# ESC/POS Application Guide

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## **ESC/POS Commands**

## 1. Command List

Command Category	Command	Statement		
Category	LF	Print and feed paper		
	HT	Horizontal tab		
Print	ESC J n	Print and feed paper for n dots		
FIIII	ESC J II			
		Print and feed paper for n lines		
	ESC = n	Set the print online/offline		
	ESC 2	Set the line space to 32 dots		
Set Line	ESC 3 n	Set the line space to n dots		
space	ESC a n	Set the print alignment		
	GS L nL nH	Set the left margin		
	ESC \$	Set the left margin of page		
	ESC ! n	Set the font type		
	GS ! n	Set character space		
	ESC E n	Turn bold mode on/off		
	ESC SP n	Set character spacing		
	ESC SO	Set character double width		
	ESC DC4	Set the width normal		
Set	ESC { n	Turn upside-down printing mode on/off		
Character	GS B n	Turn black/white inverse printing mode		
Character		on/off		
	ESC - n	Turn underline mode on/off		
	ESC % n	Set/Cancel user-defined character set		
	ESC &	Set user-defined character		
	ESC ?	Cancel user-defined character		
	ESC R n	Select the international character sets		
	ESC t n	Select character code page		
	ESC *	Set bit-image mode		
	GS *	Define NV bit image		
	GS /	Print NV bit image		
Image print	GS v	Print raster bit image		
	DC2 *	Print bitmap		
	DC2 V	Print MSB bitmap		
	DC2 v	Print LSB bitmap		
Init	ESC @	Initialize the printer		
Transmit	ESC u n	Transmit Status (non-real-time)		
status	GS a n	Set/Cancel the printer states automatic		

		back
	GS H	Set print position of one-dimension HRI
D	GS h	Set the height of one-dimension barcode
Barcode print	GS x	Set the left margin of printing barcode
	GS w	Set the width of Barcode
	GS k	Print barcode
Control		
board	DC2 T	Print test page
Parameter		

## 2. Command Explanations

## 2.1 print commands

LF Print and feed paper ASCII: Format: LF Decimal: 10 Hexadecimal: 0A Print the data in the printer buffer, then feed paper for one line Description: according to the current line space settings. After printing, the print position moves to the beginning of the line. НТ Horizontal tab Format: ASCII: НТ Decimal: 09 09 Hexadecimal:

Description: Move the print position to the next tab position.

ESC J n Print and feed paper for n dots

Format: ASCII: ESC J n

Decimal: 27 74 n

Hexadecimal: 1B 4A n

Description: n = 0-255.

Print the data in the printer buffer and feed paper for n dots.

ESC d n Print and feed paper for n lines

Format: ASCII: ESC d n
Decimal: 27 100 n
Hexadecimal: 1B 64 n

Description: n = 0-255.

Print the data in the printer buffer and feed paper for n lines.

ESC = n Set ASB status

Format: ASCII: ESC = n

Decimal: 27 61 n Hexadecimal: 1B 3d n

Description: n = 0, 1.

1: printer is online, accept data and print.

0: printer is offline, don't accept data.

### 2.2 Set line space commands

ESC 2 Set the line space to 1/6 inch

Format: ASCII: ESC 2

Decimal: 27 50 Hexadecimal: 1B 32

Description: Set the line spacing to 4 mm, 32 dots.

ESC 3 n Set the line spacing to n dots

Format: ASCII: ESC 3 n

Decimal: 27 51 n Hexadecimal: 1B 33 n

Description: n = 0-255

Set the line spacing to n dots.

Default value is 32 dots.

ESC a n Set the print alignment

Format: ASCII: ESC a n

Decimal: 27 97 n Hexadecimal: 1B 61 n

Description: Align all data in a line, the meanings of n value are as follows:

 $0 \le n \le 2$  或  $48 \le n \le 50$ 

Left: n=0,48 Center: n=1,49 Right: n=2,50 Default value is 0.

GS L nL nH Set the left margin

Format: ASCII: GS L nL nH

Decimal: 29 76 nL nH Hexadecimal: 1D 4c nL nH

Description: Left margin can be set by nL and nH.

Sets the left margin to (nL+nH\*256)\*0.125mm from the left edge of

the printable area.

 $0 \leqslant nL \leqslant 255$ ,  $0 \leqslant nH \leqslant 255$ , and  $0 \leqslant nL+nH*256 \leqslant 65535$ .

Default value is nL=0, nH=0.

