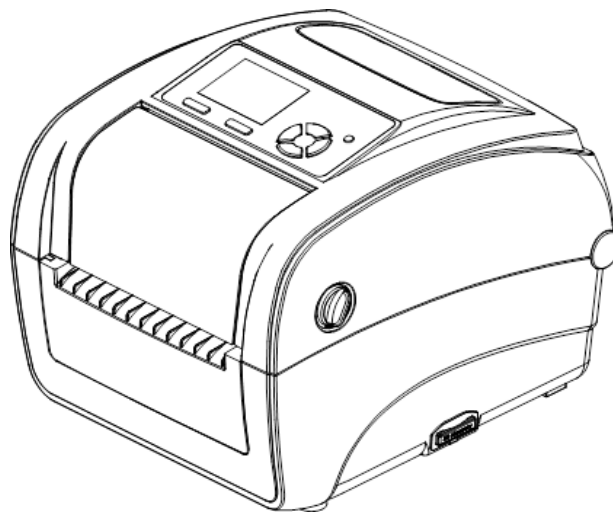




**BBP12**

# **Thermal Transfer Printer**

## **User Guide**



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# CHAPTER 1 Introduction

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## Product Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the **BRADY BBP12** series bar code printer. Although the printer is small, it delivers reliable, superior performance.

This printer provides both thermal transfer and direct thermal printing at user-selectable speeds of 2.0, 3.0 or 4.0 ips. It accepts roll feed, die-cut, and fan-fold labels for both thermal transfer and direct thermal printing. All common bar codes formats are available. Fonts and bar codes can be printed in 4 directions, 8 different alphanumeric bitmap fonts and built-in true type font capability. You will enjoy high throughput for printing labels with this printer.

## Compliance

FCC Class B,  
CE Class B,  
C-Tick Class B,  
UL, cUL,  
TÜV/safety,  
CCC,  
EAC,  
NOM

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**Note:**

Continuous printing will cause printer motor overheat. Printer will stop printing automatically about 10~15 minutes until motor is cooled down. Do not turn off power when printer pauses or the data transferred to printer buffer will be lost.

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**Note:**

The maximum printing ratio per dot line is 15% for this printer. To print the full web black line, the maximum black line height is limited to 40 dots, which is 3.3 mm for 300 dpi resolution printer.

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## CHAPTER 2 Operations Overview

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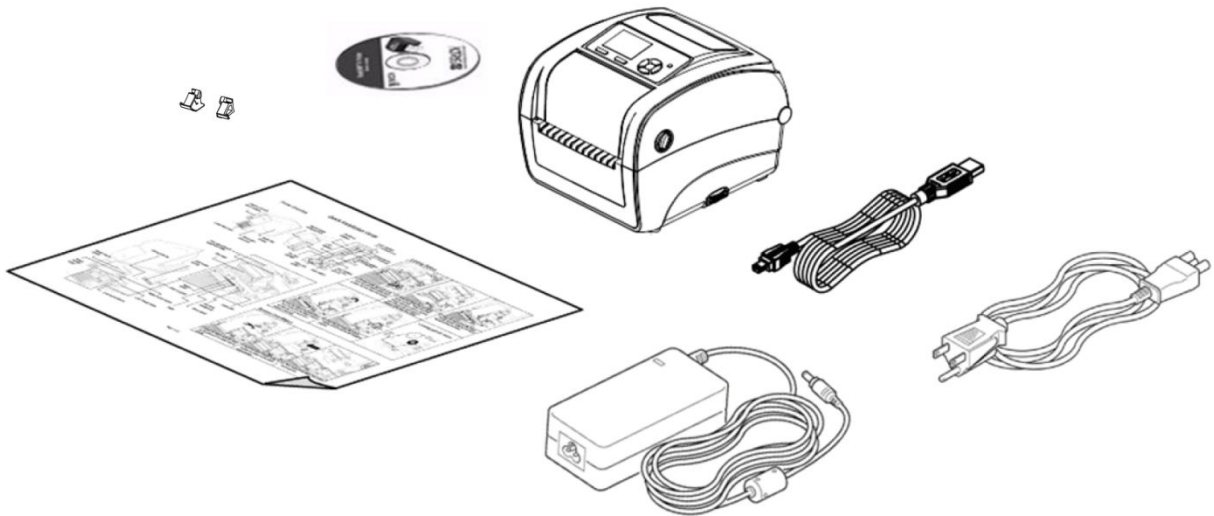
### Unpacking and Inspection

This printer has been specially packaged to withstand damage during shipping. Please carefully inspect the packaging and printer upon receiving the bar code printer. Retain the packaging materials in case you need to reship the printer.

#### *Unpacking the Printer*

The following items are included in the carton:

- (1) Printer unit
- (1) Product CD, including drivers
- (1) Quick installation guide
- (1) Power cord
- (1) Auto switching power supply
- (1) USB interface cable
- (1) Adapter (for narrow continuous sleeves)



If any parts are missing, please contact customer service.

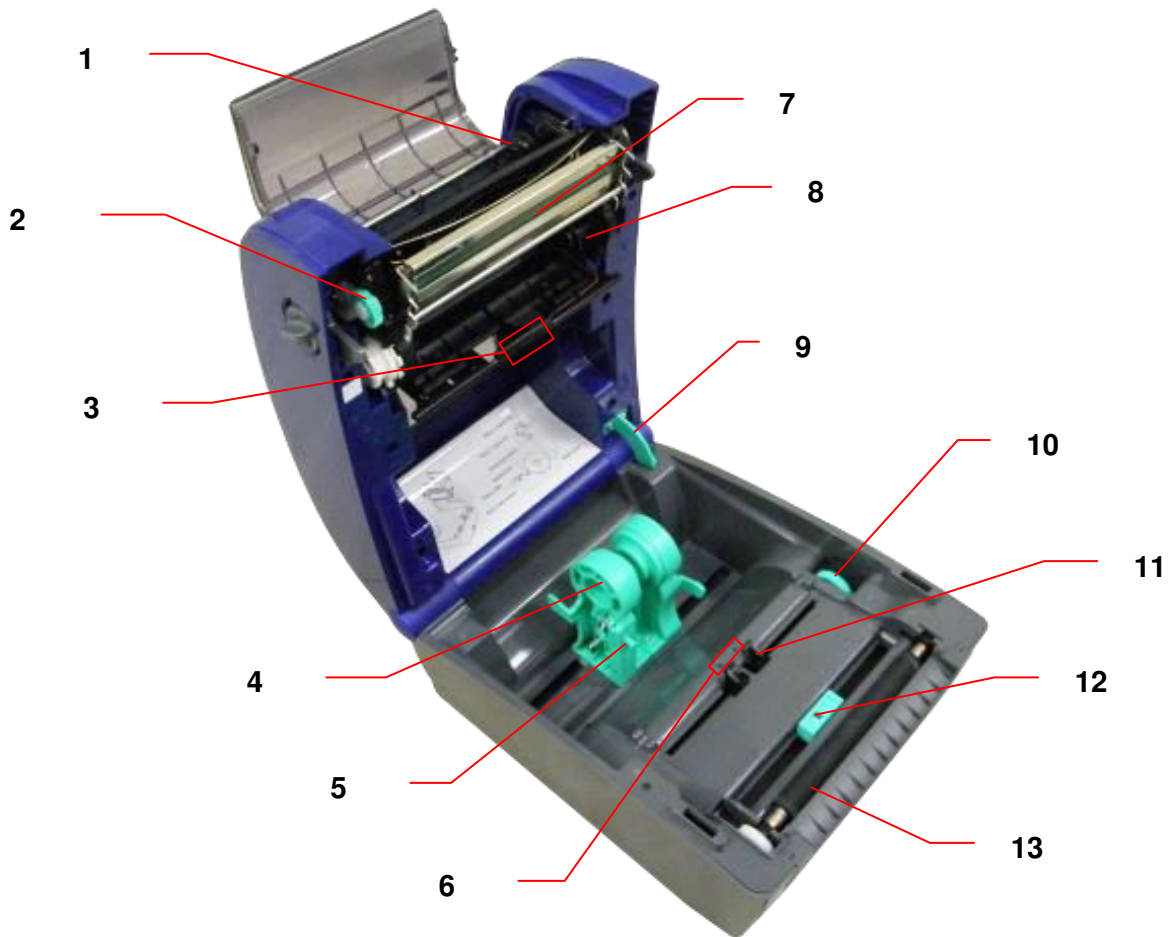
## Printer Overview

### *Front View*



- 1. LCD display
- 2. Menu button
- 3. Feed button
- 4. LED indicator
- 5. Navigation button
- 6. Ribbon access cover
- 7. Top cover open lever
- 8. SD card socket

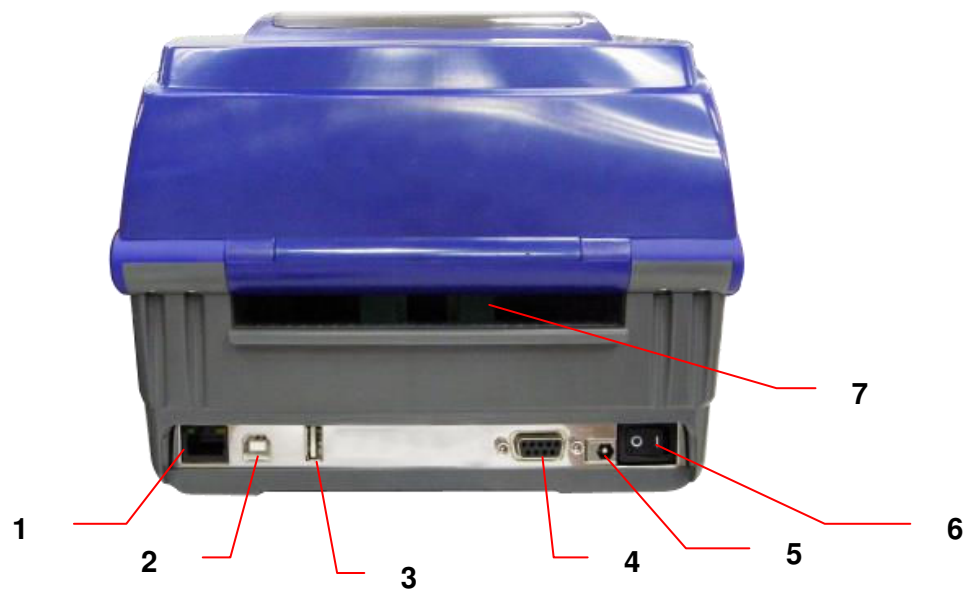
### ***Interior View***



- 1. Ribbon rewind hub
- 2. Ribbon rewind gear
- 3. Gap sensor (receiver)
- 4. Media holder
- 5. Media holder lock switch
- 6. Gap sensor (transmitter)
- 7. Printhead
- 8. Ribbon supply hub
- 9. Top cover support
- 10. Media guide adjustment knob
- 11. Media guide
- 12. Black mark sensor
- 13. Platen roller



## ***Rear View***



- 1. Ethernet interface
- 2. USB interface
- 3. USB host interface
- 4. Serial/COM interface
- 5. Power jack socket
- 6. Power switch
- 7. Fan-fold paper entrance chute

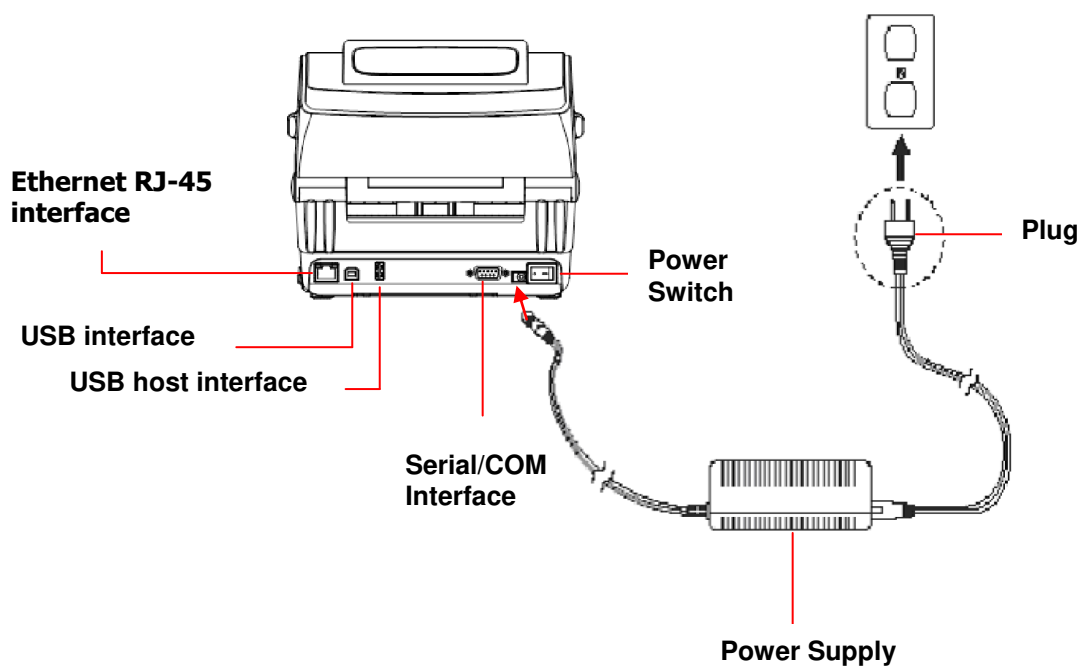
## CHAPTER 3 Setup

### Setting up the Printer

1. Place the printer on a flat, secure surface.
2. Make sure the power switch is off.
3. Connect the printer to the computer with the provided USB cable.
4. Plug the power cord into the AC power cord socket at the rear of the printer, and then plug the power cord into a properly grounded power outlet.

