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Your attention is drawn to the following actions that could compromise the characteristics of the product:

- Read and retain the instructions which follow.
- Follow all indications and instructions given on the device.
- Make sure that the surface on which the device rests is stable. If it is not, the device could fall, seriously damaging it.
- Make sure that the device rests on a hard (non-padded) surface and that there is sufficient ventilation.
- When positioning the device, make sure cables do not get damaged.
- Use the type of electrical power supply indicated on the device label. If uncertain, contact your dealer.
- Make sure the electrical system that supplies power to the device is equipped with a ground wire and is protected by a differential switch.
- Do not block the ventilation openings.
- Do not insert objects inside the device as this could cause short-circuiting or damage components that could jeopardize printer functioning.
- Do not carry out repairs on the device yourself, except for the normal maintenance operations given in the user manual.
- Make sure that there is an easily-accessible outlet with a capacity of no less than 10A closely to where the device is to be installed.
- Periodically perform scheduled maintenance on the device to avoid dirt build-up that could compromise the correct, safe operation of the unit.
- Before any type of work is done on the machine, disconnect the power supply.
- Do not touch the head heating line with bare hands or metal objects. Do not perform any operation inside the printer immediately after printing because the head and motor tend to become very hot.

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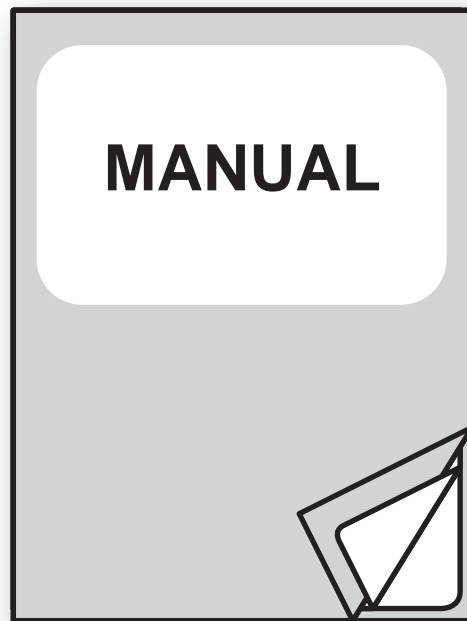
- EN 55022 Class B (*Limits and methods of measurements of radio disturbance characteristics of Information Technology Equipment*)
- EN 55024 (*Information Technology Equipment – Immunity characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement*)
- EN 60950-1 (*Safety of information equipment including electrical business equipment*)



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The crossed-out rubbish bin logo means that used electrical and electronic products shall NOT be mixed with unsorted municipal waste. For more detailed information about recycling of this product, refer to the instructions of your country for the disposal of these products.

- Do not dispose of this equipment as miscellaneous solid municipal waste, but arrange to have it collected separately.
- The re-use or correct recycling of the electronic and electrical equipment (EEE) is important in order to protect the environment and the wellbeing of humans.
- In accordance with European Directive WEEE 2002/96/EC, special collection points are available to which to deliver waste electrical and electronic equipment and the equipment can also be handed over to a distributor at the moment of purchasing a new equivalent type.
- The public administration and producers of electrical and electronic equipment are involved in facilitating the processes of the re-use and recovery of waste electrical and electronic equipment through the organisation of collection activities and the use of appropriate planning arrangements.
- Unauthorised disposal of waste electrical and electronic equipment is punishable by law with the appropriate penalties.



For details on the commands,
refer to the manual with code. **77100000000200**

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Document structure

This document includes the following chapters:

1	INTRODUCTION	information about this document
2	DESCRIPTION	general description of device
3	INSTALLATION	information required for a correct installation of the device
4	OPERATION	information required to make the device operative
5	CONFIGURATION	description of the configuration parameters of the device
6	MAINTENANCE	information for a correct periodic maintenance
7	SPECIFICATION	technical specification for the device and its accessories
8	CONSUMABLES	description and installation of the available consumables for the device
9	ACCESSORIES	description and installation of the available accessories for the device
10	ALIGNMENT	information required for managing the paper alignment
11	TECHNICAL SERVICE	information required for contacting the technical service

1.2 Explanatory notes used in this manual

NOTE:

Gives important information or suggestions relative to the use of the device

ATTENTION:

Gives information that must be carefully followed to guard against damaging the device

DANGER:

Gives information that must be carefully followed to guard against operator injury or damage

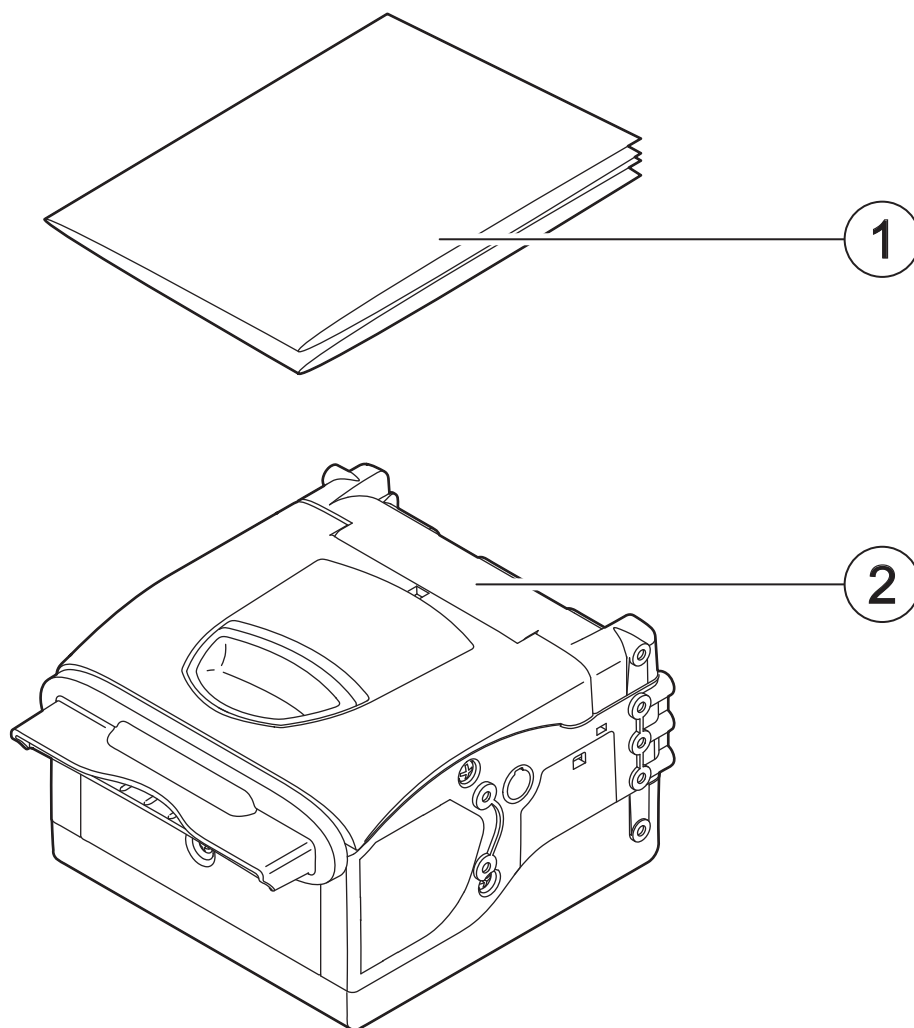
2 DESCRIPTION

2.1 Box content

Remove the device from its carton being careful not to damage the packing material so that it may be re-used if the printer is to be transported in the future.

Make sure that all the components illustrated below are present and that there are no signs of damage. If there are, contact Customer Service

1. Installation instruction sheet
2. Device

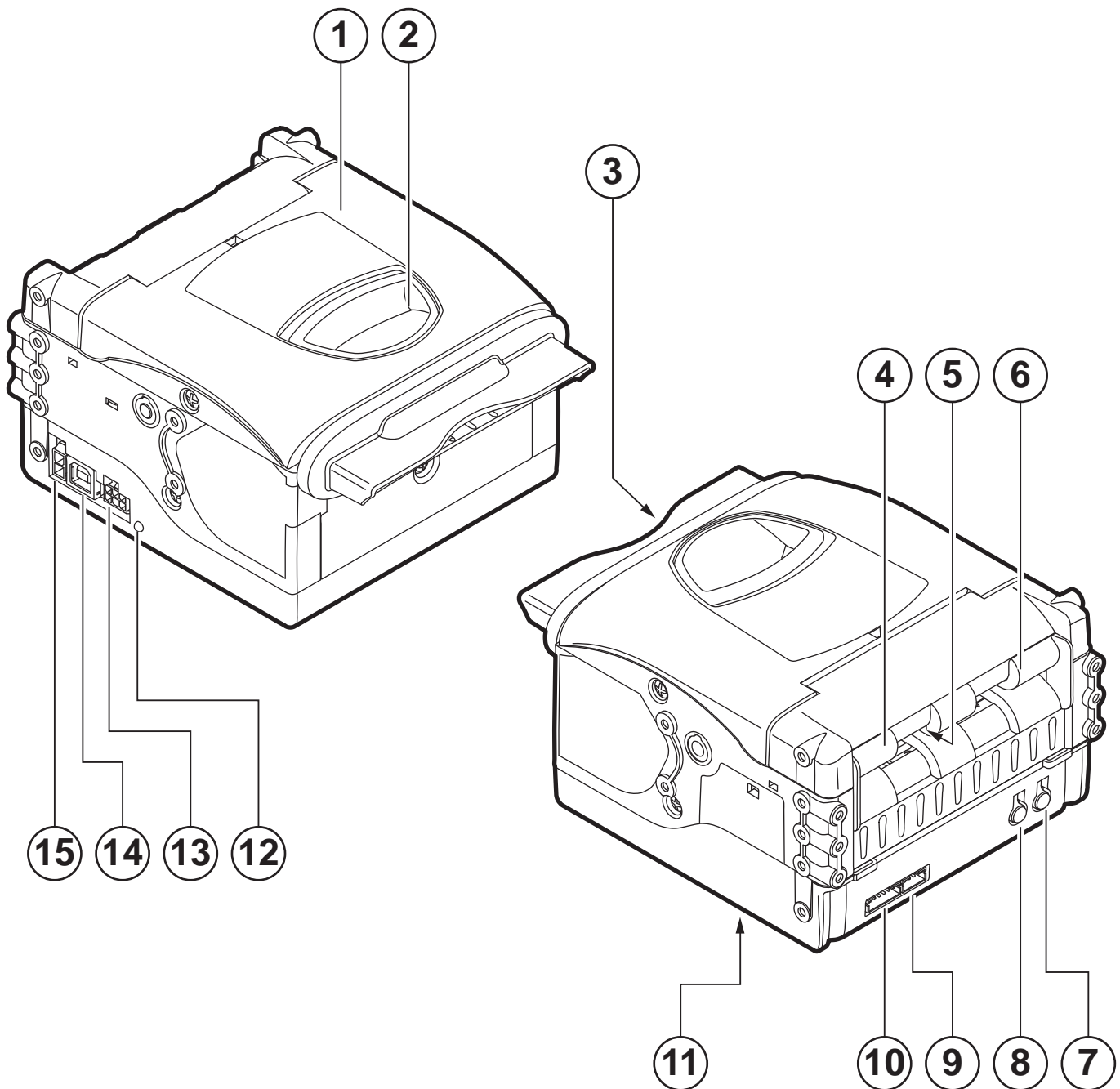


- Open the device packaging.
- Take out the device.
- Take out the rest of the content.
- Keep the box, trays and packing materials in the event the printer must be transported/shipped in the future.

2.2 Device components: external views

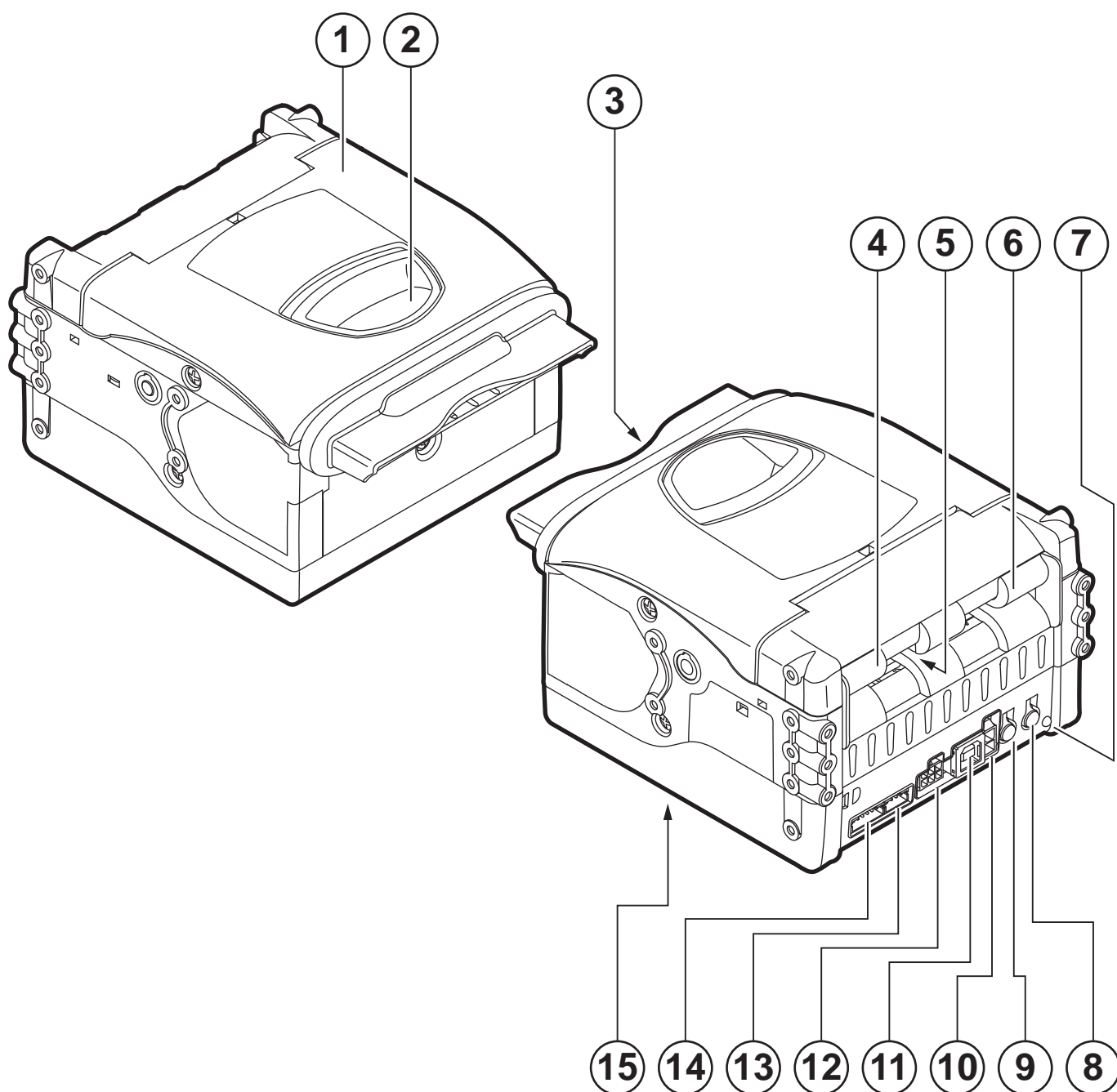
Model with lateral connectors

1. Device cover
2. Opening lever
3. Paper output
4. Left cursor for paper input
5. Paper input
6. Right cursor for paper input
7. FORM FEED key
8. LINE FEED key
9. Connector for near paper end sensor (external)
10. Expansion connector (for optional external device)
11. Product label
12. Status led
13. RS232 interface connector
14. USB interface connector
15. Power supply connector



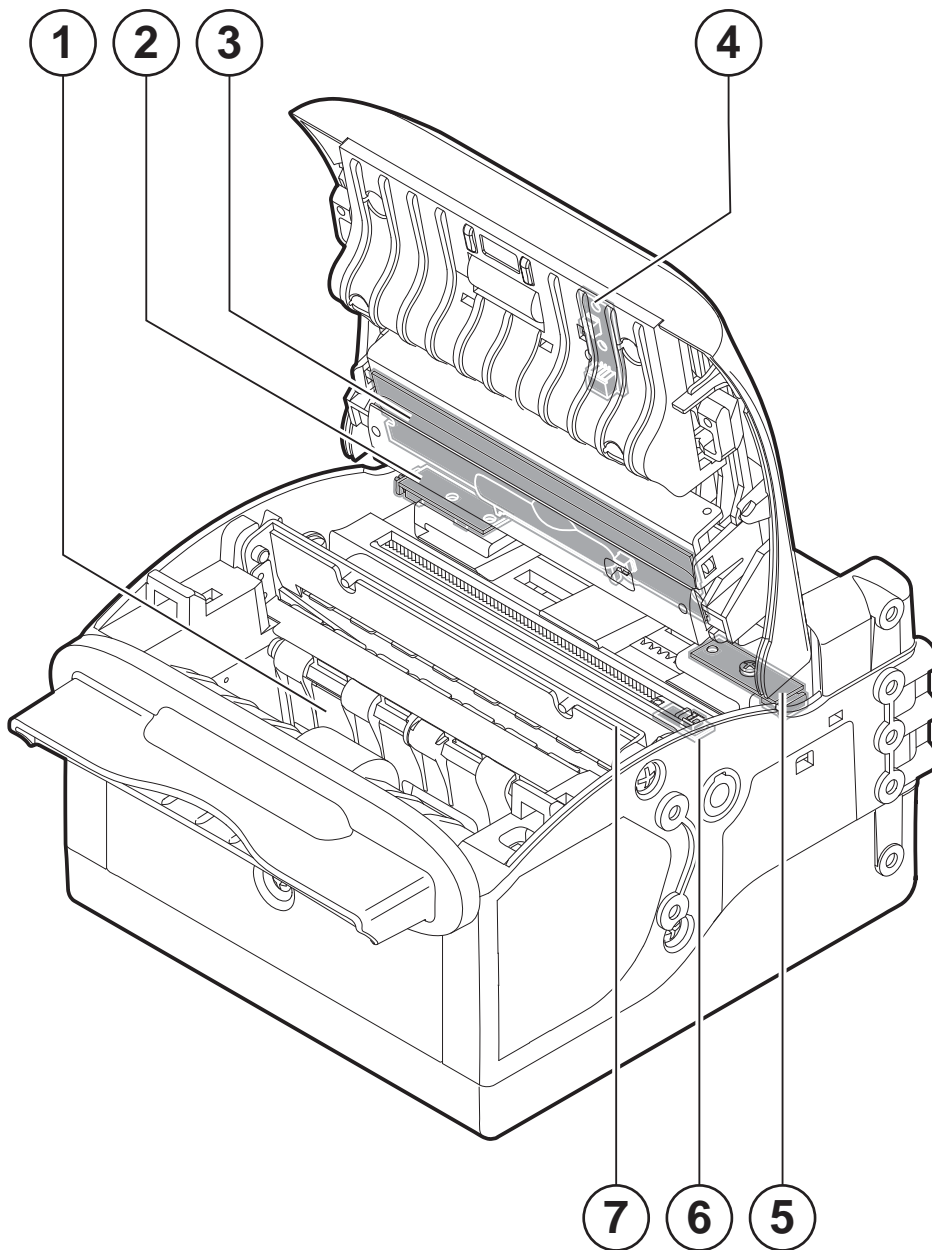
Model with rear connectors

1. Device cover
2. Opening lever
3. Paper output
4. Left cursor for paper input
5. Paper input
6. Right cursor for paper input
7. Status led
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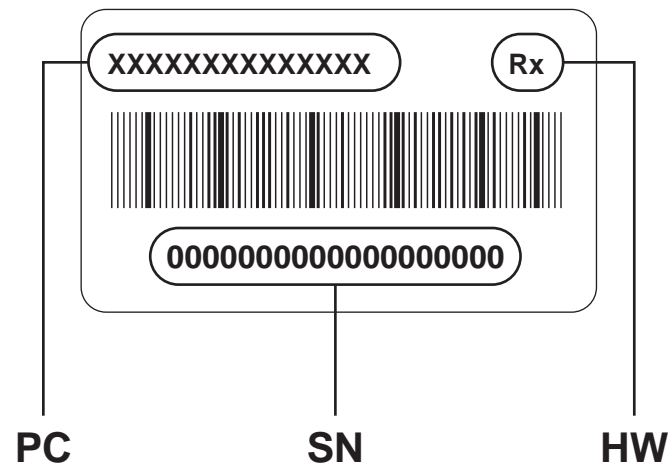
2.3 Device components: internal views

1. Ejector bulkhead
2. Upper left sensor for notch (optional)
3. Printing head with sensor for paper in presence (built-in)
4. Paper out presence sensor
5. Upper right sensor for notch (optional)
6. Lower mobile sensor for notch
7. Cutter

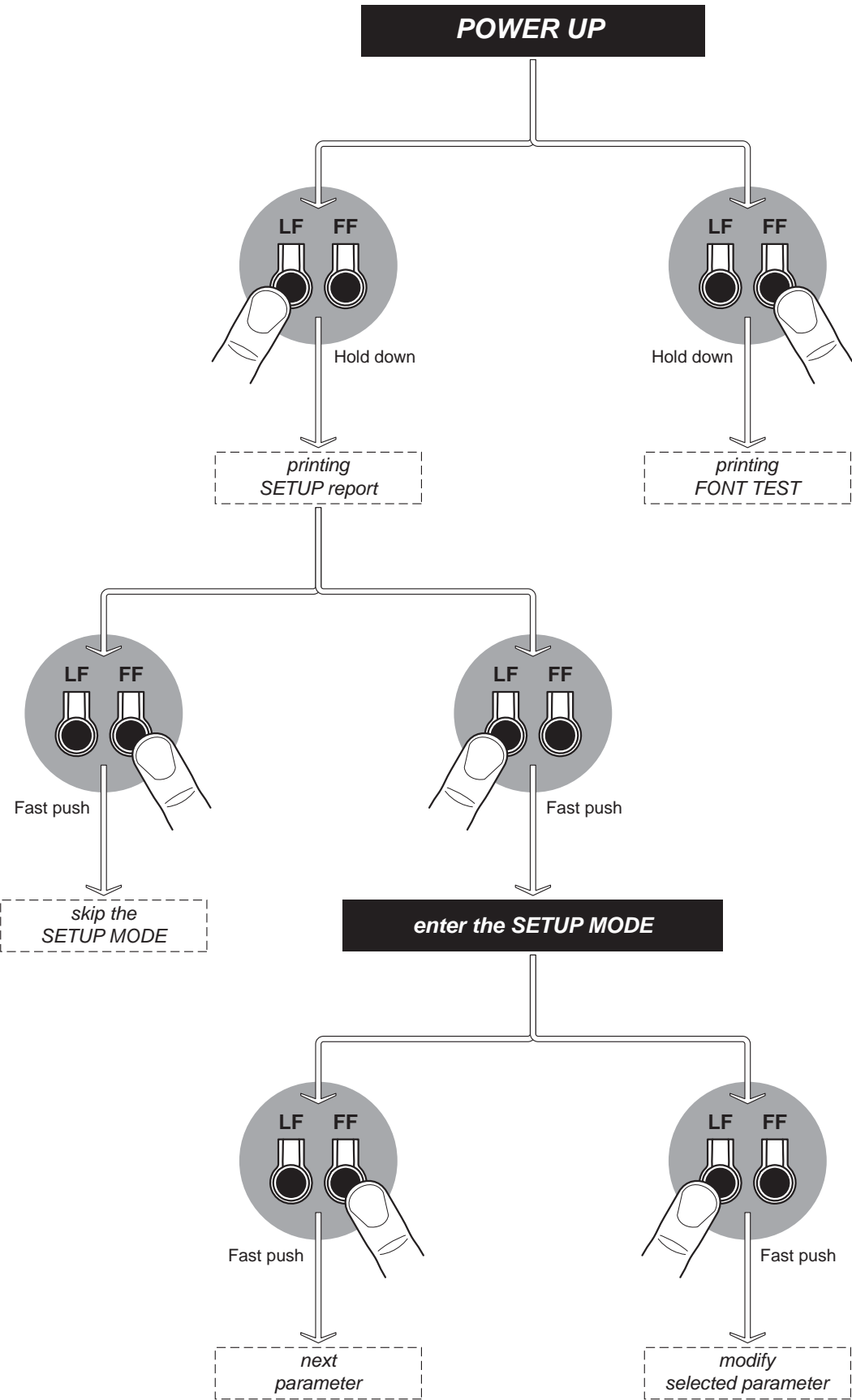


2.4 Product label

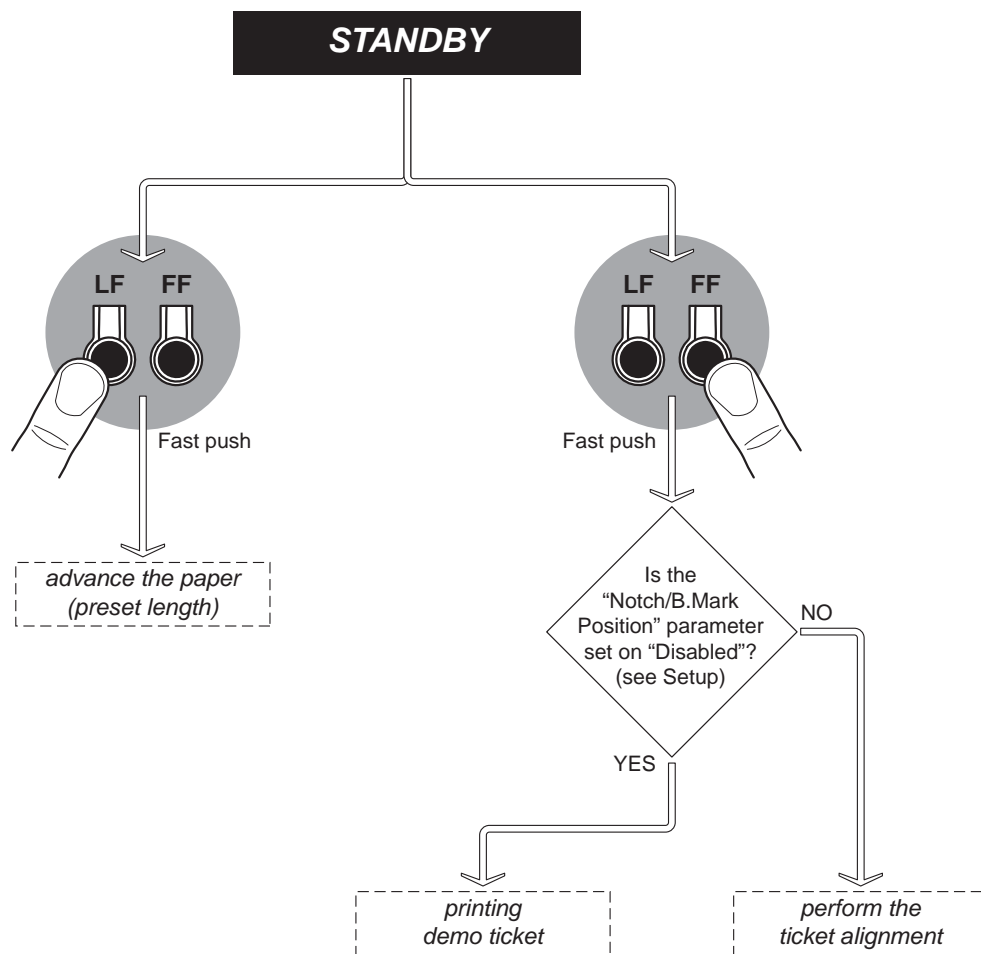
PC = Product code (14 digits)
SN = Serial number
HW = Hardware release



2.5 Key functions: power up








2.6 Key functions: standby



2.7 Status led flashes

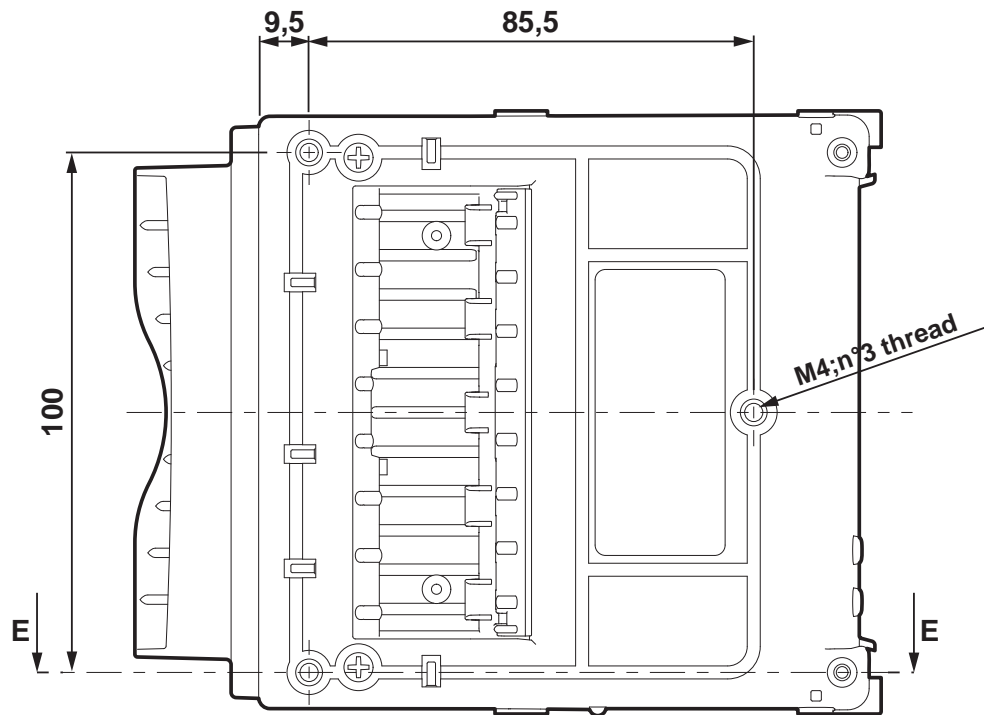
The Status led indicates hardware status of device. Given in the table below are the various led signals and the corresponding device status.