ESC \$ nL nH

Set the left margin

Format: ASCII: ESC \$ nL nH

Decimal: 27 36 nL nH Hexadecimal: 1B 24 nL nH

Description: Left margin can be set by nL and nH.

Sets the left margin to (nL+nH\*256)\*0.125mm from the left edge of

the printable area.

 $0 \le nL \le 255$ ,  $0 \le nH \le 255$ , and  $0 \le nL+nH*256 \le 65535$ .

Default value is nL=0, nH=0.

#### 2.3 Set font commands

ESC! n

Set the font type

Format: ASCII: ESC ! n

Decimal: 27 33 n Hexadecimal: 1B 21 n

Description: Set the font type (black white inverse, upside-down, bold, double width, double height or underline). And the bit definitions of parameter n are shown as follows:0

Bit 0: reserved

Bit 1: 1: black white inverse

Bit 2: 1: upside-down

Bit 3: 1: bold

Bit 4: 1: double height Bit 5: 1: double width

Bit 6: 1: underline

GS! n

Set character size

Format:

ASCII: GS! n
Decimal: 29 33 n
Hexadecimal: 1D 21 n

Description: Character width is set by the bit 0-bit 3 of n, and character height

is set by bit4-bit7 of n.

Hexadecimal 00 (Decimal 0):width(normal), height(normal)
Hexadecimal 01 (Decimal 1):width(normal), height(double)
Hexadecimal 10 (Decimal 16):width(double), height(normal)
Hexadecimal 11 (Decimal 17):width(double), height(double)

 $ESC\ E\ n$ 

Format: ASCII: ESC ! n

Decimal: 27 69 n Hexadecimal: 1B 45 n

Description: Turns bold mode on or off using n as follows:

0: Turns off1: Turns on

ESC SP n Set character space

Format: ASCII: ESC SP n

Decimal: 27 32 n Hexadecimal: 1B 20 n

Description: Set character space to n.

Default is 0.

ESC SO Set character double width

Format: ASCII: ESC SO

Decimal: 27 14 Hexadecimal: 1B 0E

Description: Set the character printing double width.

ESC DC4 Set the width normal

Format: ASCII: ESC DC4

Decimal: 27 20 Hexadecimal: 1B 14

Description: After execute the command, the character restore normal width.

Turn upside-down printing mode

on/off

Format: ASCII: ESC { n

Decimal: 27 123 n Hexadecimal: 1B 7B n

Description: n=1:Turn on.

ESC { n

n=0:Turn off.
Default is 0.

GS	В	n

#### Turn black/white inverse printing

mode on/off

Format: ASCII: GS B n

Decimal: 29 66 n Hexadecimal: 1D 42 n

Description: n=1:Turn on.

n=0:Turn off.
Default is 0.

#### ESC - n

Turn underline mode on/off

Format: ASCII: ESC - n

Decimal: 27 45 n Hexadecimal: 1B 2D n

Description:

n=0-2, Turn underline mode on or off using n as follows:

0: Turns off underline mode

1: Turns on underline mode(1-dot thick)2: Turns on underline mode(2-dot thick)

Default value is 0.

#### ESC % n

#### Set/Cancel user-defined character set

Format: ASCII: ESC % n

Decimal: 27 37 n Hexadecimal: 1B 25 n

Description: n=1:use the custom character set

n=0:use the default character set

#### ESC & s n m w

Set user-defined character

Format: ASCII: ESC & s n m w d1 d2 ... dx

Decimal: 27 38 s n w m d1 d2 ... dx Hexadecimal: 1B 26 s n w m d1 d2 ... dx

Description: Set custom character, the max size of custom character is 32.

 $s=3,32 \leqslant n \leqslant m < 127$ 

s: vertical character size must equal 3(height: 24 dots)

w: character width  $0\sim12$  (s=3)

n: the start of custom character ASCII

m: the stop of custom character ASCII

dx: character dot-matrix data, x=s×w

s=3

dx as follows:

d1	d4	d7					
d2	d5	d8					
d3	d6	d9					d36

	Bit 7
	Bit 6
	Bit 5
dx	Bit 4
ux	Bit 3
	Bit 2
	Bit 1
	Bit 0

ESC ? n

Cancel user-defined character

Format:

ASCII: ESC ? n

27 37 n Decimal:

Hexadecimal: 1B 25 n

Description: Cancel custom character mode, use system character.

