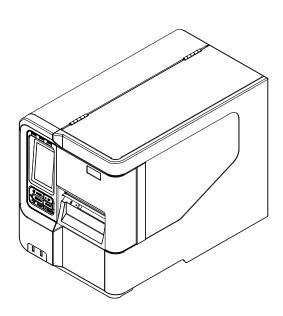
# MX240/ MX340/ MX640 Series

# THERMAL TRANSFER / DIRECT THERMAL BAR CODE PRINTER

# USER'S MANUAL



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#### Wichtige Sicherheits-Hinweise

- 1. Bitte lesen Sie diese Hinweis sorgfältig durch.
- 2. Heben Sie diese Anleitung für den späteren Gebrauch auf.
- 3. Vor jedem Reinigen ist das Gerät vom Stromentz zu trennen. Verwenden Sie keine Flüssig-oder Aerosolreiniger. Am besten eignet sich ein angefeuchtetes Tuch zur Reinigung.
- 4. Die Netzanschluß-Steckdose soll nahe dem Gerät angebracht und leicht zugänglich sein.
- 5. Das Gerät ist vor Feuchtigkeit zu schützen.
- 6. Bei der Aufstellung des Gerätes ist auf sicheren Stand zu achten. Ein Kippen oder Fallen könnte Beschädigungen hervorrufen.
- 7. Beachten Sie beim Anschluß ans Stromnetz die Anschlußwerte.
- 8. Dieses Gerät kann bis zu einer Außentemperatur von maximal 40°C betrieben werden.

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DO NOT throw the battery in fire.

DO NOT short circuit the contacts.

DO NOT disassemble the battery.

DO NOT throw the battery in municipal waste.

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#### **CAUTION**

Risk of explosion if battery is replaced by an incorrect type.

Dispose of used batteries according to the instructions.

#### "VORSICHT"

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- -Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- -Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- -Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- -Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/ TV technician for help.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003 Cet appareil numérique de la classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

#### **CAUTION:**

Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the grantee of this device could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

#### **CAUTION:**

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- 1. HAZARDOUS MOVING PARTS IN CUTTER MODULE. KEEP FINGER AND OTHER BODY PARTS AWAY.
- 2. THE MAIN BOARD INCLUDES REAL TIME CLOCK FEATURE HAS LITHIUM BATTERY CR2032 INSTALLED. RISK OF EXPLOSION IF BATTERY IS REPLACED BY AN INCORRECT TYPE.
- 3. DISPOSE OF USED BATTERIES ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURER INSTRUCTIONS.

#### **ATTENTION**

- 1. PIECES DANGEREUSES EN MOUVEMENT DANS LE MODULE DE COUPAGE. GARDER VOS DOIGTS ET AUTRES PARTIES DU CORPS À L'ÉCART DE CES ZONES.
- 2. LE CIRCUIT PRINCIPAL CONTIENT UNE HORLOGE EN TEMPS RÉEL AVEC UNE BATTERIE AU LITHIUM DE TYPE CR2032. RISQUE D'EXPLOSION SI LA PILE EST REMPLACÉE PAR UNE PILE D'UN AUTRE TYPE.
- 3. SUIVRE LES INSTRUCTIONS DU FABRICANT POUR LA MISE AU REBUT DES PILES USÉES.

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## 1. Introduction

#### 1.1 Product Introduction

Thank you very much for purchasing TSC bar code printer.

This printer is designed with die-casting aluminum chassis and print mechanism, metal cover with large clear media view window, which ensuring to work for the extreme and heavy duty industrial environment and applications.

With back-lit graphic LCD display, printer status can be managed easier and operated more user friendly. The moveable sensor design can accept wide range of label media. All of the most frequently used bar code formats are included. Fonts and bar codes can be printed in any one of the four directions.

This document provides an easy reference for operating the MX240 series.

To print label formats, please refer to the instructions provided with your labeling software; if you need to write the custom programs, please refer to the TSPL/TSPL2 programming manual that can be found on the accessories CD-ROM or on TSC website at <a href="http://www.tscprinters.com">http://www.tscprinters.com</a>.

#### Applications

- High volume printing
- Work in process
- Compliance labeling
- Inventory management
- Shipping/ receiving
- Asset management
- Electronics & Jewelry labeling

## 1.2 Product Features

## 1.2.1 Printer Standard Features

The printer offers the following standard features.

Product standard feature	MX240	MX340	MX640
Thermal transfer/ or direct thermal	0	0	0
Die-cast based print mechanism and frame / Aluminum cover with large clear media view window	0	0	0
16 bits Color, 480 x 272 pixel, with back light, Resistive Touch Screen	0	0	0
1 power switch, 6 operation buttons (Menu, Pause, Feed, Up, Down, Select)	0	0	0
Control panel security (TCF)	0	0	0
LED indicators	0	0	0
32-bit RISC CPU	0	0	0
Gap transmissive sensor (Position adjustable)	0	0	0
Black mark reflective sensor (Position adjustable)	0	0	0
Ribbon end sensor (transmissive)	0	0	0
Ribbon encoder sensor	0	0	0
Head open sensor	0	0	0
128MB Flash memory	0	0	0
256 MB SDRAM memory	0	0	0
SD Flash memory card slot for Flash memory expansion, up to 32 GB	0	0	0
RS-232 interface (Max. 115,200 bps )	0	0	0
USB 2.0 interface (High speed mode)	0	0	0
Parallel interface (SPP mode)	0	0	0
Internal Ethernet print server (10/100 Mbps) interface	0	0	0
USB host (Front side) * 2, for scanner or PC keyboard	0	0	0
Real time clock	0	0	0
Standard industry emulations right out of the box including Eltron <sup>®</sup> and Zebra <sup>®</sup> language support	0	0	0
Internal 8 alpha-numeric bitmap fonts	0	0	0
Fonts and bar codes can be printed in any one of the four directions (0, 90,180, 270 degree)	0	0	0
Internal Monotype Imaging <sup>®</sup> true type font engine with one CG Triumvirate Bold Condensed scalable font	0	0	0
Downloadable fonts from PC to printer memory	0	0	0
Print head pressure force & pressure location adjustable	0	0	0
Ribbon supply spindle tension adjustable	0	0	0
Automatic media/ribbon sensor selecting	0	0	0
Sensor auto calibration from LCD menu	0	0	0
Heater element damage detection/warning	0	0	0
Clean print head warning	0	0	0
MTBF 26,240 hours/ duty cycle 90%	0	0	0

Bar code, graphics/image	printing				
Supported bar code		Supported image			
1D bar code	2D bar code	BITMAP,			
Code128 subsets	CODABLOCK F mode, DataMatrix,	BMP, PCX (Max. 256 colors			
· ·	Maxicode,	graphics)			
2 of 5, Code 39,	PDF-417,				
Code 93, EAN-13, EAN-8, Codabar,	Aztec, MicroPDF417,				
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Post, ITF14, EAN14, Code 11, TELPEN,					
PLANET, Code 49,					
Deutsche Post					
Identcode, Deutsche					
Post Leitcode,					
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· Codepage 1251 (Cyrillic)					
Codepage 1252 (Latin-1)					
· Codepage 1253 (Greek) · Codepage 1254 (Turkish)					
· Codepage 1254 (Turkish) · Codepage 1255 (Hebrew)					
· Codepage 1256 (Arabic)					
· Codepage 1257 (Baltic)					
<ul><li>Codepage 1258 (Vietnam)</li><li>ISO-8859-1: Latin-1 (Western European)</li></ul>					
· ISO-8859-1: Latin-1 (Western European) · ISO-8859-2: Latin-2 (Central European)					
ISO-8859-3: Latin-3 (South European)					
ISO-8859-4: Latin-4 (North European)					
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· ISO-8859-6: Arabic · ISO-8859-7: Greek					
· ISO-8859-8: Hebrew					
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<ul> <li>ISO-8859-9: Turkish</li> <li>ISO-8859-10: Nordic</li> <li>ISO-8859-15: Latin-9</li> <li>UTF-8</li> </ul>		

## 1.2.2 Printer Optional Features

The printer offers the following optional features.