STATUS LED		DESCRIPTION	
-		OFF	DEVICE OFF
GREEN		ON	DEVICE ON: NO ERROR
GREEN COMMUNICATION STATUS		x 1	RECEIVE DATA
		x 2	RECEPTION ERROR (PARITY, FRAME ERROR, OVERRUN ERROR)
		x 3	COMMAND NOT RECOGNIZED
		x 4	COMMAND RECEPTION TIME OUT
YELLOW RECOVERABLE ERROR		x 2	HEADING OVER TEMPERATURE
		x 3	PAPER END
		x 4	PAPER JAM
		x 5	POWER SUPPLY VOLTAGE INCORRECT
		x 6	COVER OPEN
RED UNRECOVERABLE ERROR		x 1	EJECTOR ROLLER ERROR
		x 2	EJECTOR BULKHEAD ERROR
		x 3	RAM ERROR
		x 4	EXTERNAL FLASH ERROR
		x 5	CUTTER ERROR

3 INSTALLATION

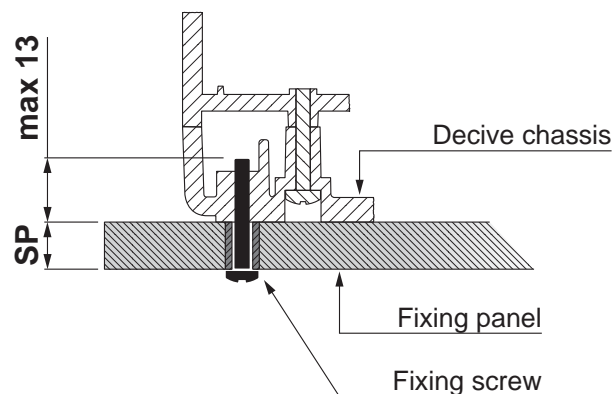
3.1 Fastening

The device is provided with three fixing holes on the bottom of device (see following figure). To fasten the device on a panel, use three M4 screws.



It's very important to consider the screws length not to damage the internal components placed near the fixing holes (see following figure).

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The screw length (L) will be calculated according to the thickness of the panel (Sp) on which the device is fixed, as follows:

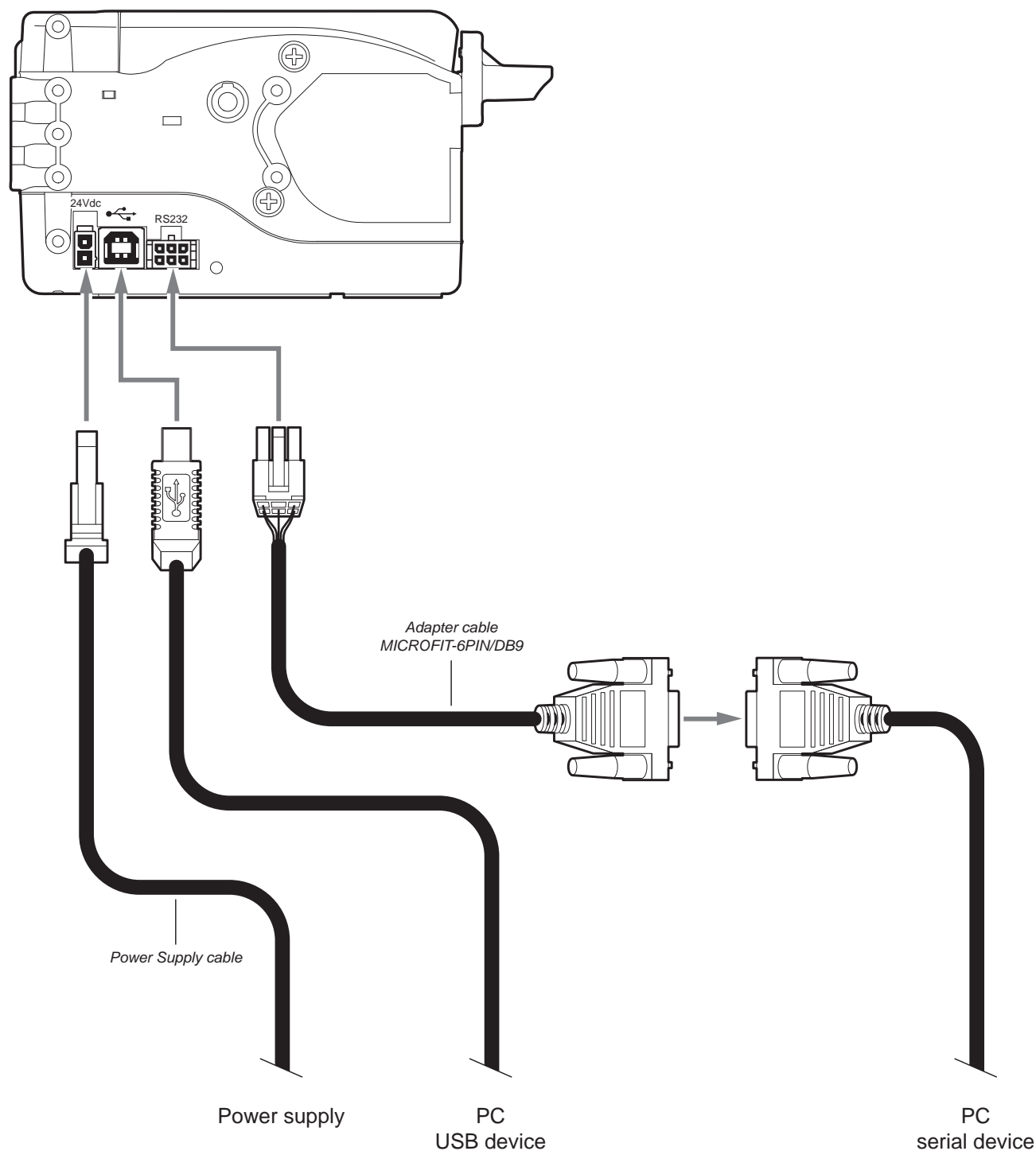
$$L \leq 13\text{mm} + Sp$$

For example, if panel thickness is 10mm (Sp = 10mm), the maximum length for screws will be 23mm.

3.2 Collections

The following figures show the possible connections for the device.

Model with lateral connectors



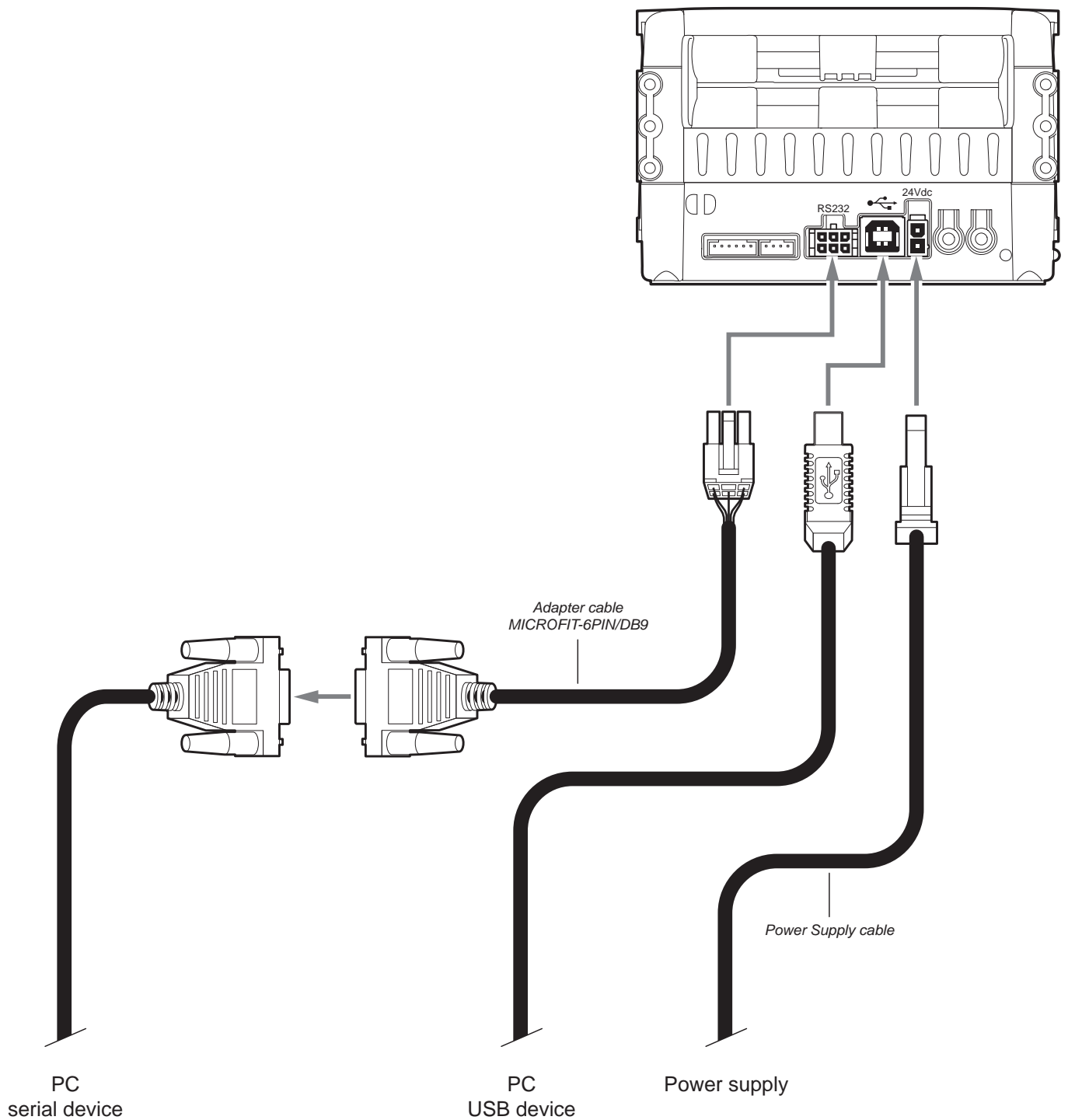
ATTENTION:

It is recommended to secure with a tie the adapter cable MICROFIT-6PIN/DB9 to a fixed support in order to prevent the connector on control board bears the weight of the cables.

In some using conditions, we recommend the installation of a ferrite core on the power supply cable.

NOTE: If RS232 and USB connectors are inserted, communication port is USB.

Model with rear connectors



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3.3 Pinout



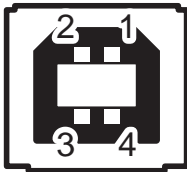
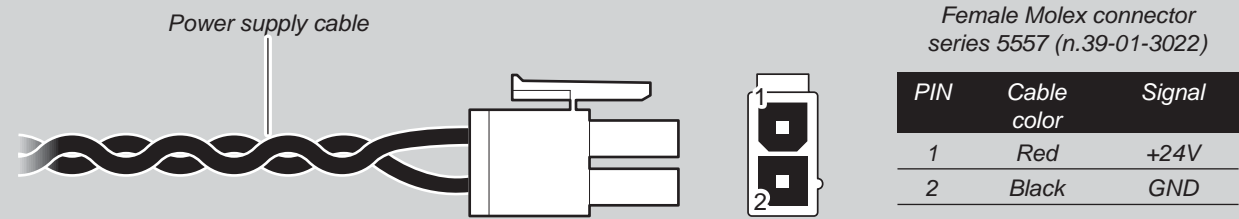
POWER SUPPLY

Male Molex connector series 5569 vertical (n° 39-30-1020)

J13	1	+24 Vdc
	2	GND

ATTENTION:
Respect power supply polarity.

NOTE: Power supply cable
The following figure shows the connector pinout of the power supply cable for the device:



USB INTERFACE

Female USB type B connector

J2	1	USB0-VBUS (in)
	2	D0 - (in/out)
	3	D0 + (in/out)
	4	GND
	SH1	SHIELD
	SH2	SHIELD



SERIAL INTERFACE

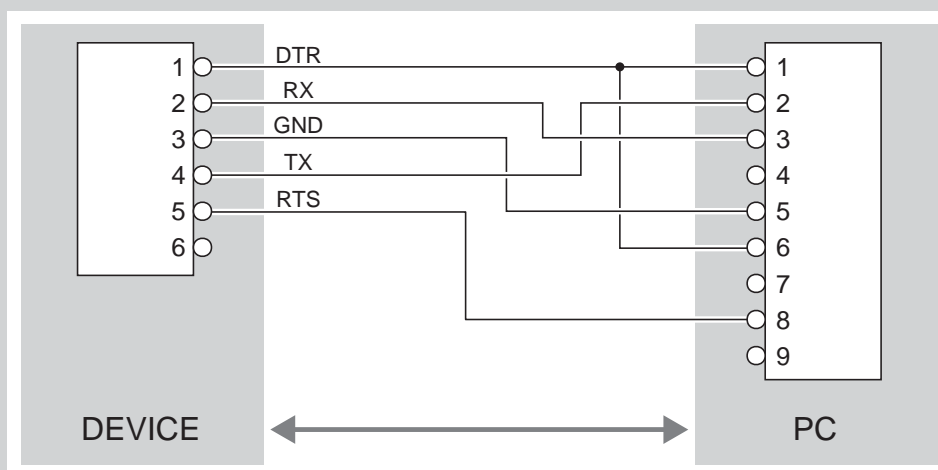
Female MICROFIT-6PIN connector (*cable insertion side*)

J1	1	DTR	(out)	Data terminal ready
	2	RX	(in)	Data reception signal
	3	GND		
	4	TX	(out)	Data transmission signal
	5	RTS	(out)	Request to send
	6	n.c.		

NOTES

DEVICE > PC connection

Use the adapter cable MICROFIT-6PIN/DB9 and a RS232 serial cable to connect the printer to a personal computer. The following picture shows an example of connection between the device and a personal computer using a 9 pin serial connector.



When use a serial cable, we recommend the installation of a ferrite core on the power supply cable.

3.4 Driver and SDK

The drivers are available for the following operating system:

OPERATING SYSTEM	DESCRIPTION	INSTALLATION PROCEDURE
Windows	Driver for Windows XP	From the START menu, press Run and type-in the path where the SW was saved on your PC, then click OK. Follow the instructions that appear on the screen to install the driver.
	Driver for Windows VISTA (32/64bit)	
	Driver for Windows 7 (32/64bit)	
	Driver for Windows 8 (32/64bit)	
	Driver for Opos	
Linux		Follow the instruction get back on the README.TXT file. You can find it in the software package downloaded in advance.
Android	Library for CustomAndroidAPI	Extract the zipped folder to the destination path desired. Follow the instructions present in the software package that you downloaded on how to install and use the library.

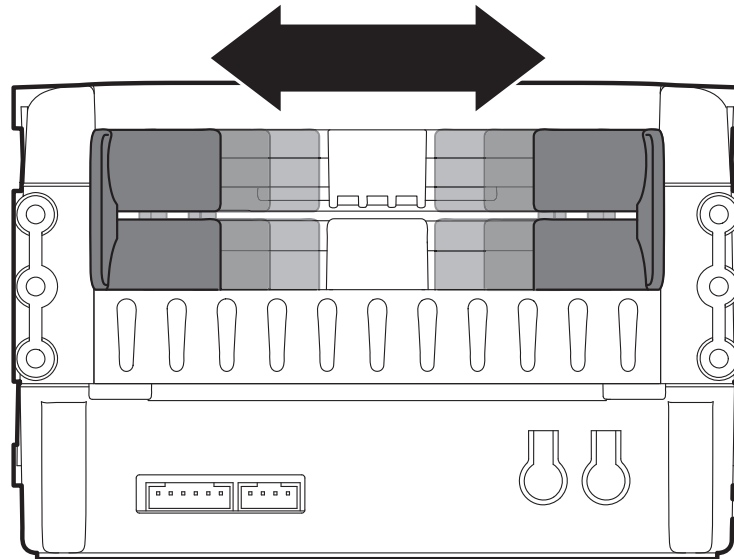
NOTA:

All drivers can be found in the DOWNLOAD section of the web site www.custom.biz.

4 OPERATION

4.1 Adjusting paper width

Paper width may be adjusted from 50mm to 82.5mm by moving the adjustable cursors left and right located on the paper infeed.

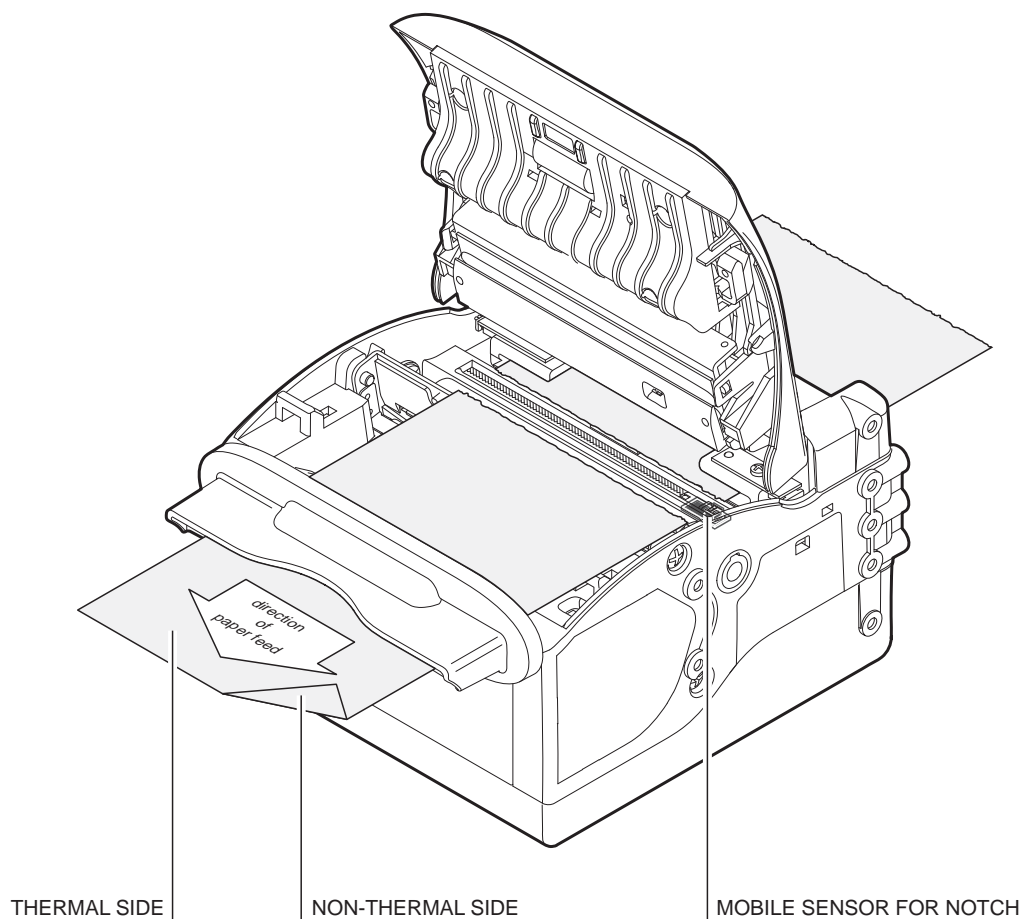


4.2 Adjusting the alignment sensors

The device is equipped with a mobile sensor for the detection of the alignment black mark placed on the non-thermal side of paper (located lower than the plane of the paper inside the device).

The device user will need to manually move these mobile sensor according to the position of the black mark on the paper (see next paragraphs).

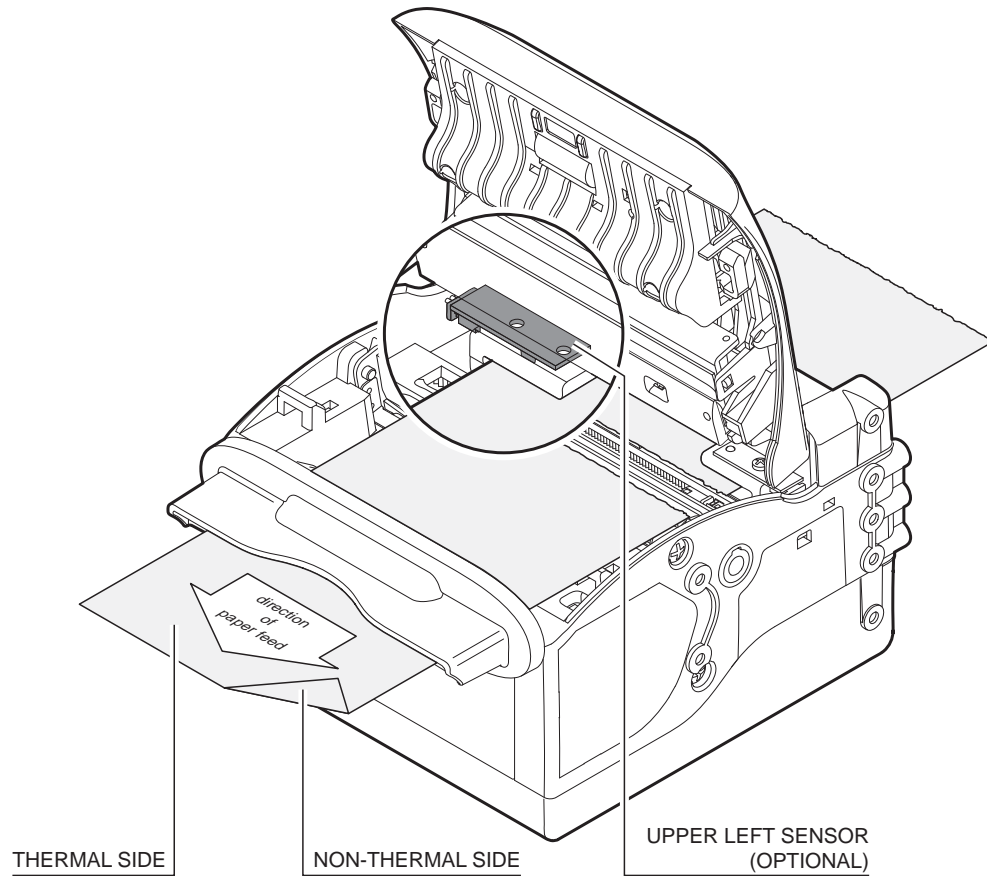
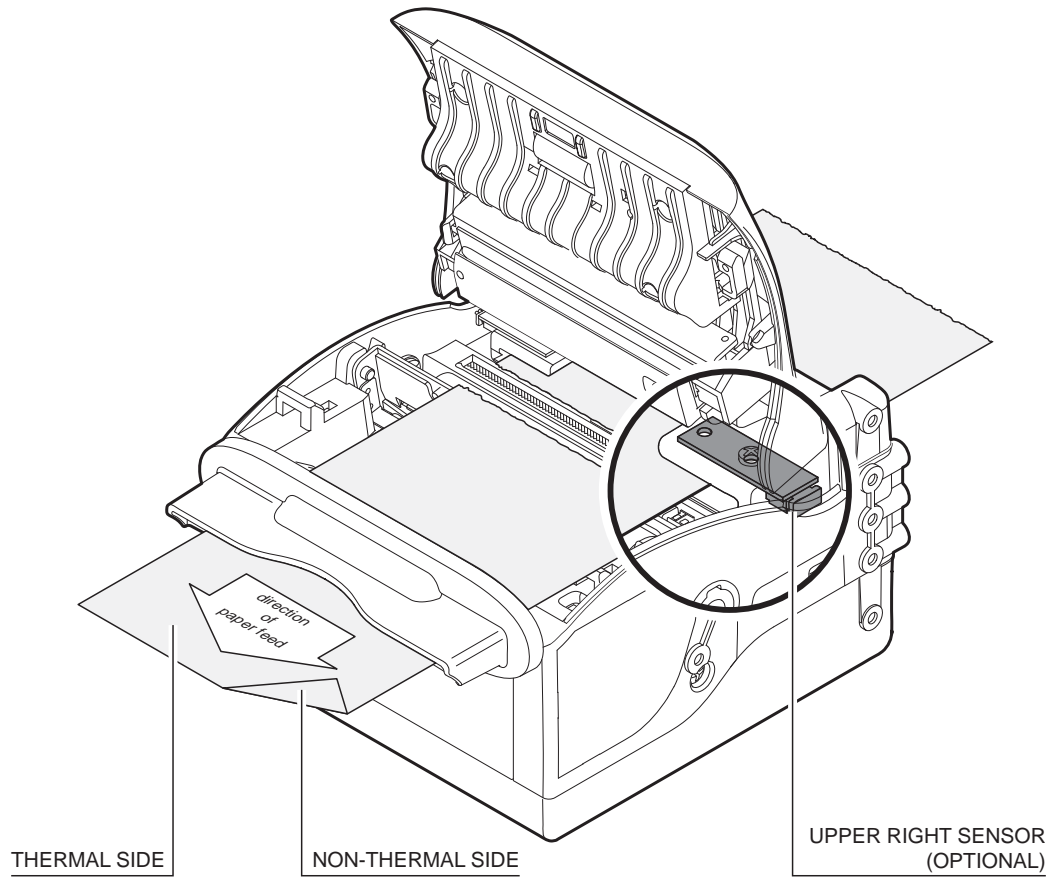
To use this sensor, you must set the “Notch/B.Mark Position” setup parameter on the “Bottom” value (see chapter 5).



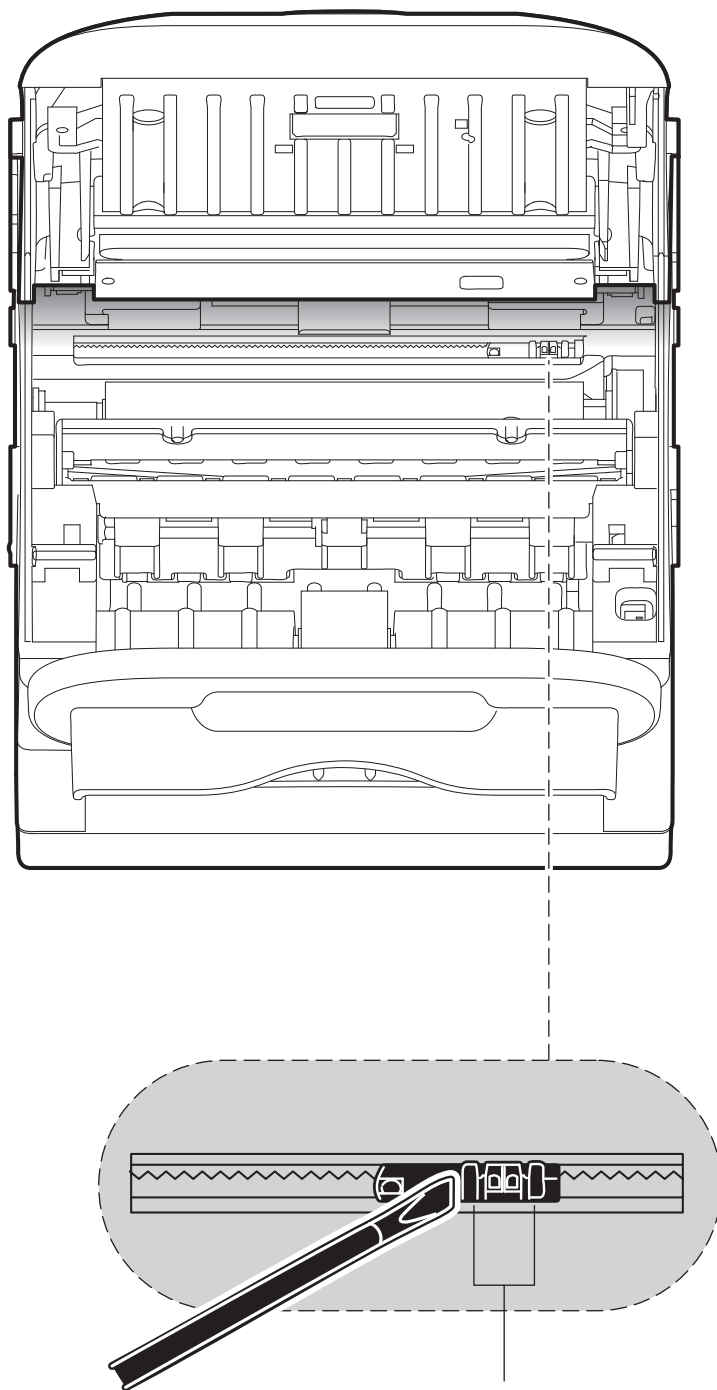
In addition, the printer can be optionally equipped with a sensor for alignment notch placed on the thermal side of paper (located upper than the plane of the paper inside the printer).

This optional sensor can be placed on the left cursor or on the right cursor of the paper infeed. The sensor position is adjusted by moving the paper infeed cursors during the paper width adjusting.

To use this sensor for notch detection, you must set the “Notch/B.Mark Position” setup parameter on the “Top Side” value (see chapter 5).



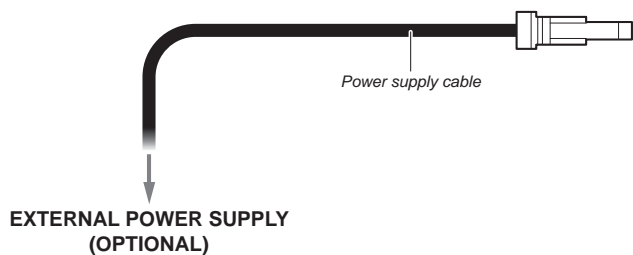
To adjust the mobile sensor position according to the black mark position on paper, first adjust the paper width (see par.4.1), then open the device cover (see par.4.4) and move the sensor to the desired using a small screwdriver or a pointed object.



ATTENTION:
To avoid damaging the sensor,
use the plastic tabs as foothold
for the screwdriver to push
the sensor in the desired position.

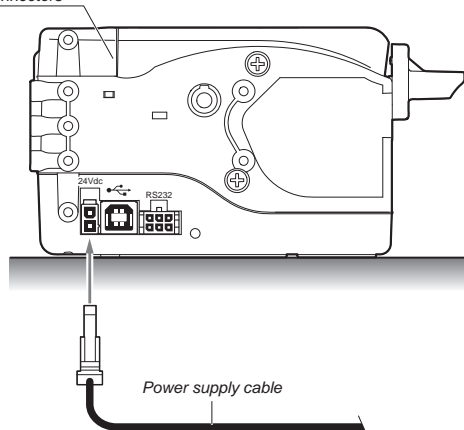
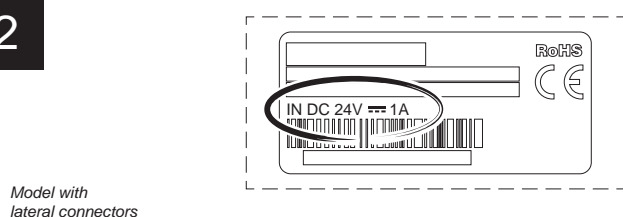
4.3 Switch the device ON

1

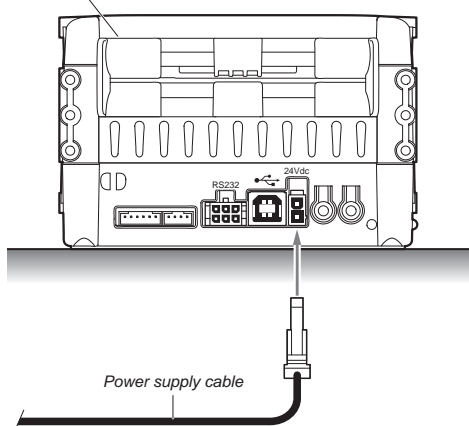


Connect the power supply cable to an external power supply unit.