**Note:**

Please switch OFF printer power switch prior to plug in the power cord to printer power jack.

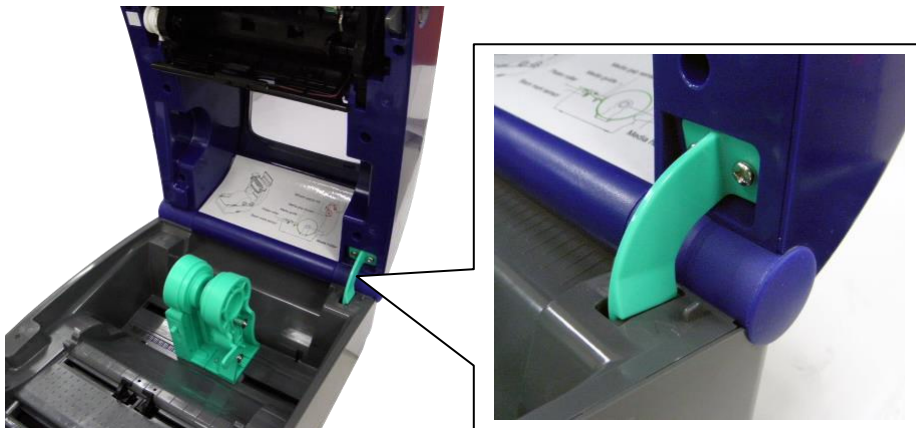


## Open / Close the Top Cover

1. Open the printer top cover by pulling the grey tabs located on each side toward the front of the printer, then lift the top cover to the maximum open angle.



2. A top cover support at the rear of the printer will engage with lower inner cover to hold the printer top cover open.



3. Hold the top cover and press the top cover support to disengage the top cover support with lower inner cover. Gently close the top cover.



## Loading the Ribbon

1. Open the top cover on the printer by pulling the green open levers located on each side of the printer and lifting the top cover to the maximum open angle.
2. Open the ribbon access cover.

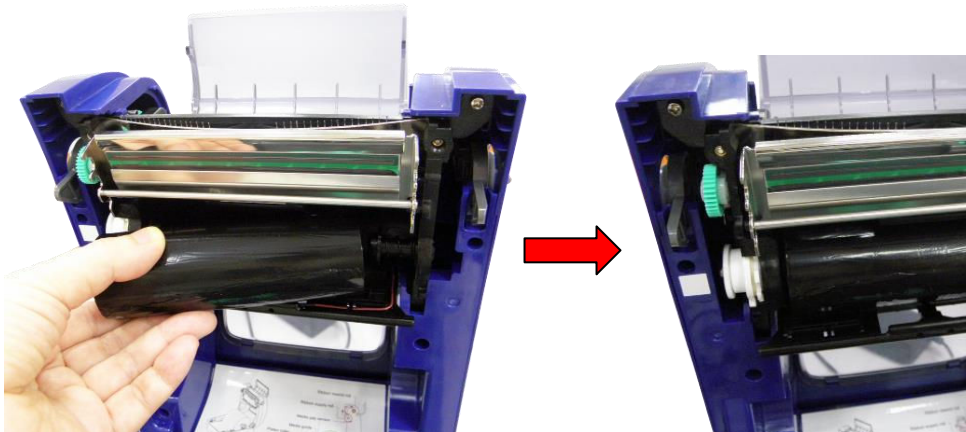


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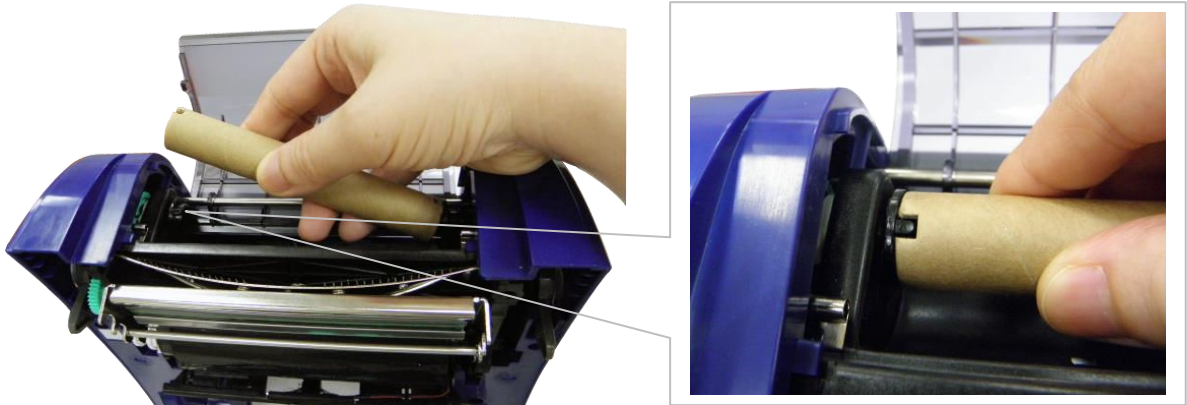
**Note:** In normal print mode, the ribbon access cover can be opened while opening the top cover. The ribbon access cover can be closed while the top cover is open or closed.

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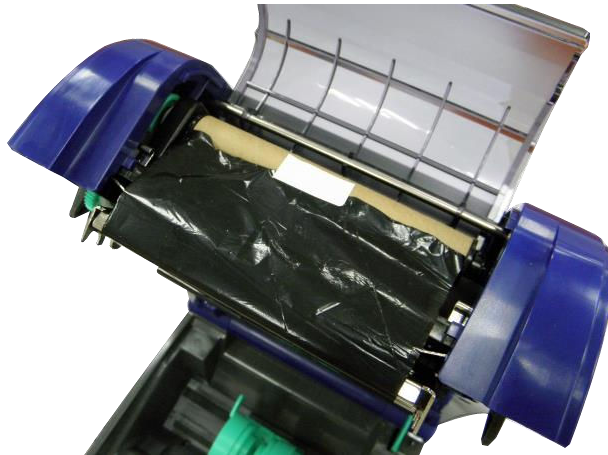
3. Insert the right side of the ribbon right onto the supply hub. Align the notches on the left side and mount onto the spokes.



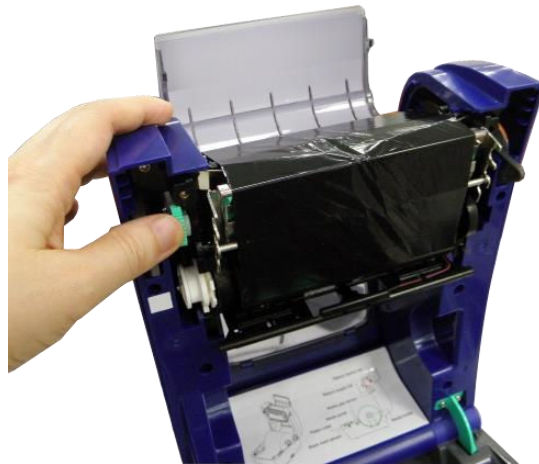
4. Insert the right side of the paper core onto the rewind hub. Align the notches on the left side and mount onto the spokes.



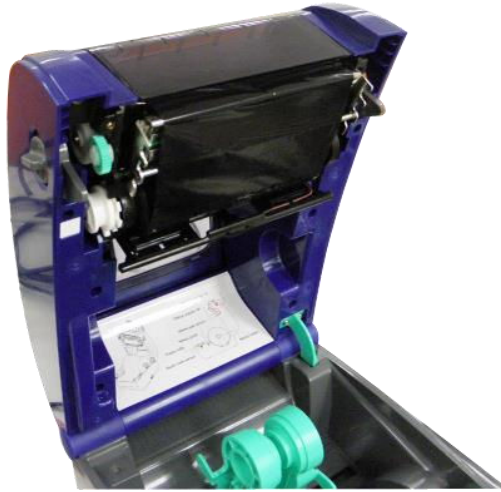
5. Attach the ribbon leader onto the ribbon rewind paper core.



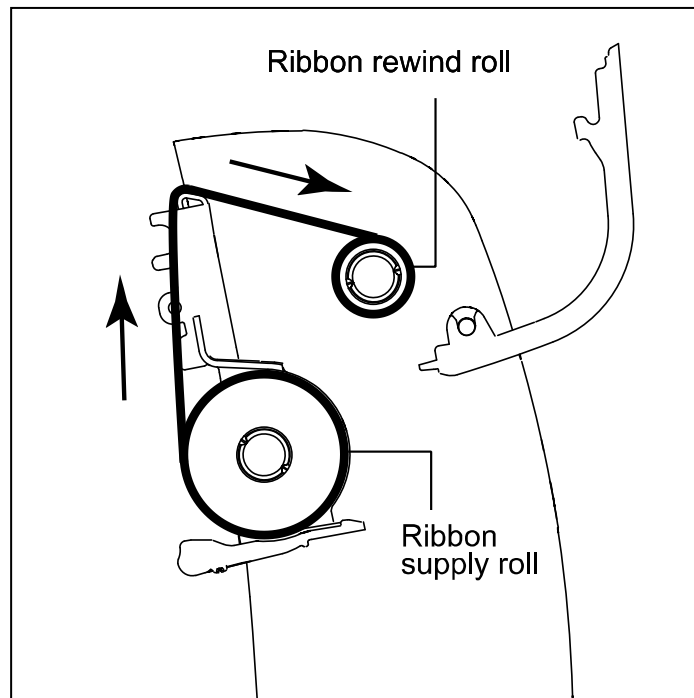
6. Turn the ribbon rewind gear until the plastic ribbon leader is thoroughly wound and the black section of the ribbon covers the print head.



