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Introduction

The EasyCoder C4 printers from Intermec are provided with a built-in protocol (ESim) by which you can use any computer, terminal, scanner or keyboard, that can produce ASCII characters, to control the printer. This is a useful alternative to the Intermec InterDriver, which requires a PC operating under Microsoft Windows.

With the ESim protocol, you can use any editor to control the printer, either by means of the serial RS-232 channel or the parallel Centronics channel.

The EasyCoder C4 ESim protocol is compatible with the corresponding protocol for EasyCoder 91, even if some commands or command parameters have no meaning in EasyCoder C4, and some commands are new.

Note that EasyCoder C4 has a flash memory for forms and graphics, which requires special consideration. Avoid storing frequently changing data in flash (see **GM** and **GW** commands in Chapter 7) and use printer drivers developed for EasyCoder C4 rather than EasyCoder 91 drivers.

This manual will assist you in designing labels using the ESim protocol. It has been organized to provide you with an under-standing of the printer's functions and command structure.

The manual describes version 3.30 of the ESim protocol.

If you have any questions regarding the protocol or this manual, please contact your Intermec distributor for technical assistance.

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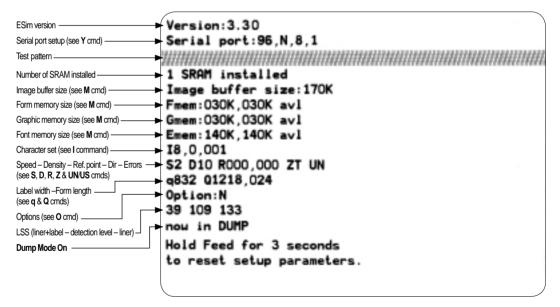
General Information

Dump Mode

The printer has the capability to perform in dump mode, which means that the printer will print out the echo of the received ASCII. Use this capability to debug your software when the printer does not perform as you expect.

To enter Dump Mode:

- Turn off the power to the printer.
- For best result, load the printer with full width labels or tags.
- Hold down the Feed key and turn on the power again.
- Release the **Feed** key when the indicator lamp flashes green.
- This procedure adjusts the label stop sensor and media feed and produces a test label, see below.
- After the test label has been printed, the printer enters the Dump Mode, as indicated by the last line on the test label.



The Test Label contains useful information on the printer's current setup.

IMPORTANT!

Do not use continuous stock in Dump Mode. An error will occur since there are no gaps or slots to detect.

Dump Mode, cont.

In the Dump Mode, the output is the same label as produced by means of a **U** command, but an extra line will be appended saying "now in DUMP". Then the printer waits for ASCII dump printing.

Send a string of characters or a label form to the printer and tap the **Feed** key to produce a printout. Dump mode will also print control characters, see character set table at the end of Chapter 9.

To return to normal mode, briefly tap the **Feed** key. A label with the message "out of DUMP" will be printed.

The firmware has memory allocation for print image buffer, form, graphic, and external font memory. The first time the printer is used, it is automatically initialized to default settings, see Chapter 3.

The M memory command sets the image buffer, the form memory, and graphic memory area. The remaining memory space, if any, is allocated to the external font memory, which is intended for bitmap fonts downloaded by means of external software.

Memory

Direct Mode

You can print a label without using a predefined format by sending write commands (text, bar codes, graphics, lines and boxes) to the printer after having cleared the image buffer using an N command. The label remains stored in the image buffer and can be printed over and over again by sending new P print commands, until the buffer is cleared by an N command, or by retrieving and printing a Form (see FR command).

The Direct Mode is also used for retrieving and printing preprogrammed label formats, for the issuing of global setup commands, for deleting forms and graphics from memory, and to make the printer produce a number of different reports.

Form Edit Mode

This mode is used to permanently store label forms and graphics in the printer memory. In addition to plain text, bar codes, graphics, lines and boxes, form edit mode also allows the use of variables and counters, which are not available in the Direct Mode. The individual label forms can be retrieved and printed in the Direct Mode.

Some setup parameters can be included in forms in order to adapt the printer for different applications. However, such setup parameters will affect the global setup after the form has been retrieved and printed.

The optional Keyboard Display Unit (KDU) can retrieve a stored form, making it possible to use the EasyCoder C4 as a stand-alone system, that is, without a computer connection.

Form

Every label is made up of various fields. A form is the complete set of commands that define the content and the design of the label. A form can be saved in memory and retrieved when required.

Text Editor

Use any ASCII output device with a parallel or serial port and a text editor to design the form and programming the printer. Communication is based on the ASCII characters 32-255 dec.

Commands

The command syntax is based on upper and lower case characters, numeric characters, commas (as separators), quotation marks and carriage returns/line feeds (CR; ASCII 13 dec/LF; ASCII 10 dec.). In the command descriptions in this manual, the CR and/or LF in are indicated by

...