Product option feature	User option	Dealer option	Factory option
Internal rewinding kit (include internal rewind & label redirect front panel)			0
USB host *2 (Rear side) , for scanner or PC keyboard			0
Peel-off kit (include internal rewind & peel off module)		0	
Regular cutter (full cut guillotine cutter)		0	
Heavy duty cutter (full cut rotary cutter)		0	
Applicator I/O interface		0	
KP-200 Plus keyboard display unit	0		
KU-007 Plus programmable smart keyboard	0		
Bluetooth module (serial interface)	0		
802.11 b/g/n wireless module (serial interface)	0		

# 1.3 General Specifications

General Specif	General Specifications				
Physical dimensions	300 mm (W) x 393 mm (H)x 510 mm (D) 11.81" (W) x 15.47" (H) x 20.08" (D)				
Weight	18 kg (39.68 lbs)				
Internal universal switching power supply Input: AC 100-240V, 3.0A, 50-60Hz Output: DC 24V, 8.33A, 200W  Note: The max. full web black bar is limited to 5 mm only, otherw may stop printing to protect power supply.					
<b>Environmental</b> Operation: 5 ~ 40°C (41 ~ 104°F), 25~85% non-condensing Storage: -40 ~ 60 °C (-40 ~ 140°F), 10~90% non-condensing					

# **1.4 Print Specifications**

Print Specifications	MX240	MX340	MX640	
Print head resolution (dots per inch/mm)	203 dots/inch (8 dots/mm)	300 dots/inch (12 dots/mm)	600 dots/inch (24 dots/mm)	
Printing method	Thermal transfer/ or direct thermal			
Dot size (width x length)	0.125 x 0.125 mm			
Drint on and	2,3,4,514 ips selectable	2,3,4,512 ips selectable	1.5,2,3 6 ips selectable	
Print speed (inches per second)	Up to 14 IPS	Up to 12 IPS	Up to 6 IPS	
,	Max. 4 ips for peeler mode			
Max. print width	4.09" (104 mm)			
Max. print length	1000" (25400 mm)	450" (11430 mm)	100" (2540 mm)	
Printout bias	Vertical: 0.3 ~ 1 mm max. Horizontal: 1 mm max.			
Printout length	0 ~ -2 %			

# 1.5 Ribbon Specifications

Ribbon Specifications			
Ribbon outside diameter	Max. 90 OD		
Ribbon length	600 meter		
Ribbon core inside diameter	1" (25.4 mm)		
Ribbon width	40 mm ~ 115 mm		
Ribbon wound type	Ink coated outside wound, ink coated inside wound		
Ribbon end type	Transparency		

# 1.6 Media Specifications

Media Specifications	MX240	MX340	MX640
Media roll capacity	Max. 8" (203.2) OD		
Media core diameter	3" (76.2 mm) ID core		
Media type	Continuous, die-cut, black mark, external fan-fold, notch		
Media wound type	Outside wound		
Media width	20 mm ~ 114 mm (0.78" ~ 4.49")		
Media thickness	0.076 mm ~ 0.305 mm (2.99 ~ 12.01 mil)		
Label length	3 ~ 25,400 mm		
Label length (peeler mode)	25 mm ~ 152 mm (1" ~ 6")		
Label length (cutter mode)	25.4~2,286 mm (1" ~ 90") 25.4~1016 mm (1" ~ 40")		
Black mark	Min. 8 mm (W) x 2 mm (H)		
Gap height	Min. 2 mm		

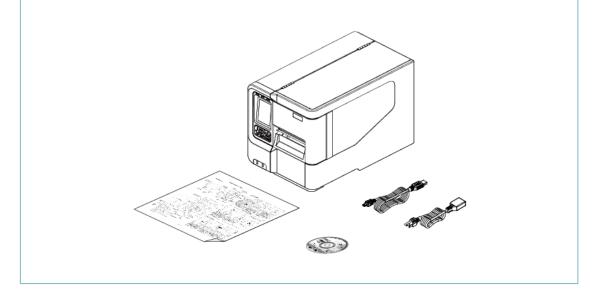
## 2. Operations Overview

## 2.1 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. Please retain the packaging materials in case you need to reship the printer.

Unpacking the printer, the following items are included in the carton.

- One printer unit
- One Windows labeling software/Windows driver CD disk
- One quick installation guide
- One power cord
- One USB interface cable



If any parts are missing, please contact the Customer Service Department of your purchased reseller or distributor.

## 2.2 Printer Overview

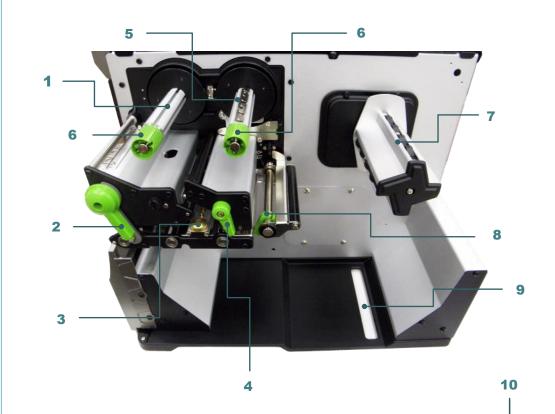
## 2.2.1 Front View



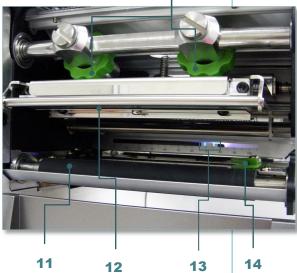
#### Note:

\* For LCD control panel, please refer to <u>subsection 2.3.2</u> for more details.

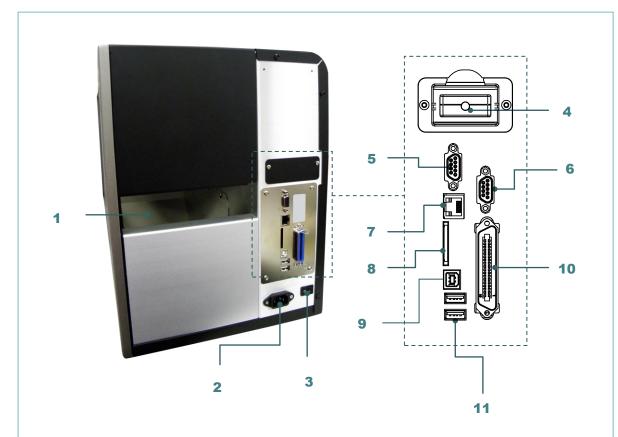
#### 2.2.2 Interior view



- 1. Ribbon rewind spindle
- 2. Print head release lever
- 3. Media sensor position adjustment knob
- 4. Label guide bar release lever
- 5. Ribbon supply spindle
- 6. Ribbon tension adjustment knobs
- 7. Label supply spindle
- 8. Rear label guide
- 9. External label entrance chute
- 10. Print head pressure adjustment knobs
- 11. Platen roller
- 12. Print head
- 13. Media sensor
- 14. Front label guide



#### 2.2.3 Rear View



- 1. External label entrance chute
- 2. Power cord socket
- 3. Power switch
- **4.** External BlueTooth or WiFi module (Option)
- 5. RS-232C interface
- 6. GPIO interface (Option)
- 7. Ethernet interface
- 8. \* SD card socket
- 9. USB interface
- 10. Centronics interface
- **11.** USB host x 2 (Option)

### Note:

The interface picture here is for reference only. Please refer to the product specification for the interfaces availability.

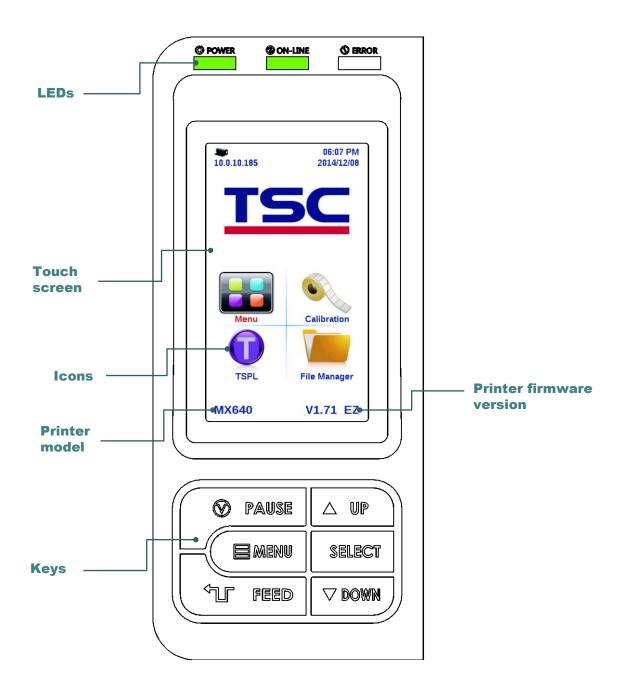
#### \* Recommended SD card specification.

