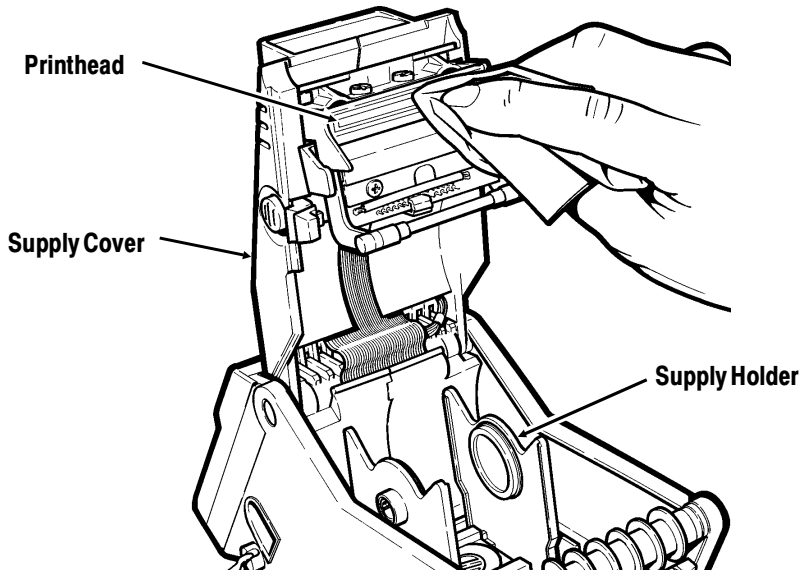
Do Not use sharp objects to remove adhesive or label particles from the printhead area. **Do Not** touch the printhead with your fingers. These actions may damage the printhead and void your warranty.

Always ground yourself by touching something metal before cleaning the printhead. This prevents electrostatic discharge, which may damage your printer.

To clean the printhead:

1. Turn the printer off.
2. Open the supply cover and remove the supply roll.
3. Check the supply holder for adhesive buildup, and clean if necessary.
4. Ground yourself by touching something metal other than the printer.

5. Clean the printhead area of all adhesive and label particles using one of the items listed above.



6. Reload the supply roll and close the supply cover.

Cleaning the Platen Roller

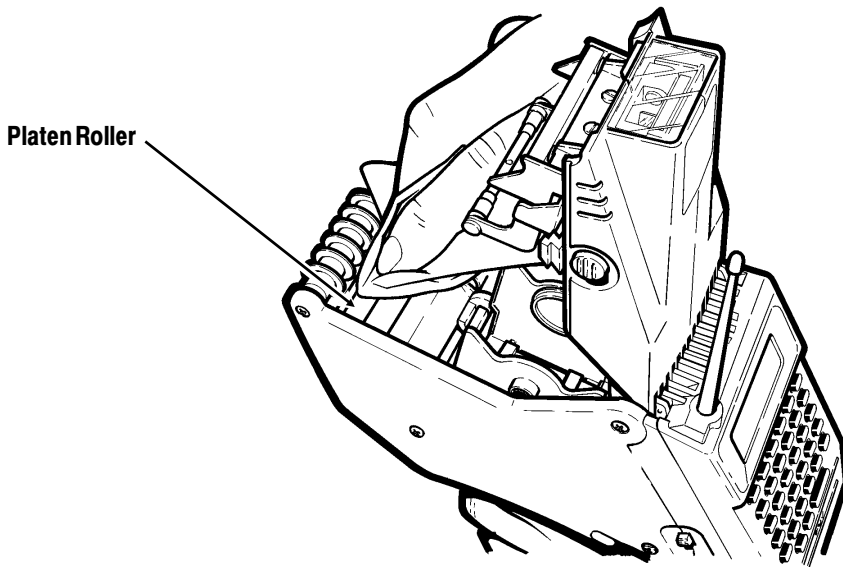
You can use any of the following items to remove adhesive buildup from the platen:

- ◆ soft cloth moistened with isopropyl alcohol
- ◆ Monarch Cleaning Pen #114226
- ◆ Monarch 6076™ Cleaning Kit

Do Not use sharp objects to clean the printer.

To clean the platen roller:

1. Turn the printer off and open the supply cover.
2. Remove your supply. See "Removing Supplies" in Chapter 3.
3. Open the label deflector by gently pressing down with two fingers.
4. Clean the platen roller and remove any adhesive buildup.