2

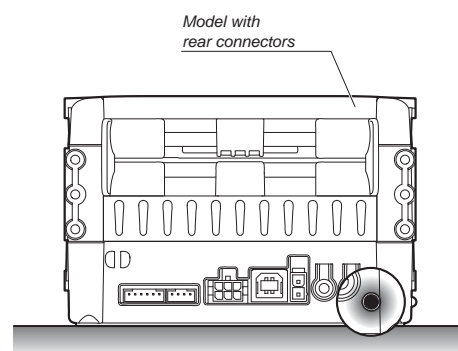
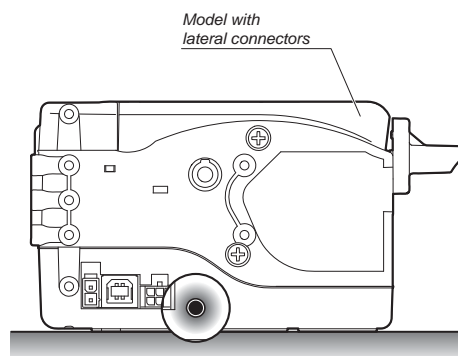


Model with rear connectors



Connect the power supply cable to the device.
Use the type of electrical power supply indicated on the label.

3

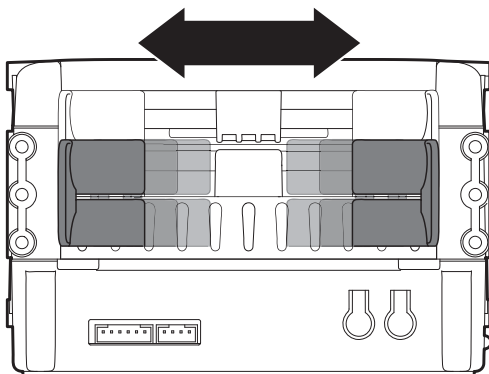


The green status led turn on and the device is ready.

4.4 Loading the paper roll

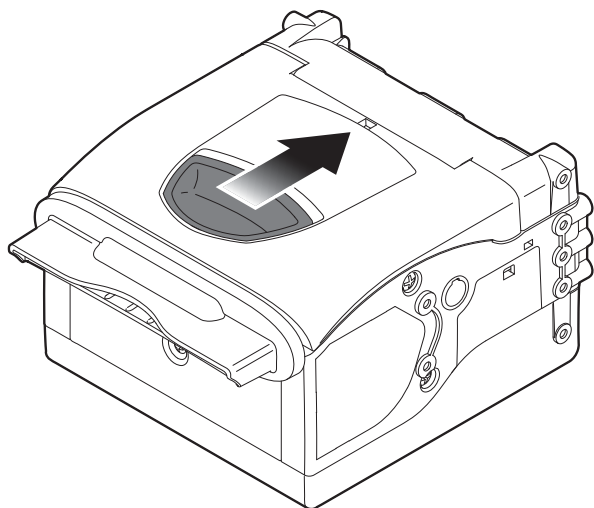
At every change of paper, check inside the device. To change the paper proceed as follows.

1



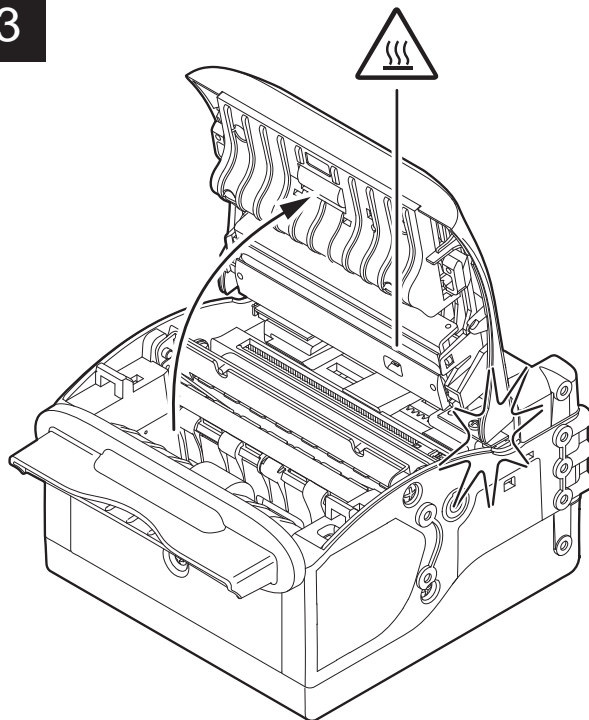
Adjust the paper width
(see previous paragraphs).

2



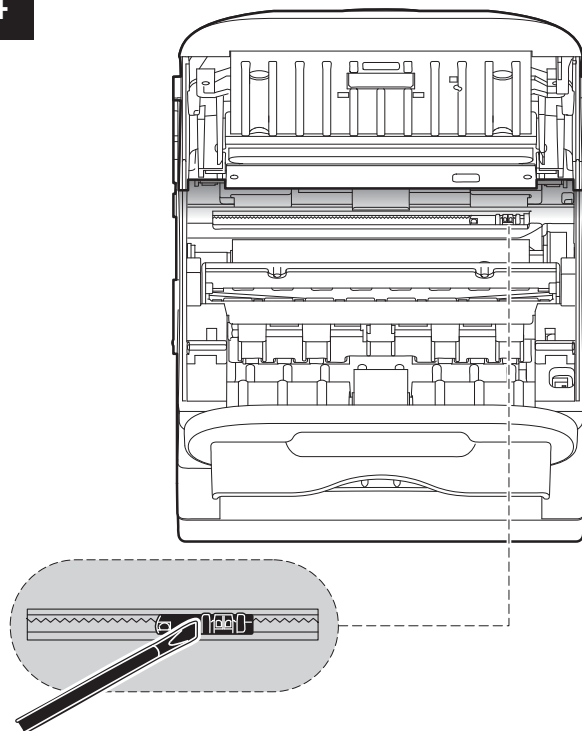
Unhook the printer cover
by using the opening lever.

3



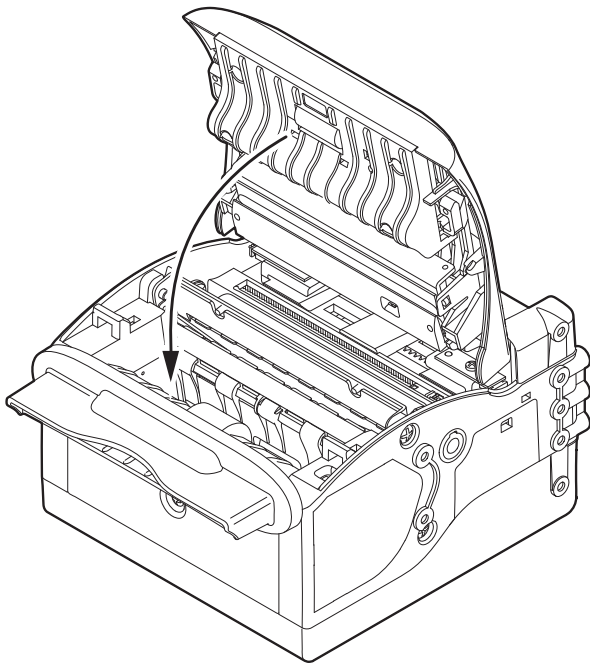
Open the device cover
to the lock position.

4



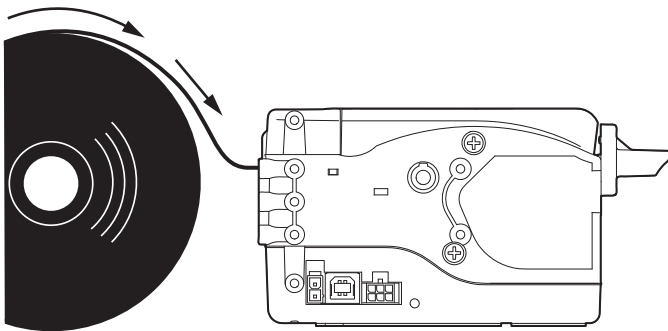
Adjust the mobile sensor position
(see previous paragraphs).

5



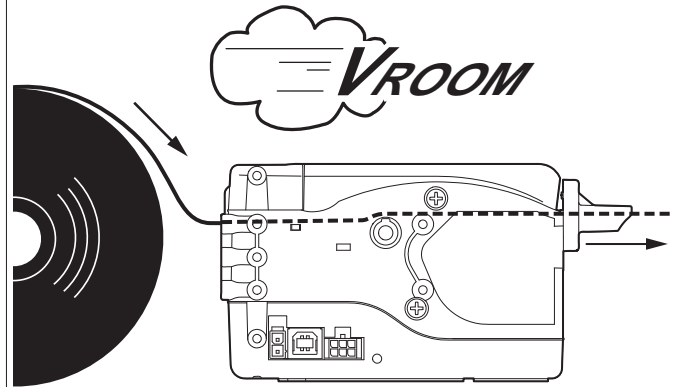
Close the
device cover.

6



Insert the paper into the input mouth so that it unrolls
correctly. Be sure that the paper is
correctly positioned into paper guides.

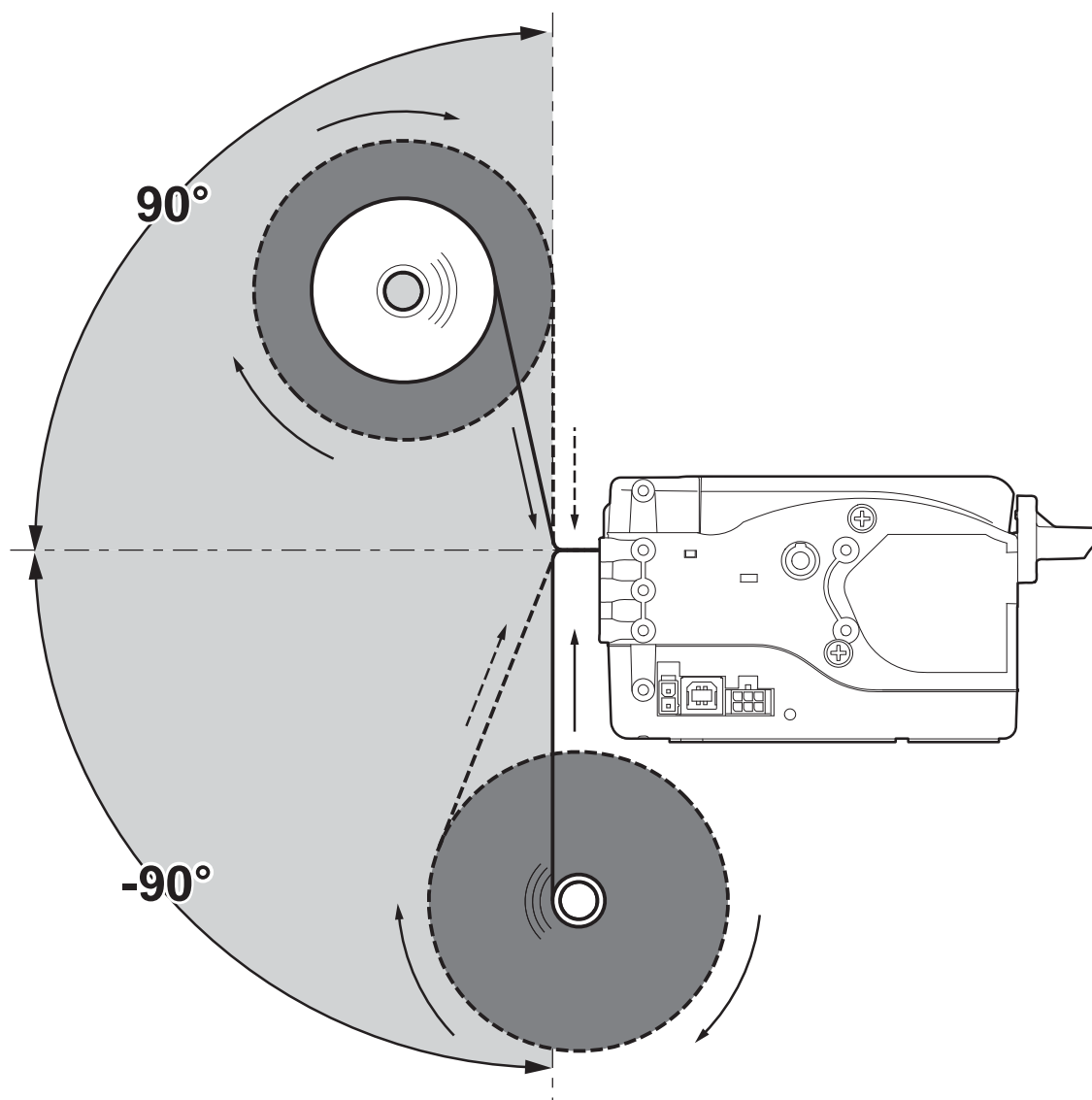
7



Wait until the paper is
automatically loaded.

The following figure gives the limit positions of the paper roll related to the printer for a correct paper loading without a paper roll holder support.

The direction of the paper will always form a maximum angle of 90° or -90° with the insertion plane of paper inside the printer.

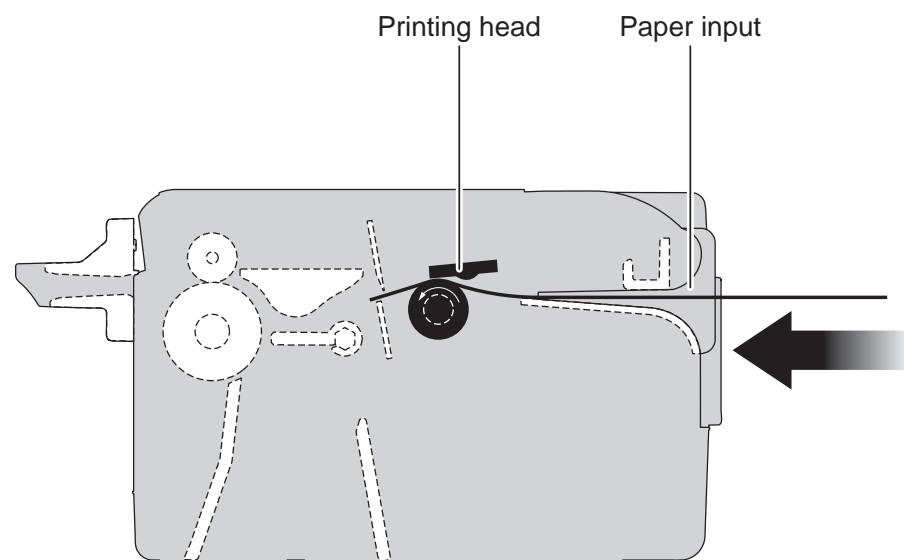


4.5 Issuing ticket

The device allows you to choose between different operating modes for the issuance of printed tickets. The operating modes shown in the following images, depend on the settings of the configuration parameters and commands sent to the device.

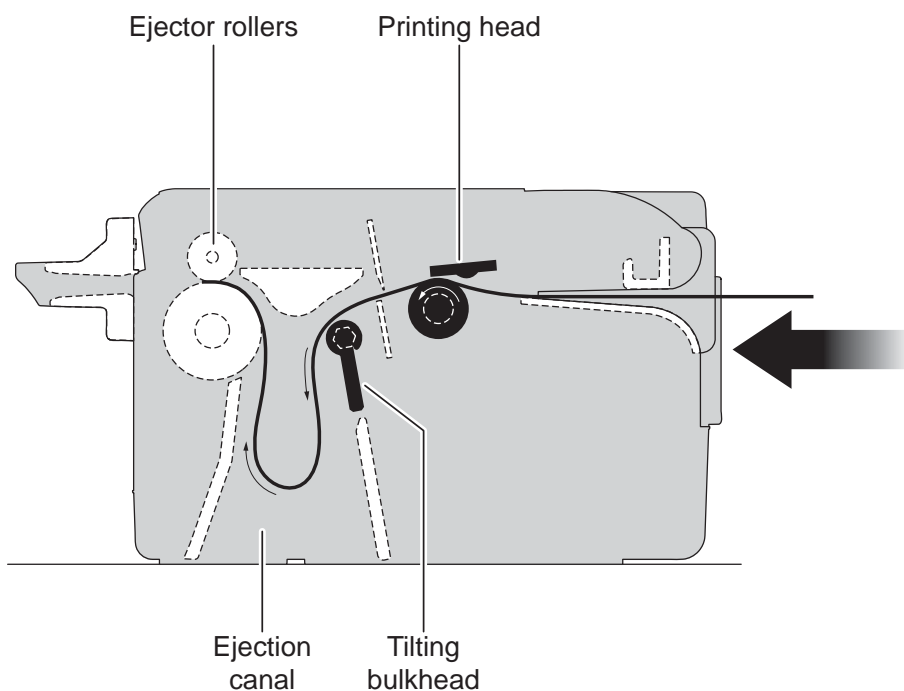
“EJECT” mode

1



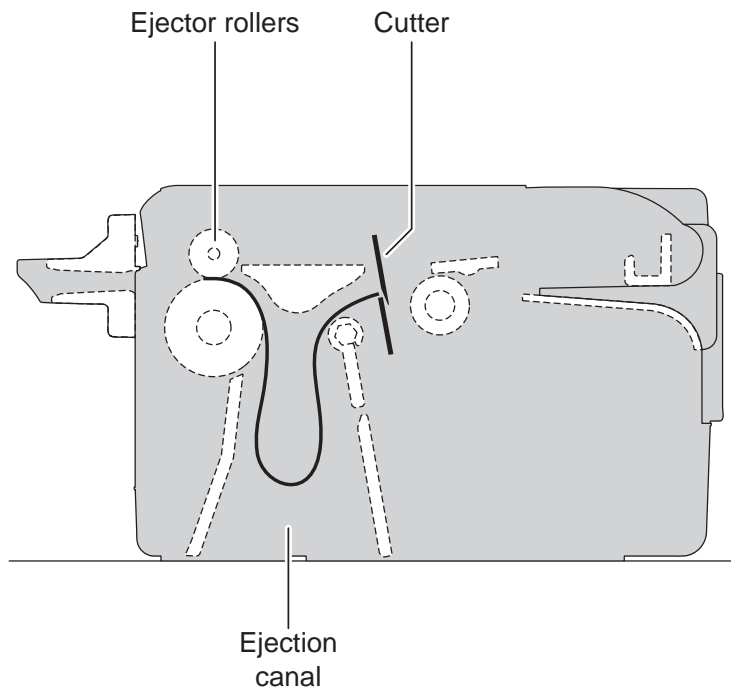
The device starts the ticket printing.

2



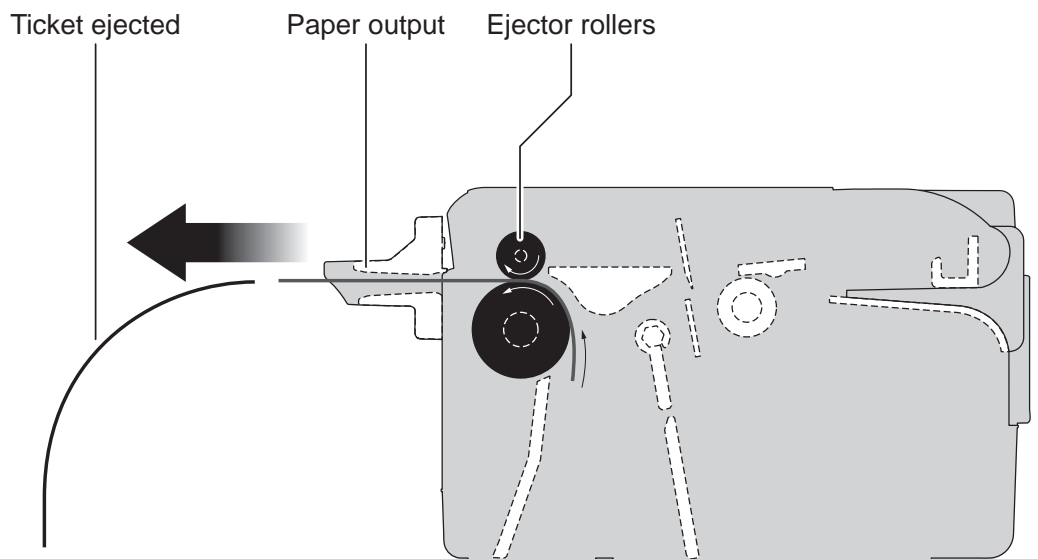
The ticket advances ahead to the ejector and is caught between the ejector rollers. The printed part of ticket is collected into the ejection canal while the device continues printing.

3



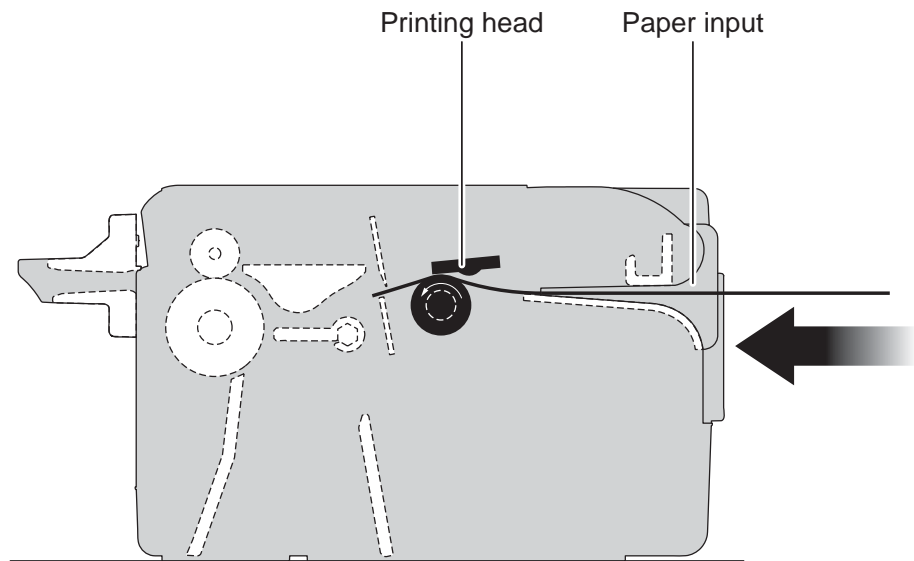
When printing ends, the device cuts the ticket printed

4



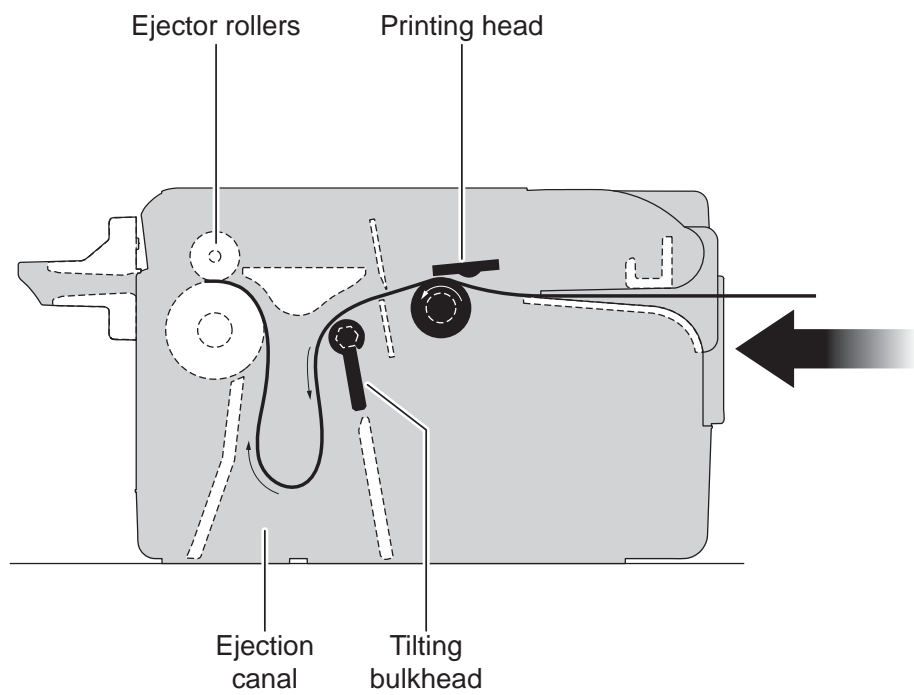
The device directly ejects the ticket

1



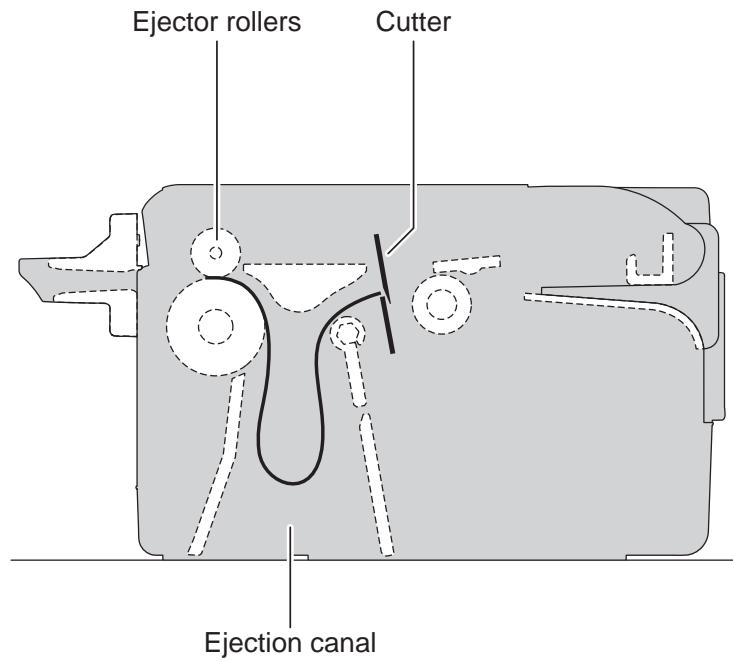
The device starts the ticket printing

2



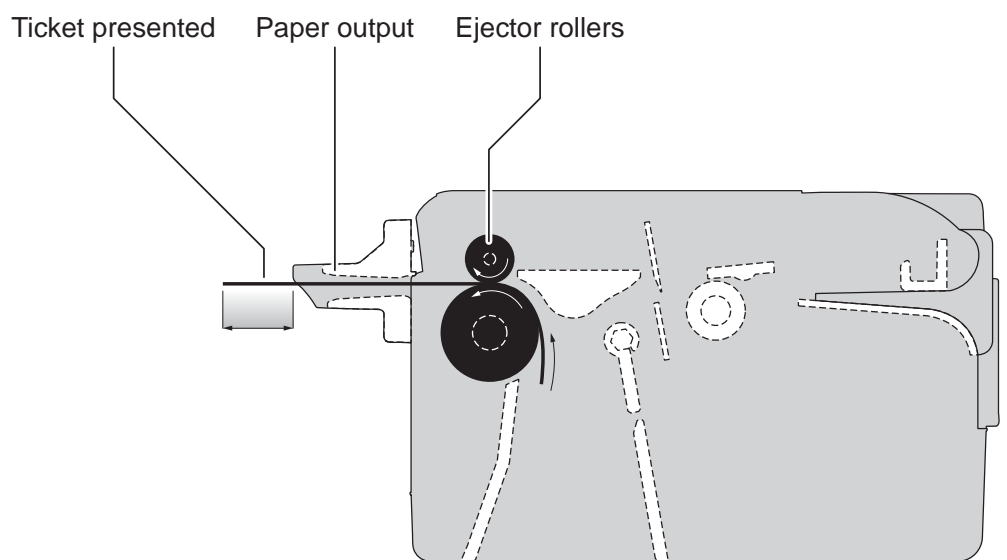
The ticket advances ahead to the ejector and is caught between the ejector rollers. The printed part of ticket is collected into the ejection canal while the device continues printing.

3



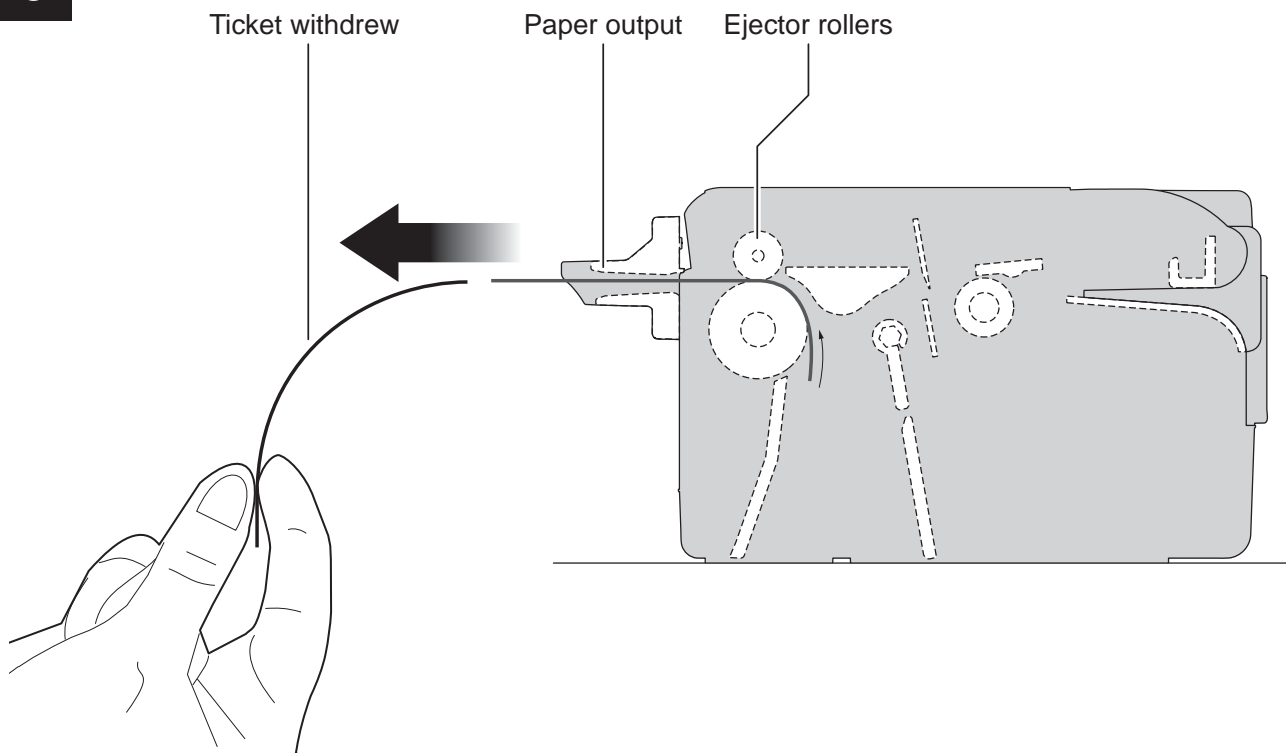
When printing ends, the device cuts the ticket printed.

4



The device presents a portion of the ticket printed on the paper mouth.