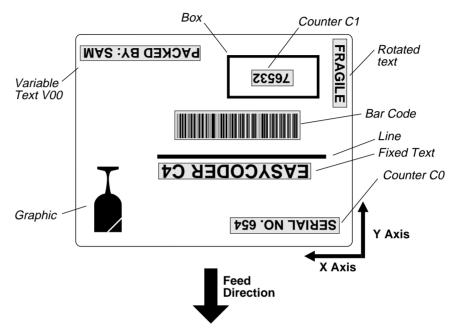
Note that all programming examples start with CR and/or LF. It is strongly recommended to start any sequence of command lines with a CR/LF. Most PC based systems send CR/LF when pressing the <Enter> key.

Refer to Chapter 2 for a list showing for which purposes the various commands can be used.

Note: A CR or LF must be sent at the end of most command lines! LF after CR, or CR after LF are ignored. If anything, except space and NULL characters, are sent between the command and the CR or LF and the US command is enabled, error 01 will be sent on the serial port.

Field

Each command line of printable data will create a field, which is defined in regard of start position, rotation, magnification, etc.



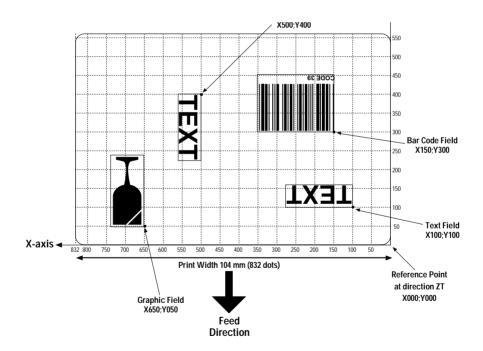
The illustration shows how a label is printed and fed out when using the default direction.

Field Positioning

The printable area of the label forms a grid, where the X-axis runs across the label and the Y-axis runs along the label web. Dots are used as the unit for establishing position of the upper left corner of each field in relation to a specified reference point, in this example the top left corner of the form.

For example, as the printhead density is eight dots per millimeter (203 dots per inch), a field that starts 5 mm (0.197 in.) inside of the left margin and 3 mm (0.118 in.) down should be expressed as 40 dots on the X axis and 24 dots on the Y axis.

Text and bar code fields can be rotated around their insertion points, whereas lines, boxes and graphics cannot be rotated. However, the entire print image can be rotated 180°. The illustration below shows coordinates for the default print direction (**ZT**).



Commands List

The following list illustrates which commands can be used in the Direct Mode and the Form Edit Mode and for what purposes.

Direct Mode

Setup Commands

Used to set up the printer globally, that is affect both the Direct Mode and Forms:

- **D** Density
- I Character Set Selection
- JB Disable Top of Form Backup
- JF Enable Top of Form Backup
- j Media Feed Adjustment
- M Memory Allocation
- O Options Select
- oR Character Substitution
- Q Set Form Length
- **q** Set Label Width
- **R** Set Reference Point
- S Speed Select
- **UN** Disable Error Reporting
- US Enable Error Reporting
- W Windows Mode
- Y Serial Port Setup
- **Z** Print Direction

Store Commands

Used to store graphic files:

GM Store Graphics in Memory

GW Store Graphics in Image Buffer

Used to store soft fonts:

ES Store Soft Font

Clear and Delete Commands

Used to erase data from the printer's memory:

- **EK** Delete Soft Font
- **FK** Delete Form
- **GK** Delete Graphics
- N Clear Image Buffer

Direct Mode, cont.

Editing Commands

Used to edit labels in the Direct Mode:

- A Print Text
- **B** Print Standard Bar Codes
- **b** Print Two-Dimensional Codes
- **GG** Print Graphics
- i Asian Character Spacing
- **LE** Line Draw Exclusive
- LO Line Draw Black
- LS Line Draw Diagonal
- LW Line Draw White
- X Draw Box

Print Commands

Used to produce printouts of labels edited in the Direct Mode or retrieved forms edited in the Form Edit Mode:

- FR Retrieve Form
- P Print
- ? Download variables

Report Commands

Return information on serial channel and/or produce printed information:

- EI List Soft Fonts
- FI Print Form Information
- **GI** Print Graphics Information
- U Print Configuration
- **UE** Soft Fonts Information Inquiry
- **UF** Form Information Inquiry
- **UG** Graphics Information Inquiry
- **UI** Enable Prompts/Code Page Inquiry
- **UM** Code Page & Memory Inquiry
- **UP** Code Page & Memory Inquiry/Print
- **UV** Product Identity and Asian Font Types

Form Edit Mode

Setup Commands in Forms

Will affect the global setup after printing a form including such a command:

- **D** Density
- Q Set Form Length
- R Set Reference Point
- S Speed Select
- Z Print Direction

Editing Commands

Used to edit forms:

- A Print Text
- **B** Print Standard Bar Codes
- **b** Print Two-Dimensional Codes
- C Counter
- FE End Form Store
- FS Form Store
- **GG** Print Graphics
- i Asian Character Spacing
- LE Line Draw Exclusive
- LO Line Draw Black
- LS Line Draw Diagonal
- LW Line Draw White
- PA Print Automatic
- V Define Variable
- X Draw Box

Setting Up the Printer

Default Setup

At delivery, the printers are set up as follows.