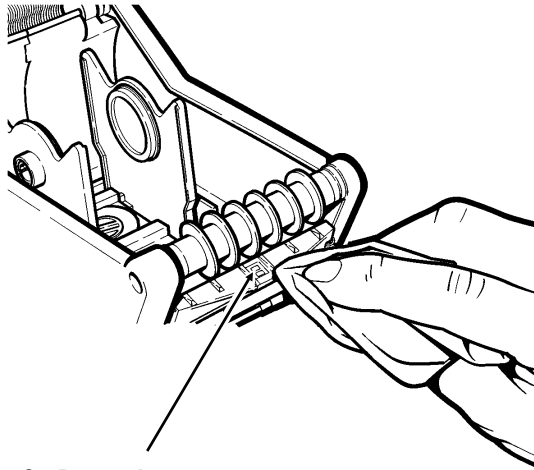


5. Turn the platen roller with your finger, and then continue cleaning.
6. Reload your supply and close the label deflector and supply cover.

Cleaning the Sensors

To clean the on-demand sensor:

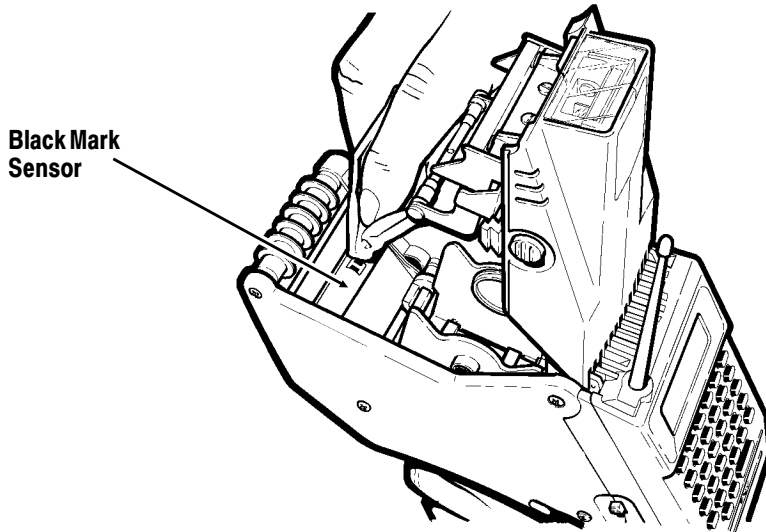
1. Turn the printer off and open the supply cover.
2. Open the label deflector by gently pressing down with two fingers.
3. Clean the on-demand sensor with a soft cloth moistened with water.



**On-Demand
Sensor**

To clean the black mark sensor:

1. Turn the printer off, open the supply cover and remove the supplies.
2. Clean the black mark sensor with a soft cloth moistened with water.



Storing the Printer

Store the printer with a handle attached. **Do Not** store the printer in or near

- ◆ magnetic fields
- ◆ wet or damp areas
- ◆ dirty or dusty areas
- ◆ areas of intense vibration or shock.

CAUTION

Storage in or near these areas can damage the printer and void your warranty.

USING DIAGNOSTICS

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Only Service or a System Administrator
should use diagnostics.

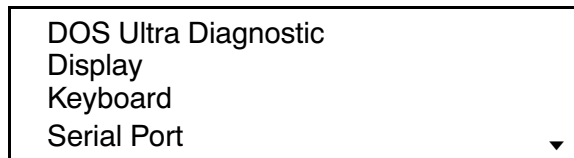
You can use diagnostics to

- ◆ check display characteristics
- ◆ check keyboard connections
- ◆ test the serial port
- ◆ test the scanner
- ◆ check the speaker
- ◆ check the printer
- ◆ check the versions of various parts of the printer.

The screens shown in this chapter will differ (more
information will appear) if you are using an 8-line/48
Key Printer.

To access these options, you need to use the Diagnostic program.
To start the Diagnostic program:

1. **4-line/33 Key Printer Only.** From the DOS prompt, press **Shift** (if not already in Shift mode).
2. Type **DIAG** and press **Enter**. You will see:



The currently selected diagnostic function is displayed in inverse mode. An arrow to the right of the display means that there are more functions.

3. **4-line/33 Key Printer Only.** Press **Shift** to return to normal mode.
4. Scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight the diagnostic function you want to use. Press **Enter**.

Use the right or down arrow keys to scroll down the list of functions. Use the left or up arrow keys to scroll up the list.