SD card spec	SD card capacity	Approved SD card manufacturer
V1.0, V1.1	128 MB	SanDisk, Transcend
V1.0, V1.1	256 MB	SanDisk, Transcend, Panasonic
V1.0, V1.1	512 MB	SanDisk, Transcend, Panasonic

V1.0, V1.1	1 GB	SanDisk, Transcend, Panasonic
V2.0 SDHC CLASS 4		
V2.0 SDHC CLASS 6	4 GB	SanDisk, Transcend, Panasonic
CLASS 10	16 GB	Kingston
CLASS 10	32 GB	SanDisk, Transcend, Kingston
V1.0, V1.1	microSD 128 MB	Transcend, Panasonic
V1.0, V1.1	microSD 256 MB	Transcend, Panasonic
V1.0, V1.1	microSD 512 MB	Panasonic
V1.0, V1.1	microSD 1 GB	Transcend, Panasonic
V2.0 SDHC CLASS 4	microSD 4 GB	Transcend, Panasonic, Kingston
V2.0 SDHC CLASS 6	microSD 4 GB	Transcend
V2.0 SDHC CLASS 4	microSD 8 GB	Scandisk
CLASS 10	microSD 8 GB	Transcend, Kingston
V2.0 SDHC CLASS 4	microSD 16 GB	Scandisk
CLASS 10	microSD 16 GB	Kingston
CLASS 10 UHS-I	microSD 16 GB	Scandisk, Transcend
CLASS 10	microSD 32 GB	Kingston
CLASS 10 UHS-I	microSD 32 GB	Scandisk, Transcend
V1.0, V1.1	miniSD 128 MB	Transcend, Panasonic
V1.0, V1.1	miniSD 256 MB	Transcend, Panasonic
V1.0, V1.1	miniSD 512 MB	Transcend, Panasonic
V1.0, V1.1	miniSD 1 GB	Transcend, Panasonic
V2.0 SDHC CLASS 4	miniSD 4 GB	Transcend
V2.0 SDHC CLASS 6	miniSD 4 GB	
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<sup>The DOS FAT file system is supported for the SD card.
Folders/files stored in the SD card should be in the 8.3 filename format.
The miniSD/microSD card to SD card slot adapter is required.</sup> 

# 2.3 Operator Control



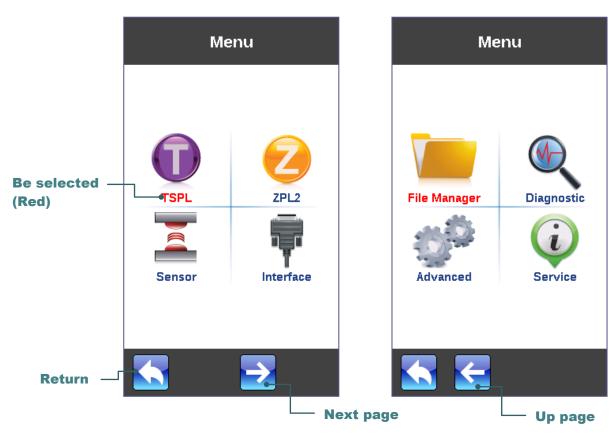
## 2.3.1 LED Indication and Keys

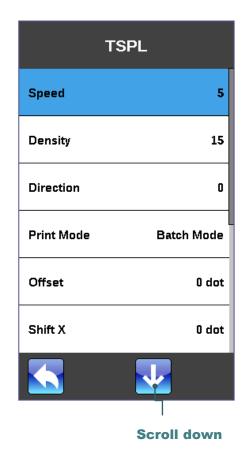
LED	Status	Indication
POWER	Off	Printer power off
	On	Printer power on
ON-LINE	On	Printer is ready
	Blinking	Printer is paused

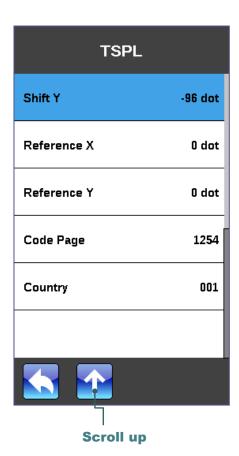
		Printer is downloading data	
	Off	Printer is ready	
ERROR	On	Carriage open or cutter error	
	Blinking	No paper, paper jam or no ribbon	
Keys	Function		
PAUSE	Pause/Resume the printing process		
MENU	Enter the menu     Exit from a menu or cancel a setting and return to the previous menu		
FEED	Advances one label		
UP	Scroll up the menu list		
SELECT	Enter/Select cursor located option		
DOWN	Scroll down the menu list		

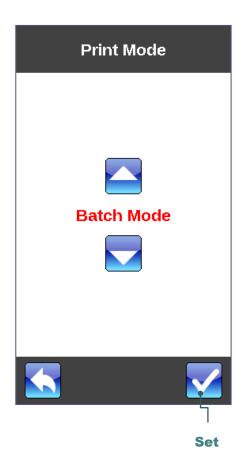
## 2.3.2 Touch Screen

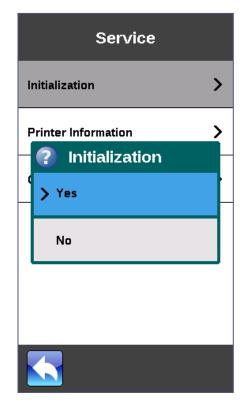
Tap an item to open/use it.











## 3. Setup

## 3.1 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.

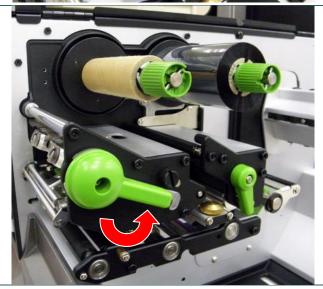
# 3.2 Loading the Ribbon



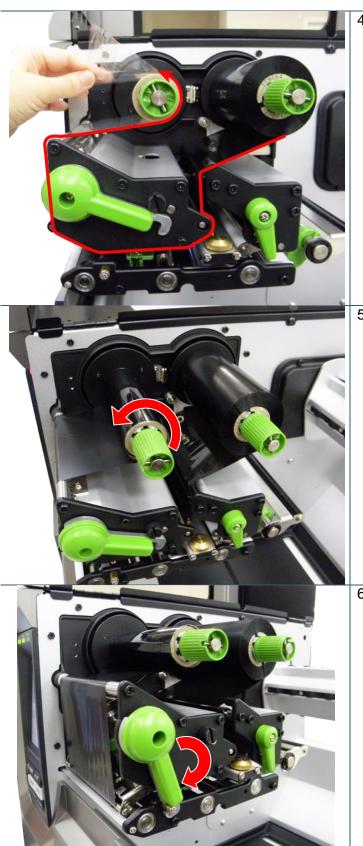
1. Open the printer right side cover.



2. Install the ribbon and paper core onto ribbon supply spindle and ribbon rewind spindle.



3. Push print head release lever to open print head mechanism.



4. Thread ribbon above the ribbon guide bar and through ribbon sensor slot. (Please refer to "Loading path for ribbon" as following fig.)

5. Wind the ribbon rewind spindle counterclockwise roughly 3~5 circles until ribbon is smooth, properly stretched and wrinkle-free.

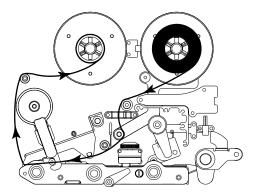
6. Close the print head mechanism by pushing the print head release lever.