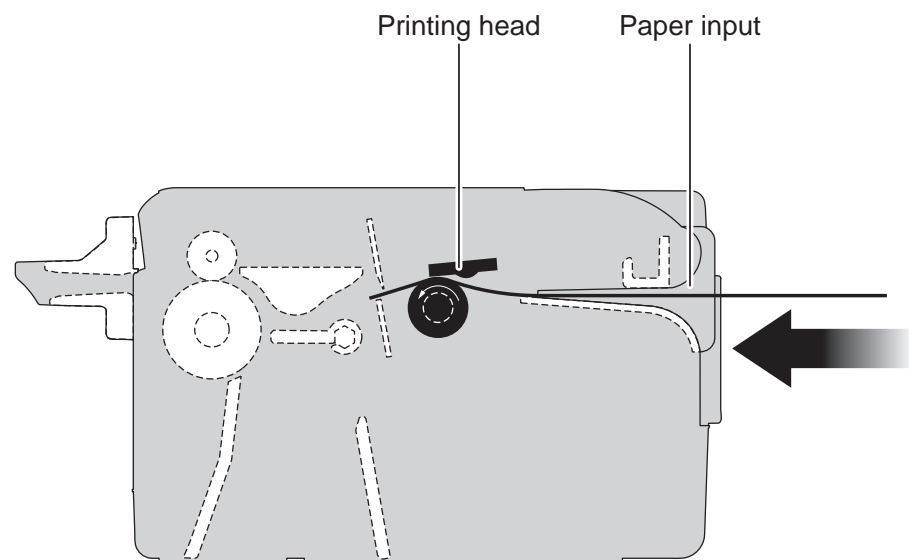
5



The user withdraw the ticket from the paper mouth

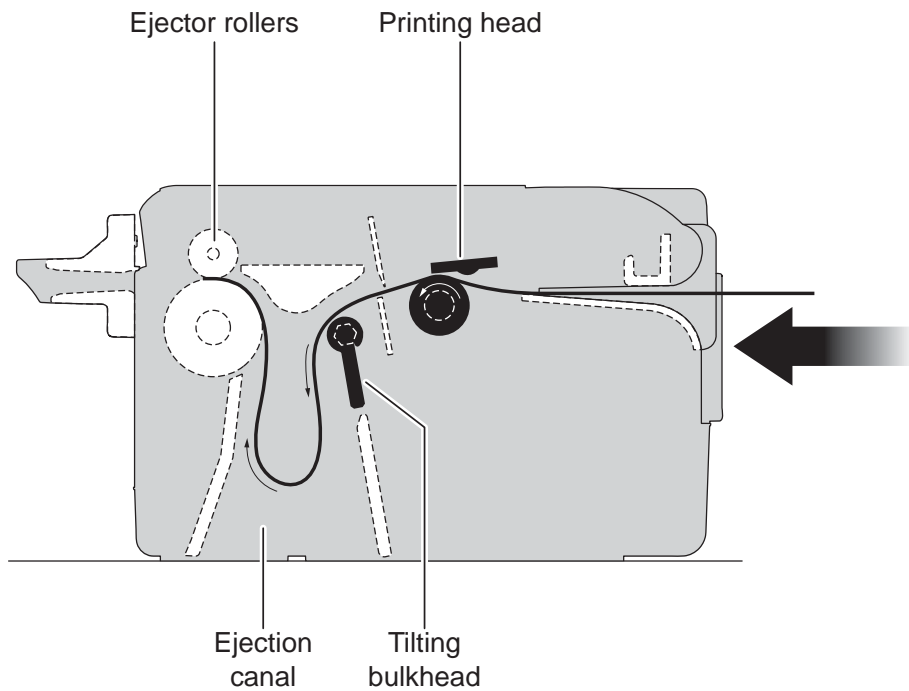
“PRESENT/RETRACT” mode

1



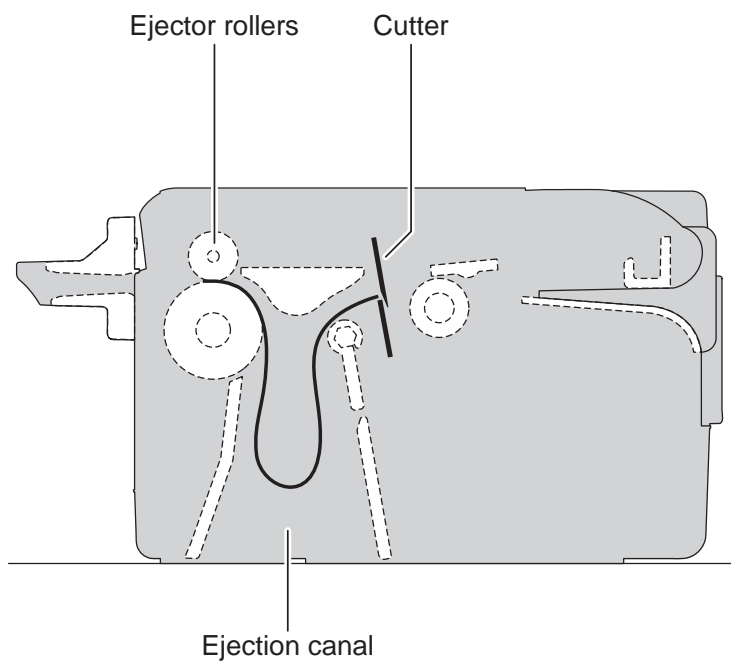
The device starts the ticket printing.

3



The ticket advances ahead to the ejector and is caught between the ejector rollers. The printed part of ticket is collected into the ejection canal while the device continues printing

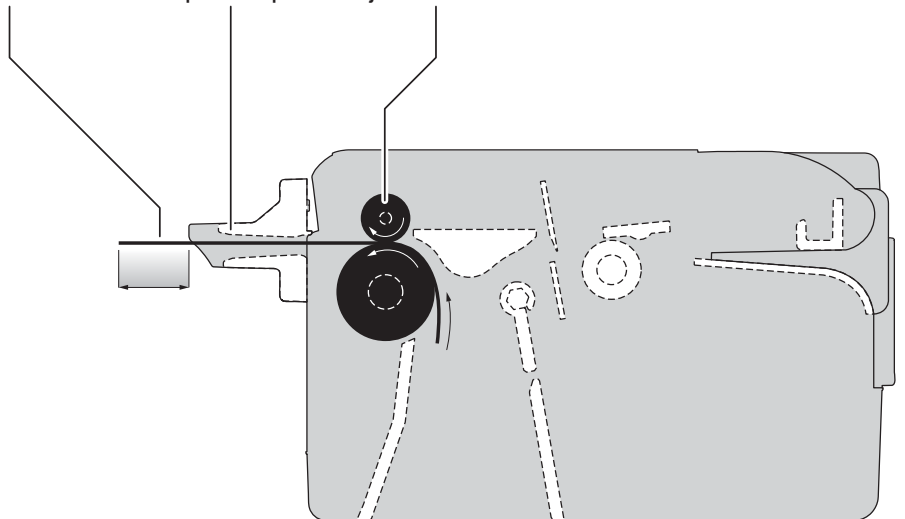
4



When printing ends, the device cuts the ticket printed.

4

Ticket presented Paper output Ejector rollers



The device presents a portion of the ticket printed on the paper mouth

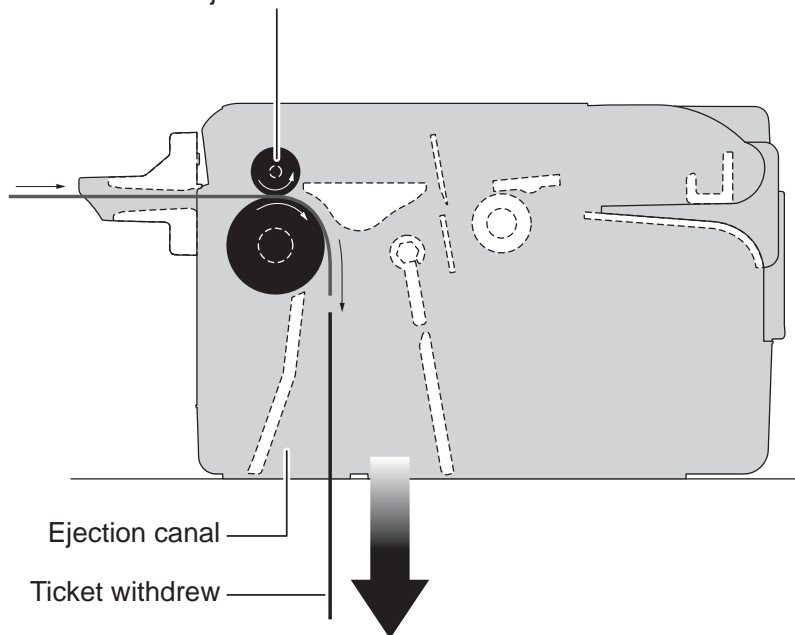
5



The ticket is waiting on the paper mouth for a preset period of time

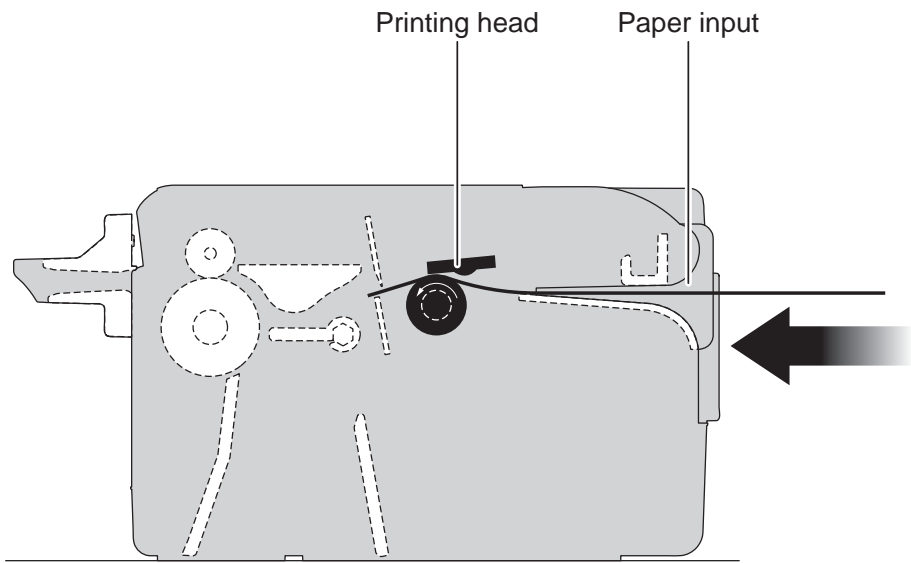
6

Ejector rollers



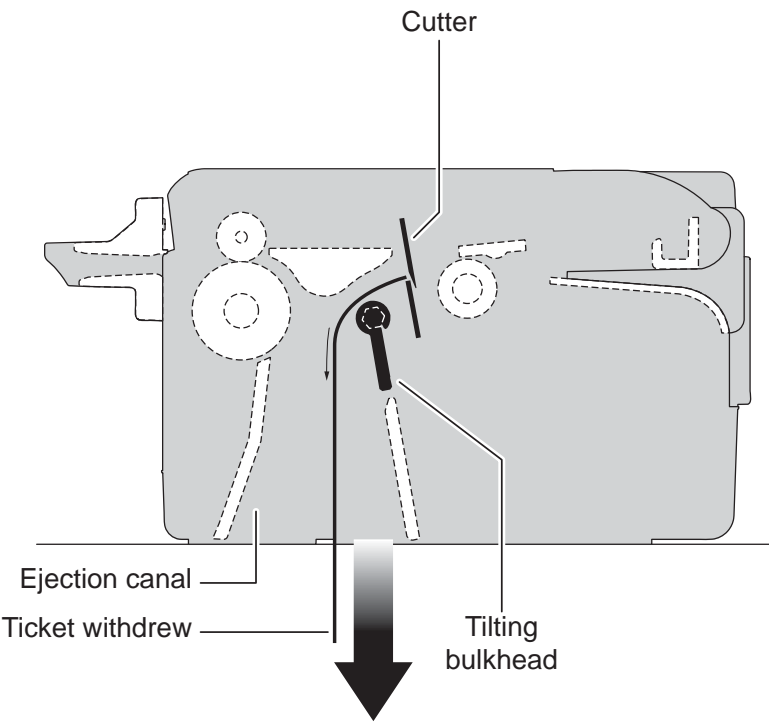
The device retracts and collects the ticket from the mouth paper

1



The device starts the ticket printing

2



When printing ends, the device cuts and collects the ticket printed without presenting it on the paper mouth

NOTE:
For further information, refer to chapter 5 and to the Commands Manual.

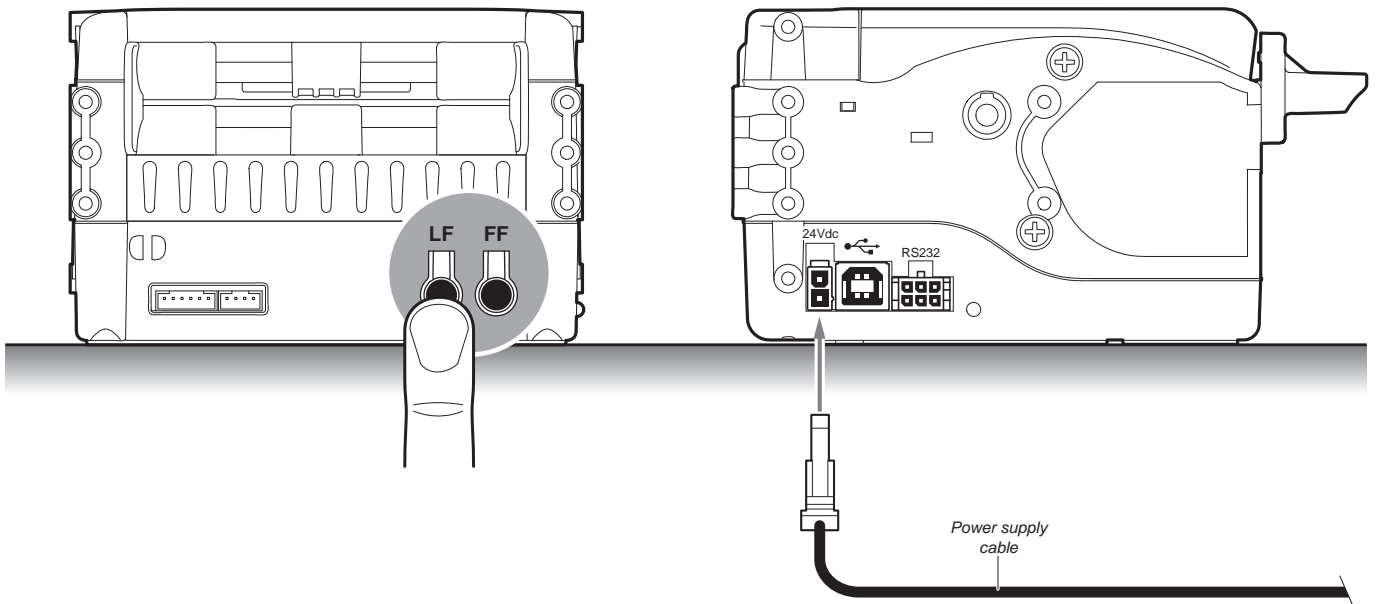
5 CONFIGURATION

5.1 Configuration mode

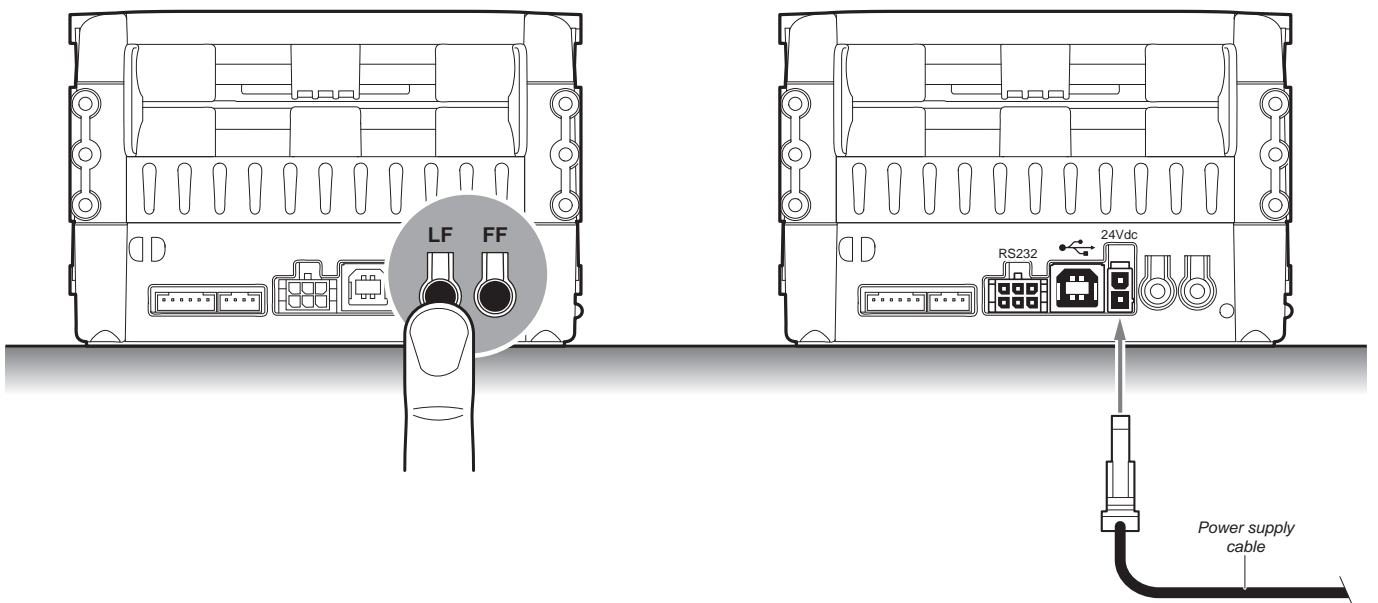
To enter the configuration mode and print a SETUP report with the operating parameters of the device, proceed as follows.

1

Model with lateral connectors

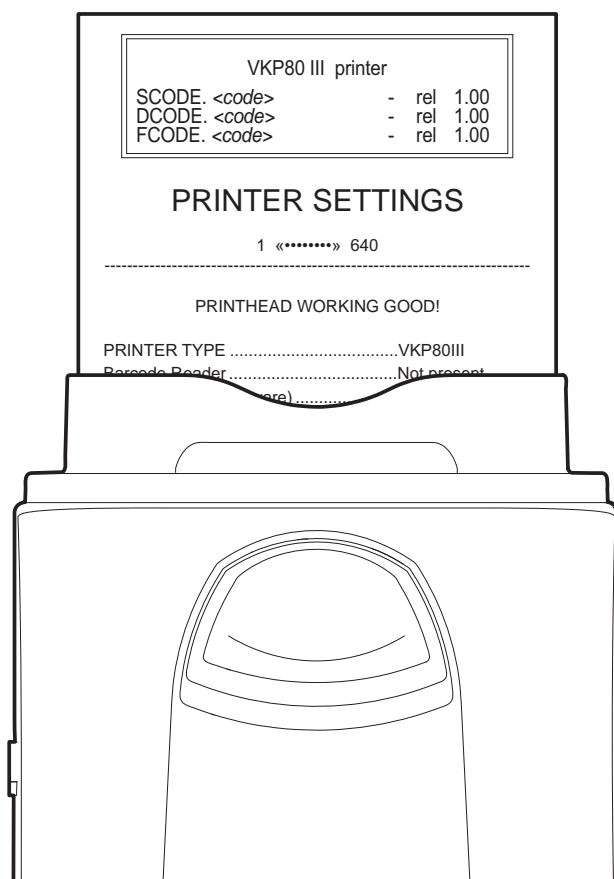


Model with rear connectors



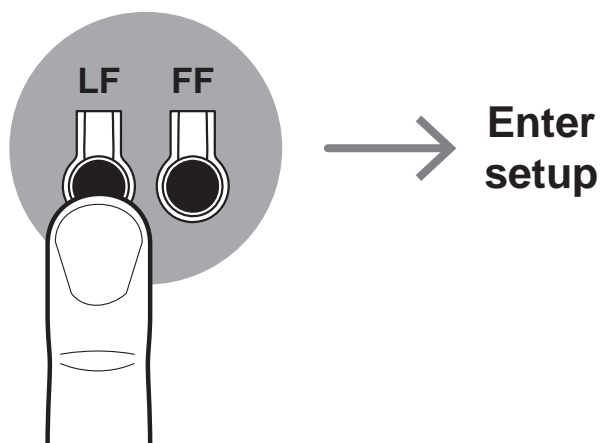
While pressing the LINE FEED key,
switch on the device by inserting the power supply cable.

2



The device prints the report with parameters for settings

3



Press the LINE FEED key to enter the configuration mode

5.2 Setup report

The following figure shows the setup report of the device. The shown values for parameters are sample values; for the list and the description of device parameters see the following paragraphs.

*PRINTER NAME and
FIRMWARE MODULE
RELEASE*

*PRINTING HEAD
STATUS*

*DEVICE
STATUS*

*PRINTER
PARAMETERS*

KEYS FUNCTIONS

VKP80 III printer	
SCODE: <code>	- rel 1.00
DCODE: <code>	- rel 1.00
FCODE: <code>	- rel 1.00

PRINTER SETTINGS

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PRINthead WORKING GOOD!

PRINTER TYPEVKP80III
Barcode ReaderNot present
LED bar RGB (hardware)Not Present
PRINTING HEAD TYPET80
INTERFACERS232
PROGRAM MEMORY TEST.....OK
DYNAMIC RAM TEST.....OK
EXTERNAL MEMORY TESTOK
CUTTER TEST.....OK
HEAD VOLTAGE [V] = 23,37
HEAD TEMPERATURE [°C] = 25
POWER ON COUNTER = 4
PAPER PRINTED [cm] = 40
CUT COUNTER = 1
RETRACT COUNTER = 0

Printer Emulation : **VKP80 III**
RS232 Baud Rate : **115200 bps**
RS232 Data Length : **8 bits/chr**
RS232 Parity : **None**
RS232 Handshaking : **Hardware**
Busy Condition : **RxFull**
USB Mass Storage : **Disabled**
USB Address Number : **0**
USB Virtual COM..... : **Disabled**
Print Mode : **Normal**
Autofeed : **CR Disabled**
Code Table [num] : **0**
Chinese Font : **Disabled**
Chars / inch : **A=15 B=20 cpi**
Speed / Quality..... : **Normal**
Paper Retracting : **Disabled**
Print Width : **76mm**
Paper Threshold..... : **40%**
Notch/B.Mark Position : **Bottom**
Notch Threshold : **40%**
Notch Distance [mm] : **+15**
PrintHead Test PowerOn : **Disabled**
Data Logger..... : **Disabled**
Print Density..... : **0%**

[LF] enter Printer setup
[FF] skip Setup

5.3 Printer status

The printer operating status is indicated in the configuration print-out in which, next to the name of the components displayed, the following information is given:

PRINTER TYPE	<i>device model</i>
BARCODE READER	<i>presence of barcode reader</i>
LED BAR RGB (hardware)	<i>presence of the board for managing the RGB led bar</i>
PRINTING HEAD TYPE	<i>print head model</i>
INTERFACE	<i>interface present</i>
PROGRAM MEMORY TEST	<i>OK appears if functioning and NOT OK if faulty</i>
DYNAMIC RAM TEST	<i>OK appears if functioning and NOT OK if faulty</i>
EXTERNAL MEMORY TEST	<i>OK appears if functioning and NOT OK if faulty</i>
CUTTER TEST	<i>OK appears if functioning and NOT OK if faulty</i>
HEAD VOLTAGE	<i>voltage of the head</i>
HEAD TEMPERATURE	<i>temperature of the head</i>
POWER ON COUNTER	<i>number of power-ups made</i>
PAPER PRINTED	<i>centimetres of paper printed</i>
CUT COUNTER	<i>number of cuts made</i>
RETRACT COUNTER	<i>number of “retracts” made</i>

5.4 Printer parameters

This printer allows the configuration of the parameters listed in the following table.

The parameters marked with the symbol ^D are the default values.

Settings remain active even after the printer has been turned off and they are stored in non-volatile memory.

PRINTER EMULATION	<p><i>Available emulations for the device:</i></p> <p>VKP80III ^D VKP80II</p>
RS232 BAUD RATE	<p><i>Communication speed of the serial interface:</i></p> <p>115200 ^D 38400 9600 57600 19200</p> <p>NOTE: Parameter valid only with serial interface.</p>
RS232 DATA LENGTH	<p><i>Number of bit used for characters encoding:</i></p> <p>7 bits/car 8 bits/car ^D</p> <p>NOTE: Parameter valid only with serial interface.</p>
RS232 PARITY	<p><i>Bit for the parity control of the serial interface:</i></p> <p>None ^D = parity bit omitted Even = even value for parity bit Odd = odd value for parity bit</p> <p>NOTE: Parameter valid only with serial interface.</p>
RS232 HANDSHAKING	<p><i>Handshaking:</i></p> <p>XON/XOFF ^D = software handshaking Hardware = hardware handshaking (CTS/RTS)</p> <p>NOTES: Parameter valid only with serial interface.</p> <p>When the receive buffer is full, if handshaking is set to XON/XOFF, the printer sends the XOFF (0x13) on the serial port. When the receive buffer has cleared once again, if handshaking is set to XON/XOFF, the printer sends the XON (0x11) on the serial port.</p>
BUSY CONDITION	<p><i>Activation mode for Busy signal:</i></p> <p>OffLine/ RXFull = Busy signal is activated when the printer is both in OffLine status and the buffer is full RXFull ^D = Busy signal is activated when the buffer is full</p> <p>NOTE: Parameter valid only with serial interface.</p>

USB MASS STORAGE	<div>Sharing mode from Mass Storage:</div> <div>Disabled^D = sharing mode disabled</div> <div>Enabled = sharing mode enabled</div> <div>NOTE: The parameter is printed only with VKP80III emulation enabled.</div>
USB ADDRESS NUMBER	<div>Numerical address code for the univocal identification of the USB device (in case of more than a USB device connected with the same PC):</div> <div><div>0^D2468</div><div>13579</div></div>
USB VIRTUAL COM	<div>Setting the USB port as a virtual serial port:</div> <div>Disabled^D = Virtual COM disabled</div> <div>Enabled = Virtual COM enabled</div> <div>NOTE: The parameter is printed only with VKP80III emulation enabled.</div>
PRINT MODE	<div>Printing mode:</div> <div>Normal^D = enables printing in normal writing way</div> <div>Reverse = enables printing rotated 180 degrees</div>
AUTOFEED	<div>Setting of the Carriage Return character:</div> <div>CR disabled^D = Carriage Return disabled</div> <div>CR enabled = Carriage Return enabled</div>
CODE TABLE [num]	<div>Identifier number of the character code table to use.</div> <div>The numeric value of the identifier is made up with the following two parameters for the setting of two digits for the tens and the units:</div> <div><div><div>Setting the digit for tens:</div><div><div>CODE TABLE [num x 10]</div><div><div>0^D24</div><div>135</div></div></div></div><div><div>Setting the digit for units:</div><div><div>CODE TABLE [num x 1]</div><div><div>0^D2468</div><div>13579</div></div></div></div><div>NOTE: See the paragraph 7.7 to learn about the character tables corresponding to the identification numbers set with this parameter. The character tables set with this parameter are the same set with the command 0x1B 0x74 (refer to the Commands Manual of the device).</div></div>

CHINESE FONT*Setting of the chinese font:*

Disabled^D = Disables the use of the chinese extended font GB18030-2000
Enabled = Enables the use of the chinese extended font GB18030-2000

NOTE: When the chinese font is enabled, the selection of the character code table is suspended (parameter "CODE TABLE"). When the Chinese fonts is disabled, it returns the character code table previously in use (parameter "CODE TABLE").

CHARS / INCH*Font selection:*

A = 11 cpi, B = 15 cpi
A = 15 cpi, B = 20 cpi^D
A = 20 cpi, B = 15 cpi

NOTES: CPI = Characters Per Inch

SPEED / QUALITY*Setting of printing speed and printing quality:*

High Quality
Normal^D
High Speed

PAPER RETRACTING*Setting of the "retract" function of the paper, with paper presence on ejector during power-up:*

Disabled^D = "retract" function disabled
Enabled = "retract" function enabled

NOTE: The parameter is printed only with VKP80II emulation enabled.

PRINT WIDTH*Width of printing area:*

<i>48 mm</i>	<i>58 mm</i>	<i>68 mm</i>	<i>78 mm</i>
<i>50 mm</i>	<i>60 mm</i>	<i>70 mm</i>	<i>80 mm</i>
<i>52 mm</i>	<i>62 mm</i>	<i>72 mm</i>	
<i>54 mm</i>	<i>64 mm</i>	<i>74 mm</i>	
<i>56 mm</i>	<i>66 mm</i>	<i>76 mm^D</i>	

NOTE: The parameter is printed only with VKP80III emulation enabled. With VKP80II emulation enabled, the printing width is fixed to 76mm.

PAPER THRESHOLD*Threshold value (in percent) for the recognition of the presence of paper by the paper presence sensor:*

<i>30%</i>	<i>70%</i>
<i>40%^D</i>	<i>80%</i>
<i>50%</i>	<i>90%</i>
<i>60%</i>	

NOTCH/B.MARK POSITION	Position of the alignment notch and choice of appropriate notch sensor:				
	Disabled ^D = the notch alignment is not performed				
	Bottom = the notch position is detected by the lower mobile sensor (the notch can be positioned anywhere across the width of the non-thermal side of paper)				
	Top Side (*) = the notch position is detected by the upper optional sensor (the notch is located on the thermal side of paper and near the edge of the paper)				
NOTE: (*) The "Top Side" value is printed only with VKP80III emulation enabled.					
NOTCH THRESHOLD	Threshold value (in percent) for the recognition of the presence of notch by the notch sensor:				
	30% 70%				
	40% ^D 80%				
	50% 90%				
	60%				
NOTE: If the "Notch Position" parameter is disabled, this parameter is not printed.					
NOTCH DISTANCE	"Notch Distance" is the minimum distance (in mm) between the upper edge of ticket and the notch.				
	The numeric value of the distance is made up with the following four parameters for the setting of three digits (two for the integer part of the number and one for the decimal part) and of the sign:				
Sign setting:					
NOTCH DISTANCE SIGN	+ ^D = positive distance				
	- = negative distance				
Setting the digit for tens:					
NOTCH DISTANCE [mm x 10]	0 ^D	2	4	6	8
	1	3	5	7	9
Setting the digit for units:					
NOTCH DISTANCE [mm x 1]	0 ^D	2	4	6	8
	1	3	5	7	9
Setting the digit for decimals:					
NOTCH DISTANCE [mm x .1]	0 ^D	2	4	6	8
	1	3	5	7	9
NOTES:					
For example, to set the notch distance to 15 mm, modify the parameters as follows:					
Notch Distance Sign = +					
Notch Distance [mm x 10] = 1					
Notch Distance [mm x 1] = 5					
Notch Distance [mm x .1] = 0					
If the "Notch/B.Mark Position" parameter is disabled, the parameters for the "Notch Distance" are not printed.					