7. Close the ribbon access cover and the top cover.



### *Ribbon Loading Path*

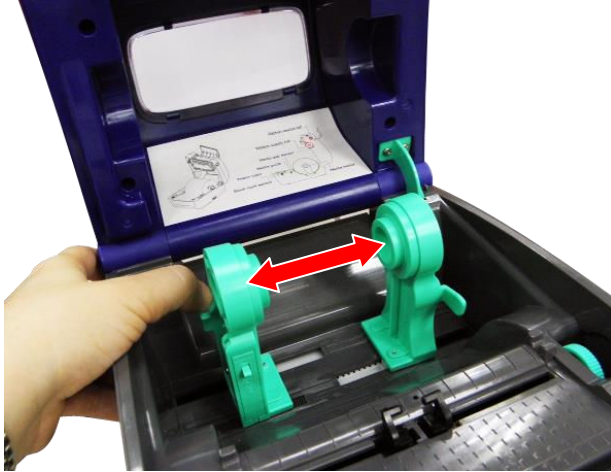




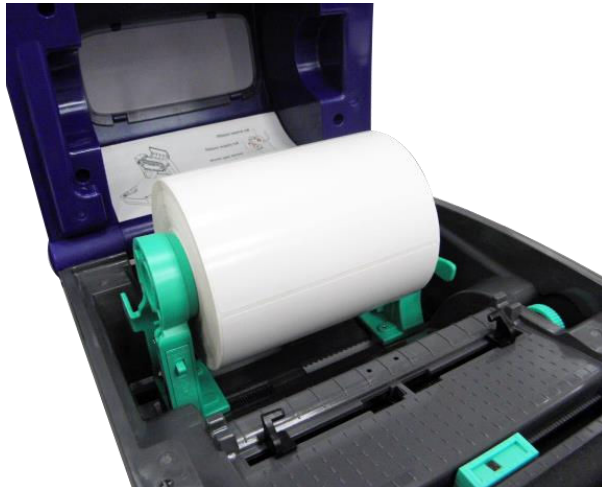
# Loading the Media

## *Loading Media*

1. Open the printer top cover by pulling the grey tabs, located on each side, toward the front of the printer, then lift the top cover to the maximum open angle.
2. Separate and hold open the media holders.



3. Place the roll between the holders and close them onto the core.



4. Set the media holder lock switch to **Lock** (down) to hold the label roll firmly.



5. **Optional:** If using either an external media holder or folded labels, feed the media through the rear external label entrance chute.
6. Place the paper, print side face up, through the media sensor.
7. Place the label leading edge onto the platen roller.
8. Move the media guides to fit the label width by turning the guide adjuster knob.



9. Disengage the top cover support and close the top cover gently.



10. Use the **Diagnostic Tool or LCD menu** to set the media sensor type and calibrate the selected sensor (see the diagnostic utility quick start guide for more information):
  - a. Start **Diagnostic tool**.



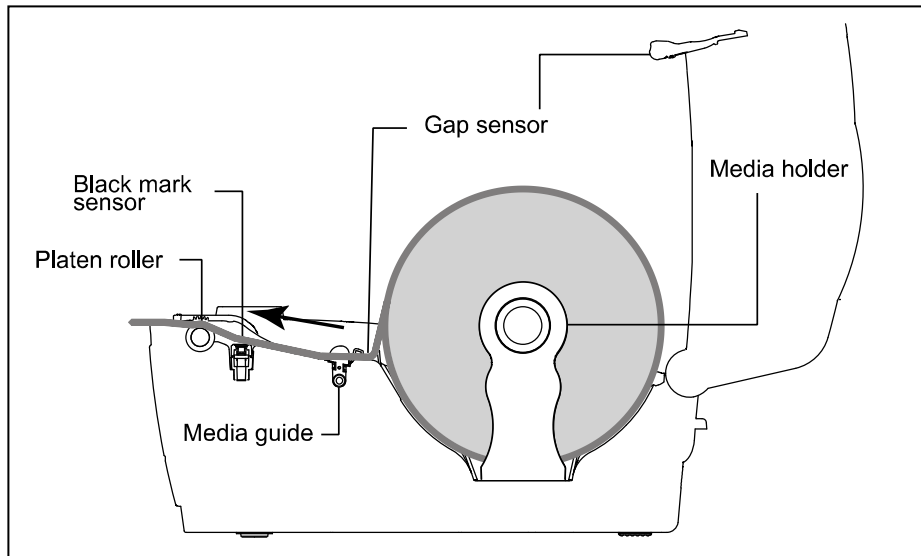
- b. Select sensor on **Calibration** tab.
- c. Click **Calibrate** button.

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**Note:** Please calibrate the gap/black mark sensor when changing media.

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***Loading Path for Roll Labels***

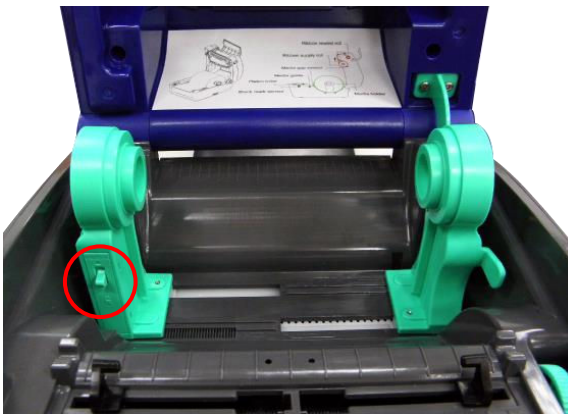


### ***External Label Roll Mount Installation (Option)***

1. Attach an external paper roll mount on the bottom of the printer.



2. Insert a label spindle into a paper roll and install it on the external paper roll mount.
3. Open the top cover and separate the media holders to fit the media width.
4. Press down the media holder lock switch to fix the media holder.



5. Feed the media through the rear external label entrance chute:
  - a. Place the paper, print side face up, through the media sensor.
  - b. Place the label leading edge onto the platen roller.



6. Move the media guides to fit the label width by turning the guide adjuster knob.
7. Disengage the top cover support and close the top cover gently.



8. Use the **Diagnostic Tool or LCD menu** to set the media sensor type and calibrate the selected sensor.
  - a. Start **Diagnostic tool**.
  - b. Select sensor on **Calibration** tab.
  - c. Click **Calibrate** button.

## Diagnostic Tool

The Diagnostic Utility is a toolbox that lets users explore the printer's settings and status; change printer settings; download graphics, fonts, and firmware; create printer bitmap fonts; and to send additional commands to the printer. Using this convenient tool, you can explore the printer status and settings and troubleshoot the printer.

### *Start the Diagnostic Tool*

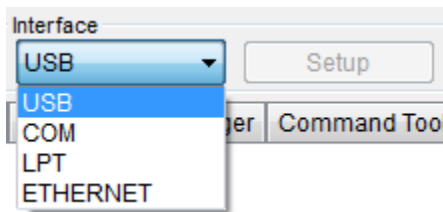
1. To start the software, double click the **Diagnostic** tool icon.

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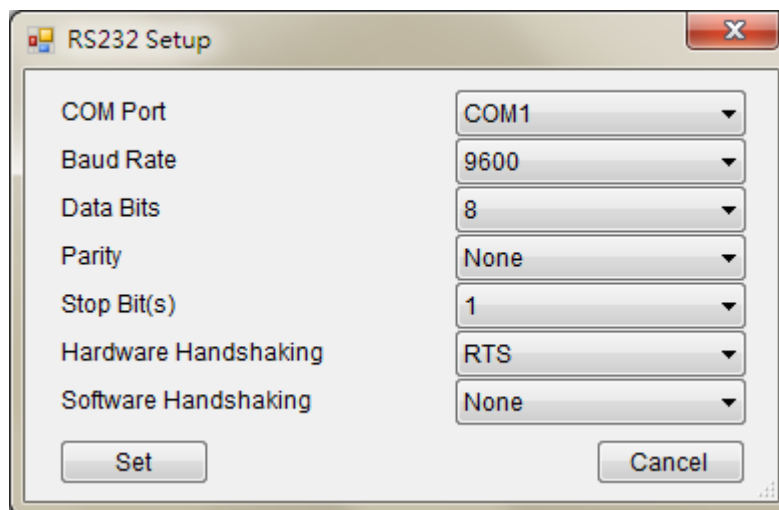
**Note:** The diagnostic tool is located at **D:\DiagTool**.

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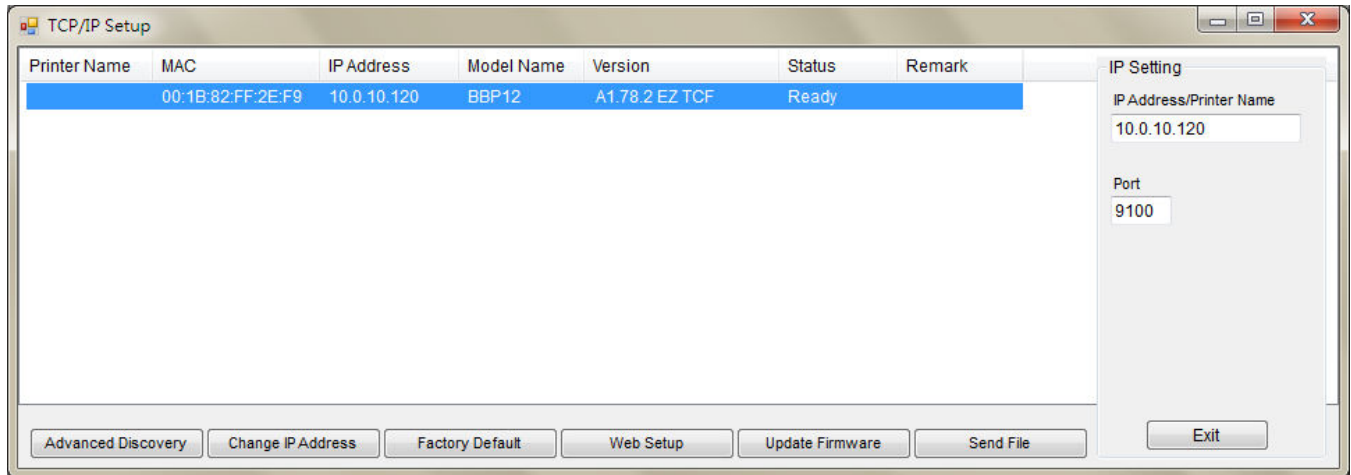
2. Select the PC interface connected with bar code printer.



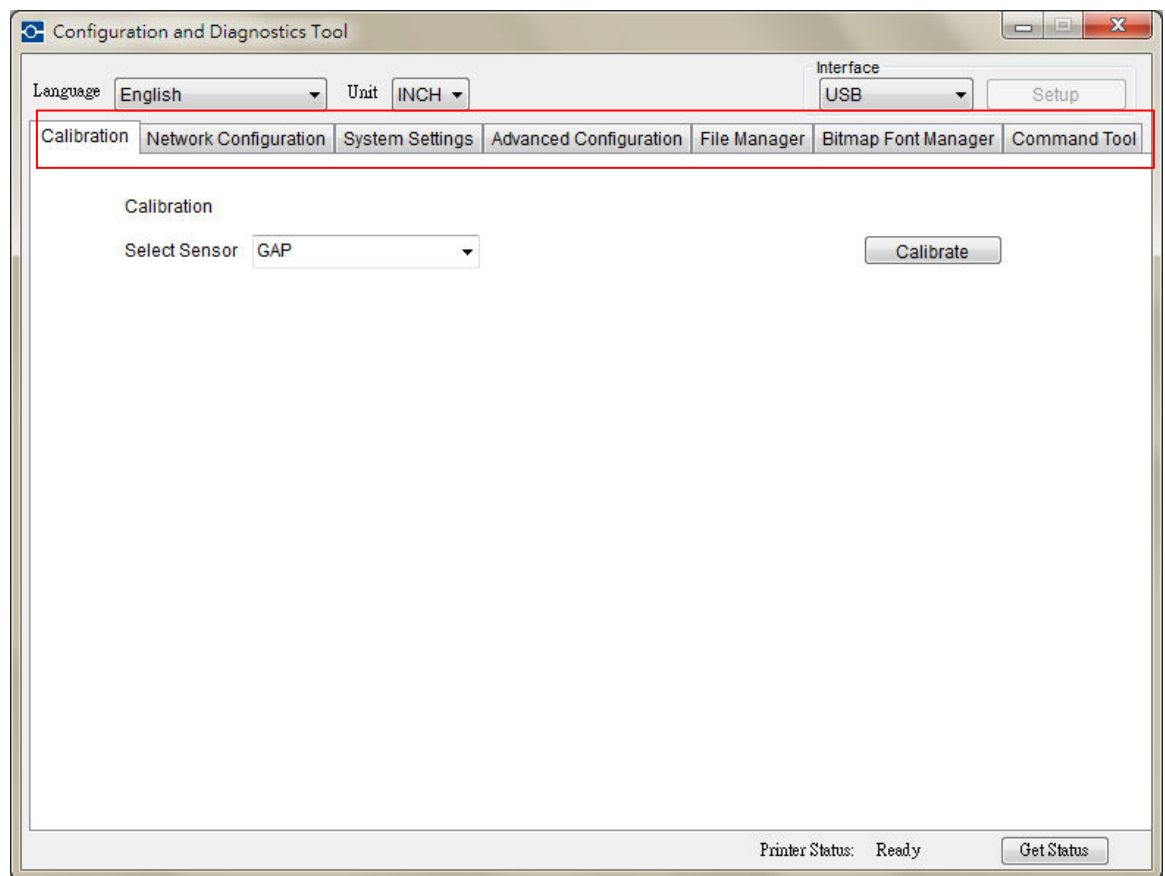
- Default setting is USB interface. No further setting is required.
- If RS-232 port is selected, further setup is required to select the serial port, baud rate, parity check, data bits, stop bit and flow control.