#### Note:

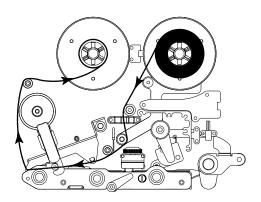
\* Please refer to video on <u>TSC</u> <u>YouTube</u> or driver CD.

## **Loading path for ribbon**

\* Ink coated outside wound



\* Ink coated inside wound

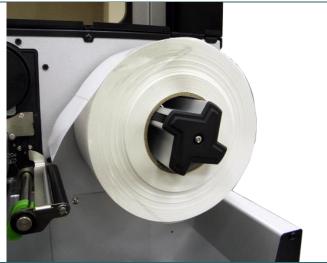


# 3.3 Loading the Media

## 3.3.1 Loading the Media



1. Open the printer right side cover.



2. Place the roll of media on the label supply spindle.



3. Push open the print head release lever and label guide bar release lever for loading media.

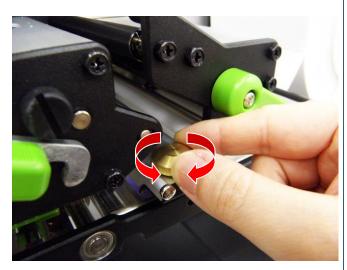


4. Pull the leading edge of the label forward through the media guide bar pass media sensor, and place the leading edge onto the platen roller.

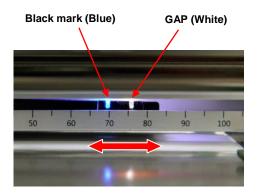
5. Adjust the rear label guide (green) to fit the label width.

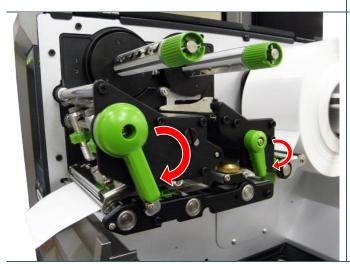


6. Adjust the front label guide (green) to fit the label width.



 Move the media sensor by adjusting the media sensor position adjustment knob, make sure the gap or black mark sensor is at the location where media gap/black mark will pass through for sensing.



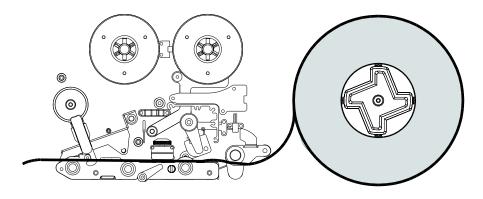


- 8. Close print head release lever and label guide bar release lever.
- 9. Set media sensor type and calibrate the selected sensor.

#### Note:

- \* Please calibrate the gap/black mark sensor when changing media.
- \* Please refer to video on <u>TSC</u> <u>YouTube</u> or driver CD.

## Loading path for media



## 3.3.2 Loading the Fan-fold/External Media

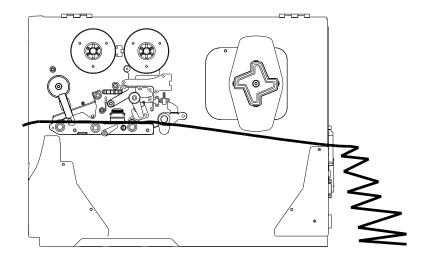


- 1. Open the printer right side cover.
- 2. Insert the fan-fold media through the bottom or rear external label entrance chute.
- 3. Please refer to section 3.3.1 step 3~9 for loading media.

#### Note:

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

## Loading path for fan-fold labels



## 3.3.3 Loading Media in Peel-off Mode (Option)



- 1. Open the printer right side cover.
- 2. Please refer to section 3.3.1 step 3~9 for loading media.
- 3. Using the front display panel to do the calibration first and set the printer mode to peeler mode.

#### Note:

Please calibrate the gap/black mark sensor before loading media in peel-off mode to avoid paper jam.



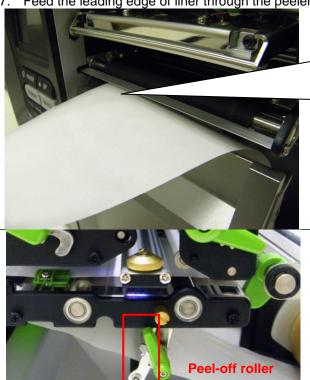
- Open print head release lever and label guide bar release lever to pull approximately 650mm of label through the front of the printer.
- 5. Remove several labels to leave liner.

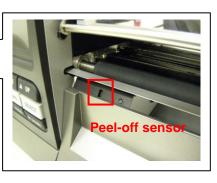


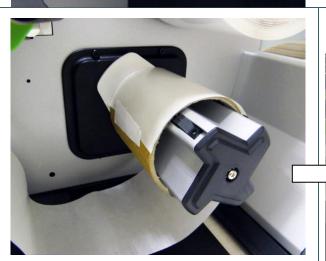
6. Install the paper core onto the liner rewind spindle. Open the peel-off roller release lever.



7. Feed the leading edge of liner through the peeler sensor and peel-off roller.

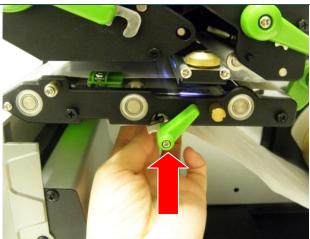






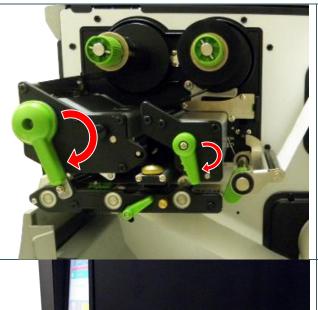
 Wrap the liner onto the paper core and wind the spindle until the liner stretched properly.





Press the middle of the peel-off roller to close the peel-off roller release lever.





 Close print head release lever and label guide bar release lever.



11. Press the FEED button to test.

## 3.3.4 Loading Media in Rewind Mode (Option)



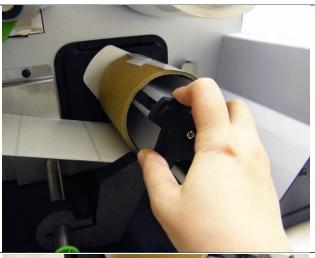
- 1. Open the printer right side cover.
- 2. Please refer to section 3.3.1 step 3~9 for loading media.
- 3. Using the front display panel to do the calibration and set the printer mode to rewind mode.



4. Install the paper core onto the rewind spindle.



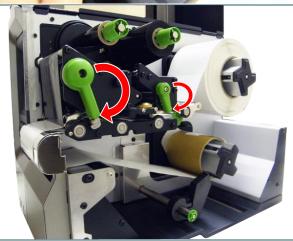
- Open print head release lever and label guide bar release lever to pull approximately 650mm of label through the front of the printer.
- 6. Feed the leading edge of media through the redirect front panel as picture shown.



7. Wrap the label onto the internal rewind spindle and stick the label onto the paper core. Wind the spindle until the label stretched properly.

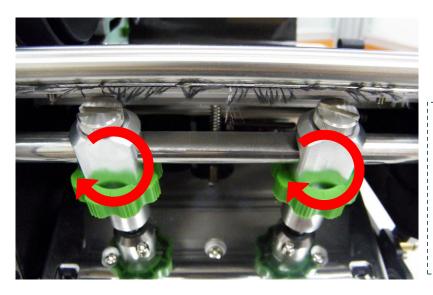


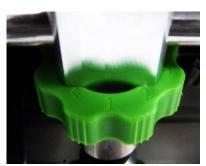
8. Adjust the supply holder guide to fit the supply width. Turn the screw to fix the supply holder guide.



9. Close print head release lever and label guide bar release lever.

# 4. Moveable Print Head Pressure Adjustment Knob





The moveable print head pressure adjustment knob has 5 levels of adjustment. Because the printer's paper alignment is to the left side of mechanism, different media widths require different pressure to print correctly. Therefore it may require to adjust the pressure knob to get your best print quality. For example, if the label width is 4", adjust both print head pressure adjustment knobs to the same level. If the label is less than 2" wide, increase the left side print head pressure by rotating the adjustment knob clockwise and decrease the right side pressure by rotating the adjustment knob counter-clockwise to level 1.