**PRINTHEAD TEST
POWERON**

Setting of the performing of the print head test:

Disabled^D = the test is performed only during the printing of the setup report

Enabled = the test is performed at each power on

DATA LOGGER

Setting of the data logger function on the LOG folder on the Flash memory:

Disabled^D = data logger function disabled

Text = the printed text is stored in .txt file

Graphic = the printed graphic is stored in .bmp file

Text + Graphic = both text and graphic are stored in .txt and .bmp files

NOTES:

The parameter is printed only with VKP80III emulation enabled.

The name of the first text file stored will be 00000001.txt; the name of the first graphic file stored will be 00000001.bmp; the file number is incremented automatically, when there is no more space, the oldest files are deleted.

PRINT DENSITY

Adjusting the printing density:

-50% -12% +25%

-37% 0^D +37%

-25% +12% +50%

5.5 Hexadecimal dump

This function is used for the diagnosis of the characters received from the communications port. Characters are printed as hexadecimal code and the corresponding ASCII code (see below). Each line is preceded by a counter in hexadecimal that indicates the number of bytes received.

During the startup, if you hold down the FEED key, the printer enters the self-test routine and print the setup report. The printer remains in standby until a key is pressed or characters are received through the communication port (Hexadecimal Dump mode). For each character sent, the ticket shows the hexadecimal value and the ASCII codes (if the characters are underlined, the receive buffer is full). Shown below is an example of a Hexadecimal Dump:

HEXADECIMAL DUMP											
31	32	33	34	35	...	12345	...				
39	30	31	32	33	...	90123	...				
37	38	39	75	69	...	789ui	...				
68	6B	6A	73	64	...	hkjsd	...				
73	64	66	6B	6A	...	sdfkj	...				
66	73	64	66	6B	...	fsdfk	...				
65	69	6F	79	75	...	eioyu	...				
6F	72	69	75	77	...	oriuw	...				
6F	75	77	65	72	...	ouwer	...				
77	65	72	69	6F	...	werio	...				
72	69	6F	75	77	...	riouw	...				
6B	6C	73	64	66	...	kl sdf	...				
64	66	6B	73	64	...	dfksd	...				
73	64	66	6B	6A	...	sdfkj	...				
66	6B	F2	6A	73	...	fk>j	...				
6A	6B	6C	68			jklh					

6 MAINTENANCE

6.1 Planning of cleaning operations

The regular cleaning of the device keeps the print quality and extends its life. The following table shows the recommended planning for the cleaning operations.

EVERY PAPER CHANGE	
Printing head	Use isopropyl alcohol
Rollers	Use isopropyl alcohol
EVERY 5 PAPER CHANGES	
Cutter	Use compressed air
Cutter compartment	Use compressed air or tweezers
Paper path	Use compressed air or tweezers
Sensors	Use compressed air
EVERY 6 MONTHS OR AS NEEDED	
Printer case	Use compressed air or a soft cloth

For specific procedures, see the following pages.

NOTE:

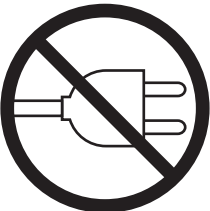
If you use the device in dusty environments, you must reduce the intervals between the cleaning operations.

6.2 Cleaning

For periodic cleaning of the device, see the instructions below

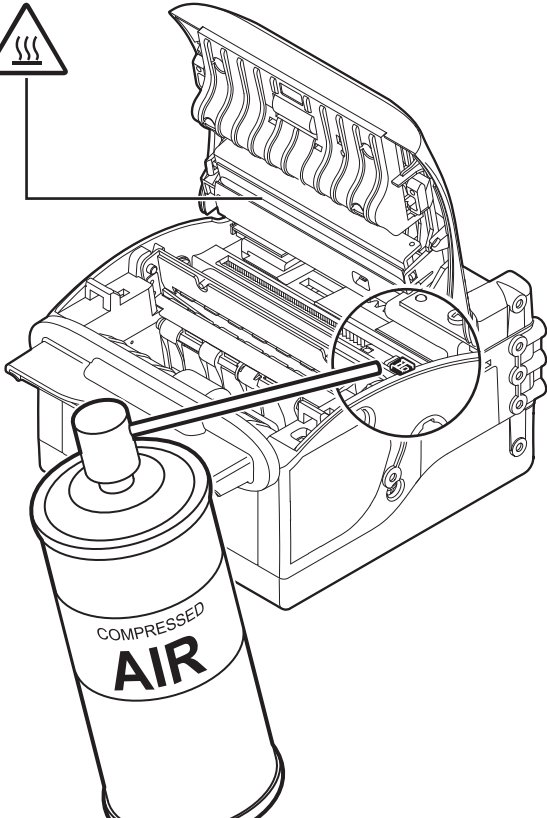

Sensors

1



Disconnect the power supply cable and open the device cover (see par. 4.4)





2



Clean the device sensors by using compressed air.

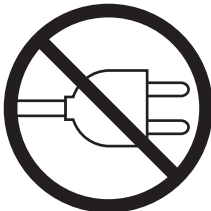
ATTENTION:

Do not use alcohol, solvents, or hard brushes.
Do not let water or other liquids get inside the device.



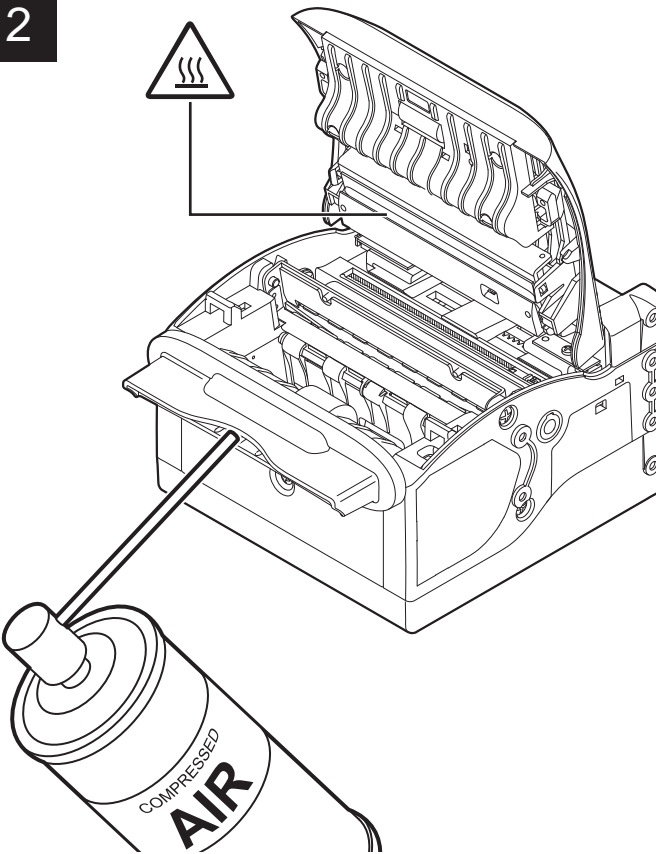

Paper path

1



Disconnect the power supply cable and open the device cover (see par. 4.4)





2



Remove any scraps of paper and the accumulated paper dust on the paper mouths, on the printing roller, on the cutter and on the area around the sensors.

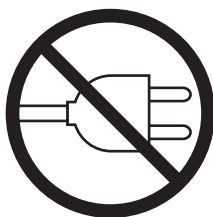
ATTENTION:

Do not use alcohol, solvents, or hard brushes.
Do not let water or other liquids get inside the device.



Printing head

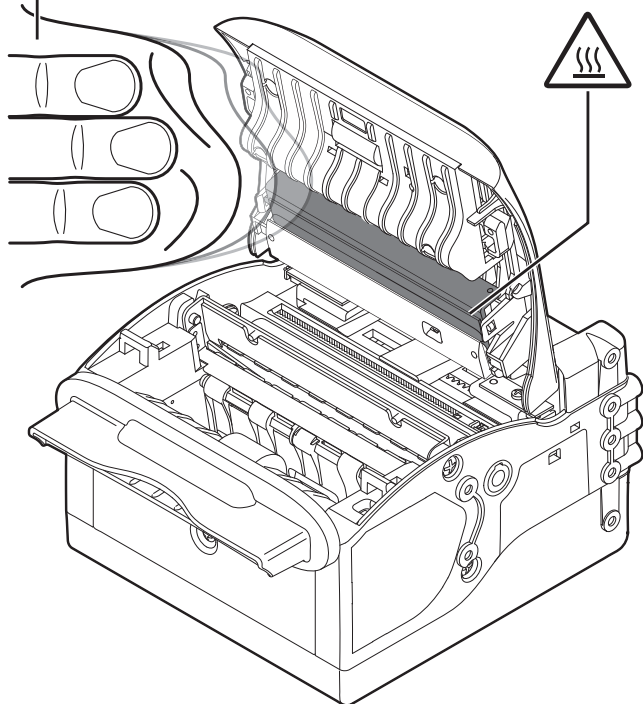
1



Disconnect the power supply cable and open the device cover (see par. 4.4)

2

ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL



Clean the printing head by using a non-abrasive cloth moistened with isopropyl

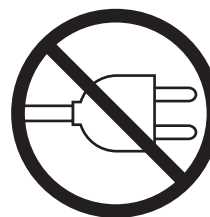
ATTENTION:

Do not use solvents, or hard brushes.
Do not let water or other liquids get inside the machine.



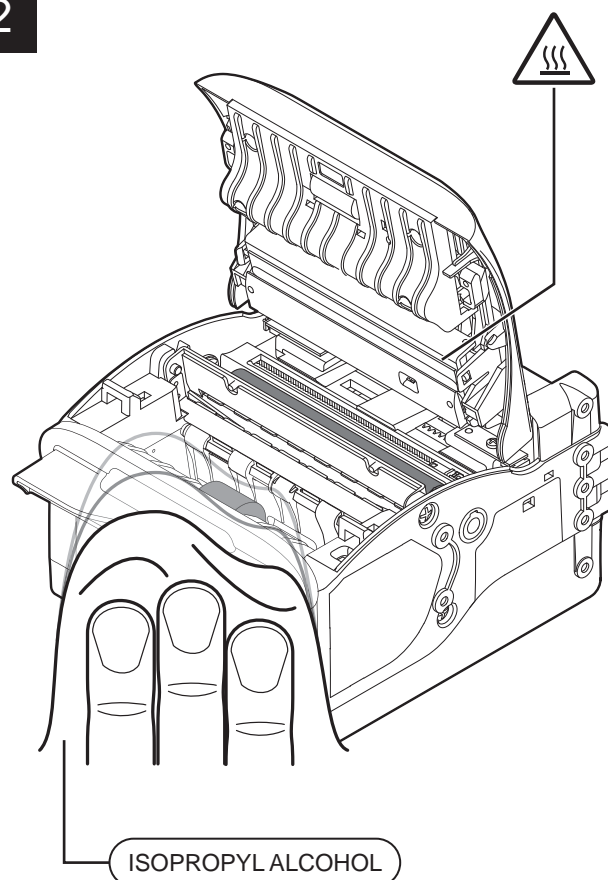
Rollers

1



Disconnect the power supply cable and open the frontal cover of the device (see par. 4.4)

2



ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL

Clean the dragging roller and the ejector roller by using a non-abrasive cloth moistened with isopropyl.

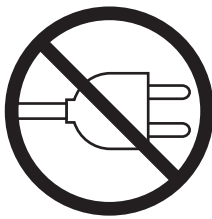
ATTENTION:

Do not use solvents, or hard brushes.
Do not let water or other liquids get inside the machine.



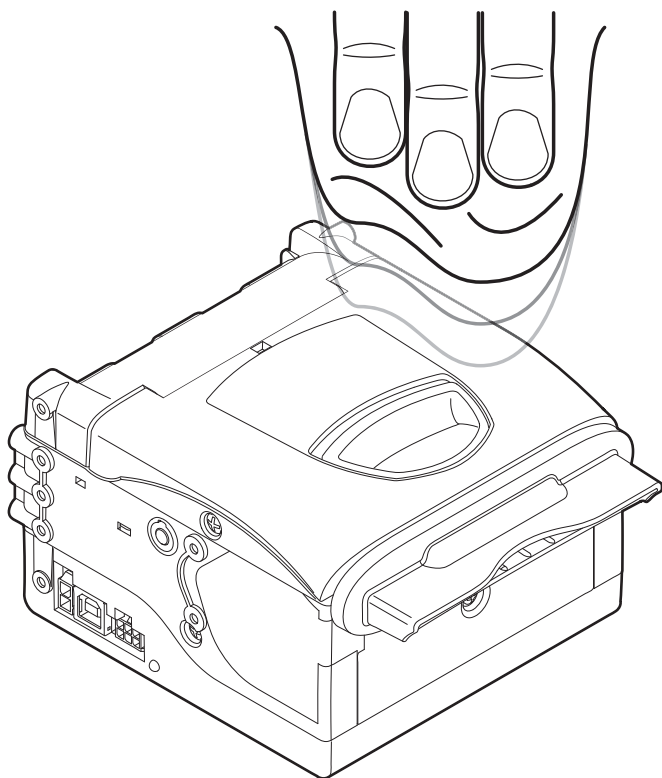
Case

1



Disconnect the power supply cable

2



To clean the device, use compressed air or a soft cloth

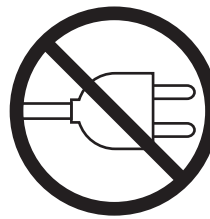
ATTENTION:

Do not use alcohol, solvents, or hard brushes.
Do not let water or other liquids get inside the device.



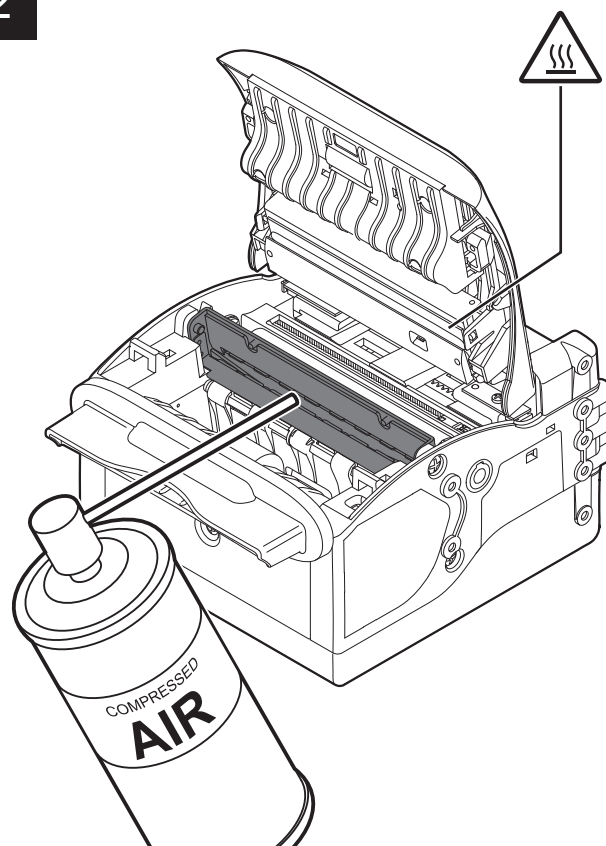
Cutter

1



Disconnect the power supply cable and open the device cover (see par. 4.4)

2



Clean the cutter by using compressed air

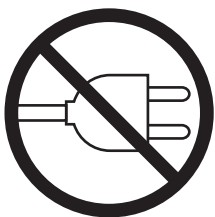
ATTENTION:

Do not use alcohol, solvents, or hard brushes.
Do not let water or other liquids get inside the device.



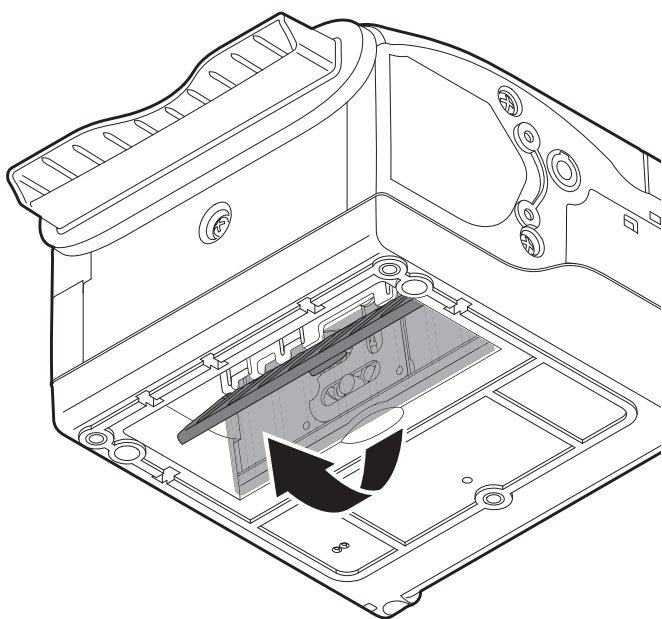
Cutter compartment

1



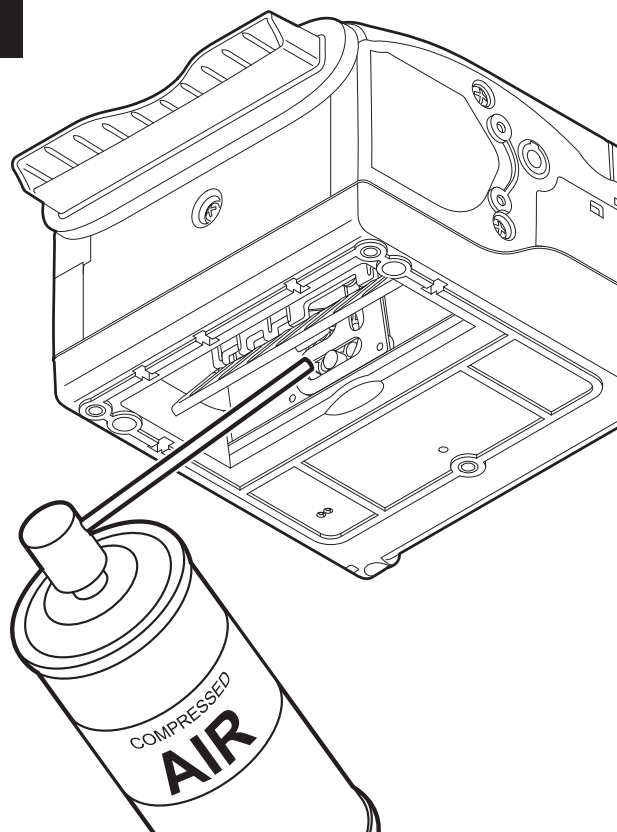
Disconnect the power supply

2



Lift the magnetic bulkhead that closes the cutter compartment

3



Remove any scraps of paper and the accumulated paper dust from the cutter compartment

ATTENTION:

Do not use solvents, or hard brushes.

Do not let water or other liquids get inside the machine.

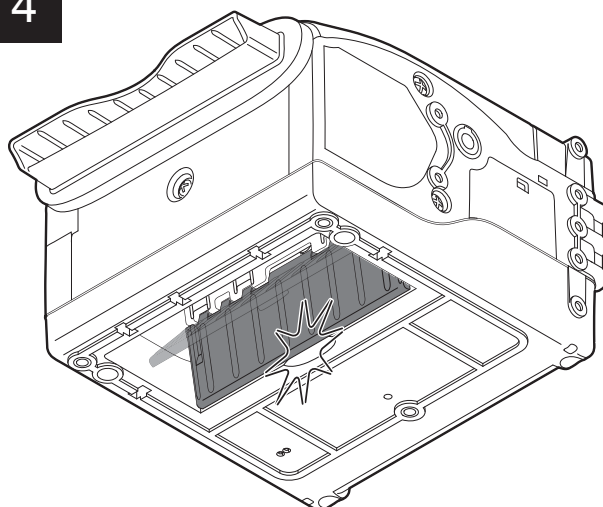


Alcohol, solvent



ON

4



Lower the bulkhead to close the cutter compartment

6.3 Upgrade firmware

WARNING: During communication between PC and device for the firmware update it is strictly forbidden to disconnect the communication cable or to remove the power supply of the devices not to endanger the proper functioning of the machine.

NOTES:

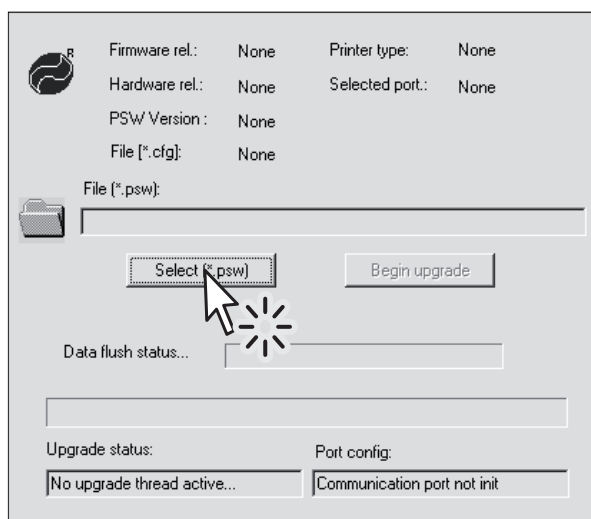
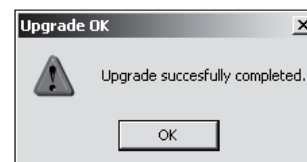
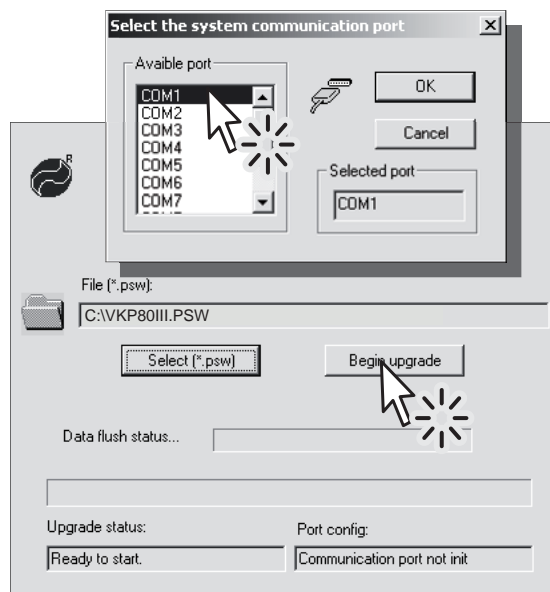
The latest firmware of the device is available in the download area of the web site www.custom.biz

Install on the PC used for printer upgrading the UPG-CEPRN software available in the download area of the web site www.custom.biz.

Update via serial interface

Proceed as follows:

1. Write down the product code (14 digits) printed on the product label (see par.2.4).
2. Go to the web site www.custom.biz and download the appropriate firmware release from the DOWNLOAD area.
3. Print the SETUP report (see chapter 5).
4. Switch OFF the device.
5. Connect the device to the PC using a serial cable (see paragraph 3.2).
6. Switch ON the device.
7. Launch the software UPGCEPRN.
8. Select the update file .PSW location:
9. Select the serial communication port (ex. COM1):
10. Detecting and setting of the parameters necessary for serial communication are performed automatically and then updating begins.
11. After a few minutes a message on the screen warns that the update is completed.
12. Print a new SETUP report to verify the new firmware release (see chapter 5).



Update via USB interface

ATTENTION:

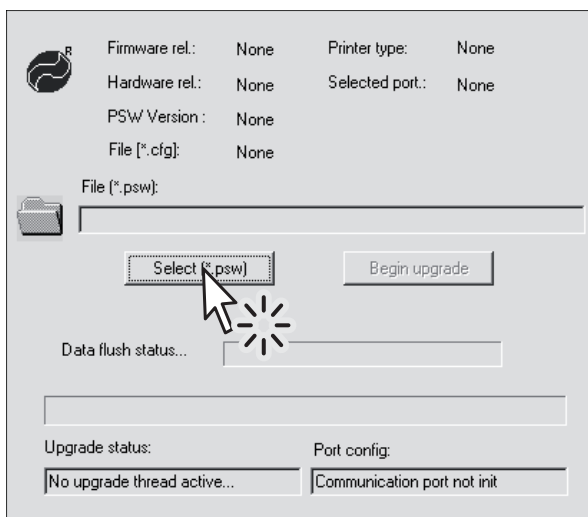
Only during the firmware update, the connection between PC and device must be direct, without the use of HUB device.

Only during the firmware update, do not connect or disconnect other USB devices.

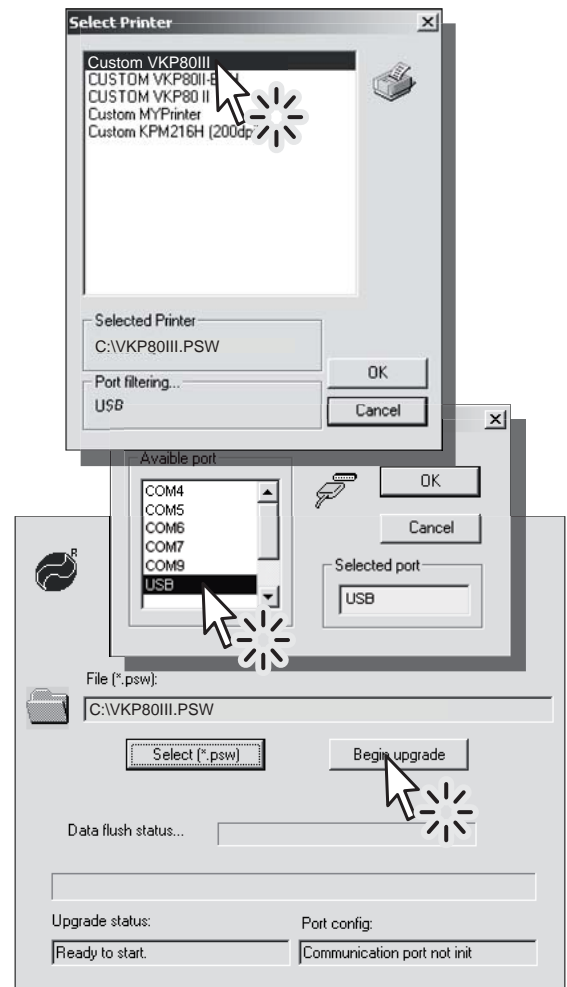
NOTE: For communication via USB you must install on PC the printer driver available in the download area of the web site www.custom.biz.

Proceed as follows:

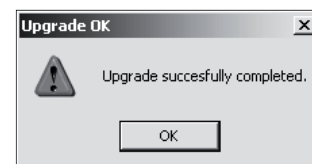
1. Write down the product code (14 digits) printed on the product label (see par.2.4).
2. Go to the web site www.custom.biz and download the appropriate firmware release from the DOWNLOAD area.
3. Print the SETUP report (see chapter 5).
4. Switch OFF the device.
5. Connect the device to the PC using a USB cable (see paragraph 3.2).
6. Switch ON the device.
7. Launch the software UPGCEPRN.
8. Select the update file .PSW location:



9. Select item USB and then select the USB device among those proposed (e.g. VKP80III):



10. After a few minutes a message on the screen warns that the update is completed.



11. Print a new SETUP report to verify the new firmware release (see chapter 5).

7 SPECIFICATION

7.1 Hardware specifications

GENERAL	
Sensors	Paper presence in input, ticket paper presence in output, head temperature, ejector position, mobile detector for notch on the non-thermal side of paper, fixed detector for notch on the thermal side of paper (optional), printing unit open, tilting bulkhead position, near paper end on external paper roll holder (optional)
MTBF ⁽¹⁾	147 823 h
Emulations	VKP80II, VKP80III
Printing driver	Windows XP, Windows VISTA (32/64bit), Windows 7 (32/64bit), Windows 8 (32/64bit), Opos, Linux, Android
INTERFACES	
RS232 serial connector	from 9600 to 115200 bps
USB connector	12 Mbit/sec (USB 2.0 full speed)
MEMORIES	
Receive buffer	2 Kbytes
Flash memory	1 Mbytes internal + 4 Mbytes external (of which 1Mbytes available)
RAM memory	128 Kbytes internal + 8Mbytes external
PRINTER	
Resolution	203 dpi (8 dot/mm)
Printing method	Thermal, fixed head
Head life ⁽²⁾	200 km
Printing width	from 48mm to 80mm (2mm step)
Printing mode	normal, 90°, 180°, 270°
Printing format	Height/width from 1 to 8, bold, reverse, underlined, italic

Character fonts	
VKP80II emulation	54 character code tables (see par. 7.7) Extended chinese GB18030-2000
VKP80III emulation ⁽³⁾	54 character code tables (see par. 7.7) Extended chinese GB18030-2000 2 TrueType font
Printable barcode ⁽⁴⁾	UPC-A, UPC-E, EAN13, EAN8, CODE39, ITF, CODABAR, CODE93, CODE128, CODE32, PDF417, DATAMATRIX, AZTEC, QRCODE
Printing speed ^{(2) (5)}	High Quality = 100 mm/sec Normal = 150 mm/sec High Speed = 200 mm/sec
PAPER	
Type of paper	Thermal rolls, heat-sensitive side on outside of roll
Paper width	from 50 mm to 82,5 mm
Paper weight	from 60 g/m ² to 110 g/m ²
Recommended types of paper	KANZAN KF50, KP460 and KP390 MITSUBISHI PF5075, TL4000 and TF1067
Paper end	Not attached to roll core
External roll diameter ⁽⁶⁾	max. 180 mm
External roll core diameter	25 mm
Core type	Cardboard or plastic
CUTTER	
Paper cut	Total
Estimated life ⁽²⁾	1 000 000 cutter number
DEVICE ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS	
Power supply	24 Vdc ±10% (optional external power supply)
Medium consumption ⁽⁵⁾	1 A
Stand-by consumption	0,04 A

ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS POWER SUPPLY cod.963GE020000003

Power supply voltage	from 100 Vac to 240 Vac
Frequency	from 50 Hz to 60 Hz
Current (output)	2.5 A
Power	60 W

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Operating temperature	from -20°C to +70°C
Relative humidity	from 10% Rh to 80% Rh
Storage temperature	from -20 °C to +70 °C
Storage relative humidity	from 10% Rh to 90% Rh

NOTES:

- (1) : Control board.
- (2) : Respecting the regular schedule of cleaning for the device components.
- (3) : "Veramono.ttf" and "Vera.ttf" are installed on device.
- (4) : You can print the formats of bidimensional barcode (PDF417, DATAMATRIX, AZTEC, QRCODE) only with the VKP80III emulation enabled.
- (5) : Referred to a standard CUSTOM receipt (L=10cm, Density = 12,5% dots on).
- (6) : For external rolls diameter higher to Ø120mm it's recommended to use a paper pretensioning device.

7.2 Character specifications

Character set	3		
Character density	11 cpi	15 cpi	20 cpi
Number of columns	33	43	60
Chars / sec	2251	2895	4053
Lines / sec	66	66	66
Characters (L x H mm)-Normal	2,25 x 3	1,75 x 3	1,25 x 3

NOTA: Theoretical values.