Parameter	Command	Default Setting
Density	D	10
Character Set	I	8 bits, code page 0, country code 001
Top of Form backup	JB/JF	Enabled
Media feed adjust	j	136 dots (tear-off/straight-through)
Label Gap Sensor	0	Normal (blockage of light = label)
Label Taken Sensor	0	Disabled
Ribbon End Sensor	0	Enabled (not used in pure DT printers)
Char. substitution	oR	No substitution
Form Length	Q	Length 1218, gap 24
Label Width	q	832 dots (full width)
Reference Point	R	X:000;Y000
Print Speed	S	50 mm/sec. (2 inches/sec.)
Error Handling	UN/US	Disabled
Windows Mode	W	Disabled
Serial Port	Y	9600 baud, no parity, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit
Print Direction	Z	ZT (Start printing at top of image buffer)

The setup will be reset to default values if...

- the printer's firmware is upgraded using a firmware cartridge, or
- the Feed key is pressed more than 3 seconds in the Dump Mode.

Some commands may also affect the values of other command, for example if a configuration label is printed (see U and UP commands), the print direction is reset to ZT, and if an R Reference Point command is executed, the label width (see q command) will be changed.

Example

Let us assume that we will use an EasyCoder C4 for direct thermal printing. We will print full width Thermal Top labels in the peel-off mode without using the label taken sensor. The default communication setup and character set are acceptable.

Thus, a few setup parameters should be changed in the Direct Mode:

- Density from 10 to 8
- Media feed adjustment from 136 to 110

Enter the following commands:

Command	Explanation	
4	CR/LF to start command structure	
D 8 ₊ J	Set density	
j 110	Set media feed adjustment for peel-off operation	

Editing in Direct Mode

Example

Assuming that...

- the printer has been set up for the application (see Chapter 3),
- the length of the label and the gap has been determined by printing a Test Label (see Chapter 1),
- and the graphic used in the example has been downloaded to the printer (see GM command¹),

...we will now print two copies of a label which we will edit in the Direct Mode.

This means that the label can be printed as many times as you want, as long as it still is stored in the image buffer. Once replaced, it cannot be retrieved. It also implies that counters and variables cannot be used.

Command	Explanation
4	CR/LF to start command structure
N₊	Clear image memory
X 0,0,4,752,584₊J	Draw a box
LO 0,144,752,4₊J	Draw a line
LO 440,232,4,160. □	Draw a line
A 40,400,1,1,1,1,N,"Made in Sweden"↓	Write a 90° text line of fixed data
A 24,160,0,5,1,1,R,"EASYCODER",	Write a text line of fixed data
A 24,250,0,4,1,1,N,"MODEL: 501SA",	Write a text line of fixed data
A 472,312,0,4,1,1,N,"Checked by: Dan". □	Write a text line of fixed data
A 24,312,0,4,1,1,N,"SERIAL#: 000001"↓	Write a text line of fixed data
B 280,440,0,1,2,3,96,B,"S 000001". □	Write barcode representing fixed data
GG 24,12,"LOGO".↓	Write a graphic from graphics memory ¹
P 2₊J	Print command to image buffer; Print 2 copies

The label will look like the example in Chapter 5.

¹/. The Intermec logotype is not included in the software package and is only included in the example to demonstrate how to print a graphics field. You can substitute it with any graphics of approximately the same size. If you find it difficult to download graphics, you could omit the **GG** command from the example until you have become more familiar with the concept.

Editing in Form Edit Mode

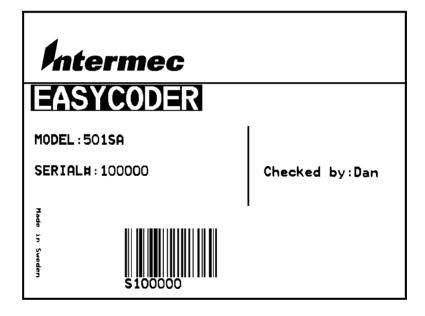
Example

Assuming that...

- the printer has been set up for the application (see Chapter 3),
- the length of the label and the gap has been determined by printing a Test Label (see Chapter 1),
- and the graphic used in the example has been downloaded to the printer (see GM command¹),

...we will now edit a label that can be saved as a form in the printer's memory and retrieved when so required. It also means that we can use counters and variables.