# 4.1 Mechanism Fine Adjustment to Avoid Ribbon Wrinkles

This printer has been fully tested before delivery. There should be no ribbon wrinkle presented on the media for general-purpose printing application. Ribbon wrinkle is related to the media thickness, print head pressure balance, ribbon film characteristics, print darkness setting...etc. In case the ribbon wrinkle happens, please follow the instructions below to adjust the printer parts.

The print head pressure adjustment knob has 5 levels of settings. Clockwise direction adjustment is to increase the print head pressure. Counter Clockwise adjustment can decrease the print head pressure. **Adjustable Printer** Print head pressure adjustment **Parts** Fixing knobs screws 1. Wrinkle happens from label lower 2. Wrinkle happens from label lower **Symptom** left to upper right direction (" ' ") right to upper left direction (" ` ") MODEL NO.: MODEL NO .: INPUT: 115/230V~,5/3A \_\_0/60Hz This device complies with Part 1° of the FCC Rules.

Operation is subject to the foll using two conditions.

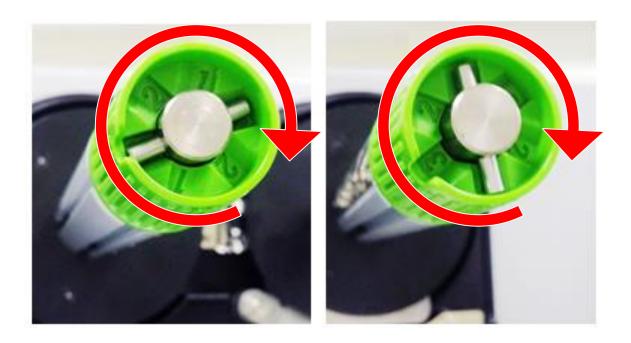
(1) This device may not care of harmful interference, and (2) This device must acre, and interference received, This device complies with. "art 15 of the FCC Rules.

Operation is subject to the h. "wing two conditions.

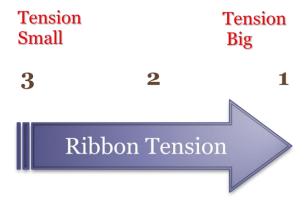
(1)This device may not cause i. "mful interference, and

(2)This device must accept any in. "erence received, including interference that may cause **Feed direction** Wrinkle **Example** If the wrinkle on the label starts from the If the wrinkle on the label starts from the lower left side to upper right side, please do lower right side to upper left side, please do following adjustment. following adjustment. 1. Decrease the right side print head 1. Decrease the left side print head pressure adjustment knob setting 1 level per each pressure adjustment knob setting 1 level per each adjustment then print the label adjustment then print the label again to again to check if wrinkle is gone. check if wrinkle is gone. 2. If the right side print head adjustment knob 2. If the left side print head adjustment knob setting has been set to index 1 (the lowest level has been set to index 1 (the lowest pressure index), please increase the left index), please increase the right side print side print head pressure. head pressure.

# 5. Ribbon Tension Adjustment Knob



The ribbon tension adjustment knob has 3 levels of adjustment. Because the printer's ribbon alignment is to the left side of mechanism, different ribbon width require different tension to print correctly. Therefore it may require to adjust the ribbon tension knob to get your best print quality. The biggest tension is #1. Adjust the tension by turning the knobs to suitable # (1, 2 or3) on both ribbon supply & rewind spindles, suggest the tension # to be the same on both spindles. Factory default tension is #1.



# 5.1 Suggestion of Ribbon Tension Adjustment

#### For 4" width ribbon

If the ribbon width is 4", adjust both ribbon tension adjustment knobs to the #1 on ribbon supply & rewind spindles. (Factory default tension is #1)

Ribbon Rewind Spindle Tension # 1



Ribbon Supply Spindle



#### For 3" width ribbon

If the ribbon width is 3", adjust both ribbon tension adjustment knobs to the #2 on ribbon supply & rewind spindles.

**Ribbon Rewind Spindle** 



**Ribbon Supply Spindle** 



## For 2" width ribbon

If the ribbon width is 2", adjust both ribbon tension adjustment knobs to the #3 on ribbon supply & rewind spindles.

Ribbon Rewind Spindle
Tension # 3

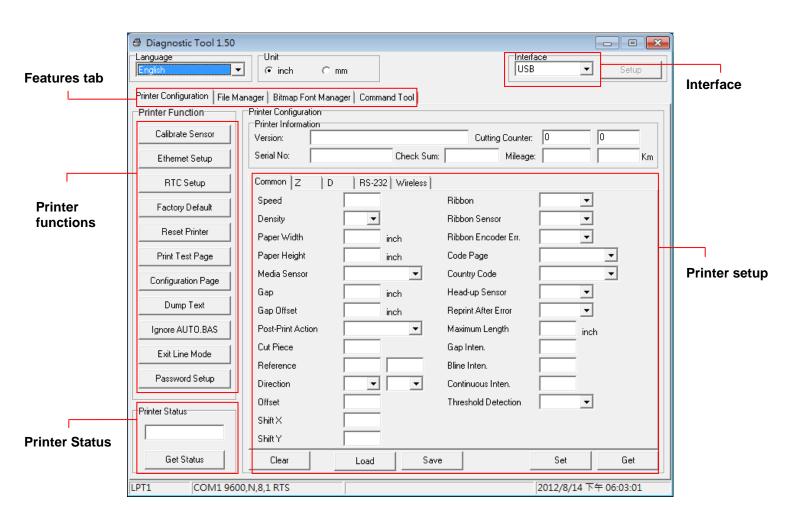


# 6. Diagnostic Tool

TSC's Diagnostic Utility is an integrated tool incorporating features that enable you to explore a printer's settings/status; change a printer's settings; download graphics, fonts and firmware; create a printer bitmap font; and send additional commands to a printer. With the aid of this powerful tool, you can review printer status and setting in an instant, which makes it much easier to troubleshoot problems and other issues.

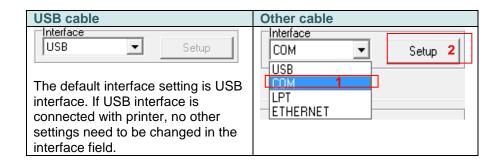
## 6.1 Start the Diagnostic Tool

- 1. Double click on the Diagnostic tool icon to start the software.
- 2. There are four features (Printer Configuration, File Manager, Bitmap Font Manager, Command Tool) included in the Diagnostic utility.

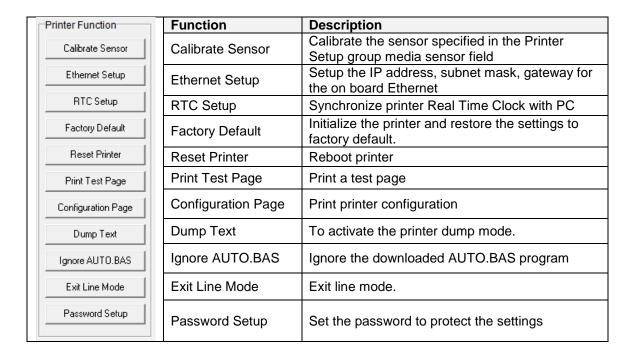


#### 6.2 Printer Function

- 1. Connect the printer and computer with a cable.
- 2. Select the PC interface connected with bar code printer.



- 3. Click the "Printer Function" button to setup.
- 4. The detail functions in the Printer Function Group are listed as below.



For more information about Diagnostic Tool, please refer to the diagnostic utility quick start guide in the CD disk \ Utilities directory.

## 6.3 Setting Ethernet by Diagnostic Tool

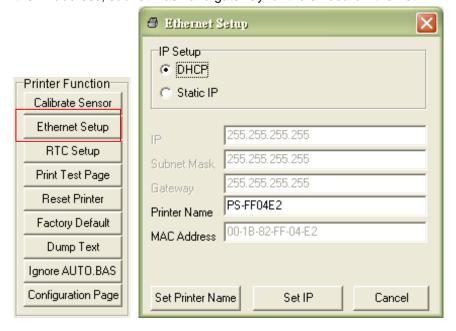
The Diagnostic Utility is enclosed in the CD disk \Utilities directory. Users can use Diagnostic Tool to setup the Ethernet by RS-232, USB and Ethernet interfaces. The following contents will instruct users how to configure the Ethernet by these three interfaces.