- If Ethernet is selected, need to select the bar code printer.



3. There are 7 features included in the *Diagnostic* utility.



- **Calibration:**  
This feature uses to calibrate the media sensor.

#### Calibration

Select Sensor GAP ▼ Calibrate

GAP  
 Black Mark  
 Continuous  
 Auto Selection

- **Network Configuration:**  
This feature uses to setup the IP address, subnet mask, gateway for the on board Ethernet

Network Configuration

☒ Static IP Address

☐ Dynamic IP Address

IP Address

Subnet Mask

Gateway

Set

- **System Settings:**  
This feature uses to setup the RTC, Initialize the printer, reboot printer, print a test page or print printer configuration.

Clock Configuration

YYYY
MM
DD

HH
MM

Set

General Options

Factory Default
Reset Printer
Print Test Page
Print Config Page

- **Advanced configuration:**  
This feature uses to explore/configure the printer settings. The common setting tab includes the settings that commonly used for TSPL/EPL2/ZPL/DPL printer languages.

**Printer Function**

- Advanced Calibration
- Dump Text
- Ignore AUTO.BAS
- Exit Line Mode
- Password Setup

**Printer Information**

Version:  Cutting Counter:

Serial No:  Mileage:  Km

Check Sum:

Common **Z** ☐ **D** ☐

Speed	<input type="text"/>	Code Page	<input type="text"/>
Density	<input type="text"/>	Maximum Length	0.00 mm
Paper Width	0.00 mm	Reference	<input type="text"/>
Paper Height	0.00 mm	Direction	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Media Sensor	<input type="text"/>	Offset	<input type="text"/>
Gap	0.00 mm	Shift X	<input type="text"/>
Gap Offset	0.00 mm	Shift Y	<input type="text"/>
Post-Print Action	<input type="text"/>	Country Code	<input type="text"/>
Cut Piece	<input type="text"/>	Head-up Sensor	<input type="text"/>
Gap Inten.	<input type="text"/>	Reprint After Error	<input type="text"/>
Blint Inten.	<input type="text"/>	Ribbon	<input type="text"/>
Continuous Inten.	<input type="text"/>	Ribbon Sensor	<input type="text"/>
Threshold Detection	<input type="text"/>	Ribbon Encoder Err.	<input type="text"/>

Clear Load Save Set Get

#### ■ File Manager:

File manager feature is to help users to generate the file header, download the file into printer, explore what files are downloaded in printer memory and delete all files in the memory.

**File Download**

File Type:

Browse

File Name:

File Size:  Bytes

Memory Device: **FLASH**

Download

**File Information**

Memory Device

☐ DRAM ☒ FLASH ☐ CARD

Physical Space:  KB

Free Space:  KB

Delete

Get

**File Format**

Memory Device

☐ DRAM ☒ FLASH ☐ CARD

Format

#### ■ Bitmap Font Manager:

Bitmap font manager is used to convert the selected TTF font into printer format bitmap font. Both fixed pitch and variable pitch bitmap font are supported.

<b>Font Select</b> Font Encode: <input type="text" value="Standard Encode"/> Font Pitch: <input type="text" value="Variable Pitch"/> Printer Device: <input type="text" value="FLASH"/>		<b>Standard Encode</b> Font Mapping: <input type="text" value="Standard Mapping"/> Character Start ASCII: <input type="text" value="32"/> Character End ASCII: <input type="text" value="127"/>	
Windows Font Name: <input type="text" value="Arial"/> Font Size: <input type="text" value="10"/> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 30px; margin: 5px;"></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end; gap: 10px;"> <input type="button" value="Select Font"/>  <input type="button" value="Preview Font"/> </div>		<b>Asian Font Encode</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Traditional Chinese <input type="radio"/> Simplified Chinese <input type="radio"/> Korean <input type="radio"/> Japanese	
Printer Font Name: <input type="text" value="FONT001"/> Font Width: <input type="text" value="12"/> Font Height: <input type="text" value="16"/> Italic Width: <input type="text" value="0"/> Pitch Fine Tuning: <input type="text" value="0"/>		<b>Encode by Table</b> <input type="checkbox"/> By File <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 100px; margin: 5px;"></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input type="button" value="Load"/> <input type="button" value="Save"/> </div>	
		<input type="button" value="Save Font"/> <input type="button" value="Download Font"/>	

■ **Command Tool:**

The additional features that are not yet supported in the Diagnostic Utility can be achieved by sending out printer commands to printer from the Command Tool.

Specify the editor and enter the commands in the editor. Please be reminded to hit the PC keyboard Enter key at the end of each command line. Click the “Send” button to send out the commands in the specified editor to printer. You can also send a command file by clicking “Send File” button.

Editor  

☒ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

☐ 4

☐ 5

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☐ 8

☐ 9

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☐ 11

☐ 12



## Install SD Memory Card

1. Open the SD memory card cover.



2. Insert the SD card until it is fully seated. Close the memory card cover.



## CHAPTER 4 LED and Button Functions

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This printer has six buttons and one three-color LED indicator. By the button when the LED indicates a different color, the printer can be set to feed labels, pause the printing job, select and calibrate the media sensor, print a printer self-test report, reset the printer to defaults (initialization). See the following button operation descriptions for functions.

### LED Indicator

LED Color	Description
Green/ Solid	Illuminates when power is on and the device is ready to use.
Green/ Flash	Illuminates when the system is downloading data from PC to memory or the printer is paused.
Amber	Illuminates when the system is clearing data from printer.
Red / Solid	Illuminates when the printer head is open, or a cutter error.
Red / Flash	Illuminates when there is a printing error, such as head open, paper empty, paper jam, ribbon empty, or memory error etc.

### Regular Button Function

- **Feed button**
  - Feed one label when the printer on ready mode
  - Pause/Resume the printing process
  - Press the button to enter/select cursor located item from a menu
- **Menu button**
  - Enter the menu
  - Exit from a menu or cancel a setting and return to the previous menu
- **Navigation button**
  - Scroll the menu list

## Power on Utilities

There are six power-on utilities to set up and test printer hardware. These utilities are activated by pressing **FEED**, then turning on the printer power simultaneously and releasing the button at a different LED color.

**Follow these steps for various power-on utilities:**

1. Turn off the power switch.
2. Hold the **Feed** button down, then turn the power switch **ON**.
3. Release the button when LED indicates a color for a different function.

Power on Utilities	LED color changes as follows:						
LED Color	Amber	Red (5 blinks)	Amber (5 blinks)	Green (5 blinks)	Green/Amber (5 blinks)	Red/Amber (5 blinks)	Solid green
<b>Functions</b>							
1. Ribbon Sensor Calibration and Gap / black mark sensor calibration		Release					
2. Gap / black mark sensor calibration, Self-test and enter dump mode			Release				
3. Printer initialization				Release			
4. Set black mark sensor as media sensor and calibrate the black mark sensor					Release		
5. Set gap sensor as media sensor and calibrate the gap sensor						Release	
6. Skip AUTO.BAS							Release

### ***Ribbon and Gap/Black Mark Sensor Calibration***

Calibrate gap/black mark sensor sensitivity at the following conditions:

- New printer
- Change label stock
- Printer initialization

#### ***Follow these steps to calibrate the ribbon and gap/black mark sensor:***

1. Turn off the power switch.
2. Hold the **Feed** button down, then turn the power switch **ON**.
3. Release the button when LED turns **red** and blinks. (Any time during the 5 blinks).
  - The ribbon sensor and gap/black mark sensor sensitivity will be calibrated.
  - The LED color will change in the following order:
    - **Amber** → **Red** (5 blinks) → **Amber** (5 blinks) → **Green** (5 blinks) → **Green/Amber** (5 blinks) → **Red/Amber** (5 blinks) → **Solid Green**

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**Note:** Select gap or black mark sensor by sending GAP or BLINE command to the printer before calibrating the sensor.

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## Gap/Black Mark Calibration, Self-test and Dump Mode

While calibrating the gap/black mark sensor, the printer will measure the label length, print the internal configuration (self-test) on a label and then enter the dump mode. Calibrating the gap or black mark sensor depends on the sensor setting in the last print job.

### To calibrate the sensor:

1. Turn off the power switch.
2. Hold the **Feed** button down, then turn the power switch **ON**.
3. Release the button when LED turns **amber** and blinks (any time during the 5 blinks).

The LED color will change in the following sequence:

- **Amber** → **Red** (5 blinks) → **Amber** (5 blinks) → **Green** (5 blinks) → **Green/Amber** (5 blinks) → **Red/Amber** (5 blinks) → **Solid Green**
4. The printer calibrates the sensor, measures the label length and prints internal settings then enters the dump mode.

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**Note:** Select gap or black mark sensor by sending GAP or BLINE command to the printer before calibrating the sensor.

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## Self-Test

The printer will print the printer configuration after a gap/black mark sensor calibration. The self-test printout can be used to check if there is any dot damage on the heater element, printer configurations and available memory space.

Self-test printout	
<div><div>----- SYSTEM INFORMATION ----- MODEL: XXXXXX FIRMWARE: X.XX CHECKSUM: XXXXXXXX S/N: XXXXXXXXXXXX TCF: NO DATE: 1970/01/01 TIME: 00:04:18 NON-RESET: 110 m (TPH) <input type="text"/> RESET: 110 m (TPH) <input type="text"/> NON-RESET: 0 (CUT) <input type="text"/> RESET: 0 (CUT) <input type="text"/> -----</div><div>Model name F/W version Firmware checksum Printer S/N Configuration file System date System time Printed mileage (meter) Cutting counter</div></div>	

----- PRINTING SETTING -----		
SPEED: 5 IPS		Print speed (inch/sec)
DENSITY: 8.0		Print darkness
WIDTH: 4.00 INCH		Label size (inch)
HEIGHT: 4.00 INCH		Gap distance (inch)
GAP: 0.00 INCH		Gap/black mark sensor intension
INTENSION: 5		Code page
CODEPAGE: 850		Country code
COUNTRY: 001		
-----		
----- Z SETTING -----		ZPL setting information
DARKNESS: 16.0		Print darkness
SPEED: 4 IPS		Print speed (inch/sec)
WIDTH: 4.00 INCH		Label size
TILDE: 7EH (~)		Control prefix
CARET: 5EH (^)		Format prefix
DELIMITER: 2CH (,)		Delimiter prefix
POWER UP: NO MOTION		Printer power up motion
HEAD CLOSE: NO MOTION		Printer head close motion
-----		
----- RS232 SETTING -----		
BAUD: 9600	}	RS232 serial port configuration
PARITY: NONE		
DATA BIT: 8		
STOP BIT: 1		
-----		
----- DRAM FILE (0 FILES) -----		Numbers of download files Total & available memory space
PHYSICAL XXXX KBYTES		
AVAILABLE XXXX KBYTES		
-----		
----- FLASH FILE (0 FILES) -----		
PHYSICAL XXXX KBYTES	}	
AVAILABLE XXXX KBYTES		
-----		
		Print head check pattern

**Note:**  
ZPL is emulating for Zebra® language.

## Dump Mode

The printer enters dump mode after printing the printer configuration. In the dump mode, all characters are printed in 2 columns as shown. The ASCII characters are received from your system and right side data shows the corresponding hexadecimal value of the characters. It allows users or engineers to verify and debug the program.