When we are finished, the label will look like this:



¹/. The Intermec logotype is not included in the software package and is only included in the example to demonstrate how to print a graphics field. You can substitute it with any graphics of approximately the same size. If you find it difficult to download graphics, you could omit the GG command from the example until you have become more familiar with the concept.

Name the Form

Name of this form is TEST.

Command	Explanation
٦	CR/LF to start command structure
FK"TEST" ↓	Delete any existing form named TEST
FS"TEST" ↓	Start store form named TEST

Define Variables

The first variable (V00) has a maximum size of 15 characters. The second variable (V01) has 10 characters and prints in reverse. The third variable (V02) has a maximum size of 8 characters.

Command	Explanation
V00,15,N,"Enter Product name:"	Define first variable
V01,10,L,"Enter Model number:" →	Define second variable
V02,8,N,"Checked by:"	Define third variable

The text within quotes are prompts, which will be sent from the printer to the host when the label form is retrieved (serial communication only).

Define a Counter

The counter has maximum 6 digits.

Command	Explanation
C 0,6,L,+1,"Enter Serial Number:", □	Define counter

Note:

The variables (V00, V01, V02) and counter (C0), are defined within this label form named TEST. The next label form containing variables and counters, will again start with V00 and C0.

If variable data is being sent from an external data base, omit the text between the quotes and replace with a space character, for example V00,15,N," ".

Draw a Box and two Lines

Start to draw the surrounding box using the \boldsymbol{X} command and then draw the two lines using the \boldsymbol{LO} command.

Command	Explanation
X 0,0,4,752,584₊	Draw a box
LO 0,144,752,4↓	Draw a black line
LO 440,232,4,160₊	Draw a black line

Place a Text Line with Fixed Data

Enter a 90° rotated text line containing the fixed data "Made in Sweden" in text size 1. The quotation marks enclosing the fixed data will not be printed. The text size (1) is the smallest resident font in the printer.

Command	Explanation
A 40,400,1,1,1,1,N,"Made in Sweden"↓	90 degree. text line, fixed data

Place a Variable Text

The next line is a text line, using text size 5 in reverse and prints the variable **V**00. The data printed in this field must be sent to the printer at the time of form retrieval.

Command	Explanation
A 24,160,0,5,1,1,R,V00	Write a text line, 1:st variable

Place a Combination of Fixed Data and a Variable

The following two command lines consist of a combination of fixed data enclosed in quotation marks and variable data.

Command	Explanation
A 24,250,0,4,1,1,N,"MODEL: "V01. □	Text line, fixed data + 2:nd variable
A 472,312,0,4,1,1,N,"Checked by: "V02.↓	Text line, fixed data + 3:rd variable

Place a Combination of Fixed Data and a Counter

The next command line is a text line containing fixed data and the counter (C0). The first time this label form is retrieved for printing, the start value for this counter must be sent to the printer. The printer will store the value of the counter for this form and automatically continue to print the next value the next time this form is retrieved. Reset or set to another value by sending a new start value.

Note: The value of the counter will be kept in the memory even if another form is retrieved but will be lost if the printer is switched off.

Command	Explanation
A 24,312,0,4,1,1,N,"SERIAL#: "C0↓	Text line, fixed data + 1:st counter

Place a Bar Code with Fixed Data and a Counter

Below Bar Code Command line is entering a Code 128 bar code, containing the fixed data "S" in combination with the actual counter value. It is also set for printing the human readable text below the bar code.

Note: The narrow to wide ratio is not relevant for Code 128. The printer will use the value for the narrow bar to define the bar code. (Value 3 for wide bar definition is ignored).

Command	Explanation
B 280,440,0,1,2,3,96,B,"S"C0↓	Bar code, fixed data + 1:st counter

Place Graphics

The next line writes a graphic named "Intermec" from memory and positions it on the form.

Command	Explanation
GG 24,12,"LOGO",	Write graphic from graphics memory

End Programming of this Form

The closing command that flags the end of form, see the full program listing later in this chapter.

Command	Explanation
FE₊J	Closing command to store form

On next page, there is a complete list of this example.

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Command	Explanation
4	CR/LF to start command structure
FK"TEST"↓	Delete current form named TEST
FS"TEST" 4	Start store form named TEST
V00,15,N,"Enter Product name:", J	Define 1:st variable
V01,10,L,"Enter Model number:", J	Define 2:nd variable
V02,8,N,"Checked by:", J	Define 3:rd variable
C 0,6,L,+1,"Enter Serial Number:"↓	Define counter
X 0,0,4,752,584₊J	Draw a box
LO 0,144,752,4↓	Draw a line
LO 440,232,4,160₊J	Draw a line
A 40,400,1,1,1,1,N,"Made in Sweden"₊	Write a 90° text line of fixed data
A 24,160,0,5,1,1,R,V00. □	Write 1:st variable text field
A 24,250,0,4,1,1,N,"MODEL: "V01.↓	Write text line, fixed data + 2:nd variable
A 472,312,0,4,1,1,N,"Checked by: "V02, □	Write text, fixed data + 3:rd variable
A 24,312,0,4,1,1,N,"SERIAL#: "C0,	Write text line, fixed data + 1:st counter
B 280,440,0,1,2,3,96,B,"S"C0↓	Write barcode, fixed data + 1:st counter
GG 24,12,"LOGO".↓	Write graphic from graphics memory
FE₊J	Closing command to store form