ESC R n

Select international character

Forma ASCII: ESC R n t: Decimal: 27 82 n Hexadecim 1B 52 n

al:

Description: Selects an international character set n as follows:

0:USA

5:Sweden

10:Denmark II

1:France

6:Italy

11:Spain II

2:Germany

7:Spain1

12:Latin America

3:U.K.

8: Japan

13:Korea

4:Denmark 1

9:Norway

ESC t n

Select character code page

Format:

ASCII: ESC t n

Decimal: 27 116 n

Hexadecimal: 1B 74 n

Description: Selects an page n from the character code page as follows:

0:4371:850

## 2.4 Image print commands

ESC \* m n1 n2 d1 d2...dk

Set bit-image mode

Format:

ASCII:

ESC \* m n1 n2 d1 d2 ... dk

Decimal:

27 42 m n1 n2 d1 d2 ... dk

Hexadecimal: 1B 2A m n1 n2 d1 d2 ... dk

Description: Set print bit-image.

m = 0, 1, 32, 33°

n1=0-255

n2=0-3

dx = 0 - 255

k = n1+256\*n2 (m=0, 1)

k = (n1+256\*n2)\*3 (m=32, 33)

m use to select bit-image type.

0: the height is 8 dots, horizontal scale \*2.

1: the height is 8 dots, horizontal scale \*1.

32: the height is 24 dots, horizontal scale \*2.

33: the height is 24 dots, horizontal scale \*1.

#### GS / n

Print NV bit image

Format: ASCII: GS / n

Decimal: 29 47 n Hexadecimal: 1D 2F n

Description: the bitmap defined by GS \* command.

This command is to print NV bit image.  $n=0\sim3$ ,  $48\sim51$ .

 $n=0\sim3$ ,  $48\sim51$ : select mode

10	Vertical point		Horizontal point
11	n mode	density	density
0	Normal	203DPI	203DPI
1	Double width	203DPI	101DPI
2	Double height	101DPI	203DPI
3	Double width and double height	101DPI	101DPI

#### GS \* n1 n2 d1...dk

Define NV bit image

Format: ASCII:  $GS * x y d1 \dots d(x*y*8)$ 

Decimal: 29 42 x y d1 ... d(x\*y\*8)

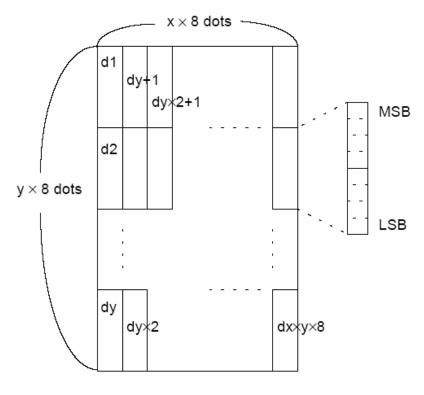
Hexadecimal: 1D 2A x y d1 ... d(x\*y\*8)

Description: Define NV bit image.

 $y=1\sim48$ ,  $x=1\sim255$ ,  $0\leq d\leq255$ ,  $x*y\leq1536$ 

x specifies the horizontal point, y specifies the vertical point. The horizontal points are x\*8, the vertical points are y\*8, if x\*y > 1536, the command will not be performed. d is bitmap data, 1:print, 0: not print.

the bitmap is as follows:



#### GS v 0 p wL wH hL hH

Print raster bit image

Format: ASCII: GS v 0 p wL wH hL hH d1 ... dk

Decimal: 29 118 0 p wL wH hL hH d1 ... dk Hexadecimal: 1D 76 0 p wL wH hL hH d1 ... dk

Description: Print raster bit image, the meanings of parameter p is as follows:

p	mode	Vertical point density	Horizontal point density
0, 48	normal	203.2 dpi	203.2 dpi
1, 49	Double width	203.2 dpi	101.6 dpi
2, 50	Double height	101.6 dpi	203.2 dpi
3, 51	Double width +double height	101.6 dpi	101.6 dpi

 $\mbox{W=wL+wH*}256$  specifies  $\mbox{W}$  bytes in horizontal direction for the bit image.

H=wL+wH\*256 specifies H bytes in vertical direction for the bit image.