#### 6.3.1 Using USB interface to setup Ethernet interface

- 1. Connect the printer and computer with USB cable.
- 2. Turn on the printer power switch.
- 3. Start the Diagnostic Utility by double clicking on the BiagToolexe icon.
- 4. The Diagnostic Utility default interface setting is USB interface. If USB interface is connected with printer, no other settings need to be changed in the interface field.



5. Click on the "Ethernet Setup" button from "Printer Function" group in Printer Configuration tab to setup the IP address, subnet mask and gateway for the on board Ethernet.

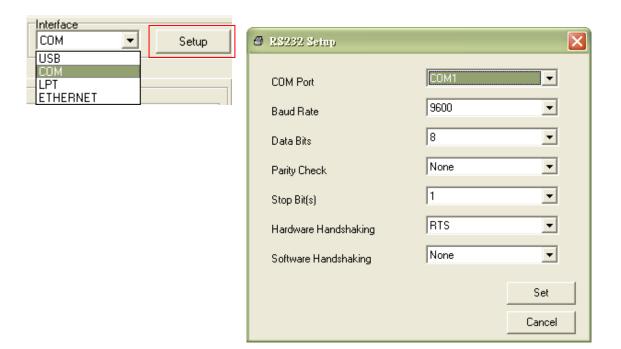


#### 6.3.2 Using RS-232 interface to setup Ethernet interface

- 1. Connect the computer and the printer with a RS-232 cable.
- 2. Turn on the printer power.
- 3. Start the Diagnostic Utility by double clicks on the

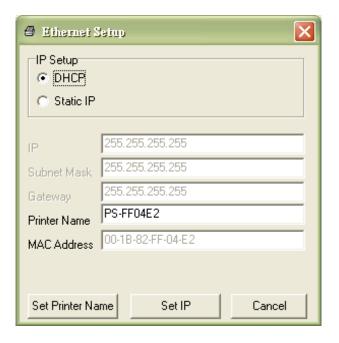


4. Select "COM" as interface then click on the "Setup" button to setup the serial port baud rate, parity check, data bits, stop bit and flow control parameters.



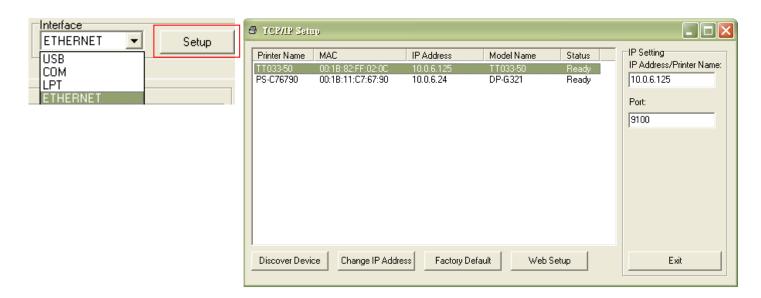
5. Click on the "Ethernet Setup" button from printer function of Printer Configuration tab to setup the IP address, subnet mask and the gateway for the on board Ethernet.



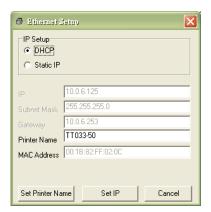


## 6.3.3 Using Ethernet interface to setup Ethernet interface

- 1. Connect the computer and the printer to the LAN.
- 2. Turn on the printer power.
- 3. Start the Diagnostic Utility by double clicks on the PiagToolexe icon.
- 4. Select "Ethernet" as the interface then click on the "Setup" button to setup the IP address, subnet mask and gateway for the on board Ethernet.



- 5. Click the "Discover Device" button to explore the printers that exist on the network.
- 6. Select the printer in the left side of listed printers, the correspondent IP address will be shown in the right side "IP address/Printer Name" field.
- 7. Click "Change IP Address" to configure the IP address obtained by DHCP or static.



The default IP address is obtained by DHCP. To change the setting to static IP address, click "Static IP" radio button then enter the IP address, subnet mask and gateway. Click "Set IP" to take effect the settings.

Users can also change the "Printer Name" by another model name in this fields then click "Set Printer Name" to take effect this change.

Note: After clicking the "Set Printer Name" or "Set IP" button, printer will reset to take effect the settings.

8. Click "Exit" button to exit the Ethernet interface setup and go back to Diagnostic Tool main screen.

#### Factory Default button

This function will reset the IP, subnet mask, gateway parameters obtained by DHCP and reset the printer name.

Web setup button

Except to use the Diagnostic Utility to setup the printer, you can also explore and configure the printer settings and status or update the firmware with the IE or Firefox web browser. This feature provides a user friendly setup interface and the capability to manage the printer remotely over a network.

# 7. LCD Menu Function

# 7.1 Enter the Main Menu

# \* By Keys:

Press the "MENU" button and press the "SELECT" button to enter the main menu.

# \* By touch display:

Tap the "Menu" icon on LCD to enter the main menu.

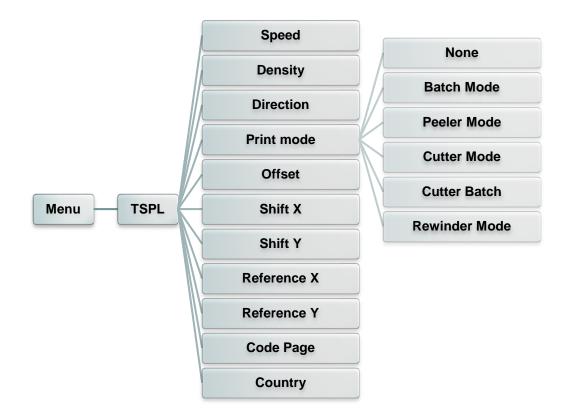
## 7.2 Main Menu Overview

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.



# 7.3 TSPL2

This "TSPL" category can set up the printer settings for TSPL2.



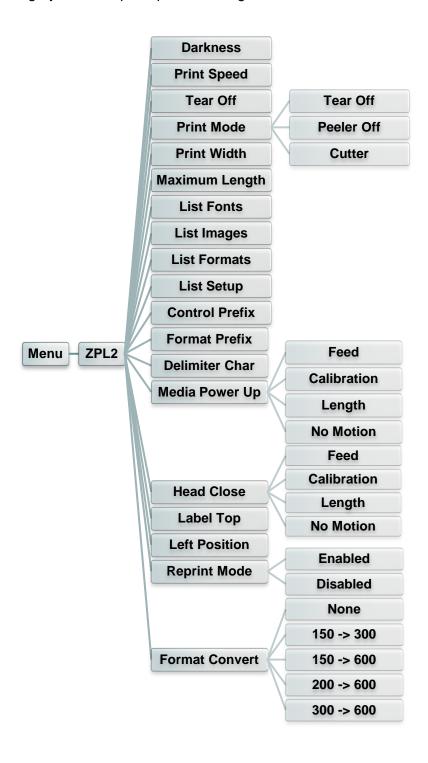
Item	Description	Default
Speed	Use this item to setup print speed. The each increase or decrease is 1 ips. Available setting is from 4 to 12.	6
Density	Use this option to setup printing darkness. The available setting is from 0 to 15, and the step is 1. You may need to adjust your density based on selected media.	8
Direction	The direction setting value is either 1 or 0. Use this item to setup the printout direction.  DIRECTION 0  DIRECTION 1  DIRECTION 1	0
Print mode	This item is used to set the print mode. There are 5 modes as below,  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.	Batch Mode

	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.	
	Rewinder	Enable the label rewinder mode.	
	Mode		
Offset		ed to fine tune media stop location. Available setting -" to "-" or "0" to "9".	+000
Shift X	This item is use	d to fine tune print position. Available setting value is	+000
Shift Y	from "+" to "-" o	or "0" to "9".	+000
Reference X	This item is use	d to set the origin of printer coordinate system horizontally	000
Reference Y	and vertically. A	vailable setting value is from "0" to "9".	000
Code page	Use this item to	set the code page of international character set.	850
Country	Use this option t	o set the country code.	001

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

## 7.4 ZPL2

This "ZPL2" category can set up the printer settings for ZPL2.