Retrieving and Printing a Form

Example

Retrieve and Print Form

The form "TEST", edited in the previous chapter, can be retrieved and printed from any ASCII sending device using this sequence:

Command	Explanation		
4	CR/LF to start command structure		
FR"TEST"↓	Retrieve form		
?. □	Call for variables		
EASYCODER↓	Substitute variable V00		
501SA₊J	Substitute variable V01		
Dan₊J	Substitute variable V02		
100000₊	Counter start value C0		
P 1,2	Print 2 copies of a single label		

In this example we have manually substituted variables for testing purposes.

Note: It is critical to the syntax to send exactly the same number of variable lines as defined for this label form.

Provided you use the serial interface for communication between printer and host¹, you can make the printer return prompts that appear on the screen, requesting the operator to enter input data, by sending a **UI** command after each power-up. The optional Keyboard Display Unit automatically sends the **UI** command at power-up.

Printer Sends	Command	Explanation	
	4	CR/LF to start command structure	
	UI	Enable prompts command (optional)	
UI80,001		Printer returns code page status	
	FR"TEST"↓	Retrieve form	
	?↓	Call for variables	
Enter Product name:	EASYCODER↓	Substitute variable V00¹	
Enter Model number:	501SA.J	Substitute variable V01	
Checked by:	Dan₊	Substitute variable V02	
Enter SERIAL#:			
100001	100000₊	Reset, accept, or enter ² counter start value C0	
Number of labels sets		Prompt	
P1		Ignore	
	P 1₊	Enter P + Quantity of labels	
Copies of each label		Prompt	
1	2₊	Enter Quantity of copies +₊J	

¹/. The selected font allows uppercase characters only.

The example below demonstrates that it is not necessary to set the counter start value again. The counter internally keeps track of the last number issued as long as the power remains switched on and is updated according to instructions in the form.

Command	Explanation			
4	CR/LF to start command structure			
FR"TEST"↓	Retrieve form			
?₊	Call for variables			
EASYCODER↓	Substitute variable V00			
501SA₊J	Substitute variable V01			
Dan₊J	Substitute variable V02			
4	CR/LF to use existing counter value			
P 1,2₊J	Print 2 copies of 1 label			

Once a form has been retrieved, it can be used over and over again until another form is retrieved. All variable input data and counter values are stored in the volatile memory, which means they will be lost if the printer is switched off or at a power failure. If prompts are enabled, existing data and counter values will be displayed on the screen after the related prompt. Any input data can be overwritten at will.

Command	Explanation		
?₊	Call for variables in same form		
4	CR/LF to use existing data in V00		
4	CR/LF to use existing data in V01		
Sam₊	Substitute data in variable V02		
200000. □	Substitute counter start value		
P1,1. □	Print 1 copy of 1 label		

IMPORTANT!

Note that the question mark (?) following the **FR** command is essential for the printing of certain fields edited in the Form Edit Mode, that is fields containing variables or counters. Variables and counter start values must be entered or accepted as described above. If no question mark is transmitted, all fields containing variable input, that is variables and counters will be completely omitted from the printout.

Commands

Introduction

This chapter lists the various commands in alphabetical order. For each command, a short description is given, followed by the syntax for the command and an explanation the of parameters included in the syntax.

Examples of how to use the commands are also given.

Syntax Descriptions

In the syntax, there are a few conventions for substituting data or indicating how data can be used:

• $\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_n$

Indicates parameters listed separately below the command syntax.

• [.....]

Square brackets indicate optional parameters or data.

•

A straight vertical lines indicates alternatives.

"Name"

Enter the name of the form or graphic within double quotation marks (ASCII 34 dec.), for example "Intermec".

"Data"

The data could be from another source such as a .PCX file, a database, or entered by the operator. "Data" designates the place in the command sequence to input the data.

Because the firmware uses " " (ASCII 34 dec.), you need a special designator if you need to print text or bar codes which include these quotation marks¹. The backslash character "\" (ASCII 92 dec.) serves that purpose:

To print: " enter: "\""

To print: "ABC" enter: "\"ABC\""

To print: \ enter: "\\"

To print: \ code\ enter: "\\"

\(^1/\). If a 7 bit character set is selected, this syntax will not be supported. All backslash (\) characters will be printed as entered.

A - Print Text

Description This command is used to print an ASCII text string.