DC2 \* r n [d1...dn]

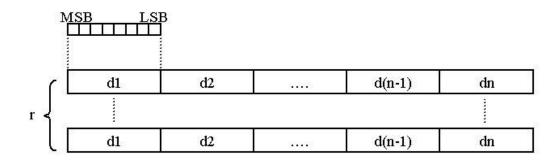
Print bitmap

Format: ASCII: DC2 \* r n [d1 ... dn]

Decimal: 18 42 r n [d1 ... dn] Hexadecimal: 12 2A r n [d1 ... dn]

Description: Print specified height and width of the bitmap.

r: the height of the bitmapn: the width of the bitmapthe bitmap format is as follows:



#### DC2 V nL nH [d1...dn]

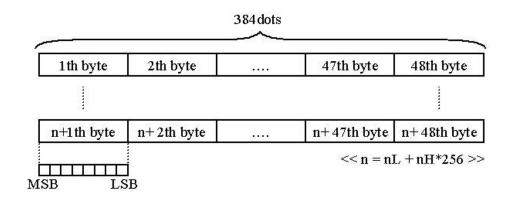
Print MSB bitmap

Format: ASCII: DC2 V nL nH [d1 ... d48]

Decimal: 18 86 nL nH [d1 ... d48] Hexadecimal: 12 56 nL nH [d1 ... d48]

Description: Print MSB bitmap. The width of the bitmap is 384.

The height of the bitmap is nL+nH\*256. The bitmap format is as follows:



#### DC2 v nL nH [d1...dn]

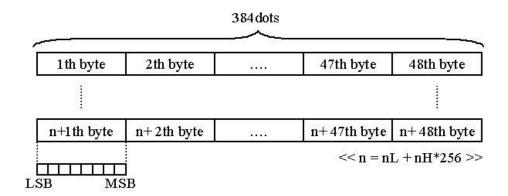
Print LSB bitmap

Format: ASCII: DC2 v nL nH [d1 ... d48]

Decimal: 18 118 nL nH [d1 ... d48] Hexadecimal: 12 76 nL nH [d1 ... d48] Description: Print LSB bitmap. The width of the bitmap is 384.

The height of the bitmap is nL+nH\*256.

The bitmap format is as follows:



#### 2.5 Initialize commands

ESC @ Initialize the printer

Format: ASCII: ESC @

Decimal: 27 64 Hexadecimal: 1B 40

Description: Initializes the printer:

> Clear the data in the print buffer;

> Resets the printer mode to the modes that were in effect.

### 2.6 Transmit status commands

GS a n Set/Cancel the printer states automatic back

Format: ASCII: GS a n

Decimal: 29 97 n Hexadecimal: 1D 61 n Description: Set /cancel the printer states back automatically, the meanings os bits are as follows:

bit	On/off	Hex	Decimal	ASB status	
0	0ff	00	0	Not used, fixed to off	
1	off	off 00	00	0	Online/offline status off
1	on	02	2	Online/offline status	
		02	2	on	
2	off	00	0	Error status off	
4	on	04	4	Error status on	
3	off	00	0	Paper sensor status off	
3	on	08	8	Paper sensor status on	
4		-	-	Not defined	
5		_	_	Not defined	
6	off	00	0	Not used, fixed to off	
7	_	_	_	Not defined	

ESC u n

Transmit Status (non-real-time)

Format: ASCII: GS r n

Decimal: 29 114 n Hexadecimal: 1D 72 n

Description: Transmit the status using n as follows:

n	Function
1, 49	Transmits paper sensor status

Paper sensor status (n=1,49)

bit	On/off	Hex	Decimal	ASB Status
0, 1	off	00	0	Not used. Fixed to Off.
2, 3	Off	00	0	Paper near-end sensor:
				paper adequate.
	0n	(OC)	(12)	Paper near-end sensor:
				paper not present.
4	Off	00	0	Not used. Fixed to Off.
5, 6	0n	00	00	Not used. Fixed to On.
	Off	00	00	Not used. Fixed to Off.
7	Off	00	0	Not used. Fixed to Off.

## 2.7 Barcode print commands

GS H n ASCII: Format: 29 72 n Decimal: Hexadecimal: 1D 48 n  $0 \le n \le 255$ Description: Set the print position of one-dimension HRI, the meanings of parameter n is as follows: 0: not print HRI 1: HRI above the barcode 2: HRI bellow the barcode 3: HRI above and bellow the barcode GS h n Set the height of one-dimension barcode Format: ASCII: GS h Decimal: 29 104 n Hexadecimal: 1D 68 n Set the height of the barcode to n dots. Description:  $1 \leq n \leq 255$ . Default value is 50.  $GS \times n$ Set the left margin of printing barcode Format: GS x ASCII: Decimal: 29 120 n Hexadecimal: 1D 78 n Description: The start position is  $0 \rightarrow 255$  $GS \ w \ n$ Set the width of Barcode Format: ASCII: GS w Decimal: 29 119 n Hexadecimal: 1D 77 n Set the width of a bar in the barcode to n dots. Description: n = 2, 3.Default value is 2. GS k m d1 d2 ... dk NUL Print barcode GS k m n d1 d2 ... dn Format: 1 ASCII: GS k d1 d2 ... dk NUL d1 d2 ... dk 0 29 107 m Decima 1: Hexade 1D 6B m d1 d2 ... dk 00 cimal: Format: 2 ASCII: GS k m n d1 d2 ... dn 