ASCII Data

SPEED 2.0	53	50	45	45	44	20	32	2E	30	0D
DENSITY 8	0A	44	45	4E	53	49	54	59	20	38
SET PEEL	0D	0A	53	45	54	20	50	45	45	4C
OFF DIRE	20	4F	46	46	0D	0A	44	49	52	45
CTION 0	43	54	49	4F	4E	20	30	0D	0A	47
AP 3.00 mm	41	50	20	33	2E	30	30	20	6D	6D
, 0.00 mm	2C	30	2E	30	30	20	6D	6D	0D	0A
REFERENCE	52	45	46	46	52	45	4E	43	45	20
0.0 SET C	30	2C	30	0D	0A	53	45	54	20	43
UTTER OFF	55	54	54	45	52	20	4F	46	46	0D
SIZE 100.	0A	53	49	5A	45	20	31	30	30	2E
02 mm, 65.0	30	32	20	6D	6D	2C	36	35	2E	30
4 mm, 0.5	34	20	6D	6D	0D	0A	43	4C	53	0D
BARCODE 1	0A	42	41	52	43	4F	44	45	20	31
44, 149, "39	34	34	2C	31	34	39	2C	22	33	39
, 120, 1.0,	22	2C	31	32	30	2C	31	2C	30	2C
2.6, "57114	32	2C	36	2C	22	35	37	31	31	34
38T" PRIN	33	38	54	22	0D	0A	50	52	49	4E
T 1, 1 SPE	54	20	31	2C	31	0D	0A	53	50	46
ED 2.0 DE	45	44	20	32	2E	30	0D	0A	44	46
NSITY 8 5	4E	53	49	54	59	20	38	0D	0A	53
ET PEEL OF	45	54	20	50	45	45	4C	20	4F	46
F DIRECTI	46	0D	0A	44	49	52	45	43	54	49
ON 0 GAP	4F	4E	20	30	0D	0A	47	41	50	20
3.00 mm, 0.	33	2E	30	30	20	6D	6D	2C	30	2E
00 mm REF	30	30	20	6D	6D	0D	0A	52	45	46
ERENCE 0.0	45	52	45	4E	43	45	20	30	2C	30
SET CUTT	0D	0A	53	45	54	20	43	55	54	54
ER OFF SI	45	52	20	4F	46	46	0D	0A	53	49
ZE 100.02	5A	45	20	31	30	30	2E	30	32	20
mm, 65.04 m	6D	6D	2C	36	35	2E	30	34	20	6D
m, 0.5 BA	6D	0D	0A	43	4C	53	0D	0A	42	41
RGODE 144.	52	43	4F	44	45	20	31	34	34	2C
149, "39", 1	31	34	39	2C	22	33	39	22	2C	31
20, 1.0, 2.6	32	30	2C	31	2C	30	2C	32	2C	30
, "5711438T	2C	22	35	37	31	31	34	33	38	64
" PRINT 1	22	0D	0A	50	52	49	4E	54	20	31
, 1	2C	31	0D	0A						

Hex decimal data related to left column of ASCII data

### Notes:

- 1. Dump mode requires 4" wide paper width.
- 2. Turn off / on the power to resume printer for normal printing.
- 3. Press FEED button to go back to the previous menu.

### ***Printer Initialization***

Printer initialization is used to clear DRAM and restore printer settings to defaults. The only exception is ribbon sensitivity, which will not be restored to default.

#### ***To activate Printer initialization:***

1. Turn off the power switch.
2. Hold the **Feed** button down, then turn the power switch **ON**.
3. Release the button when the LED turns **green** after 5 amber blinks. (Any time during the 5 blinks).

The LED color changes as follows:

- **Amber** → **Red** (5 blinks) → **Amber** (5 blinks) → **Green** (5 blinks) → **Green/Amber** (5 blinks) → **Red/Amber** (5 blinks) → **Solid Green**



### ***Set Black Mark Sensor as Media Sensor and Calibrate the Black Mark Sensor***

#### ***To set Black Mark Sensor:***

1. Turn off the power switch.
2. Hold the **Feed** button down, then turn the power switch **ON**.
3. Release the ONbutton when LED turns **green/amber** after 5 green blinks.  
(Any green/amber will do during the 5 blinks).

The LED color changes as follows:

- **Amber** → **Red** (5 blinks) → **Amber** (5 blinks) → **Green** (5 blinks) → **Green/Amber** (5 blinks) → **Red/Amber** (5 blinks) → **Solid Green**

### ***Set Gap Sensor as Media Sensor and Calibrate the Gap Sensor***

#### ***To set Gap Sensor:***

1. Turn off the power switch.
2. Hold the **Feed** button down, then turn the power switch **ON**.
3. Release the button when LED turns **red/amber** after 5 green/amber blinks (any time during the 5 blinks).

The LED color changes as follows:

- **Amber** → **Red** (5 blinks) → **Amber** (5 blinks) → **Green** (5 blinks) → **Green/Amber** (5 blinks) → **Red/Amber** (5 blinks) → **Solid Green**

### ***Skip AUTO.BAS***

TSPL2 programming language lets users download an auto execution file to flash memory. The printer will run the AUTO.BAS program immediately when printer power is turned on. The AUTO.BAS program can be interrupted without using the power-on utility to run the program.

#### ***To skip an AUTO.BAS program:***

1. Turn off printer power.
2. Press the FEED button and then turn on power.
3. Release the FEED button when LED turns **solid green**.

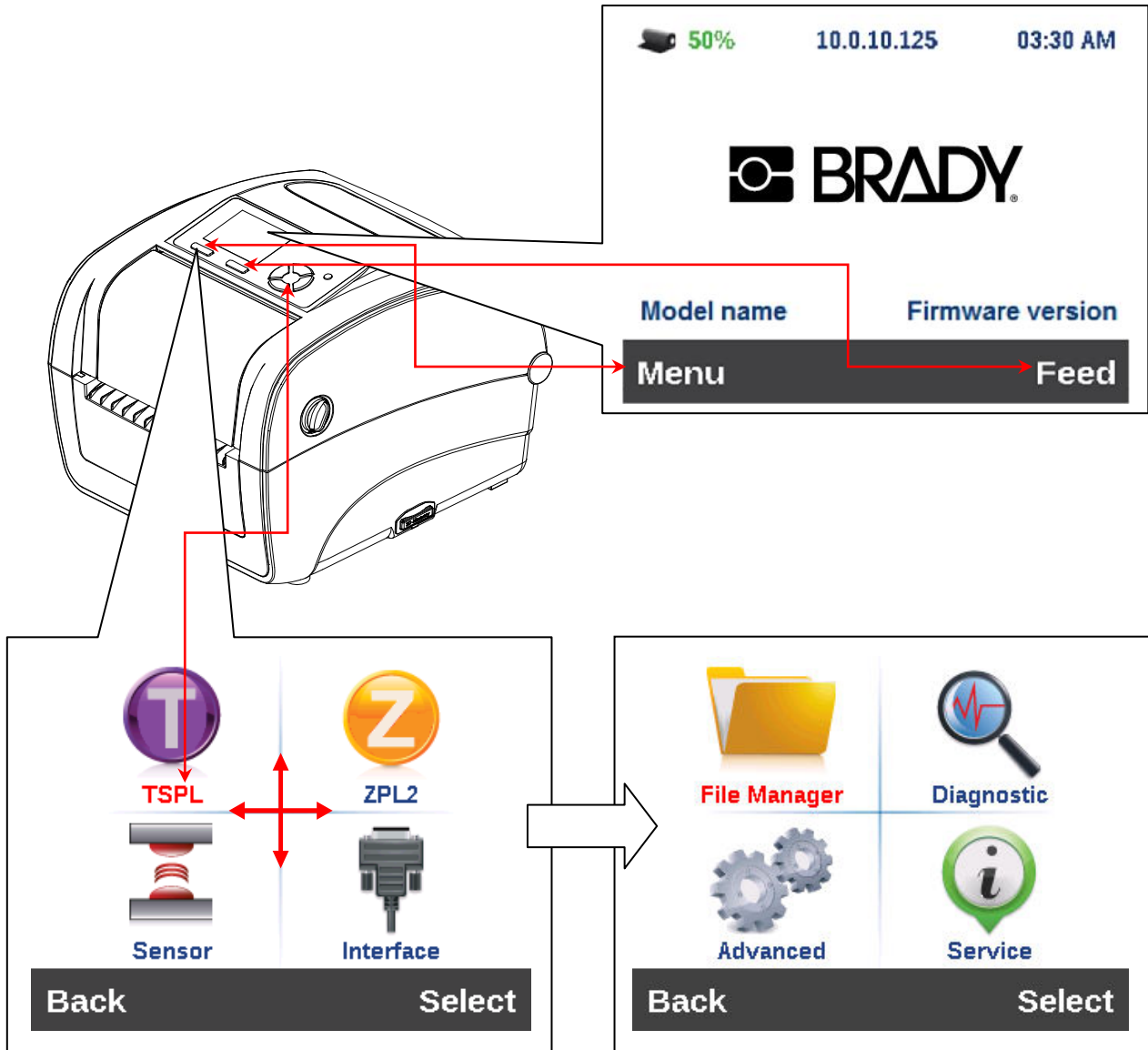
The LED color changes as follows:

- **Amber** → **Red** (5 blinks) → **Amber** (5 blinks) → **Green** (5 blinks) → **Green/Amber** (5 blinks) → **Red/Amber** (5 blinks) → **Solid Green**
4. Printer will be interrupted to run the AUTO.BAS program.

## CHAPTER 5 LCD Menu Function

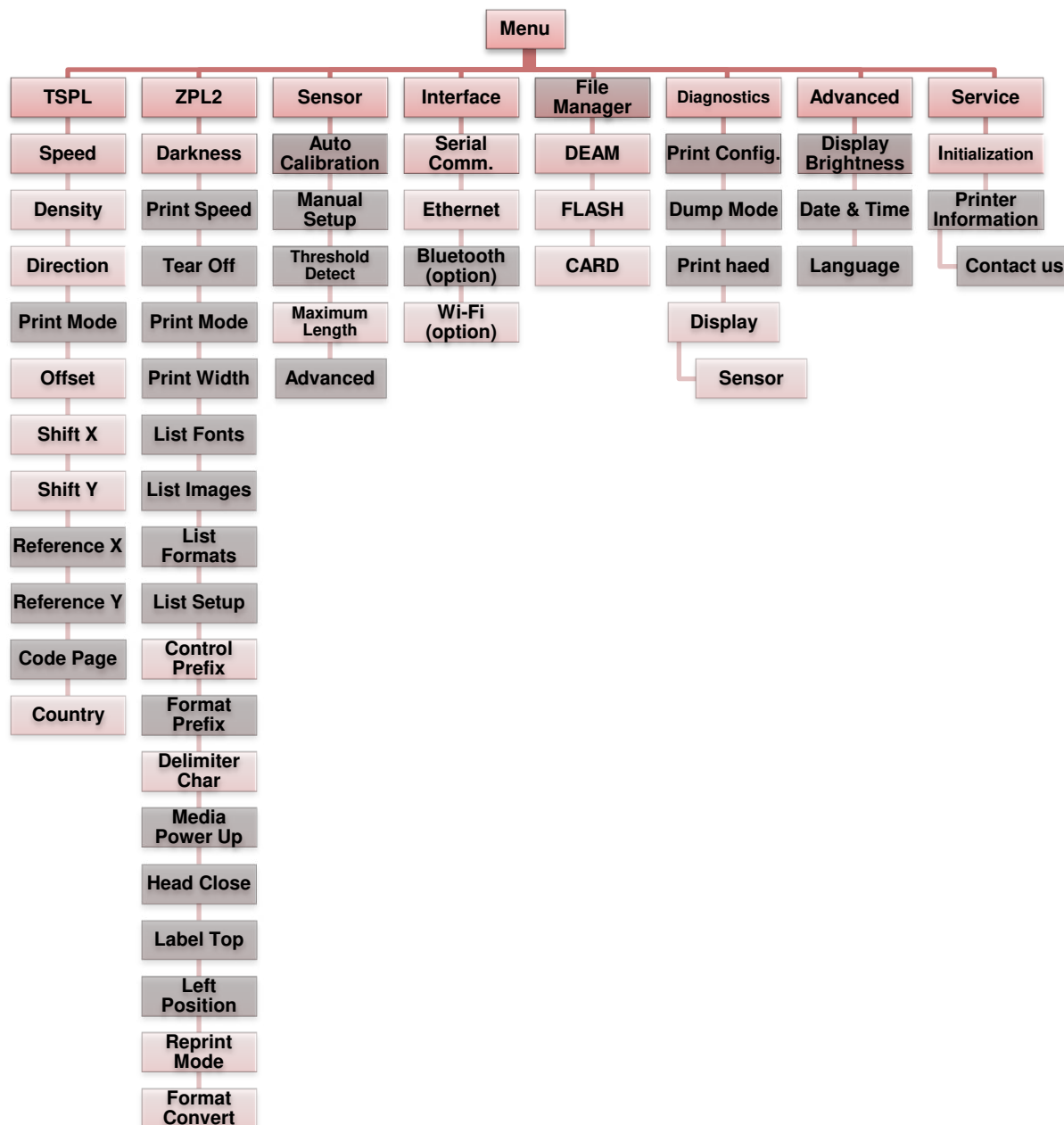
### Enter the Menu

Press the “Menu” button to enter the main menu. Use the navigation button to scroll the item on main menu. The selected item will turn red. Press the “Feed” button to enter the setting list.