Syntax Ap, , p, , p, , p, , p, , p, , "DATA"

Parameters

Horizontal start position (X) in dots. p, Vertical start position (Y) in dots. p, No Rotation. Left to right. p,

> 1 90 degrees rotation. Left to right 180 degrees rotation. Left to right

3 270 degrees rotation. Left to right

4 No Rotation. Top to bottom. Asian fonts (p =8) only

5 90 degrees rotation. Top to bottom. Asian fonts (p =8) only 180 degrees rotation. Top to bottom. Asian fonts (p.=8) only

270 degrees rotation. Top to bottom. Asian fonts (p = 8) only 7

Font selection: p_{A}

20.3 cpi, 6 points (8 x 12 dots) 2 16.9 cpi, 7 points (10 x 16 dots) 3 14.5 cpi, 10 points (12 x 20 dots) 12.7 cpi, 12 points (14 x 24 dots) 5.6 cpi, 24 points (32 x 48 dots)

Asian fonts (24 x 24 dots) one of the following:

- Korean Korean.24 - Chinese GB GB.24 - Chinese BIG-5 Bia5.24 - Japanese Japanese.24

a-z Soft Fonts

Horizontal multiplier 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8. p₅ (Magnifies the text horizontally).

Vertical multiplier 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. p_{6}

(Magnifies the text vertically).

Normal image p,

R Reverse image

"DATA" Represents a fixed data field.

> When using Asian double-byte fonts, specify both bytes as ASCII decimal values, starting with the first value being larger than ASCII 127 dec (ASCII

7F hex).

A - Print Text, cont.

Example

```
→ N → A50,0,0,1,1,1,N,"Example 1" → A50,50,0,2,1,1,N,"Example 2" → A50,100,0,3,1,1,N,"Example 3" → A50,150,0,4,1,1,N,"Example 4" → A50,200,0,5,1,1,N,"EXAMPLE 5" → A50,300,0,3,2,2,R,"Example 6" → P1 →
```

```
Example 1

Example 2

Example 3

Example 4

EXAMPLE 5

Example 6
```

Note: Font size 5 only supports uppercase characters, see example 5 above.

Remarks

The "DATA" field can be replaced by or combined with below commands:

Variable:

Vnn Prints the contents of variable "nn" at this position, where nn is a

2 digit number from 00-99.

Consecutive Number Counter:

Cn Prints the contents of counter "n" at this position, where n is a

1 digit number from 0-9.

Cn±x Prints the contents of counter "n" at this position while setting

the counter's start value to "x". n and x are 1 digit numbers

from 0-9

Enter + to increment or - to decrement.

A - Print Text, cont.

Remarks, cont.

Example:

When labels with consecutive numbers are printed next to each other across the media, it is done by using a single counter in a single form.

The command Cn±x in our example will be used twice and count up the single counter by one (1) in each position (last two A-command lines).

Set the Form Step Value \mathbf{p}_4 to +3 for the counter $C\mathbf{n}$ used in our example (see the C-command line). Also refer to "C – Counter".

```
→

FK"TEST2" →

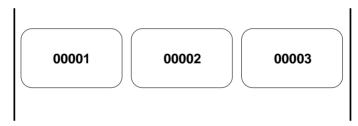
FS"TEST2" →

C0,5,L,+3,"Counter 0" →

A180,50,0,3,1,1,N,C0 →

A380,50,0,3,1,1,N,C0+1 →

A580,50,0,3,1,1,N,C0+2 →
```



This example illustrates how fixed text, variable text and counters can be used in text fields in the Form Edit Mode:

Combination of several options can also be used in a single text field:

```
A50,300,0,3,2,2,R,"Deluxe"V01C1"Combo"
```

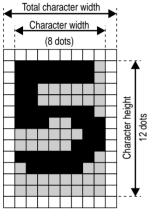
:Writes the text "Deluxe" + the contents of variable 01 + the contents of counter 2 + the text "Combo" + the contents of variable 01.

A – Print Text, cont.

Remarks, cont.

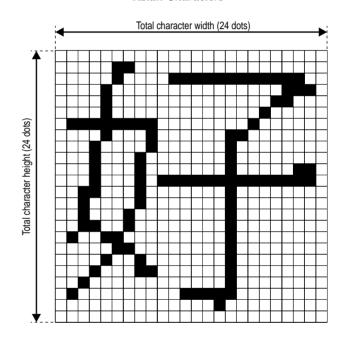
The Latin font characters (1–5) are dot-mapped differently than the Asian font characters (8). Asian characters do not have any built-in gap between individual characters and will thus be placed adjacently, whereas Latin characters include a single dot boarder around each character. To create inter-character spacing for Asian fonts, use the i command.