Item	Description	Default
Density	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

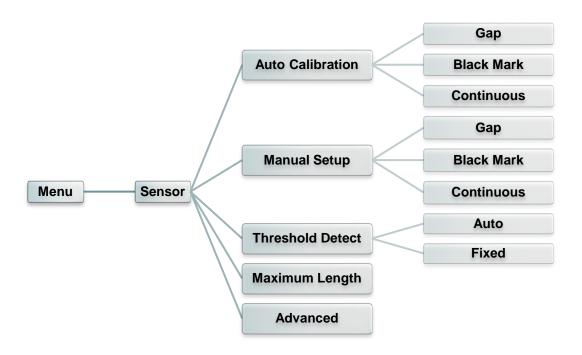
Print Speed	Use this item to setup print speed. The each increase or decrease is 1 ips. Available setting is from 1 to 6.	2
Tear Off	This item is used to fine tune media stop location. Available setting value is from "+" to "-" or "0" to "9".	+000
Print mode	This item is used to set the print mode. There are 3 modes as below,  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
Print Width	This item is used to set print width. The available value is from "0" to "9".	812
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	This option is used to set the action of the media when you turn on the printer.  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
Head Close	This option is used to set the action of the media when you close the print head.  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
Label Top	This option is used to adjust print position vertically on the label. The range is -120 to +120 dots.	0
Left Position	This option is used to adjust print position horizontally on the	+0000

	label. The range is -9999 to +9999 dots.	
Domint Mode	When reprint mode is enabled, you can reprint the last label	Dischlad
Reprint Mode	printer by pressing button on printer's control panel.	Disabled
	Selects the bitmap scaling factor. The first number is the original	
<b>Format Convert</b>	dots per inch (dpi) value; the second, the dpi to which you would	None
	like to scale.	

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

# 7.5 Sensor

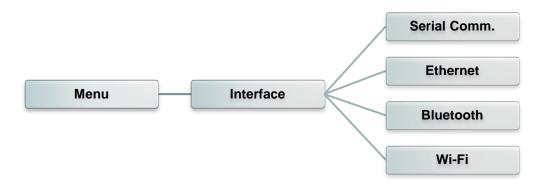
This option is used to calibrate the selected sensor. We recommend calibrate the sensor before printing when changing the media.



Item	Description	Default
Auto Calibration	This option is used to set the media sensor type and calibrate the selected sensor automatically. Printer will feed 2 to 3 gap labels to calibrate the sensor sensitivity automatically.	N/A
Manual setup	In case "Automatic" cannot apply to the media, please use "Manual" function to set the paper length and gap/bline size then scan the backing/mark to calibrate the sensor sensitivity.	N/A
Threshold Detect	This option is used to set sensor sensitivity in fixed or auto.	Auto
Maximum Length	This option is used to set the maximum length for label calibration.	253 mm
Advanced	This function can set the minimum paper length and maximum gap/bline length for auto-calibrate the sensor sensitivity.	N/A

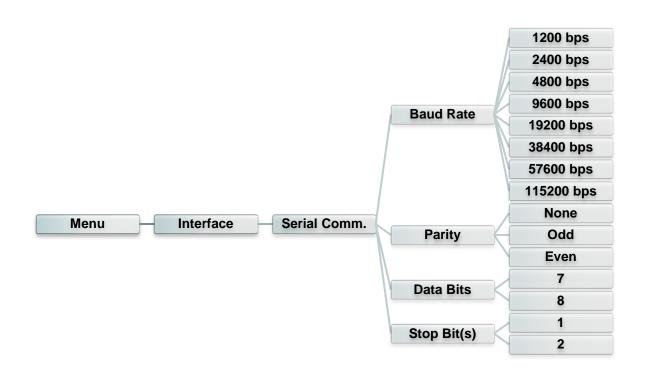
# 7.6 Interface

This option is used to set the printer interface settings.



#### 7.6.1 Serial Comm.

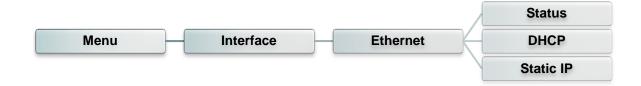
This option is used to set the printer RS-232 settings.



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

# 7.6.2 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

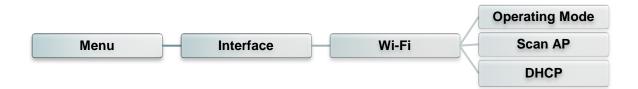
## 7.6.3 Bluetooth

This option is used to set the printer blustooth settings.



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

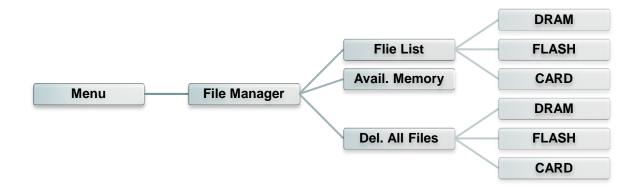
## 7.6.4 Wi-Fi



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

# 7.7 File Manager

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



Item	Description
File List	Use this menu to show, delete and run (.BAS) the files saved in the printer DRAM/Flash/Card memory.
Avail. Memory	Use this menu to show available memory space.
Del. All Files	Use this menu to delete all files.

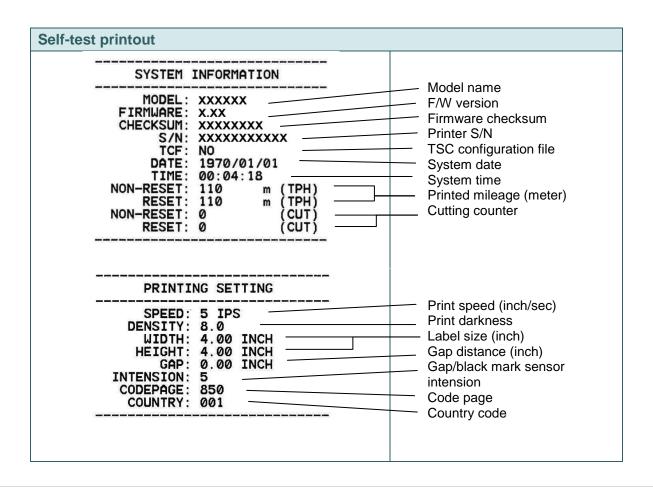
## 7.8 Diagnostics

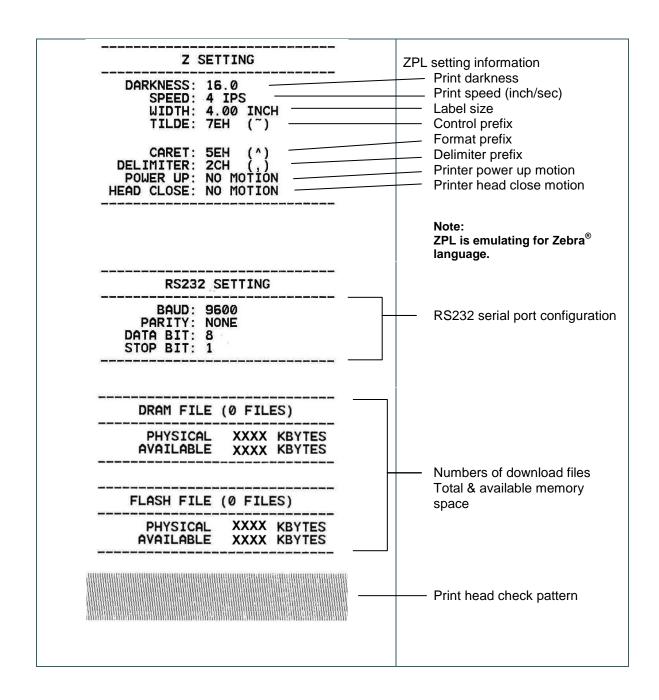


## 7.8.1 Print Config.

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.