To exit any diagnostic function, press **Esc** or scroll to **Exit** in the menu and press **Enter**.

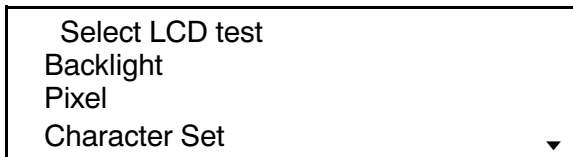
Checking Display Characteristics

The Display diagnostic menu provides the following selections:

Backlight	Turns the backlight on and off to ensure it is functioning properly. If the backlight does not turn on and then off, please make a note and call Service.
Pixel	Tests all the individual pixels on the display. One pixel line toward the bottom of the printer will not have its pixels set. If any other positions are skipped, please make a note and call Service.
Character Set	Displays all available characters. If any character does not display properly, please make a note and call Service.
Character	Fills the third line of the display with a single character selected from the keyboard. If any problem is detected, please make a note and call Service.

To check display characteristics:

1. At the Main menu, scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight **Display**. Press . You will see:





2. Scroll with the arrow keys to select the LCD test you want. Press . Each diagnostic function displays directions for starting that test. Press to exit.

Checking Keyboard Connections

The Keyboard diagnostic function displays a keypad replica to test keyboard connections.

To check keyboard connections:


1. At the Main menu, scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight **Keyboard**. Press . You will see a replica of the printer keypad.
2. Press a key to verify the name of the key and its location on the replica. Press  *twice* to exit.

Testing the Serial Port

This test is typically performed by Service or your MIS department. To check the serial port, you perform a loopback test, which checks the port for receiving and sending data from a host.

The loopback plug referred to in the procedure below is part number 116850, available as an accessory.

To test the serial port:

1. At the Main menu, scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight **Serial Port**. Press . You will see:

Insert loopback plug
into serial port
connector.
Press key to cont

2. Insert the loopback plug and press any key (except **Esc**) to start the test. Press **Esc** to exit.
3. When the test finishes, you will see

```
Press Esc to cont.  
Testing speed: XX  
Testing parity: XX  
Testing ctrls: XX
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where **XX** is OK or err.
Press **Esc** to exit.

If the printer fails to send or receive data, please make a note and call Service.

Testing the Scanner

The Scanner diagnostic function provides the following selections:

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| Trigger Scanner | Displays scanned bar code values for successful scans or no data for scan failures. |
| Configuration | Allows the user to enable or disable scanner features for specific bar code types, low power mode, and time-out mode. |

To test the scanner:

1. At the Main menu, scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight **Scanner**. Press **Enter**. You will see:

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Select scanner test  
Trigger scanner  
Configuration  
About
```

2. Scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight the scanner test you want. Press **Enter**. Press **Esc** to exit.

Trigger Scanner displays directions for running that test. If you detect a problem scanning, please make a note and call Service.

Configuration displays a menu of selections. Refer to the *Programmer's Manual* for descriptions of the selections. Scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight the feature you want to enable/disable. Press **Enter**, then type a new value. Press **Esc** to exit. If you detect a problem with configuration, please make a note and call Service.

About displays the type of scanner you have: either a 1222 or a 1223. If you have no scanner, it displays "Scanner Unknown." Press any key to exit.

Checking the Speaker

The Speaker diagnostic function produces a test series of tones.

To check the speaker:

1. At the Main menu, scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight **Speaker**. Press **Enter**. You will see:

Speaker Diagnostic
150 Hz tone

2. The speaker emits the test tones (and the display changes) automatically. The test tones are at 150, 300, 600, 1200, 2400, and 4800 Hz.

If the speaker does not emit all tones, please make a note and call Service.

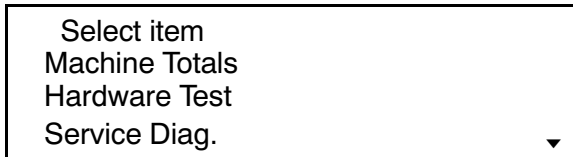
Checking the Printer

The Printer diagnostic function provides the following selections:

Machine Totals	Displays the total amount of supplies printed in inches or the number of tags printed.
Hardware Test	Displays a sub-menu for testing Printing, Sensors, Printhead, Battery, and Motor.
Service Diagnostics	Reserved for Service use only.
Calibration	Calibrates the loaded supply.
Version	Displays versions of print engine board and MCS library.