Latin Characters



White dots (character spacing)

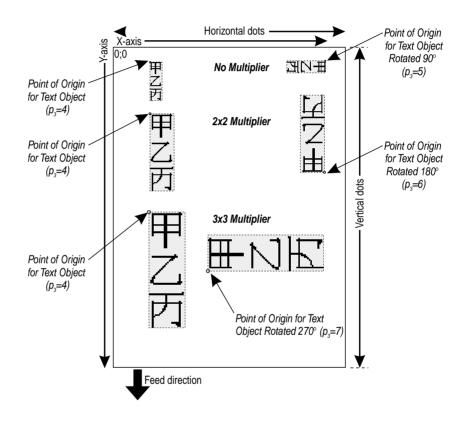
Asian Characters



A – Print Text, cont.

Remarks, cont.

The Asian fonts can print character strings running from top to bottom ($p_3 = 4-7$), as well as the standard Latin word orientation from left to right ($p_3 = 0-3$). The characters will print in the sequence that they are entered into the data field of the A command.



B - Standard Bar Codes

Description This command is used to print standard bar codes.

Svntax	Bp.,p.	BD. D. D. D. D. D. D. D. "DATA"					
•							
Syntax Parameters	P ₁ , P ₂ , P ₃ P ₄ P ₅	Horizontal start position (X) in dots. Vertical start position (Y) in dots. O No rotation. 1 90 degrees rotation clockwise. 2 180 degrees rotation clockwise. 3 270 degrees rotation clockwise. Barcode select. See table below. Narrow bar width in dots. See table below. Bar Code Type Code 39 std. or extended Code 39 with check digit Code 93 Code 128 UCC case code Code 128 A, B, C Codabar EAN8 EAN8 2 digit add-on EAN13 EAN 13 2 digit add-on EAN13 5 digit add-on Interleaved 2 of 5 Interleaved 2 of 5 Interleaved 2 of 5 with check digit	"p," "p," 3 1-10 3C 1-10 9 1-10 0 1-10 1 1-10 K 1-10 E80 2-4 E82 2-4 E85 2-4 E30 2-4 E32 2-4 E32 2-4 E32 2-4 E32 1-10 2C 1-10				
	ρ ₆ ρ ₇ ρ ₈ "DATA"	Interleaved 2 of 5 with human readable check digit Postnet 5, 6. 8 & 11 digit UCC/EAN 128 UPC A UPC A 2 digit add-on UPC A 5 digit add-on UPC E UPC E 2 digit add-on UPC E 5 digit add-on UPC Interleaved 2 of 5 Wide bar width in dots (2 -30). Barcode height in dots. B Human readables ON. N Human readables OFF. Represents a fixed data field.	2D 1-10 P n.a. 1E 1-10 UA0 2-4 UA2 2-4 UA5 2-4 UE0 2-4 UE2 2-4 UE5 2-4 2U 1-10				

B – Standard Bar Codes, cont.

Example

This example produces a Code 39 bar code:

B50,50,0,3,2,6,200,B,"998152-001" \

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Remarks

The "DATA" field can be replaced by or combined with below commands:

Variable:

Vnn

Prints the contents of variable "nn" at this position, where nn is a

2 digit number from 00-99.

Consecutive Number Counter:

Cn

Prints the contents of counter "n" at this position, where n is a

1 digit number from 0-9.

Cn+x

Prints the contents of counter "n" at this position while setting

the counter's start value to "x". n and x are 1 digit numbers

from 0-9.

Enter + to increment or - to decrement.

Example:

When labels with consecutive numbers are printed next to each other across the web, it is done by using a single counter in a single form.

The command **Cn**±**x** in our example will be used twice and count up the single counter by one (1) in each position (last two B-command lines).

B - Standard Bar Codes, cont.

Remarks, cont.

Set the Form Step Value \mathbf{p}_4 to +3 for the counter \mathbf{Cn} used in our example (see the C-command line). Also refer to " \mathbf{C} Command – Counter".

```
↓ FK"TEST3" ↓ FS"TEST3" ↓ C0,6,L,+3,"Counter 0" ↓ B120,50,0,2,3,6,100,B,C0 ↓ B320,50,0,2,3,6,100,B,C0+1 ↓ B520,50,0,2,3,6,100,B,C0+2 ↓ FE ↓
```







B – Standard Bar Codes, cont.

Example

This example illustrates how fixed text, variable text, and counters can be used in text fields in the Form Edit Mode:

```
→

FK"TEST4" →

FS"TEST4" →

V00,25,1,"Product name" →

C0,4,L,+1,"Start serial No" →

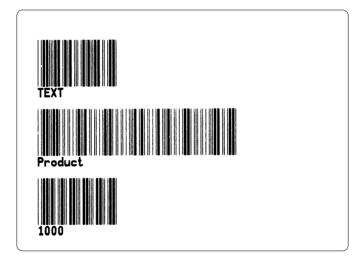
B50,50,0,3,2,6,100,B,"TEXT" →

B50,200,0,3,2,6,100,B,V00 →

B50,350,0,3,2,6,100,B,C0 →

FE →
```

After retrieving and printing the form, the label may look like this:



Combination of several options can also be used, for example:

B50,300,0,3,1,2,50,B,"Deluxe"V01C2"Combo"↓

:Writes a Code 39 bar code containing the information "Deluxe" + the contents of variable 01 + the contents of counter 2 + the text "Combo" + the contents of variable 01.

b – Two-Dimensional Bar Codes, General Part

Description

This command is used to print two of three complex bar codes; Datamatrix, PDF 417, and MaxiCode. The command consists of two parts; a leading set of general positioning and bar type select parameters, and a trailing code-specific part defining the bar code's appearance and its input data.