7.3 Ejector specifications

“Retracting” function	Ticket length	Ticket presentation
	70mm	10mm
	80mm	10mm - 60mm ⁽¹⁾
	80mm - 220mm	10mm - 60mm ⁽¹⁾
“Ejecting” function	Ticket length	Ticket presentation
	70mm	10mm
	> 80mm	10mm - 60mm ⁽¹⁾
	350mm ⁽²⁾	10mm - 60mm ⁽¹⁾

NOTES:

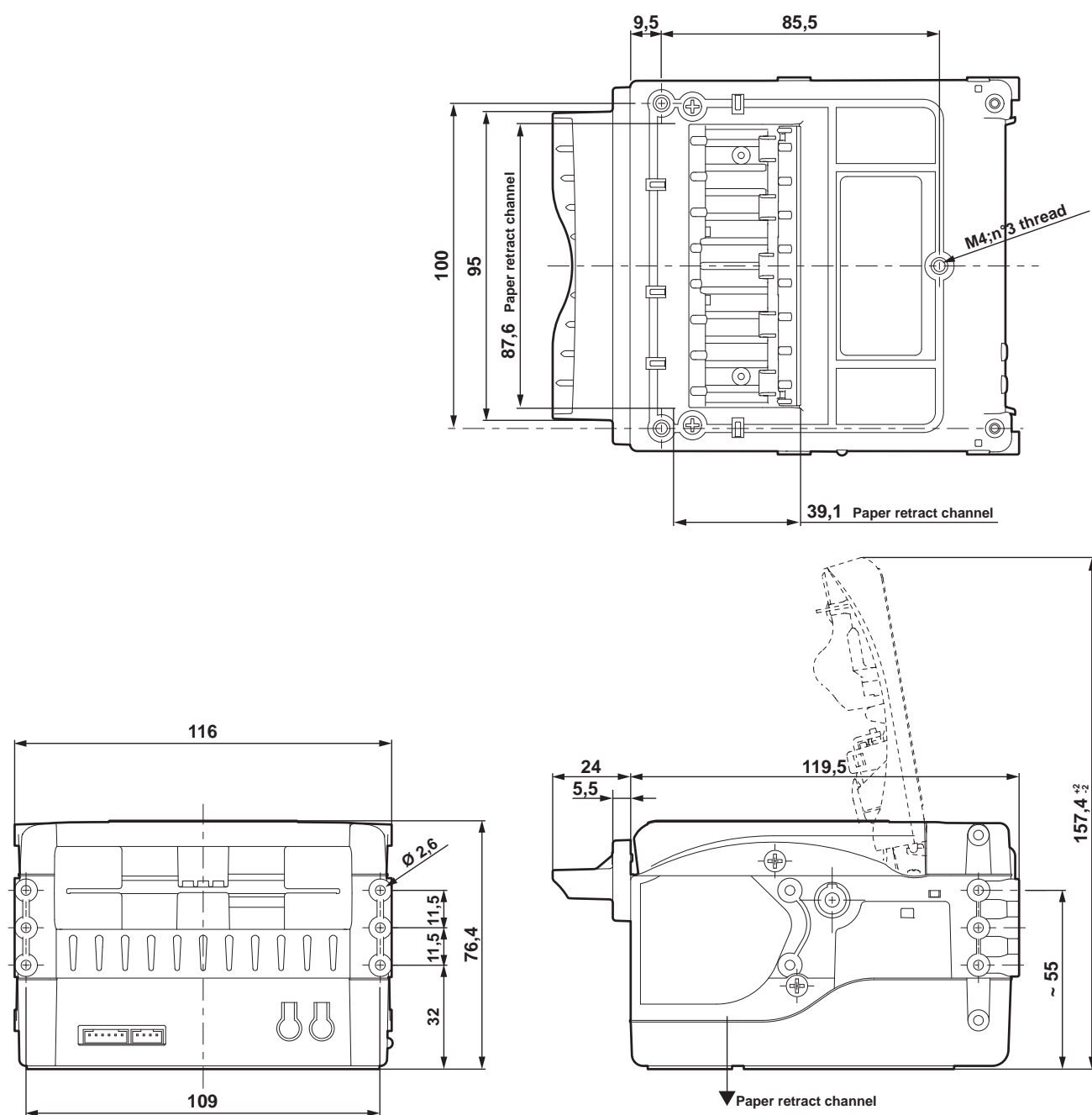
(1) : Maximum length of the ticket's part presented recommended to guarantee the device efficiency.

(2) : Maximum ticket length recommended to guarantee the device efficiency.

7.4 Device dimensions

Length	143,5 mm
Height	(with printing unit closed) 76,4 mm (with printing unit open) 157,4 mm
Width	116 mm
Weight	800 g

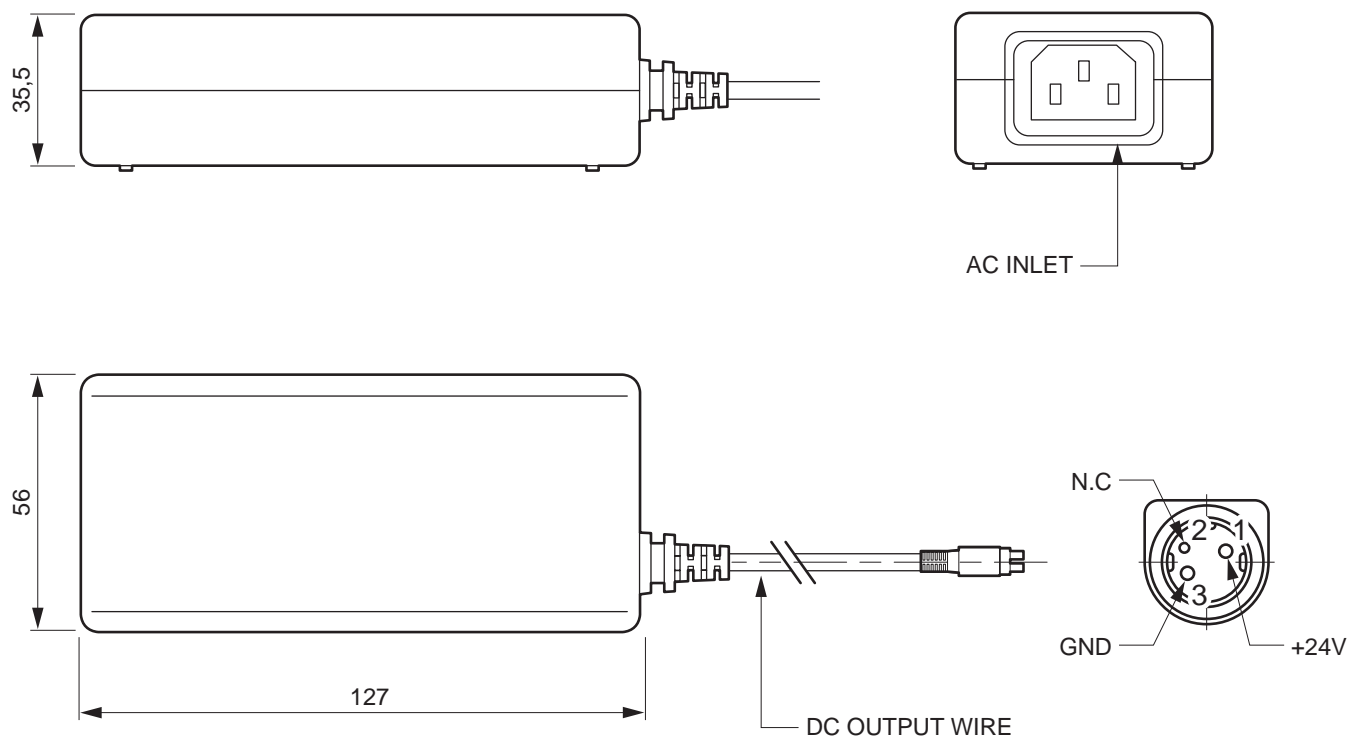
NOTE: All the dimensions shown in following figures are in millimetres.



7.5 Power supply dimensions cod.963GE020000003 (optional)

Length	127 mm
Height	35,5 mm
Width	56 mm

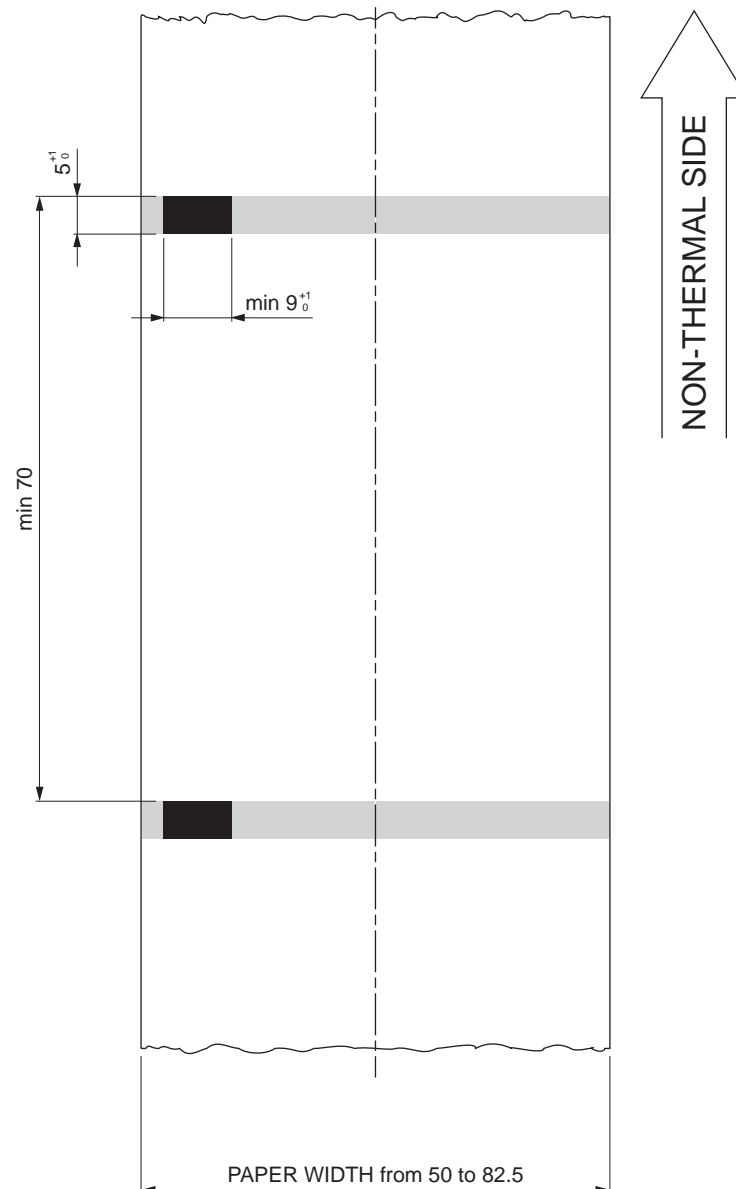
NOTE:
All the dimensions shown in following figures are in millimetres



7.6 Paper specification

Paper with black mark on the non-thermal side of paper

The following image shows the placement of the black mark on the non-thermal side of paper. Due to the adjustable mobile sensor, the notch can be placed anywhere on the whole width of the paper. For more information about the use of paper with black mark see chapter 10.



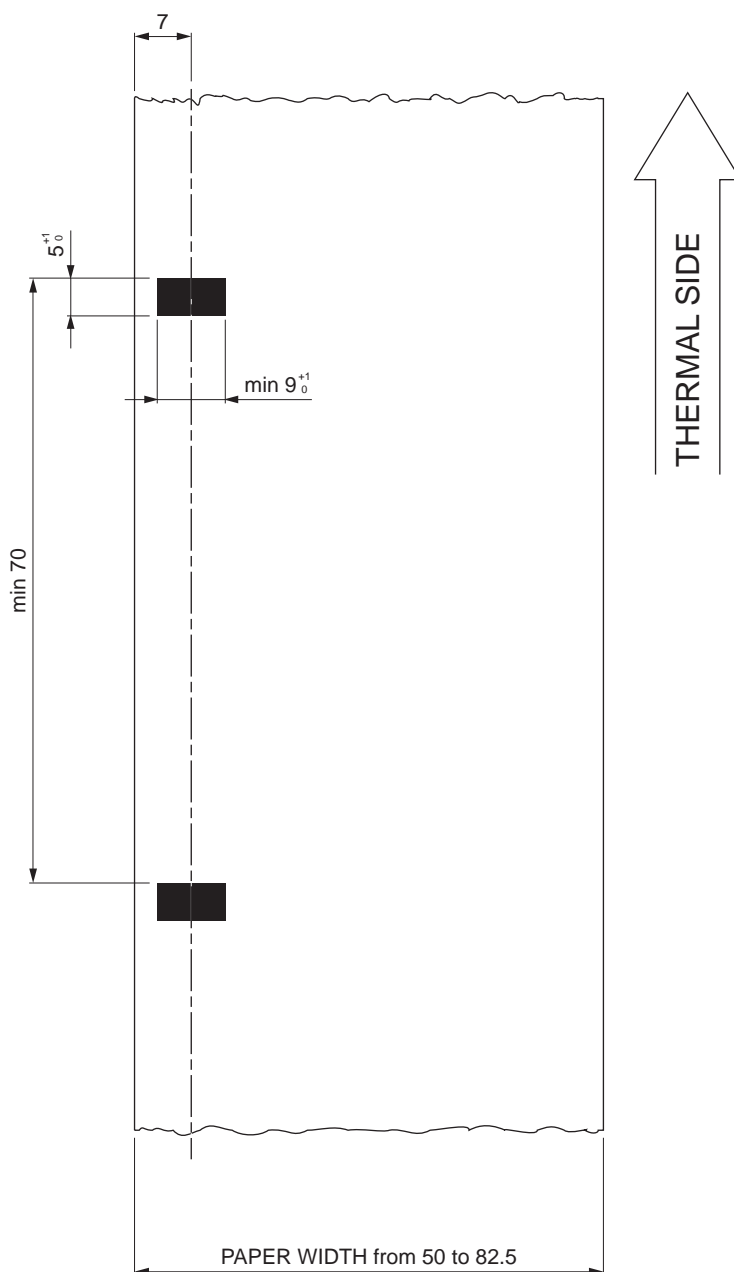
NOTE:
All the dimensions shown in following figures are in millimetres.

Paper with black mark on the thermal side of paper (only with VKP80III emulation enabled)

The following image shows a sample of paper with the black mark printed on the thermal side. Use this kind of tickets if the upper notch sensor (optional) is installed on the right paper cursor.

For models with the upper notch sensor (optional) installed on the left cursor, the ticket will be symmetrical to its longitudinal axis.

For more information about the use of tickets with black mark see chapter 10.



NOTE:

All the dimensions shown in following figures are in millimetres.

7.7 Character sets

The device has 3 fonts of varying width (11, 15 and 20 cpi) which may be related one of the coding tables provided on the device.

To know the coding tables actually present on the device, you need to print the font test (see par.2.5).

You can set font and coding table by using the commands (see the Commands Manual of the device) or using the “Code Table” and the “Chars / Inch” parameters during the Setup procedure (see par.5.4).

The following is the full list of coding tables that can be installed on the device.

<CodeTable>	Coding table	<CodeTable>	Coding table
0	PC437: Usa, Standard Europe	33	WPC775: Baltic Rim
1	Katakana	34	PC855: Cyrillic
2	PC850: Multilingual	35	PC861: Icelandic
3	PC860: Portuguese	36	PC862: Hebrew
4	PC863: Canadian-Frech	37	PC864: Arabic
5	PC865: Nordic	38	PC869: Greek
11	PC851: Greek	39	ISO8859-2: Latin2
12	PC853: Turkish	40	ISO8859-15: Latin9
13	PC857: Turkish	41	PC1098: Farsi
14	PC737: Greek	42	PC1118: Lithuanian
15	ISO8859-7: Greek	43	PC1119: Lithuanian
16	WPC1252	44	PC1125: Ukrainian
17	PC866: Cyrillic #2	45	WPC1250: Latin2
18	PC852: Latin2	46	WPC1251: Cyrillic
19	PC858: Euro	47	WPC1253: Greek
20	KU42: Thai	48	WPC1254: Turkish
21	TIS11: Thai	49	WPC1255: Hebrew
26	TIS18: Thai	50	WPC1256: Arabic
30	TCVN-3: Vietnamese	51	WPC1257: Baltic Rim
31	TCVN-3: Vietnamese	52	WPC1258: Vietnamese
32	PC720: Arabic	53	KZ-1048: Kazakhstan

7.8 True Type fonts

In VKP80III emulation, it is possible to use TrueType fonts. To be used, a TrueType font must be monospace type (every character of the font must have the same dimension). The check is made by the device when the font is selected.

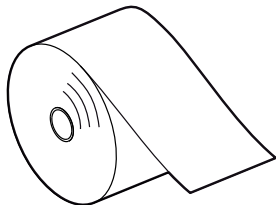
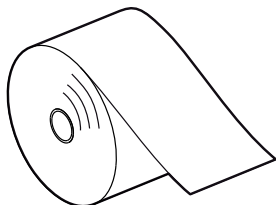
TrueType fonts will be automatically scaled by the device in order to obtain the same available width for the embedded fonts (11, 15 and 20 cpi).

The quality of TrueType fonts, the correct positioning into the printable area and the available code tables, will result from the font producers and the font implementation.

For the correct printing of the code tables, it is necessary that the selected TrueType font contains all the characters in the tables. Otherwise, the '□' symbol will be printed instead the missing character. All commands for printing configuration are usable both with TrueType fonts and with embedded fonts. It is possible to address the TrueType font respects the UNICODE™ standard (see www.unicode.org), by using UTF-8 or UTF-16 encoding.

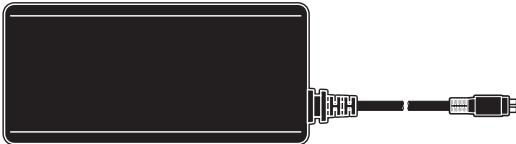


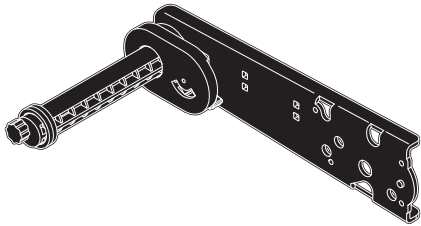
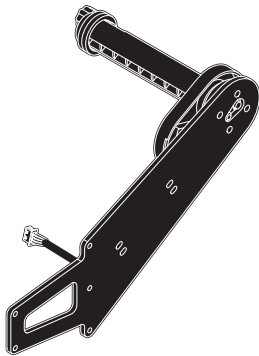
8 CONSUMABLES

The following table shows the list of available consumables for device:

DESCRIPTION	CODE
<p>THERMAL PAPER ROLL WITH BACK SIDE PRE-PRINTED</p> <p>weight = 58g/m² width = 80mm Ø external = 48mm Ø core = 25mm</p>	<p>67300000000395</p> 
<p>THERMAL PAPER ROLL</p> <p>weight = 58g/m² width = 80mm Ø external = 130mm Ø core = 25mm</p>	<p>67300000000380</p> 

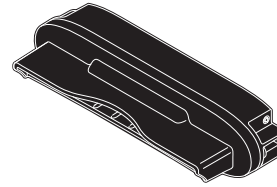
9 ACCESSORIES

The following table shows the list of available accessories for device:

DESCRIPTION	CODE
POWER SUPPLY (for technical specifications, see the paragraph 7.1)	963GE020000003 
ADAPTER CABLE FOR POWER SUPPLY (see the paragraph 9.1)	26900000000005 
CABLES KIT POWER SUPPLY + ADAPTER FOR SERIAL INTERFACE	976DX010000002 
PAPER ROLL HOLDER WITH NEAR PAPER END SENSOR to assemble on the right side of the device (see the paragraph 9.2)	974DW010000318 
ADJUSTABLE PAPER ROLL HOLDER WITH NEAR PAPER END SENSOR to assemble both on the left and the right side of the device (see the paragraph 9.3)	974DX010000320 

“SHUTTER” DEVICE KIT

(see the paragraph 9.4)

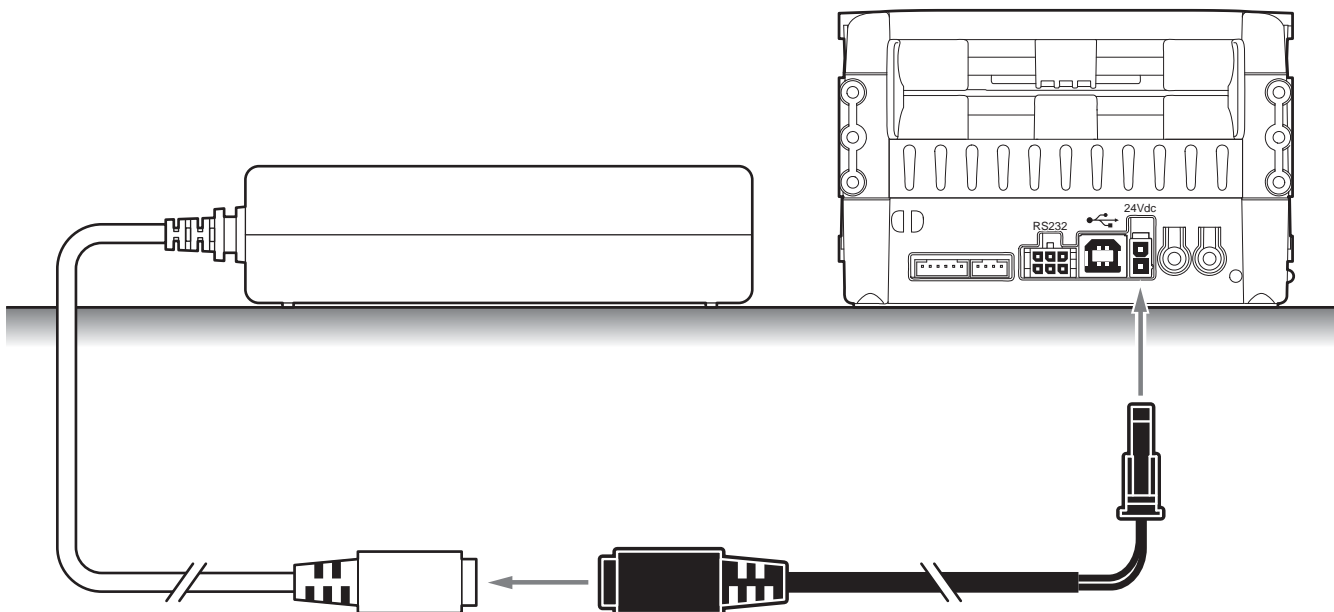


9.1 Adapter cable for power supply

For the device is available an adapter cable (cod. 26900000000005) supplied as an accessory, for connecting the device to the external power supply unit (cod. 963GE020000003 - optional).

Assembly instructions

Connect the adapter cable to the power supply unit as follows:



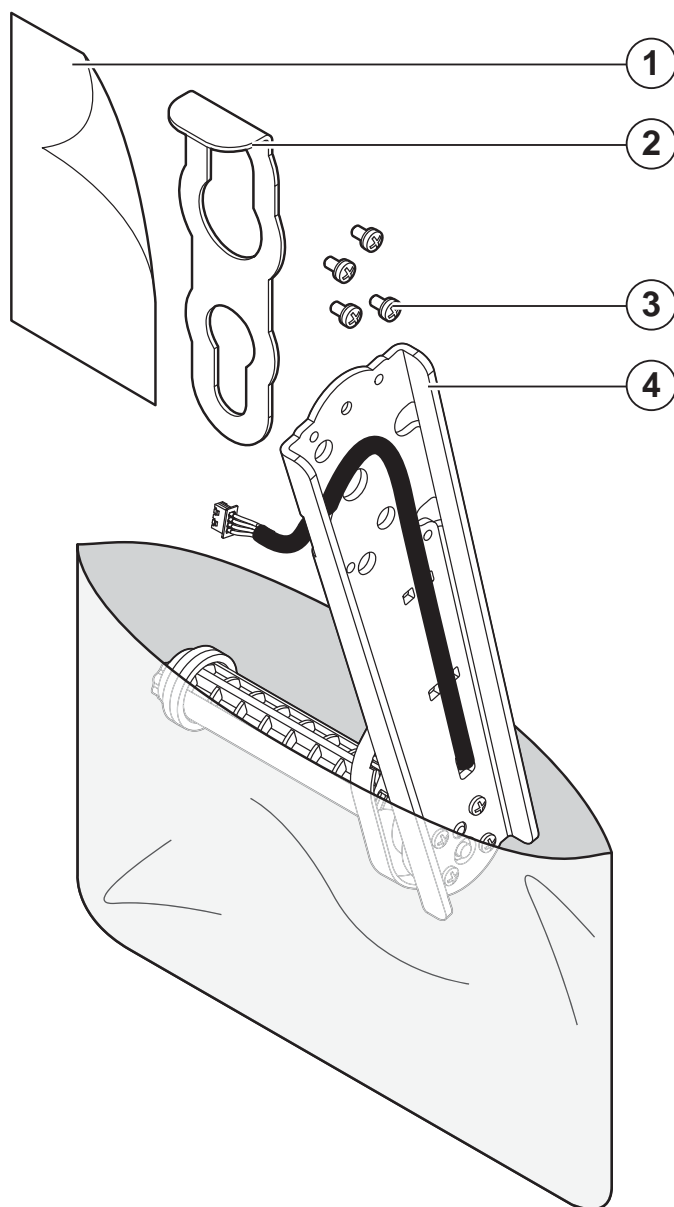
9.2 Paper roll holder

A paper roll holder kit (cod.974DW010000318) is available for the device to make it possible to use larger-width rolls of paper (max. Ø150 mm).

The paper roll holder can be only assembled on the right side of the device as shown in the following figures.

The kit includes (see figure):

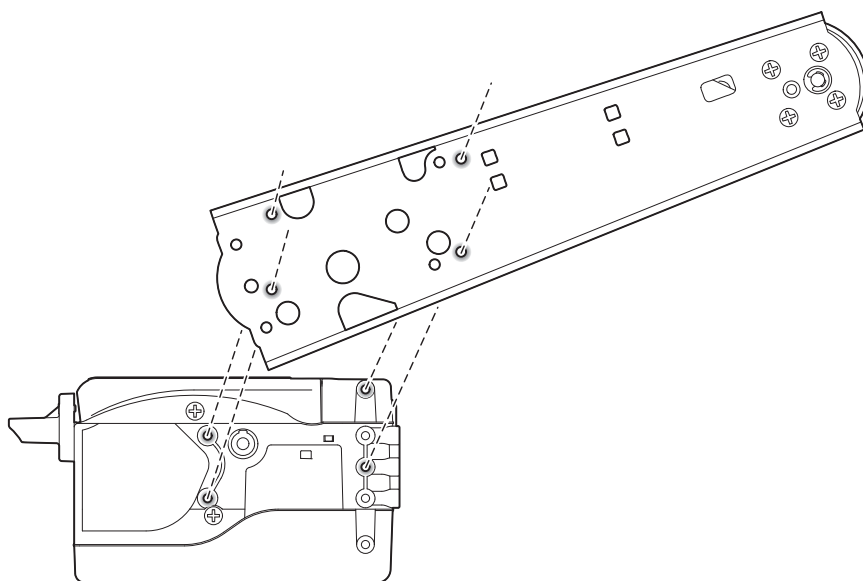
1. Instruction sheet
2. Tie for roll blocking
3. No. 4 fastening screws
4. Paper holder support with near paper end sensor and regulating system for paper width.



Assembly instructions

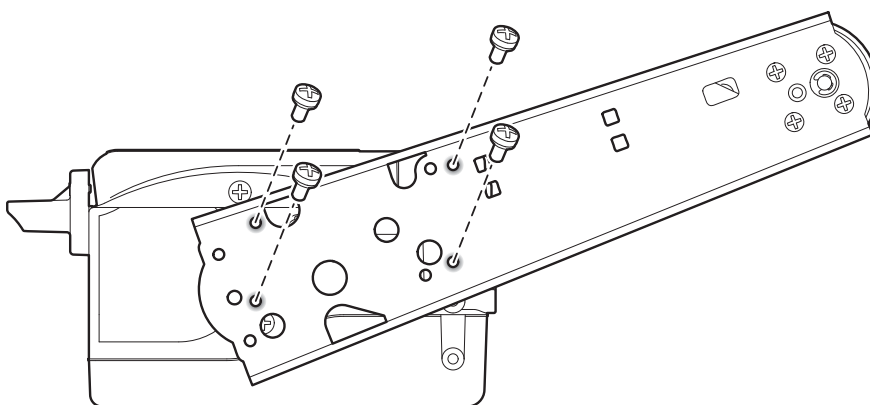
To assemble the paper roll holder to the device, proceed as follows:

1



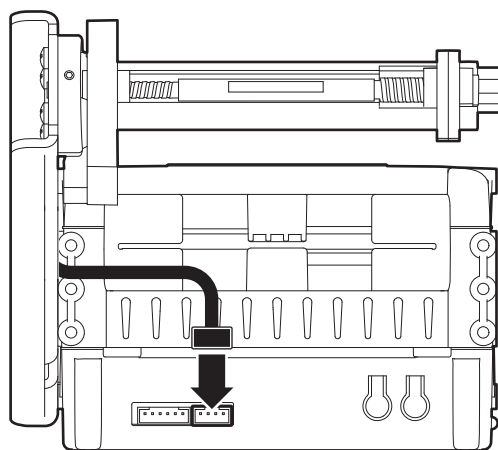
Place the roll holder near to the fixing holes on the right side of the device.

2

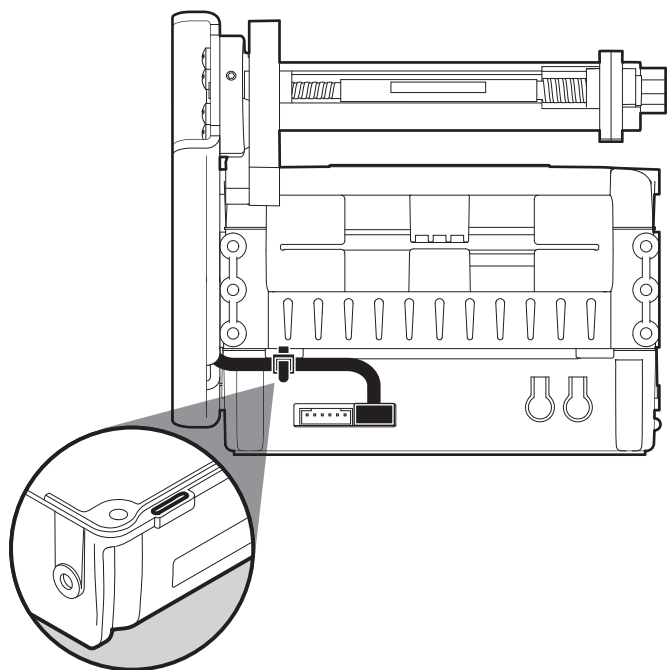


Fix the roll holder with the four fixing screws (supplied).