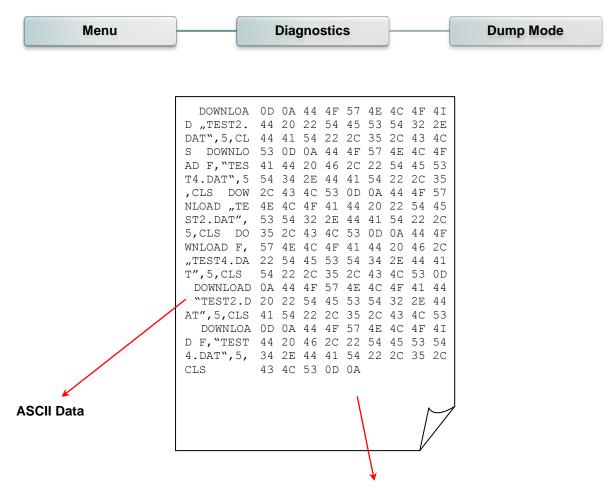


#### Note:

Checking dot damage requires 4" wide paper width.

#### 7.8.2 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.



Hexdecimal data related to left column of ASCII data

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

## 7.8.3 Rotate Cutter

In case paper is jammed in the cutter, this feature can rotate the cutter blade forward or reverse direction, which is helpful to remove the jammed paper easily from the cutter.



# 7.9 Advance Set

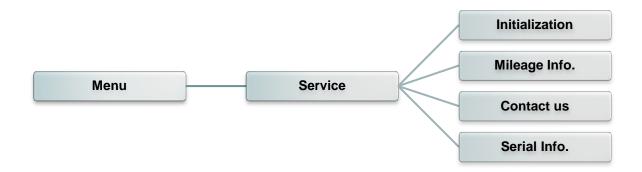
This feature is used to set the printer LCD settings.



Item	Description	
Brightness	This item is used to setup the brightness for display.	
Date & Time This item is used to setup the date and time on display.		
Language	This item is used to setup the language on display.	

# 7.10 Service

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



Item	Description
Initialization	This feature is used to restore printer settings to defaults.
Mileage Info.	This feature is used to check the printed mileage
Contact us	This feature is used to check the contact information for tech support service
Serial Info.	This feature is used to check the printer serial number

# 8 Troubleshooting

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 invoked, please contact the Customer Service Department of your purchased reseller or distributor for assistance.

Problem	Possible Cause	Recovery Procedure	
Power indicator does not illuminate	* The power cord is not properly connected.	* Plug the power cord in printer and outlet. * Switch the printer on.	
Carriage Open	* The printer carriages are open.	* Please close the print carriages.	
Not Printing	* Check if interface cable is well connected to the interface connector.  * Check if wireless or Bluetooth device is well connected between host and printer.  * The port specified in the Windows driver is not correct.	* Re-connect cable to interface or chang a new cable.  * Please reset the wireless device setting.  * Select the correct printer port in the driver.  * Clean the printhead.  * Printhead's harness connector is not well connected with printheat. Turn off the printer and plug the connector again.  * Check your program if there is a command PRINT at the end of the file and there must have CRLF at the end of each command line.	
No print on the label	<ul><li>* Label or ribbon is loaded not correctly.</li><li>* Use wrong type paper or ribbon</li></ul>	<ul> <li>* Follow the instructions in loading the media and ribbon.</li> <li>* Ribbon and media are not compatible.</li> <li>* Verify the ribbon-inked side.</li> <li>* The print density setting is incorrect.</li> </ul>	
No Ribbon	<ul><li>* Running out of ribbon.</li><li>* The ribbon is installed incorrectly.</li></ul>	* Supply a new ribbon roll.  * Please refer to the steps in user's manual to reinstall the ribbon.	
No Paper	<ul> <li>* Running out of label.</li> <li>* The label is installed incorrectly.</li> <li>* Gap/black mark sensor is not calibrated.</li> </ul>	* Supply a new label roll.  * Please refer to the steps in user's manual to reinstall the label roll.  * Calibrate the gap/black mark sensor.	
Paper Jam	<ul> <li>* Gap/black mark sensor is not set properly.</li> <li>* Make sure label size is set properly.</li> <li>* Labels may be stuck inside the printer mechanism.</li> </ul>	* Calibrate the media sensor.  * Set media size correctly.  * Remove the stuck label inside the printer mechanism.	
Take Label	* Peel function is enabled.	* If the peeler module is installed, please remove the label.  * If there is no peeler module in front of the printer, please switch off the printer and install it.  * Check if the connector is plugging correctly.	

Can't downloading the file to memory (FLASH / DRAM/CARD)	* The space of memory is full.	* Delete unused files in the memory.		
SD card is unable to use	* SD card is damaged.  * SD card doesn't insert correctly.  * Use the non-approved SD card manufacturer.	* Use the supported capacity SD card. * Insert the SD card again. * The supported SD card spec and the approved SD card manufacturers, please refer to section 2.2.3.		
Poor Print Quality	* Ribbon and media is loaded incorrectly  * Dust or adhesive accumulation on the print head.  * Print density is not set properly.  * Printhead element is damaged.  * Ribbon and media are incompatible.  * The printhead pressure is not set properly.	* Reload the supply.  * Clean the print head.  * Clean the platen roller.  * Adjust the print density and print speed.  * Run printer self-test and check the print head test pattern if there is dot missing in the pattern.  * Change proper ribbon or proper label media.  * Adjust the printhead pressure adjustment knob.  * The release lever does not latch the printhead properly.		
Missing printing on the left or right side of label	* Wrong label size setup.	* Set the correct label size.		
Gray line on the blank label	* The print head is dirty. * The platen roller is dirty.	* Clean the print head. * Clean the platen roller.		
Irregular printing	* The printer is in Hex Dump mode. * The RS-232 setting is incorrect.	* Turn off and on the printer to skip the dump mode. * Re-set the Rs-232 setting.		
Label feeding is not stable (skew) when printing	* The media guide does not touch the edge of the media.	* If the label is moving to the right side, please move the label guide to left. * If the label is moving to the left side, please move the label guide to right.		
Skip labels when printing	<ul> <li>* Label size is not specified properly.</li> <li>* Sensor sensitivity is not set properly.</li> <li>* The media sensor is covered with dust.</li> </ul>	* Check if label size is setup correctly.  * Calibrate the sensor by Auto Gap or Manual Gap options.  * Clear the GAP/Black mark sensor by blower.		
Wrinkle Problem	* Printhead pressure is incorrect.  * Ribbon installation is incorrect.  * Media installation is incorrect.  * Please refer to the next chapter.  * Please set the suitable density to have good print quality.  * Media installation is incorrect.  * Print density is incorrect.  * Media feeding is incorrect.			
RTC time is incorrect when reboot the printer	* The battery has run down.	* Check if there is a battery on the main board.		
The left side printout position is incorrect	* Wrong label size setup. * The parameter Shift X in LCD menu is incorrect.	* Set the correct label size.  * Press [MENU] → [SELECT] x 3 → [DOWN] x 5 → [SELECT] to fine tune the parameter of Shift X.		

Calibrate the sensor sensitivity again. Set the correct label size and gap size. Press [MENU] → [SELECT]  $x3\rightarrow[DOWN]x6\rightarrow[SELECT]$  to fine tune the parameter of Shift Y. If using the software BarTender, please set the vertical offset in the driver. 列印喜好設定 ? × Page Setup | Graphics Stock | Options | About | Media sensor sensitivity is Media Settings Use Current Printer Setting Method: not set properly. The printing position of small <u>Type:</u> Labels With Gaps Label size is incorrect. Gap Offset: 0.00 mm label is incorrect The parameter Shift Y in the Gap Height: 3.00 mm LCD menu is incorrect. Media Handling The vertical offset setting in Post-Print Action: Tear Off the driver is incorrect. After Every Page 7 Feed Offset: 0.00 mm Position Adjustments Vertical Offset: 0.00 mm 確定 取消 套用(<u>A</u>) 說明

# 9 Maintenance

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

- 1. Please use one of following material to clean the printer.
  - Cotton swab
  - Lint-free cloth
  - Vacuum / Blower brush
  - 100% Ethanol or Isopropyl Alcohol
- 2. The cleaning process is described as following,

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

#### Note:

- Do not touch printer head by hand. If you touch it careless, please use ethanol to clean it.
- Please use 100% Ethenol or Isopropyl Alcohol. DO NOT use medical alcohol, which may damage the printer head.
- Regularly clean the print head and supply sensors once change a new media to keep printer performance and extend printer life.

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