To check the printer:

1. At the Main menu, scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight **Printer**. Press . You will see:




2. Scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight the printer test you want. Press .


Go to the section you selected for more instructions.


Displaying Machine Totals

To display machine totals:

1. From the Printer menu, scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight **Machine Totals**. Press . You will see:

Select item
Inches Printed
Tags Printed
Exit

2. Scroll with the arrow keys to select the number of inches printed or the number of tags printed. Press .

The number of inches or number of tags is automatically displayed. Press  to exit.

Performing Hardware Tests

The hardware test sub-menu has the following selections:

Printing	Prints a test pattern, performs a speed test, prints the gray scale, or adjusts contrast.
Sensors	Tests on-demand and black mark sensors.
Printhead	Checks the dot resistance and temperature of the printhead.
Battery	Checks the battery charge state.
Motor	Checks the functionality of the motor.

Hardware tests are typically performed by an authorized Service representative. However, if you need to run any of these tests, make sure you read the following sections for the acceptable results of each test and when it is necessary to call Service.

When calling Service, be sure to provide
the exact results.

To perform Hardware Tests:

1. From the Printer menu, scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight **Hardware Test**. Press . You will see:



2. Scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight the hardware test you want. Press .

Go to the section you selected for more instructions.

Checking the Printing

The PRINTING sub-menu provides the following selections:

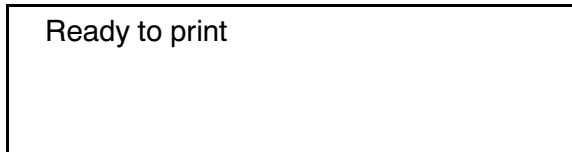
Test Pattern	Prints a label to verify that the printhead strobos are working.
Print Speed	Verifies that the supply is moving through the printer at the correct speed for printing scannable bar codes.
Gray Scale	Checks the uniformity of the printing.
Adjust Contrast	Adjusts print contrast.

To check the printing, scroll until you highlight printing on the Hardware Test menu. Press . You will see:

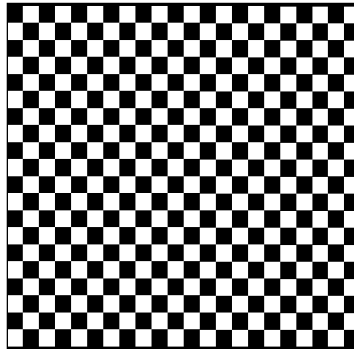


To print the test pattern:

1. Load supplies in non-peel mode.
2. From the Printing sub-menu, scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight **Test Pattern**. Press . You will see:




3. Press to print the test sample shown below. Press to exit.





If your printed test sample has fewer lines or no lines, keep the test sample and call Service.


To run the Print Speed test:

1. Load supplies in non-peel mode.
2. From the Printing sub-menu, scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight **Print Speed**. Press . You will see:

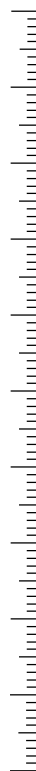
Ready to print

3. Press  to print the test sample. Press  to exit.
4. Use the metric scale shown or a metric ruler to measure your test sample. If your test sample measures more than 101 mm or less than 99 mm, save your test sample and call Service.

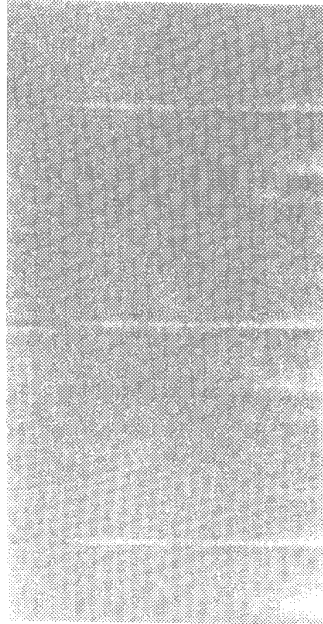
To run the Gray Scale test:

1. Load supplies in non-peel mode.
2. From the Printing sub-menu, scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight **Gray Scale**. Press . You will see:

Ready to print



3. Press to print the test sample. Press to exit.



**Test Sample
with voids**

The test sample should be uniformly gray across the supply. If you see voids, especially on the edges as in the example, save your test sample and call Service.