3



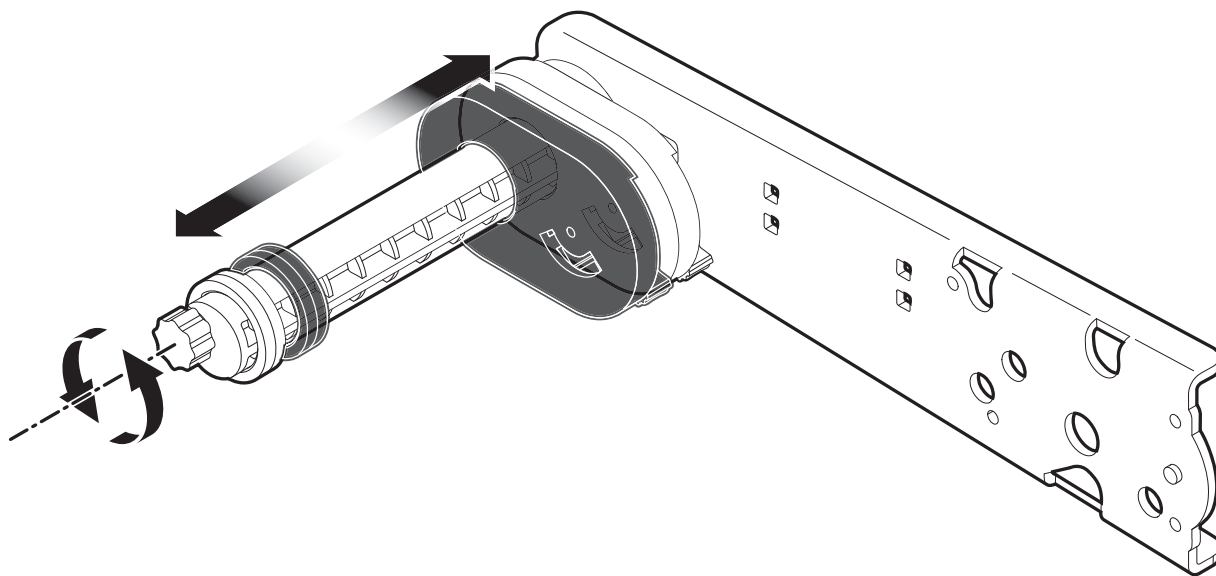
Insert the connector for the near paper end sensor.



If necessary, you can ensure the cable to the device with a tie using the appropriate slot in the back of the device itself.

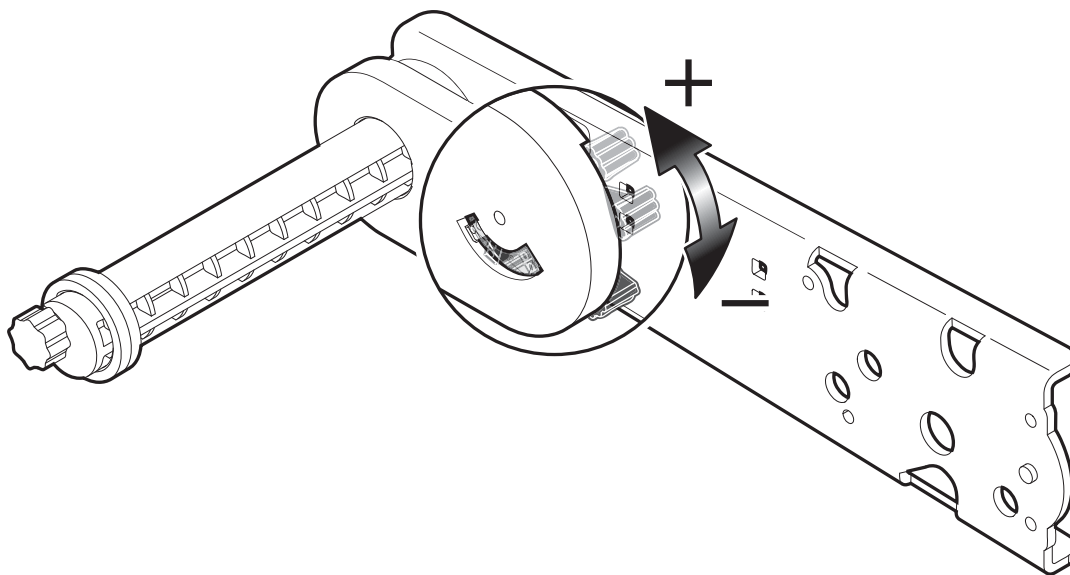
Paper width adjusting

Paper width may be set from 50mm to 82,5mm. max. To adjust the width of the paper roll housing, rotate the knob shown in figure.



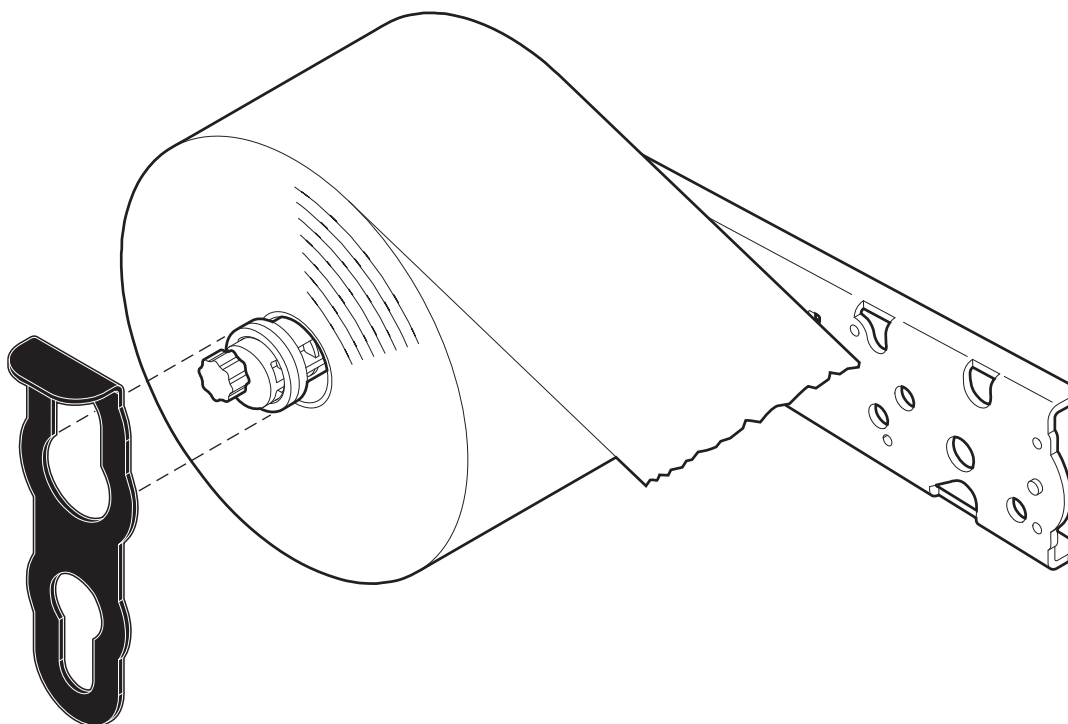
Near paper end adjusting

Rotate the lever to adjust the position of the sensor for near paper end. Move the lever up to increase the reserve of paper, move the lever down to decrease the reserve of paper (see following figure).

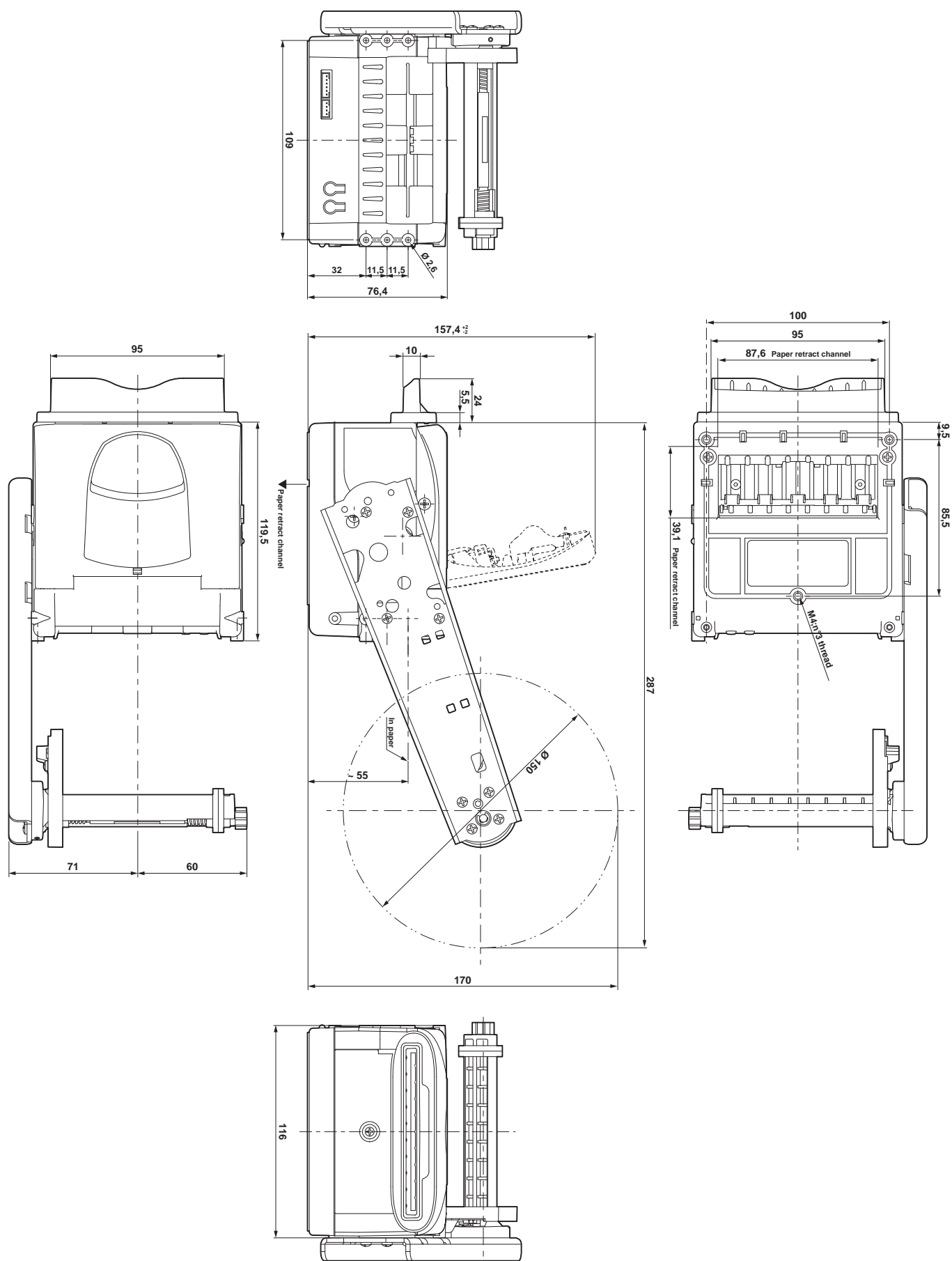


Use of “tie” for roll blocking

Insert the “tie” as shown in figure to avoid the paper roll come out accidentally from the pin.



The following figure shows the device dimensions with the paper roll holder assembled:



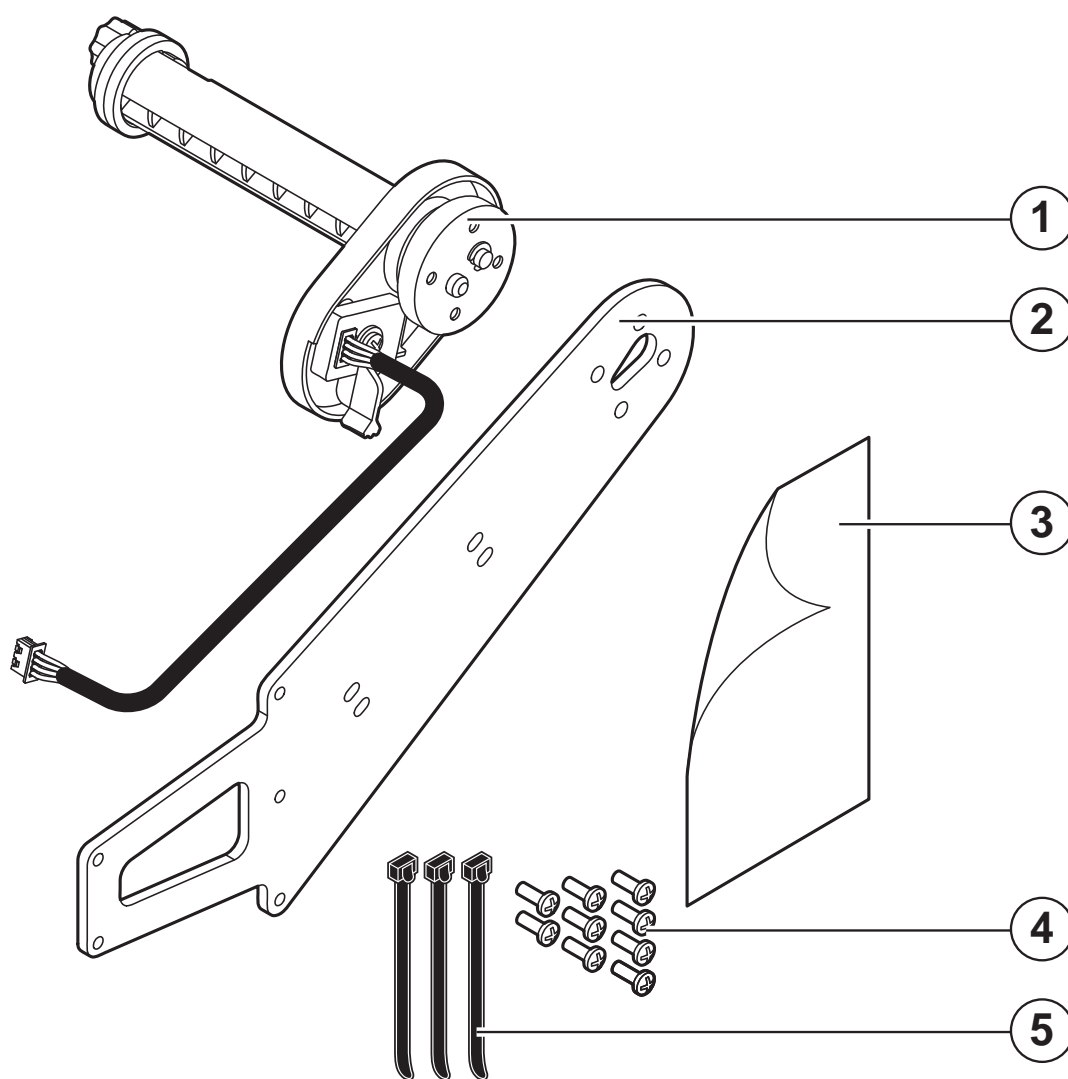
9.3 Adjustable four position holder for paper roll (right and left side)

An adjustable holder kit for paper roll (cod.974DX010000320) is available for the device.

The adjustable paper roll holder can be assembled on both the device sides (upwards or downwards) and it allows the use of larger-width rolls of paper (max. Ø150 mm).

The kit includes (see figure):

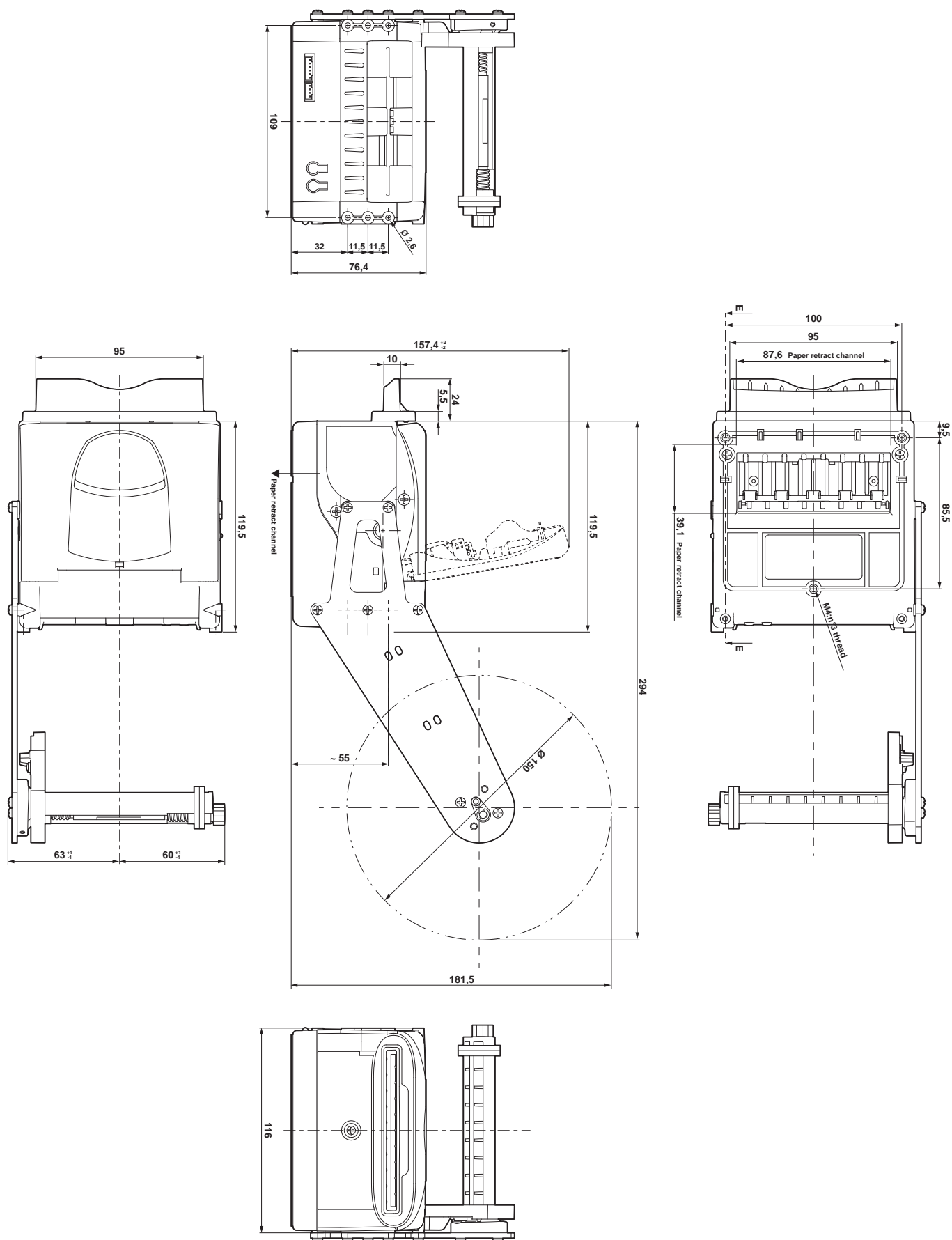
1. Pin for paper roll with near paper end sensor
2. Paper roll holder
3. Instruction sheet
4. No.5 fixing screws for holder + No.4 fixing screws for pin
5. Fixing ties for sensor cable



NOTE:

To assemble the paper holder kit in the 4 possible mounting positions, refer to the instruction sheet enclosed with the kit.

The following figure shows the device dimensions with the adjustable paper roll holder assembled in one of the four possible mounting positions:

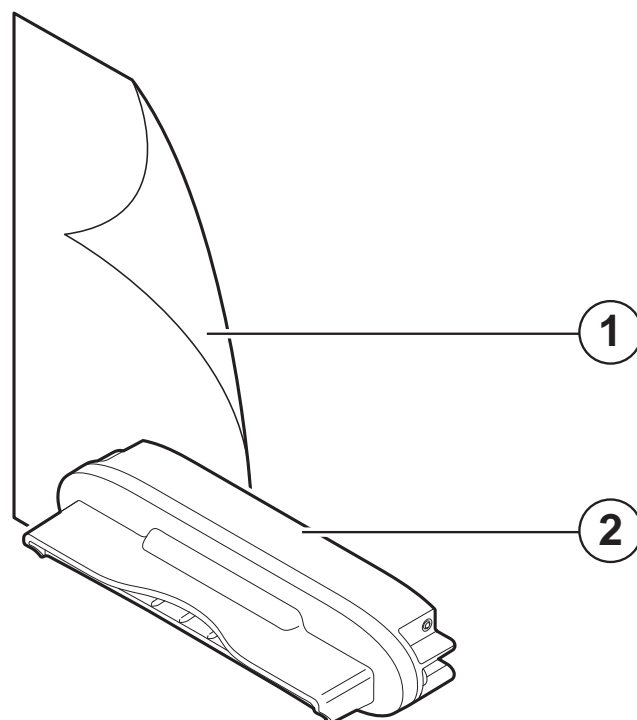


9.4 “Shutter” device

A “shutter” device (cod.976DX010000001) is available for the machine. This device prevents the insertion of paper or foreign objects into the outlet of the paper.

The kit includes (see figure):

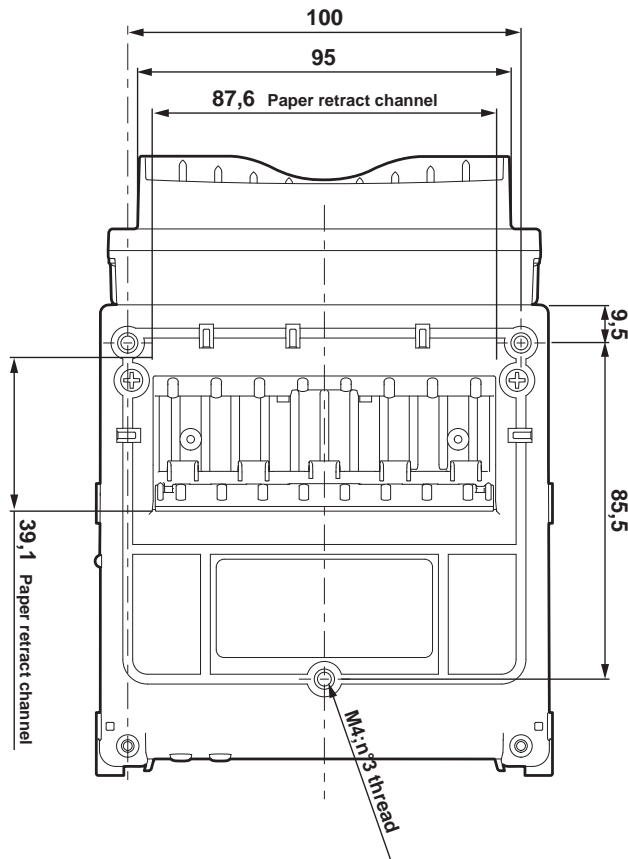
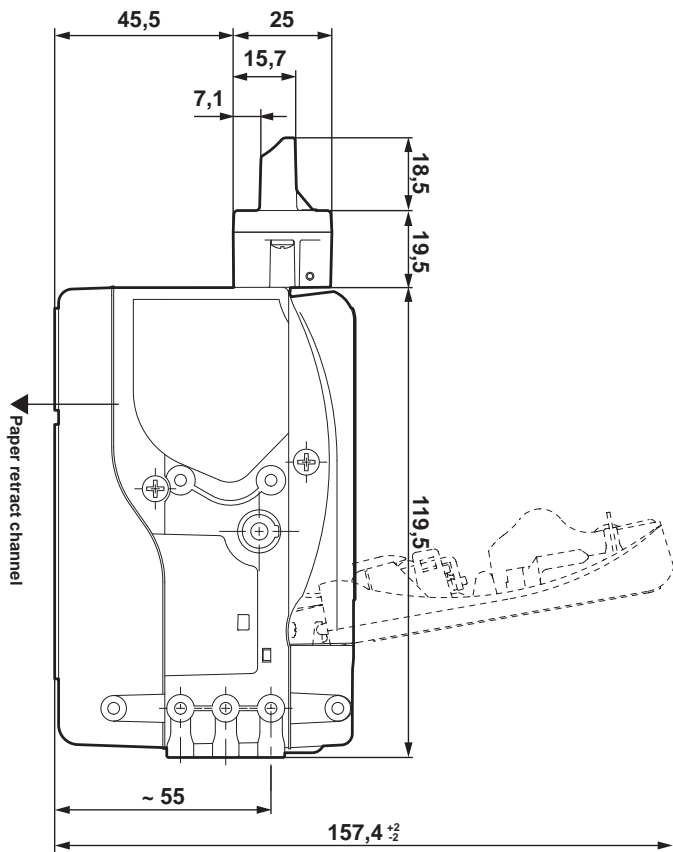
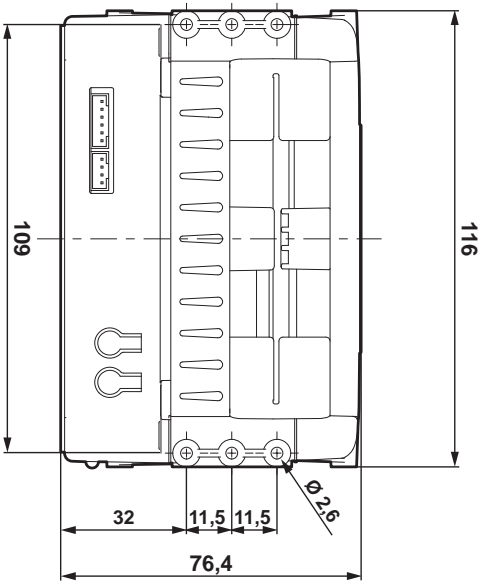
1. Instruction sheet
2. “Shutter” group



NOTE:

To assemble the kit refer to the instruction sheet enclosed with the kit.

The following figure shows the machine dimensions with the “shutter” device assembled:



10 ALIGNMENT

The device is provided with sensors for the use of alignment notch in order to handle rolls of tickets with pre-printed fields and a fixed length.

All alignment sensors are “reflection” sensors: this kind of sensor emits a band of light and detects the quantity of light reflected to it. The presence of the notch is therefore detected by the amount of light that returns to the sensor, considering that the light is reflected by the white paper and absorbed by the black mark.

The following paragraphs show how to correctly set the configuration parameters of device in order to assure the alignment.

10.1 Enable alignment

Device is provided with two sensors for alignment, placed as follows:

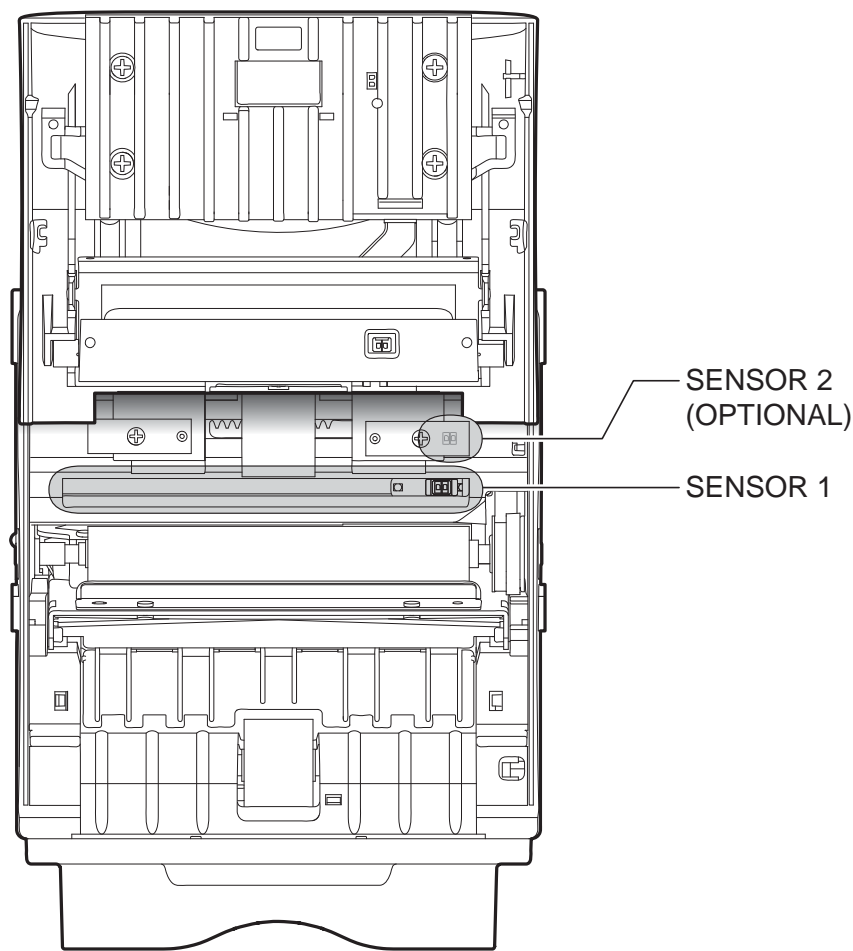
- one mobile sensor facing the non-thermal side of paper
- one fixed sensor (optional) facing the thermal side of paper.

To guarantee the alignment, it is necessary to correctly choose the sensor to use for the notch detection depending on the location of the notch on ticket.

To do this, you must enable the parameter “Notch/B.Mark Position” during the Setup procedure (see chapter 5) and set the correct value of this parameter as described in the following table.