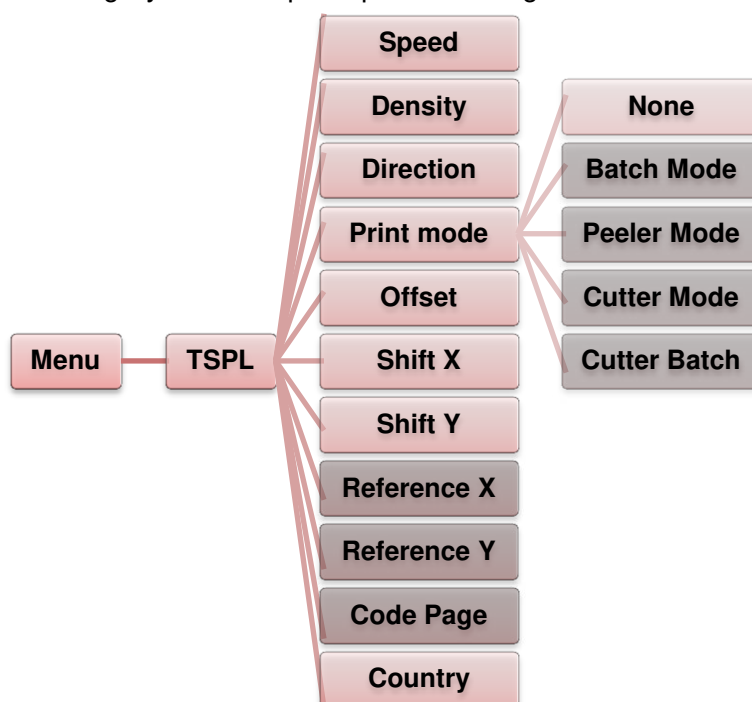
## Main Menu Overview

There are 8 categories for the main menu. You can easy to set the settings of printer without connecting the computer. Please refer to following sections for more details.



## TSPL2

This “TSPL2” category can set up the printer settings for TSPL2.



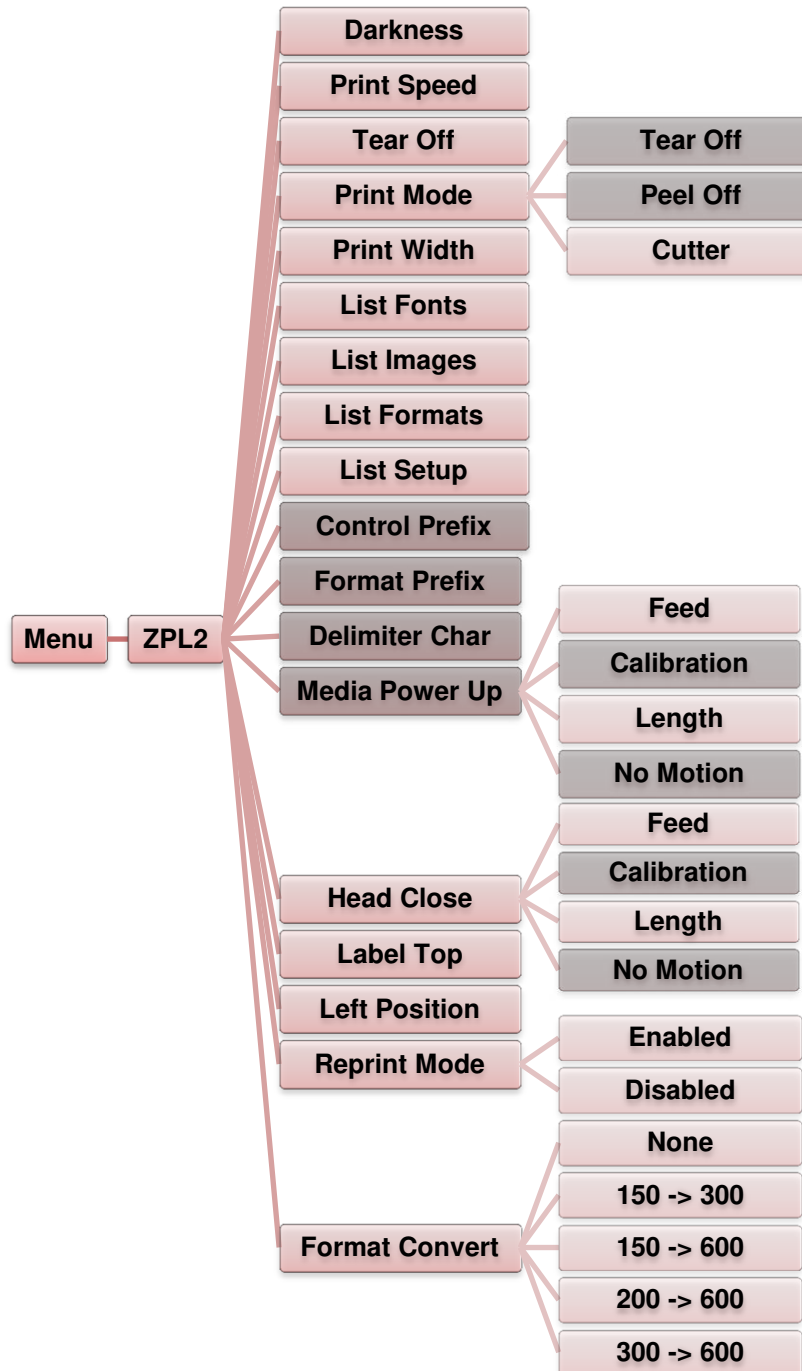
Item	Description	Default				
Speed	Use this item to setup print speed.	5				
Density	Use this option to setup printing darkness. The available setting is from 0 to 15, and the step is 1. You may need to adjust your density based on selected media.	8				
Direction	<div><p>The direction setting value is either 1 or 0. Use this item to setup the printout direction.</p><table><tr><td>DIRECTION 0</td><td>DIRECTION 1</td></tr><tr><td><div>Direction</div></td><td><div>Direction</div></td></tr></table></div>	DIRECTION 0	DIRECTION 1	<div>Direction</div>	<div>Direction</div>	0
DIRECTION 0	DIRECTION 1					
<div>Direction</div>	<div>Direction</div>					
Print mode	<div><p>This item is used to set the print mode. There are 5 modes as below,</p><table><tr><th>Printer Mode</th><th>Description</th></tr><tr><td>None</td><td>Next label top of form is aligned to the print head burn line location. (Tear Off Mode)</td></tr></table></div>	Printer Mode	Description	None	Next label top of form is aligned to the print head burn line location. (Tear Off Mode)	Batch Mode
Printer Mode	Description					
None	Next label top of form is aligned to the print head burn line location. (Tear Off Mode)					

	Batch Mode	Once image is printed completely, label gap/black mark will be fed to the tear plate location for tear away.	
	Peeler Mode	Enable the label peel off mode.	
	Cutter Mode	Enable the label cutter mode.	
	Cutter Batch	Cut the label once at the end of the printing job.	
<b>Offset</b>	This item is used to fine tune media stop location. Available setting value is from “+” to “-” or “0” to “9”.		<b>+000</b>
<b>Shift X</b>	This item is used to fine tune print position. Available setting value is from “+” to “-” or “0” to “9”.		<b>+000</b>
<b>Shift Y</b>			<b>+000</b>
<b>Reference X</b>	This item is used to set the origin of printer coordinate system horizontally and vertically. Available setting value is from “0” to “9”.		<b>000</b>
<b>Reference Y</b>			<b>000</b>
<b>Code page</b>	Use this item to set the code page of international character set.		<b>850</b>
<b>Country</b>	Use this option to set the country code.		<b>001</b>

***Note: If printing from enclosed software/driver, the software/driver will send out the commands, which will overwrite the settings set from the panel.***

## ZPL2

This “ZPL2” category can set up the printer settings for ZPL2.



Item	Description	Default										
Darkness	Use this item to setup printing darkness. The available setting is from 0 to 30, and the step is 1. You may need to adjust your density based on selected media.	16										
Print Speed	Use this item to setup print speed. The increase or decrease is 1 ips. Available setting is from 2 to 6.	4 (300dpi)										
Tear Off	This item is used to fine tune media stop location. Available setting value is from “+” to “-” or “0” to “9”.	+000										
Print mode	<div>This item is used to set the print mode. There are 3 modes as below,<table><tr><th>Printer Mode</th><th>Description</th></tr><tr><td>Tear Off</td><td>Next label top of form is aligned to the print head burn line location.</td></tr><tr><td>Peeler Off</td><td>Enable the label peel off mode.</td></tr><tr><td>Cutter</td><td>Enable the label cutter mode</td></tr></table></div>	Printer Mode	Description	Tear Off	Next label top of form is aligned to the print head burn line location.	Peeler Off	Enable the label peel off mode.	Cutter	Enable the label cutter mode	Tear Off		
Printer Mode	Description											
Tear Off	Next label top of form is aligned to the print head burn line location.											
Peeler Off	Enable the label peel off mode.											
Cutter	Enable the label cutter mode											
Print Width	This item is used to set print width. The available value is from “0” to “9”.	812 dot										
List Fonts	This feature is used to print current printer available fonts list to the label. The fonts stored in the printer’s DRAM, Flash or optional memory card.	N/A										
List Images	This feature is used to print current printer available images list to the label. The images stored in the printer’s DRAM, Flash or optional memory card.	N/A										
List Formats	This feature is used to print current printer available formats list to the label. The formats stored in the printer’s DRAM, Flash or optional memory card.	N/A										
List Setup	This feature is used to print current printer configuration to the label.	N/A										
Control Prefix	This feature is used to set control prefix character.	N/A										
Format Prefix	This feature is used to set format prefix character.	N/A										
Delimiter Char	This feature is used to set delimiter character.	N/A										
Media Power Up	<div>This option is used to set the action of the media when you turn on the printer.<table><tr><th>Selections</th><th>Description</th></tr><tr><td>Feed</td><td>Printer will advance one label</td></tr><tr><td>Calibration</td><td>Printer will calibration the sensor levels, determine length and feed label</td></tr><tr><td>Length</td><td>Printer determine length and feed label</td></tr><tr><td>No Motion</td><td>Printer will not move media</td></tr></table></div>	Selections	Description	Feed	Printer will advance one label	Calibration	Printer will calibration the sensor levels, determine length and feed label	Length	Printer determine length and feed label	No Motion	Printer will not move media	No Motion
Selections	Description											
Feed	Printer will advance one label											
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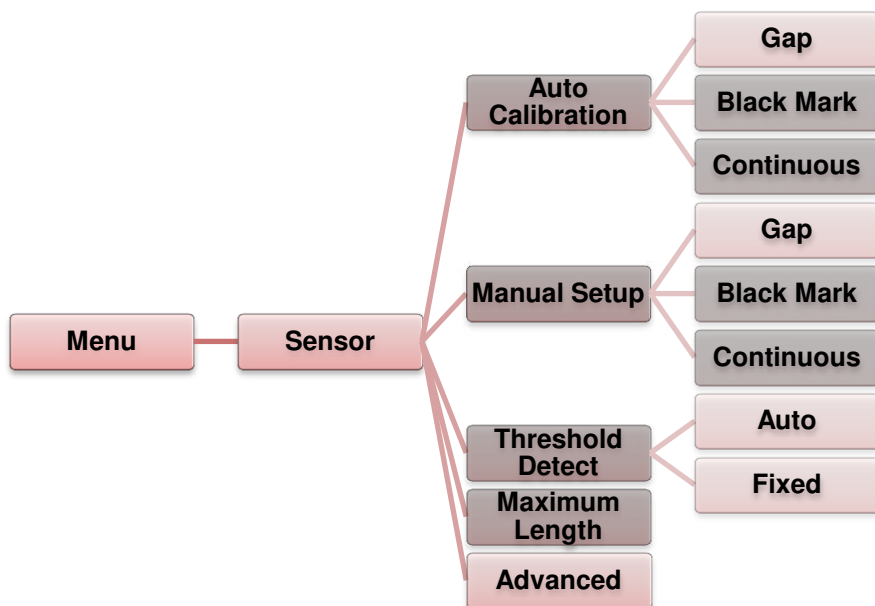