To Adjust Contrast:

1. From the Printing sub-menu, scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight **Adjust Contrast**. Press . You will see:

Stock Type:
2) Paper

2. Scroll with the left arrow until you highlight the stock type you want: synthetic, paper, or fax. Press . You will see:

Barcode Type:
1) Serial

3. Scroll with the left arrow until you highlight the bar code type you want: Serial, Maxicode, Parallel/Serial, or Parallel. Press .
4. You will see an Adjustment horizontal scroll bar.



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5. The default setting for the selected bar code type is indicated by a number and a solid block on the bar. Use the right arrow key to increase the contrast and the left arrow key to decrease the contrast in increments of 1. Press to save the adjustment.

Checking the Sensors

The Sensors menu provides the following selections:

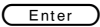
On-Demand Tests the On-Demand sensor.

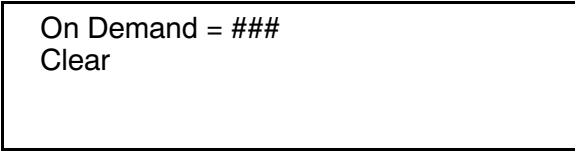
Black Mark Tests the Black Mark sensor.

To check the sensors, scroll until you highlight Sensors on the Hardware Test sub-menu. Press . You will see:

Select item
On-Demand
Black Mark
Exit

To run the On-Demand test:

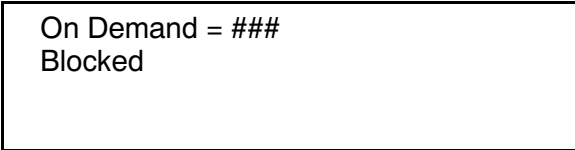
1. From the Sensors sub-menu, scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight **On-Demand**. Press . If the sensor is clear, you will see:



```
On Demand = ###  
Clear
```

Values must be less than 288.

If sensor is blocked, you will see:



```
On Demand = ###  
Blocked
```


Values must be greater than 480.

If the value is invalid, make a note and call Service.


2. Press  to exit.

The values displayed may fluctuate
on the screen.

To run the Black Mark test:

1. From the Sensors sub-menu, scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight **Black Mark**. Press  .


When the black mark is not positioned over the sensor, you will see:



```
Black Mark = ###
White
```

Values must be greater than 480.

When the black mark is positioned over the sensor, you will see:



```
Black Mark = ###
Black
```

Values must be less than 288.

If the value is invalid, make a note and call Service.

2. Press  to exit.

The values displayed may fluctuate
on the screen.

Checking the Printhead

The Printhead menu provides the following selections:

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| Dot Resistance | Checks each dot on the printhead (takes approximately four minutes). |
| Temperature | Checks the working temperature range of the printhead. |

To check the printhead, scroll until you highlight **Printhead** on the Hardware Test sub-menu. Press . You will see:

```
Select item
Dot Resistance
Temperature
Exit
```

To run the Dot Resistance test:


1. From the Printhead sub-menu, scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight **Dot Resistance**. Press . You will see:

```
Running Dot Test...
```

Then you will see:

```
Avg dot = XXX

Enter for dot value
Esc to leave
```

2. Press  . You will see:

```
Dot# XX GOOD  
Value = ###
```

Valid values are 244-308 (inclusive). If the value is not within range, please make a note and call Service.


The test continues (with results displayed on the screen) until each dot resistance has been tested and the results displayed.

3. The test concludes by displaying:

```
Avg dot = XXX  
  
Enter for dot value  
Esc to leave.
```

Press  .

To run the Temperature test:

1. From the Printhead sub-menu, scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight **Temperature**. Press  . You will see:

```
Printhead Temp = ###  
OK
```

The value may fluctuate on the screen.

The temperature of the printer depends upon the number of labels printed and the operating environment.

If the printhead value is under 116, do not print anything. Open the cover and let the printer cool.

If the printhead value is between 117 and 136 (inclusive), you cannot print strips of labels. Open the cover and let the printer cool.

Any printhead value greater than or equal to 137 is normal.

The printhead value is not the temperature in degrees.


2. Press **Esc** to exit.

Checking the Battery

The Battery test displays the acceptable recharging capacity of the battery cell.