SENSOR USED (see following figures)	VALUE OF THE “NOTCH/B.MARK POSITION” PARAMETER	USING MODE OF SENSORS	NOTCH TYPE
-	Disabled	-	Alignment disabled
1	Bottom	Reflection	Black mark printed on the non-thermal side of paper
2	Top Side *	Reflection	Black mark printed on the thermal side of paper

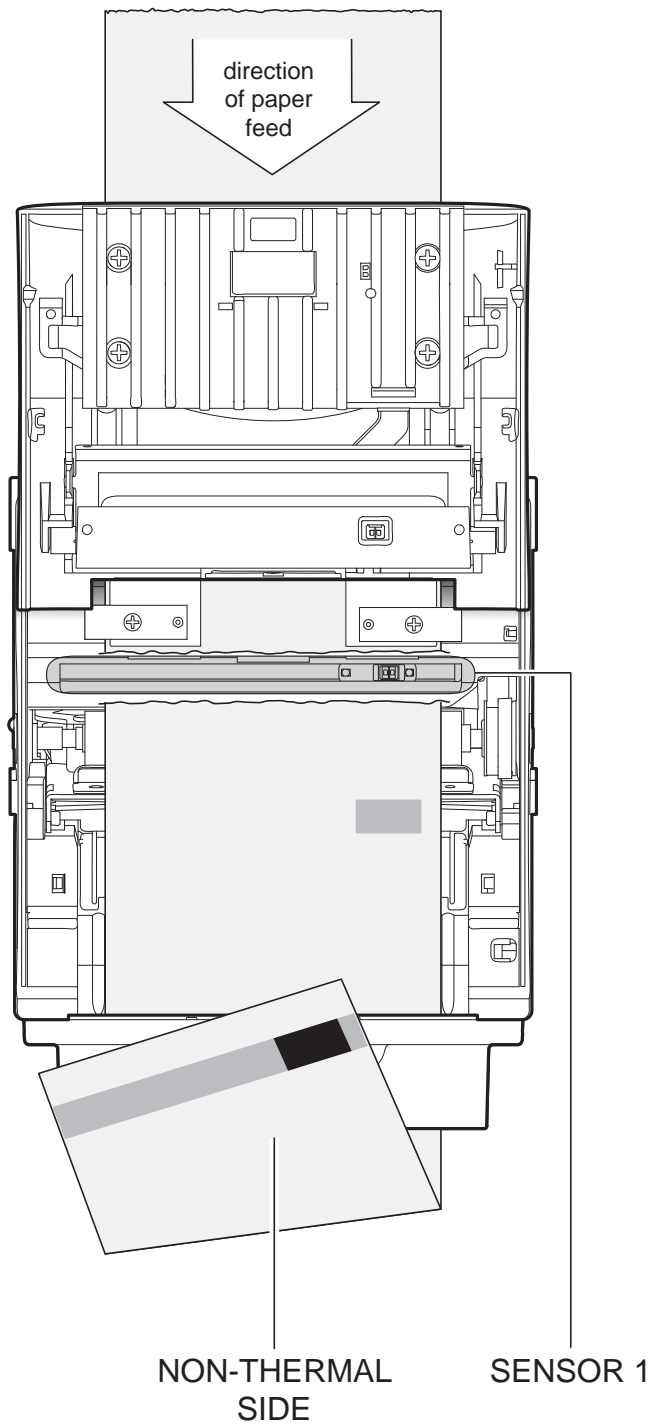
* only for models with upper notch sensor and with VKP80III emulation enabled.



The following figures show the usable format of paper and the corresponding sensors used for alignment:

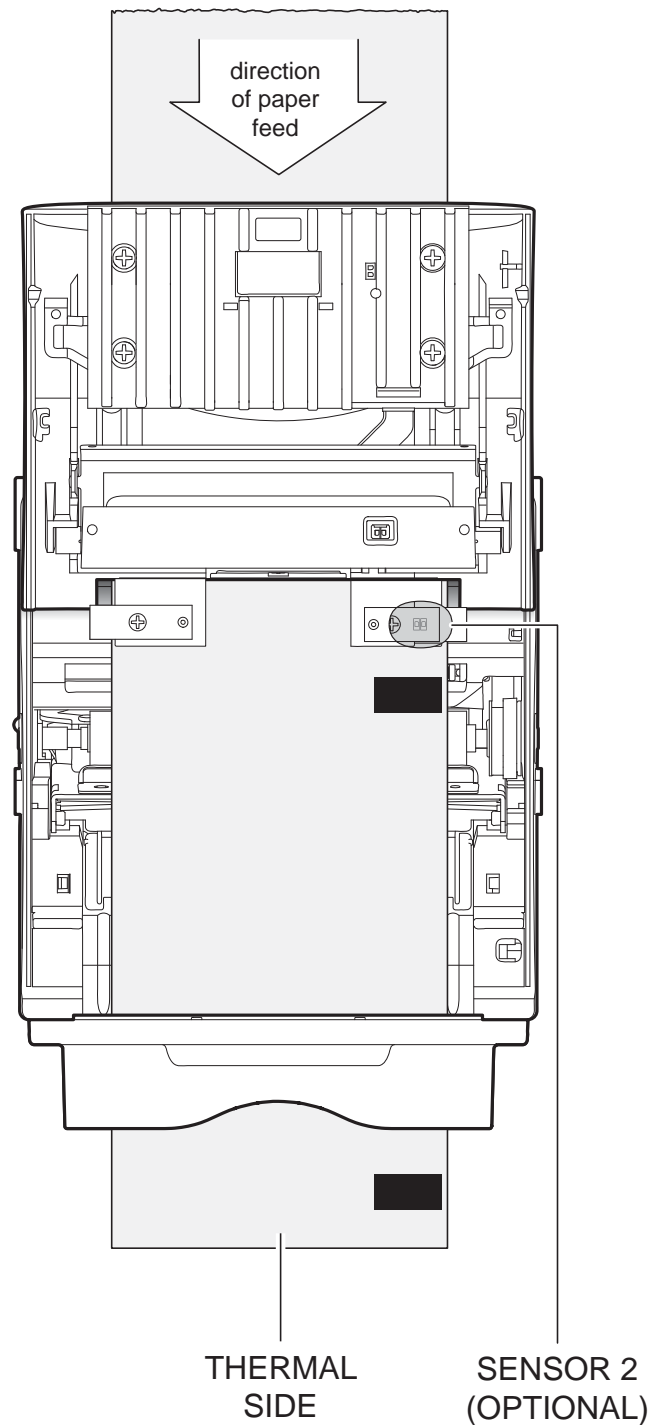
paper with black mark on the non-thermal side

In standard model, the detection of black mark is performed on the non-thermal side of paper by the mobile sensor.



paper with black mark on the thermal side

In model with optional sensor, the detection of black mark is performed on the thermal side of paper by the fixed sensor.



10.2 Calibration

The sensor calibration occurs automatically and consists in adjusting the quantity of light emitted to match the degree of whiteness of the paper used and the degree of black of the mark printed on paper.

The device automatically performs the self-calibration during the Setup procedure only if the “Notch/B.Mark Position” parameter is set to a value other than “Disabled” (see chapter 5).

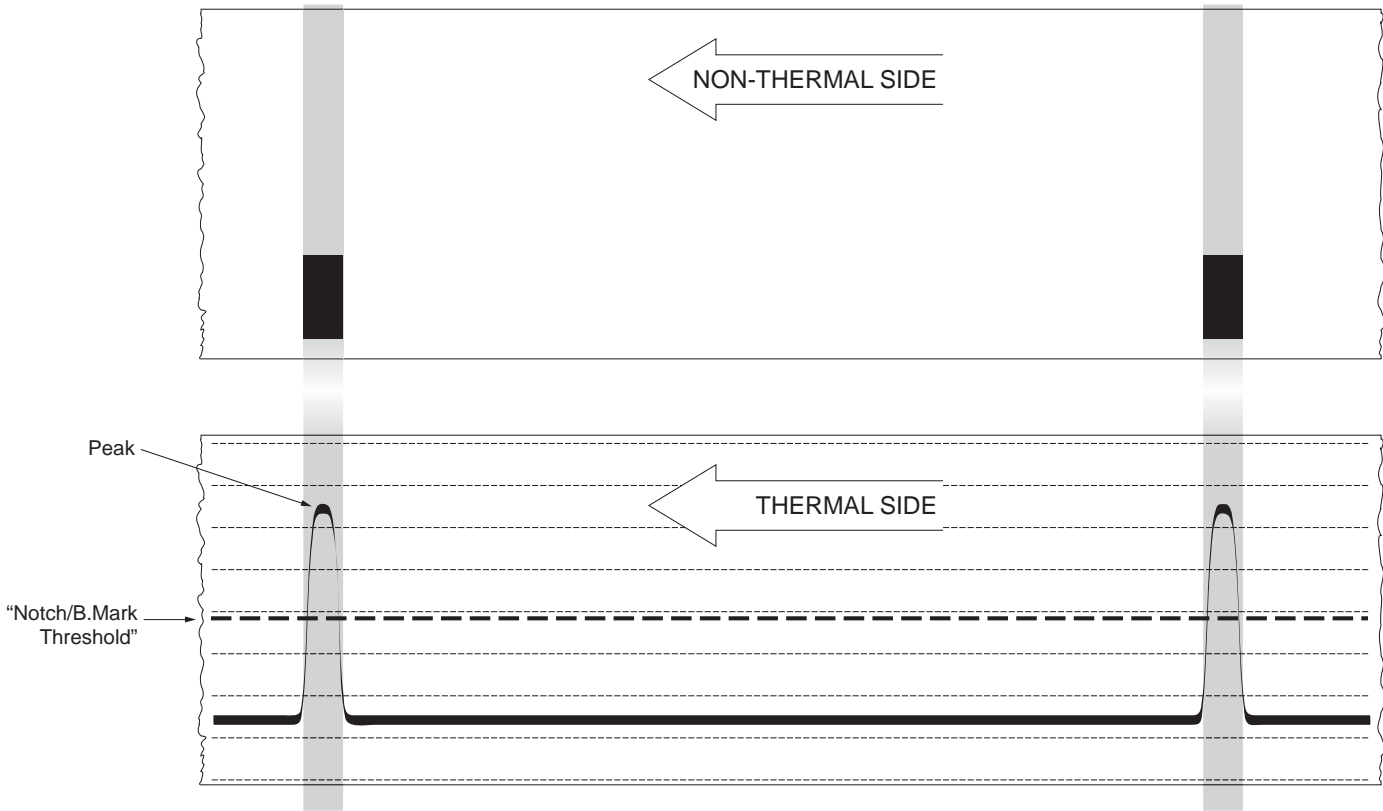
When self-calibration starts, the device performs some paper feeds and then it prints the calibration result and the value of the PWM duty-cycle (also expressed as a percentage) of the alignment sensor driver so that it can be perform an optimal notch detection:

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Autosetting Notch : OK
PWM Duty Cycle : 2,7V [82%]
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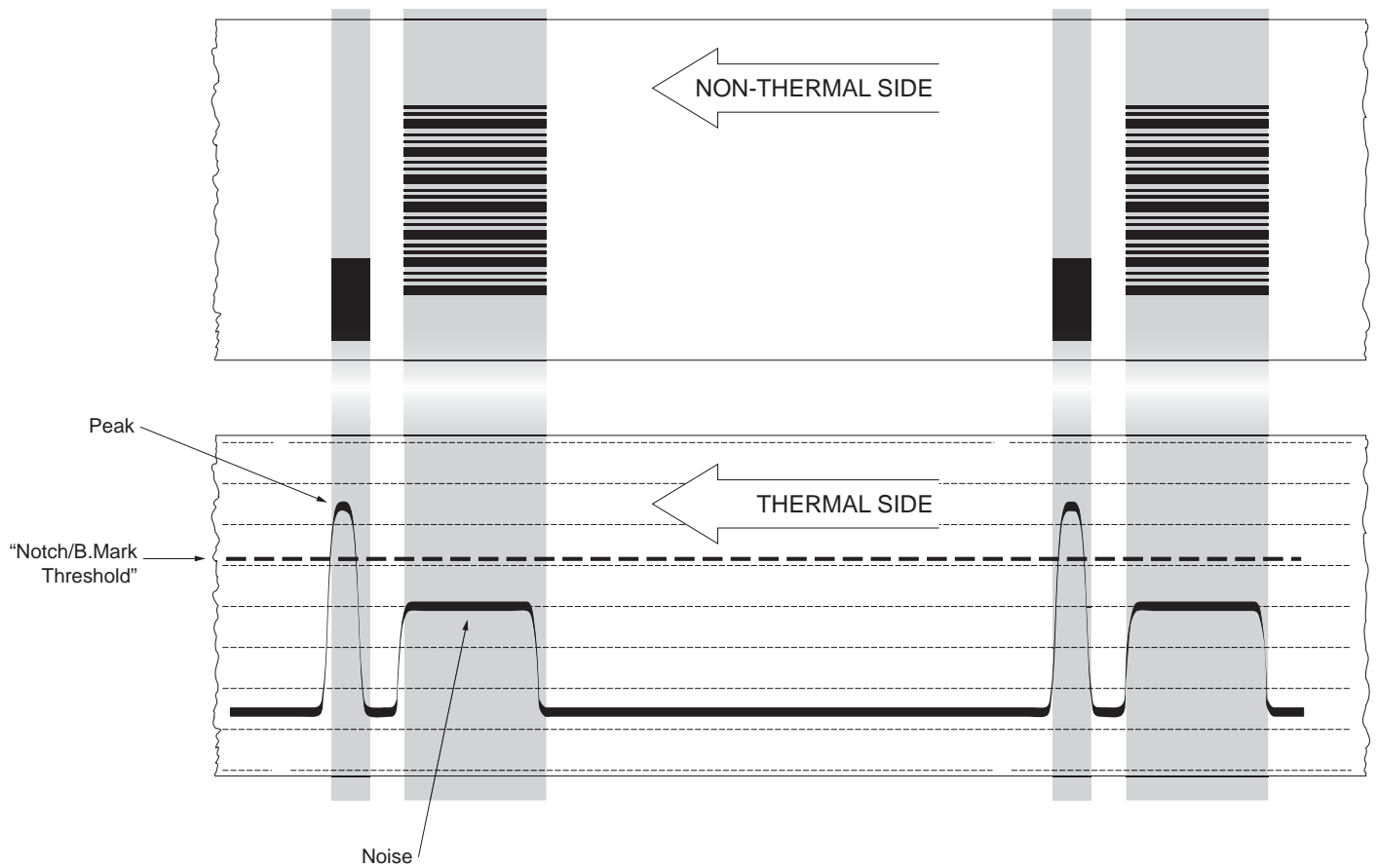
The “Autosetting Notch” parameter indicates the result of the self-calibration procedure; OK will appear if it has been successful, NOT OK will appear if the procedure has failed.

After the printing of the procedure result, the device offers the execution of the function of paper characterization “Characterize Paper” and the change of the “Notch/B.Mark Threshold” parameter which represents the detection threshold of the notch. Choosing the “Yes” value for the “Characterize Paper” parameter, the device prints a graphic representation (see following figures) of the outgoing voltage of the alignment sensor (expressed as a percentage) and the “Notch/B.Mark Threshold” value. This graphic representation is useful to set the most suitable value to assign to the “Notch/B.Mark Threshold” parameter and then to better identify the optimal threshold value which takes into account the variations of the signal and the small oscillations around zero.

The following figure shows an example of paper with the non-thermal paper printed with black marks: the outgoing voltage is constant while passing the white paper between two notches and presents a peak at each black mark. In this case, the optimal value for the “Notch/B.Mark Threshold” parameter is placed about half of the peak.



The following figure shows an example of paper with the non-thermal paper printed with black marks and other graphics (for example, a barcode): the outgoing voltage is constant while passing the white paper between two notches, presents a peak at each black mark and presents some “noise” at each barcode. In this case, the optimal value for the “Notch/B.Mark Threshold” parameter is located about halfway between the peak value and the maximum value of the “noise”.



If the maximum value of “noise” read by the sensor is very close to the peak value, it might be difficult to place the value of the “Notch/B.Mark Threshold” at an intermediate point. In these cases, it is mandatory that the portion of paper between the point of printing end and the front notch is completely white (no graphics). In this way, the only next graphic detected by the sensor for alignment after the printing end will be the notch.

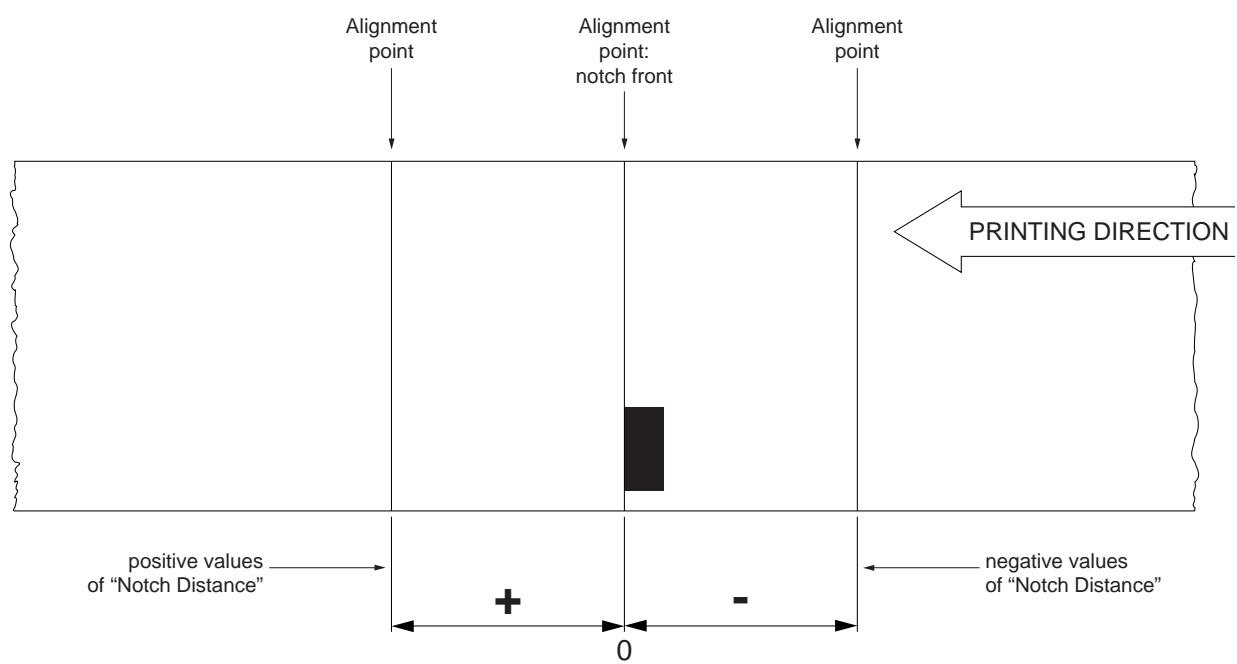
10.3 Alignment parameters

The “alignment point” is defined as the position inside the ticket to use for the notch alignment.
The distance between the notch edge and the alignment point is defined as “Notch Distance”.

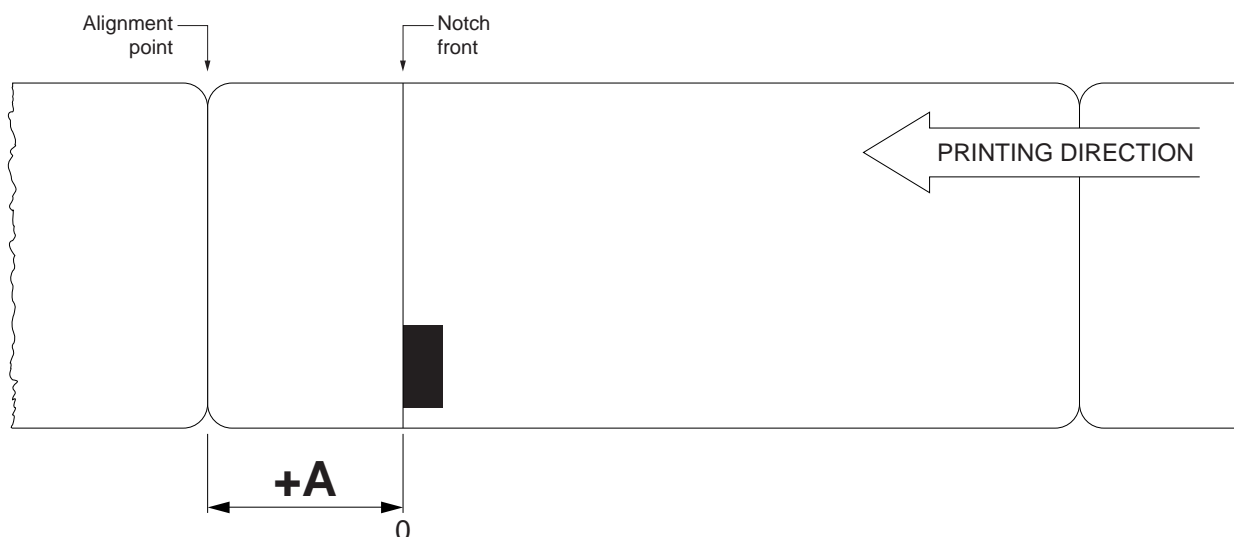
Referring to the front of the notch, the value of “Notch Distance” varies according to emulation set:

- VKP80III emulation: “Notch/Distance” value varies from -5mm minimum and 99.9mm maximum
- VKP80II emulation: “Notch/Distance” value varies from 0mm minimum and 32mm maximum.

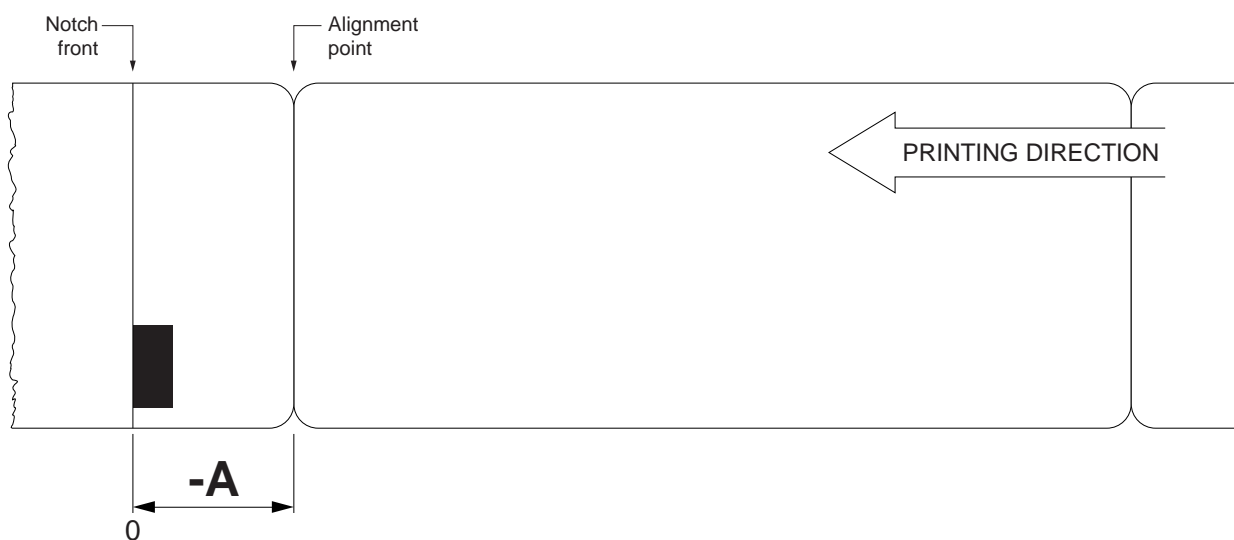
If the “Notch Distance” value is set to 0, the alignment point is set at the beginning of the notch.



The following figure shows an example of paper with alignment point set by a positive value of “Notch Distance” (“Notch Distance” = + A):



To set a negative value of the “Notch Distance” parameter is useful in cases where the alignment point refers to the notch printed on the previous ticket. In the following images, the value of “Notch Distance” parameter is set to -A.

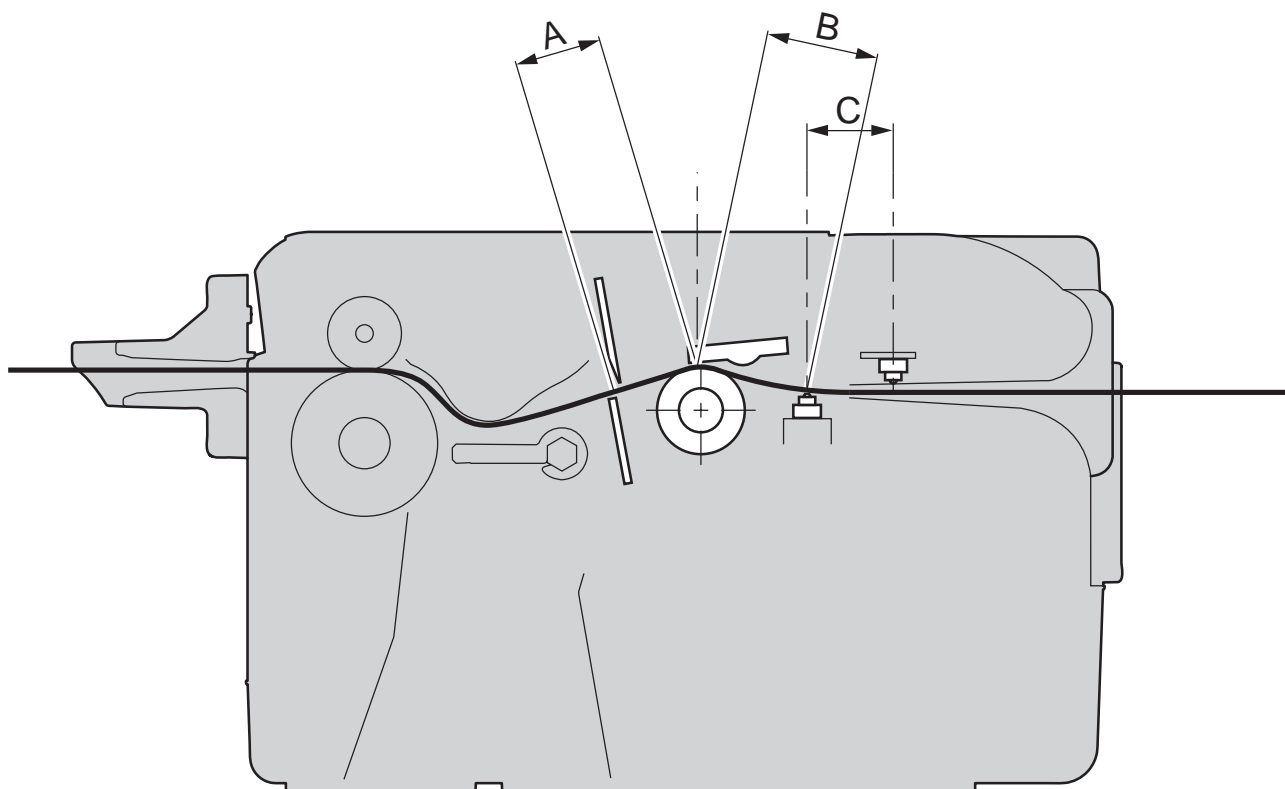


The following figure shows a section of the device with the paper path and the distances between the alignment sensors, the printing head and the cutter (cutting line), where

A = 11.9mm = distance between the cutting line and the printing line on paper

B = 15.3mm = distance between the the printing line and the mobile alignment sensors (bottom)

C = 11.8mm = distance between the mobile alignment sensor (bottom) and the upper alignment sensor (optional)



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To define the alignment point you need to set the device parameters that compose the numerical value of the “Notch Distance” parameter.

For example, to set a notch distance of 15mm between the notch and the alignment point, the parameters must be set on the following values:

<i>Notch Distance Sign</i>	: +
<i>Notch Distance [mm x 10]</i>	: 1
<i>Notch Distance [mm x 1]</i>	: 5
<i>Notch Distance [mm x .1]</i>	: 0

The “Notch Distance” parameter, may be modified as follows:

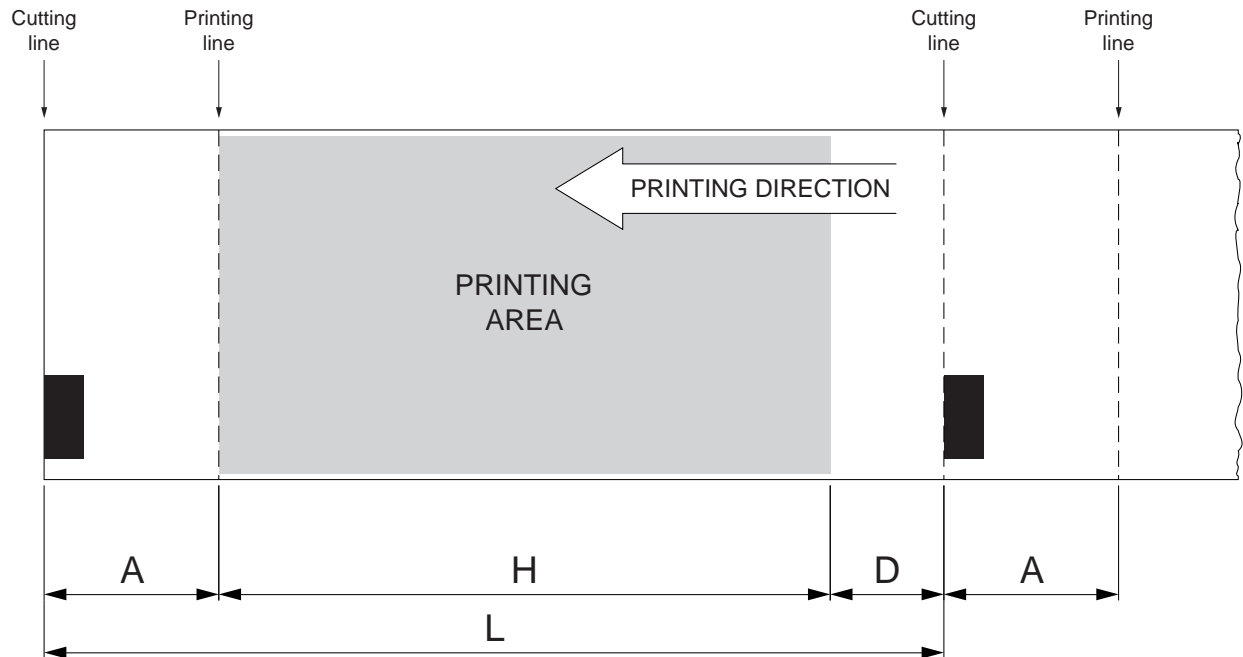
- during the Setup procedure of the device (see chapter 5)
- by using the 0x1D 0xE7 command (for more details, refer to the Commands Manual)
- by driver.

10.4 Printing area

In order to print ticket containing only one notch and to not overlay printing to a notch (that will make it useless for the next alignment), it is important to well calibrate:

- the length of the printing area of ticket according to the inter-notch distance;
- the value for the paper recovery after a cut (if present)

The following figure shows an example of tickets with “Notch Distance” set to 0:



A “Non-printable area” generated from:

“Distance between cutter/printing head” - “Value for the paper recovery after a cut”

where:

“Distance between cutter/printing head” = 11.9 mm (fixed distance)

“Value for the paper recovery after a cut” in VKP80II emulation= 0 mm,

“Value for the paper recovery after a cut” in VKP80III emulation = variable from 0 mm (default value) to 11.9 mm according to the settings of 0x1C 0xC1 command (see Command Manual)

H Distance between the first and the last print line, called “Height of the printing area”.

L Distance between an edge of the notch and the next one, called “Inter-notch distance”.

D Automatic feed for alignment at the next notch.

To use all the notches on the paper, you must comply with the following equation:

$$H + A \leq L$$

The height of the printing area H can be increased to make no progress on alignment D but no further.

11 TECHNICAL SERVICE

In case of failure, contact the Technical Service by sending an e-mail to support@custom.it detailing:


- 1. Product code
- 2. Serial number
- 3. Hardware release
- 4. Firmware release

To get the necessary data, proceed as follows:

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Write down the data printed on the product label (see paragraph 2.4).

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SCODE. <code> - rel 1.00

DCODE. <code> - rel 1.00

FCODE. <code> - rel 1.00

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PRINTER TYPEVKP80III

Barcode ReaderNot present

LED bar RGB (hardware)Not present

Print a Setup report (see paragraph 5.1)
The Setup report shows the firmware release.

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