<b>Head Close</b>	This option is used to set the action of the media when you close the print head.		<b>No Motion</b>
	Selections	Description	
	Feed	Printer will advance one label	
	Calibration	Printer will calibration the sensor levels, determine length and feed label	
	Length	Printer determine length and feed label	
	No Motion	Printer will not move media	
<b>Label Top</b>	This option is used to adjust print position vertically on the label. The range is -120 to +120 dots.		<b>0</b>
<b>Left Position</b>	This option is used to adjust print position horizontally on the label. The range is -9999 to +9999 dots.		<b>+0000</b>
<b>Reprint Mode</b>	When reprint mode is enabled, you can reprint the last label printer by pressing “UP” button on printer’s control panel.		<b>Disabled</b>
<b>Format Convert</b>	Selects the bitmap scaling factor. The first number is the original dots per inch (dpi) value; the second, the dpi to which you would like to scale.		<b>None</b>

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## Sensor

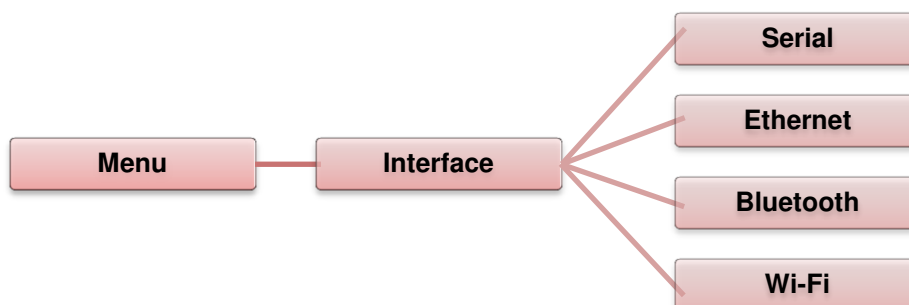
This option is used to calibrate the selected sensor. We recommend calibrate the sensor before printing when changing the media.



Item	Description	Default
<b>Auto Calibration</b>	Printer will feed 2 to 3 gap labels to calibrate the sensor sensitivity automatically.	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Manual Setup</b>	In case “Auto calibration” cannot apply to the media, please use “Manual setup” function to calibrate the sensor sensitivity.	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Threshold Detect</b>	This option is used to set sensor sensitivity in fixed or auto.	<b>Auto</b>
<b>Maximum Length</b>	This option is used to set the maximum length for label calibration.	<b>253mm</b>
<b>Advanced</b>	This function can set the minimum paper length and maximum gap/bline length for auto-calibrate the sensor sensitivity.	<b>OFF</b>

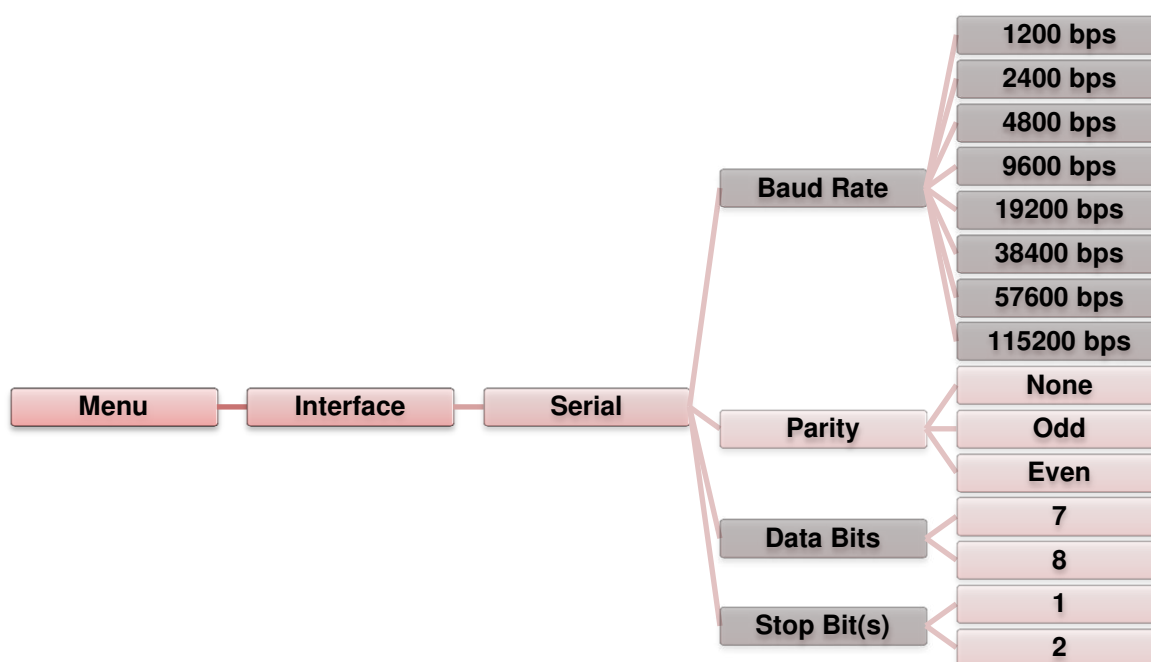
## Interface

This option is used to set the printer interface settings.



### Serial Comm.

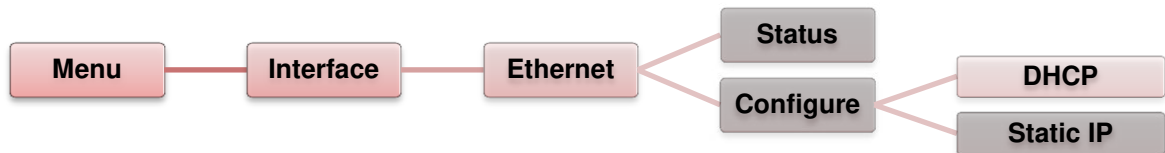
This option is used to set the printer RS-232 settings.



Item	Description	Default
<b>Baud Rate</b>	This item is used to set the RS-232 baud rate.	<b>9600</b>
<b>Parity</b>	This item is used to set the RS-232 parity.	<b>None</b>
<b>Data Bits</b>	This item is used to set the RS-232 Data Bits.	<b>8</b>
<b>Stop Bit(s)</b>	This item is used to set the RS-232 Stop Bits.	<b>1</b>

## Ethernet

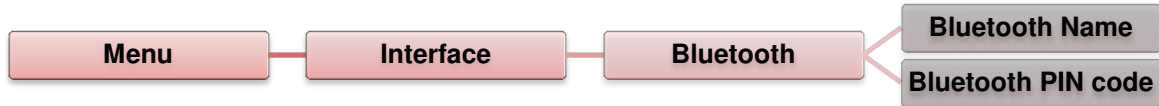
Use this menu to configure internal Ethernet configuration check the printer's Ethernet module status, and reset the Ethernet module.



Item	Description	Default
Status	Use this menu to check the Ethernet IP address and MAC setting status.	N/A
DHCP	This item is used to ON or OFF the DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) network protocol.	N/A
Static IP	Use this menu to set the printer's IP address, subnet mask and gateway.	ON

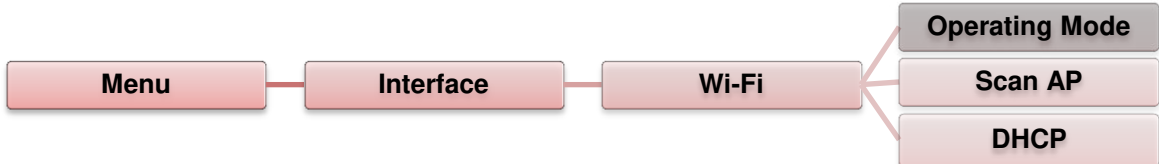
### Bluetooth (Option)

This option is used to set the printer bluetooth settings.



Item	Description	Default
<b>Bluetooth Name</b>	This item is used to set the local name for Bluetooth.	<b>BT-SPP</b>
<b>Bluetooth PIN Code</b>	This item is used to set the local PIN code for Bluetooth.	<b>0000</b>

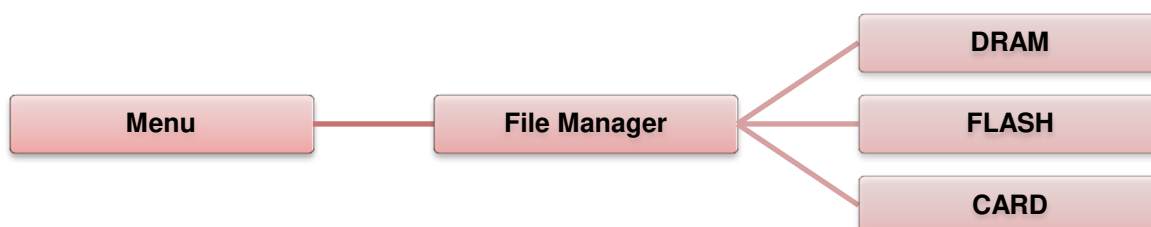
### Wi-Fi (Option)



Item	Description	Default
<b>Operating</b>	This item is used to set the operating mode of wireless local area networks to connect devices to the networks.  <b>Note:</b> <b>Infrastructure mode requires the use of an access point for this communication to take place.</b> <b>Ad hoc mode involves connecting a computer directly to another computer.</b>	<b>Infrastructure</b>
<b>Scan AP</b>	This item is used to scan the access point device	<b>N/A</b>
<b>DHCP</b>	This item is used to ON or OFF the DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) network protocol.	<b>ON</b>

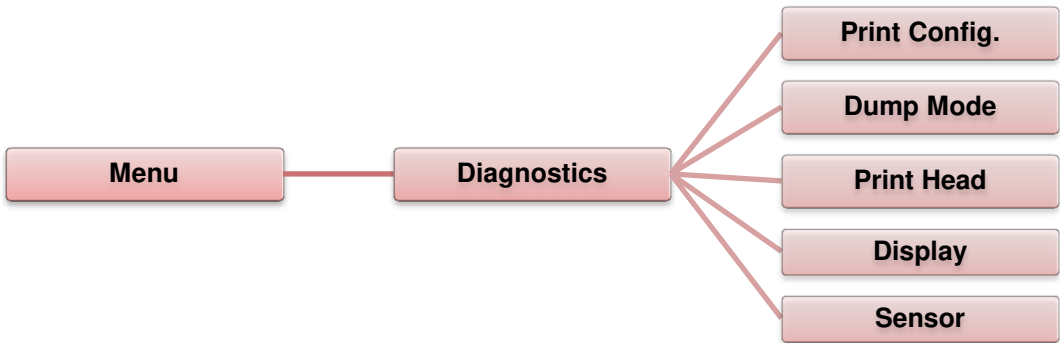
## File Manager

This feature is used to check the printer available memory and file list.