To run the Battery test:

1. From the Hardware Test sub-menu, press **Enter**. You will see:



```
Battery = ###  
XXX
```

If the value (which may fluctuate) is greater than 832, the printer can operate normally. If the value is between 712 and 832 (inclusive), the printer can run but not print. XXX is a description of the meaning of the value (i.e., Fully Charged).

2. Press **Esc** to exit.

Checking the Motor

The motor test verifies the functionality and speed of the motor by discharging labels.

To test the motor:

1. From the Hardware Test sub-menu, press **Enter**. The motor will run and dispense labels.
2. Press **Esc** to exit.

Service Diagnostics

This menu selection is password-protected for Service use.

Calibrating Labels

To run the Calibration Test:

1. From the Printer menu, scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight **Calibration**. Press **Enter**. You will see:

Reloading

Trigger to feed
ESC to Calibrate

2. Load the supply and feed it through the label path. Press the trigger to feed the supply.
3. Press **Esc** to perform the calibration test. You will see:

Stock Type:
2) Paper_

4. Scroll with the left arrow until you highlight the stock type you want: synthetic, paper, or fax. Press . Two or three labels (depending on the supply position) are fed and the motor turns off (unless you choose fax).

If you chose fax in step 4, the procedure ends.

You will see:

```
Stock Width:
3) 2.0"
```

5. Scroll with the left arrow until you highlight the stock width you want: 1.2", 1.5", or 2.0". Press . You will see:

```
Stock Length:
X.XX
```

where X.XX is the calibrated stock length.

6. Use the left arrow to backspace and enter a different stock length value (if necessary). Press .

Checking Hardware Version Information

To check the version for the print engine board and MCS library:

1. From the Printer menu, scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight **Version**. Press . You will see:

```
Select item
Print Engine Board
MCS Library
Exit
```

2. Scroll with the down arrow until you highlight the option you want. Press .

If you select **Print Engine Board**, you will see:

```
Print Engine Version
X.X
```

If you select **MCS Library**, you will see:

```
MCS Library Version
X.X
```

3. Press to exit.

Checking Software Version Information

At the Main menu, scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight **About**.

1. Press . You will see:

```
About DOS Ultra
Diag Pgm P.X.X
BIOS VX.X.X Y
DOS VX.X
```

2. **4-line/33 Key Printer Only.** Press . You will see:

```
About DOS Ultra
DOS H/W Rev. X
Print Eng VX.X
MCS Lib. VX.X
```

3. Press to exit.

Exiting the Diagnostics Program

1. At the Main menu, scroll with the arrow keys until you highlight **Exit**. Press . You will see:

Exit Diag? (Y/N)

2. **4-line/33 Key Printer Only.** Press (unless you are already in Shift mode).
3. Press Y to exit the program or N to return to the Main menu.

TROUBLESHOOTING

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This chapter includes information about printer problems and solutions.

Problems and Solutions

Some common printer problems and their solutions are listed on the following pages.

Problem	Solution
Printer will not feed.	Switch to a fully charged handle.
	Close the supply cover completely.
	Load the supply correctly.
	Check the platen roller for jammed labels.
Printer will not print.	Switch to a fully charged handle.
	Load the supply correctly.
	Clean the printhead.
Print has voids or is too light.	Load the supply correctly.
	Close the supply cover completely.
	Switch to a fully charged handle.
	Clean the printhead.
	Check the supply for damage or defects.
Printer partially prints on the supply and fails to respond to the keypad or trigger. (A low battery or recharge message does not appear on the display.)	Switch to a fully charged handle.
	Load the supply correctly.

When you first turn on the printer, the line moving across the bottom of the screen stops and the logo screen never disappears.

Turn off the printer. Then, turn it back on while holding down the **Fct** key. When messages appear, release the key. Note the message on the screen when the messages stop scrolling and report the problem to the System Administrator.

Problem	Solution
Printer fails to respond to the keypad during data entry. (A low battery or recharge message does not appear on the display.)	Switch to a fully charged handle.
Scanner will not scan a bar code.	See "Scanning Tips" in Chapter 5. The bar code symbol may have voids. Scan a previously scanned bar code to verify that the scanner is working. If the scanner is not working, ask your System Administrator to run a scanner test.

If these solutions do not work, call Service.

When calling for support, you may need to tell Service the identification data for the radio and memory cards. Use the information in this table or from the label inside the unit.