1:

Hexade 1D 6B m n d1 d2 ... dn cimal:

Description: m: encoding method

Format 1:  $0 \le m \le 10$ Format 2:  $65 \le m \le 75$ n: encoding data length

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m	method	length	Legal character			
0, 65	UPC-A	11, 12	48-57			
1, 66	UPC-E	11, 12	48-57			
2, 67	EAN13	12, 13	48-57			
3, 68	EAN8	7, 8	48-57			
4, 69	CODE39	varlen	32, 36, 37, 43, 45–57, 65–90			
5, 70	I25	even	48-57			
6, 71	CODEBAR	varlen	36, 43, 45–58, 65–68			
7, 72	CODE93	varlen	0-127			
8, 73	CODE128	varlen	0-127			
9, 74	CODE11	varlen	48-57			
10, 75	MSI	varlen	48-57			

If has illegal character in data, the barcode will not be printed.

If the length is larger than the effect printing width, the print result will be uncertainty.

## 2.8 Controlboard parameter commands

DC2 T Print test page

Format: ASCII: DC2 T

Decimal: 18 84 Hexadecimal: 12 54

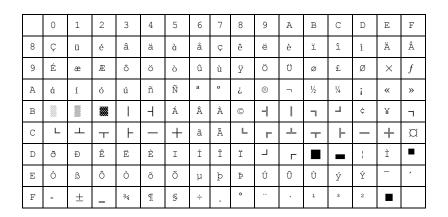
Description: Print test page

## **Appendix 1: Character Code Page**

### PC437

	0	0	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	В	С	D	E	F
8	Ç	ü	é	â	ä	à	å	Ç	ê	ë	è	ï	î	ì	Ä	Å
9	É	æ	Æ	ô	ö	ò	û	ù	ÿ	Ö	Ü	¢	£	¥	Rs.	f
A	ά	í	ó	ú	ñ	Ñ	a	o	i	L	Г	1-2	1/4	i	«	<b>»</b>
В			<b>**</b>	-	4	4	4	٦	٦	7		٦	_	٦	_	٦
С	L	_	т	F	_	+	F	F	L	L	4	_	F	_	+	⊢
D	Т	_	_	L	L	F	Г	+	+	_	Г		-	ı	I	-
E	α	ß	Γ	π	Σ	σ	μ	Т	Φ	Θ	Ω	δ	8	φ	3	$\supset$
F	=	±	$\geqslant$	$\leq$	ſ	J	÷	*	0			√	n	2		

### PC850



## **Appendix B: International Charset**

	Country	23	24	40	5B	5C	5D	5E	60	7B	7C	7D	7E
0	U.S.A	#	\$	@	]	\	]	^	,	{	ļ	}	~
1	France	#	\$	à	. 0	Ç	§	^	,	é	ù	è	••
2	Germany	#	\$	§	Ä	Ö	Ü	^	,	ä	Ö	Ö	β
3	U.K.	£	\$	@	[	\	]	^	,	{		}	~
4	Denmark I	#	\$	@	Æ	Ø	Å	^	•	æ	Ø	å	~
5	Sweden	#	а	É	Ä	Ö	Å	Ü	é	ä	Ö	å	ü
6	ltaly	#	\$	@	٥	\	é	^	ù	à	ò	è	ı
7	Spain I	Pt	\$	@	i	Ñ	i	^	,		ñ	}	~
8	Japan	#	\$	@	Γ	¥	]	^	,	{	1	}	~
9	Norway	#	a	É	Æ	Ø	Å	Ü	é	æ	Ø	å	ü
10	Denmark II	#	\$	É	Æ	Ø	Å	ΰ	é	æ	ø	å	ü
11	Spain II	#	\$	á	i	Ñ	i	é	,	ì	ñ	ó	ú
12	Latin America	#	\$	á	i	Ñ	ن	é	ü	ì	ñ	ó	ú
13	Korea	#	\$	@	[	₩	]	^	19.	[	I	}	~