Item	Description
<b>DRAM</b>	Use this menu to show, delete and run (.BAS) the files saved in the printer DRAM memory.
<b>FLASH</b>	Use this menu to show, delete and run (.BAS) the files saved in the printer Flash memory.
<b>CARD</b>	Use this menu to show, delete and run (.BAS) the files saved in the printer Card memory.

# Diagnostics



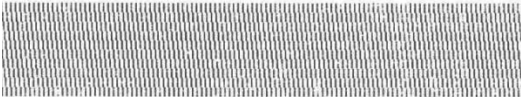
## Print Config.

This feature is used to print current printer configuration to the label. On the configuration printout, there is a print head test pattern, which is useful for checking if there is any dot damage on the print head heater element.



## Self-test printout

SYSTEM INFORMATION		
MODEL: xxxxxx		Model name
FIRMWARE: x.xx		F/W version
CHECKSUM: xxxxxxxx		Firmware checksum
S/N: xxxxxxxxxxxx		Printer S/N
TCF: NO		Configuration file
DATE: 1970/01/01		System date
TIME: 00:04:18		System time
NON-RESET: 110	m (TPH)	Printed mileage (meter)
RESET: 110	m (TPH)	
NON-RESET: 0	(CUT)	Cutting counter
RESET: 0	(CUT)	
PRINTING SETTING		
SPEED: 5 IPS		Print speed (inch/sec)
DENSITY: 8.0		Print darkness
WIDTH: 4.00 INCH		Label size (inch)
HEIGHT: 4.00 INCH		Gap distance (inch)
GAP: 0.00 INCH		Gap/black mark sensor
INTENSION: 5		intension
CODEPAGE: 850		Code page
COUNTRY: 001		Country code

<pre> -----       Z SETTING ----- DARKNESS: 16.0 SPEED: 4 IPS WIDTH: 4.00 INCH TILDE: 7EH (~)        CARET: 5EH (^) DELIMITER: 2CH (,) POWER UP: NO MOTION HEAD CLOSE: NO MOTION ----- </pre>	<p>ZPL setting information</p> <p>Print darkness</p> <p>Print speed (inch/sec)</p> <p>Label size</p> <p>Control prefix</p> <p>Format prefix</p> <p>Delimiter prefix</p> <p>Printer power up motion</p> <p>Printer head close motion</p>
<pre> -----       RS232 SETTING -----       BAUD: 9600       PARITY: NONE DATA BIT: 8 STOP BIT: 1 ----- </pre>	<p>RS232 serial port configuration</p>
<pre> -----       DRAM FILE (0 FILES) -----       PHYSICAL   XXXX KBYTES AVAILABLE      XXXX KBYTES -----        FLASH FILE (0 FILES) -----       PHYSICAL   XXXX KBYTES AVAILABLE      XXXX KBYTES ----- </pre>	<p>Numbers of download files</p> <p>Total &amp; available memory space</p>
	<p>Print head check pattern</p>

**Note:**  
*Checking dot damage requires 4" wide paper width.*



## Dump Mode

Captures the data from the communications port and prints out the data received by printer. In the dump mode, all characters will be printed in 2 columns. The left side characters are received from your system and right side data are the corresponding hexadecimal value of the characters. It allows users or engineers to verify and debug the program.



DOWNLOA	0D	0A	44	4F	57	4E	4C	4F	4I
D „TEST2.	44	20	22	54	45	53	54	32	2E
DAT“,5,CL	44	41	54	22	2C	35	2C	43	4C
S DOWNLO	53	0D	0A	44	4F	57	4E	4C	4F
AD F,“TES	41	44	20	46	2C	22	54	45	53
T4.DAT“,5	54	34	2E	44	41	54	22	2C	35
,CLS DOW	2C	43	4C	53	0D	0A	44	4F	57
NLOAD „TE	4E	4C	4F	41	44	20	22	54	45
ST2.DAT“,	53	54	32	2E	44	41	54	22	2C
5,CLS DO	35	2C	43	4C	53	0D	0A	44	4F
WNLOAD F,	57	4E	4C	4F	41	44	20	46	2C
„TEST4.DA	22	54	45	53	54	34	2E	44	41
T“,5,CLS	54	22	2C	35	2C	43	4C	53	0D
DOWNLOAD	0A	44	4F	57	4E	4C	4F	41	44
“TEST2.D	20	22	54	45	53	54	32	2E	44
AT“,5,CLS	41	54	22	2C	35	2C	43	4C	53
DOWNLOA	0D	0A	44	4F	57	4E	4C	4F	4I
D F,“TEST	44	20	46	2C	22	54	45	53	54
4.DAT“,5,	34	2E	44	41	54	22	2C	35	2C
CLS	43	4C	53	0D	0A				

**ASCII Data**

**Hexadecimal data related to left column of ASCII data**

**Note:**  
*Dump mode requires 4" wide paper width.*

### ***Print Head***

This feature is used to check print head's temperature, resistance and bad dots.



### ***Display***

This feature is used to check LCD's color state.



## Advanced

This feature is used to set the printer LCD settings.



Item	Description
<b>Display Brightness</b>	This item is used to setup the brightness for display.
<b>Date &amp; Time (Option)</b>	This item is used to setup the date and time on display. (RTC)
<b>Language</b>	This item is used to setup the language on display.

## Service

This feature is used to restore printer settings to defaults and checking information for printer.



Item	Description
<b>Initialization</b>	This feature is used to restore printer settings to defaults.
<b>Printer Information</b>	This feature is used to check the printer's serial number, printed mileage (m), printed labels (pcs.) and cutting counter.
<b>Contact Us</b>	This feature is used to check the contact information for tech support service.

## CHAPTER 6 Troubleshooting

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The following guide lists the most common problems that may be encountered when operating this bar code printer. If the printer still does not function after all suggested solutions have been tried, please contact the Customer Service Department of your purchased reseller or distributor for assistance.

### LED Status

This section provides solutions to common problems indicated by the LED status that you may encounter when operating the printer.

LED Status / Color	Printer	Possible Cause	Recovery Procedure
OFF	No response	No power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Turn on the power switch.</li><li>• Check if the green LED is lit on power supply. If it is not lit, the power supply is broken.</li><li>• Check if both the power connections from the power cord to the power supply and from the power supply to the printer power jack are connected securely.</li></ul>
Solid Green	ON	The printer is ready to use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No action necessary.</li></ul>
Green with blinking	Pause	The printer is paused	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Press the FEED button to resume printing.</li></ul>
Red with blinking	Error	<div>Out of label or ribbon.</div> <div>Printer setting is not correct</div>	<div>1. Out of label or ribbon:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Load a label roll following media loading instructions, then press FEED to resume printing.</li><li>• Load a label roll following ribbon loading instructions, then press FEED to resume printing.</li></ul> <div>2. Printer setting is not correct:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Initialize the printer by following the instructions in "Power on Utility" or "Diagnostic Tool."</li></ul>

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**Note:** Printer status can be viewed in the Diagnostic Tool. For more information about the Diagnostic Tool, see the instructions in the software CD disc located at **D:\DiagTool**.

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## Print Quality

Problem	Possible Cause	Recovery Procedure
<b>Not Printing</b>	Check if interface cable is properly connected to the interface connector.	Re-connect cable to interface.
	The serial port cable pin configuration is not a pin-to-pin connection.	Replace the cable with pin to pin connection.
	The serial port setting is not consistent between host and printer.	Reset the serial port setting.
	The port specified in the Windows driver is not correct.	Select the correct printer port in the driver.
	The Ethernet IP, subnet mask, gateway is not configured properly.	Configure the IP, subnet mask and gateway.
<b>No print on the label</b>	Label or ribbon loaded not correctly.	Follow the instructions in loading the media or loading the ribbon.
	Out of Ribbon.	Load new ribbon.
<b>Continuous feeding labels</b>	The printer setting may be wrong.	Perform the initialization and gap/black mark calibration.
<b>Paper Jam</b>	Gap/black mark sensor sensitivity is not set properly (sensor sensitivity is not enough).	Calibrate the gap/black mark sensor.
	Label size is not set properly.	Set label size exactly as installed paper in the labeling software or program.
	Labels are stuck inside the printer mechanism near the sensor area.	Remove the stuck label.
<b>Poor Print Quality</b>	Top cover is not closed properly.	Close the top cover completely and make sure the right- and left- side levers are latched properly.
	Supply is loaded incorrectly.	Reload the supply.
	Ribbon and media are incompatible.	Change the ribbon or label combination.
	Dust and/or adhesives are accumulated on the print head.	Check if dust or adhesives are accumulated on the print head. Clean the print head.
	Print density is not set properly.	Adjust the print density and print speed.
	Print head test pattern is incorrect.	Head element may be damaged. Run printer self-test and check the print head test pattern to see if there are missing dots in the pattern.

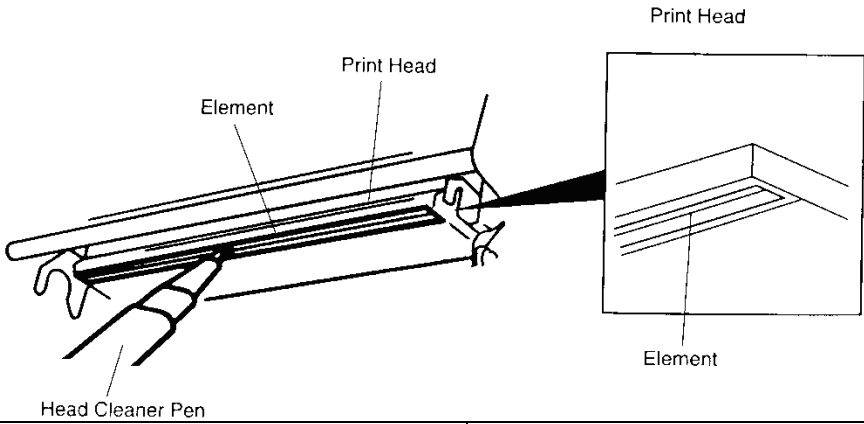
## CHAPTER 7 Maintenance

This session presents the cleaning tools and methods to maintain your printer.

1. Use one of following materials to clean the printer:

- Cotton swab (Head cleaner pen)
- Lint-free cloth
- Vacuum / Blower brush
- 100% ethanol

2. Clean the printer using the following process:

Printer Part	Method	Interval
<b>Print Head</b>	1. Always turn off the printer before cleaning the print head. 2. Allow the print head to cool for a minimum of one minute. 3. Use a cotton swab and 100% ethanol to clean the print head surface.	Clean the print head when changing a new label roll
		
<b>Platen Roller</b>	1. Turn the power off. 2. Rotate the platen roller and wipe it thoroughly with 100% ethanol and a cotton swab, or lint-free cloth.	Clean the platen roller when changing a new label roll
<b>Tear Bar/Peel Bar</b>	Use the lint-free cloth with 100% ethanol to wipe it.	As needed
<b>Sensor</b>	Compressed air or vacuum	Monthly
<b>Exterior</b>	Wipe it with water-dampened cloth	As needed
<b>Interior</b>	Brush or vacuum	As needed

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**Notes:**

- Do not touch the printer head. If you touch it, use ethanol to clean it.
  - Use 100% Acetone or Ethenol. DO NOT use medical alcohol, which may damage the printer head.
  - To maintain printer performance and extend printer life, clean the print head and supply sensors whenever you change a new ribbon.
  - Continuous printing will cause the printer motor to overheat. Printer will stop printing automatically about 10~15 minutes until motor is cooled down. Data transfered to printer buffer will be lost if power to the printer is turned off when the printer pauses.
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