Option	Label
Aironet 2.4 U.S.	A24US
Aironet 2.4 U.K.	A24UK
Aironet 2.4 France	A24FR
Aironet 2.4 Germany	A24GR
Aironet 2.4 Australia	A24AU
Aironet 3500	A35US
Symbol 2.4 U.S. 500mW	S24US5
Symbol 2.4 U.S. 100mW	S24US1
Symbol 2.4 U.K.	S24UK
Symbol 2.4 France	S24FR
Symbol 2.4 Germany	S24GR
Symbol 902 Mhz	S900
Proxim 2.4 U.S.	P24US
Proxim 2.4 U.K.	P24UK
Proxim 2.4 France	P24FR
Proxim 2.4 Germany	P24GR
2M Flash	2FLASH
4M Flash	4FLASH
8M Flash	8FLASH
20M Flash	20FLASH
40M Flash	40FLASH

REFERENCE INFORMATION



Cable Pinouts

The cable pinouts on the mini-DIN connector on the printer are set as shown.

Pin	Signal
1	Send RTS
2	Receive CTS
3	Receive RX
4	Ground
5	Send TX
6	DSR
7	Send DTR
8	Send DCD (optional +5 volt)

SPECIFICATIONS AND ACCESSORIES

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Specifications

Weight:	2.64 lbs. (1.1 kg) with battery handle, scanner and 1.5" (38 mm) supply roll.
Storage Limits:	15°F to 120°F (-9°C to 49°C)
Operating Limits:	40°F to 90°F (4°C to 32°C)
Power Supply:	115/230 VAC, 50-60 Hz
Battery Power:	12 VDC; charging takes approximately 1.5 hours with a 6093-07 Fast Charger.

Charge time may vary depending on the type of battery and the degree to which the battery was drained.

Printing:	Thermal direct
Supply Types:	Paper and synthetic labels, paper tags, and specialty paper
Communications:	RS-232C serial port (COM1) or radio frequency port (COM2). The COM2 port is optional
Display:	20-character (four-line) alphanumeric liquid crystal with either 4 or 8 lines
Memory:	Lithium battery maintains memory 2 MB of FLASH 1 MB of Static RAM

Supply Sizes

The printer can use supply lengths from .55" (14 mm) to 4.0" (102 mm).

The standard label widths are:

- 1.2 inch (30 mm)
- 1.5 inch (38 mm)
- 2.0 inch (51 mm)

Accessories

RS-232 Cables: 9-pin straight cable #116587-14
25-pin straight cable #116587-15
9-pin PC cable #116587-30
25-pin PC cable #116587-31

Battery Handle: Standard: #115873
High Capacity: #115884

Holster: #PHOL03
#UHOL-01

Battery Chargers: 6093-07 Fast Charger
6094-01 Four-Station Charger

Cleaning Supplies: Cleaning Pen #114226
6076 Cleaning Kit

For more information about these products, call your Sales Representative.

GLOSSARY

Following is a list of terms that you'll need to know to operate the printer.

Application	The computer program that runs on the printer and controls how you print, scan, and enter data.
Backlight	A light that, when on, enables you to see the printer's display better.
Black Mark Sensor	A sensor used to position supplies. The printer uses it in conjunction with supplies that have black marks on the back of each tag or label. When it senses a black mark, it knows it has reached the end of the current tag or label.
Cable Pinouts	The individual signals carried through the printer's cable.
Calibration	The printer process that determines the length and width of the supplies.
Continuous Mode	The printing mode where a strip of tags or labels is printed at once.
Dot	An individual element on the printhead that, when inked (in conjunction with other inked elements), makes printed characters or symbols.
Mini-DIN Connector	The end of the cable that fits into the serial port on the printer.
Non-Peel Mode	The printing mode where labels are not automatically removed from their backing paper.
On-Demand Mode	The printing mode where, if you are printing multiple tags or labels, one is not printed until you remove the previously printed tag or label.

On-Demand Sensor	A sensor that determines when a tag or label has just been printed and removed.
Peel Mode	The printing mode where labels are automatically removed from their backing paper.
Pixel	An individual element on the display that, when filled (in conjunction with other elements), makes displayed characters or symbols.
Serial Port	The plug on the side of the printer where you attach the cable.
Supplies	Tags or labels that the printer prints on.
System Administrator	The supervisor who sets up and/or explains how to use the printer.
Void	Streaks in a bar code that contribute to scanning mistakes.