Syntax

bp₁,p₂,p₃,[code specific options]

Parameters

p₁ Horizontal start position (X) in dots.
 p₂ Vertical start position (Y) in dots.
 p₃ Code type:
 D Selects Datamatrix (option).

Selects Datamatrix (option)M Selects MaxiCode.

P Selects PDF417.

[code specific options], see the following two pages.

Remarks

The standard program packages contains MaxiCode and PDF 417, whereas the optional program package contains Datamatrix and MaxiCode.

If the amount of data will not fit in the area specified, the indicator will light orange, indicating an error.

b - MaxiCode

Description

The following MaxiCode specific options should append the general part of the two-dimensional code command (see **b** command, general part).

Syntax

["CL,CO,PC,LPM"]

Parameters

CL Class Code (3 digit number).CO Country Code (3 digit number).

PC Postal Code:

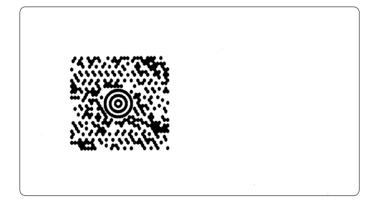
U.S.A. (5 digits, 4 digits). Note the separating comma sign!

International (6 alphanumeric characters).

LPM Low Priority Message (up to 84 alphanumeric characters).

Example

N ↓



b - PDF417

Description

The following PDF 417 bar code specific options should append the general part of the two-dimensional code command (see **b** command, general part).

Syntax

[www,hhh,s,c,p,f,d,x,y,r,I,t,o],"DATA"

ı	Pa	ra	m	ρ	þ	r٩

www	Maximum print width in dots (3 digits).		
hhh	Maximum print height in dots (3 digits).		
S	Sets error correction level. Legal values are 0 thru 8.		
	If level is not specified, a level that will generate about 1/8 as many ECC code		
	words as data code words is selected.		
С	Selects data compression method:		
	O Selects auto-encoding (default).		
	1 Selects binary mode.		
р	Print human readable code appended by additional variables:		
XXX	horizontal start location (3 digits).		
ууу	vertical start location (3 digits).		
mmm	maximum characters per line (3 digits).		
f	Center pattern in area:		
	The pattern will print upper left justified in the area defined by the w		
	and h values.		
	1 The pattern is printed in middle of the area defined by the w and h		
	values (default).		
d-	Print code words:		
0	Values of code words not printed (default).		
1	Values of code words printed.		
X-	Module width. Legal values are 2-9.		
<i>y-</i>	Set bar height. Legal values are 4-99 dots high.		
<i>r</i> -	Maximum row count (refer to PDF 417 specifications).		
I-	Maximum column count (refer to PDF 417 specifications).		
	Note that this character is lowercase L.		
t-	Truncated flag:		
	0 Not truncated.		
	1 Truncated.		
0-	Rotation:		
	0 0° rotation clockwise.		
	1 90° rotation clockwise.		
	2 180° rotation clockwise.		
	3 270° rotation clockwise.		

DATA

Represents a fixed data field.

b – **PDF417**, **cont**.

Remarks

If parameter **www** (max. print width) gives less space than required by the sum of parameters **x**- (module width) and **l**- (max. column count), error condition 50 will occur.

Likewise, if parameter **hhh** (max. print height) gives less space than required by the sum of parameters **y**- (set bar height) and **r**- (max. row count), error condition 50 will also occur.

Example

```
_{\rm J} N _{\rm J} b40,40,P,400,300,p40,340,20,f1,x3,y10,r60,15, \rightarrow "ABCDEFGHIJK1234567890abcdefghijk" _{\rm J} P1 _{\rm J}
```



ABCDEFGHIJK123456789 Oabcdefghijk

Note that the last parameter in the **b** command above (l5) is lowercase L + 5, not 15!

b - Datamatrix

Description

The following Datamatrix specific options should append the general part of the two-dimensional code command (see **b** command, general part).

Syntax

[P,,"DATA"]

Parameters

P₄ Narrow bar from 115. **DATA** Represents a fixed data field.

Remarks

Datamatrix is a two-dimensional bar code that can store from 1 to about 2,000 characters. The symbology is square and can range from 0.001 inch per side up to 4 inches per side.

Example

N ↓
b40,80,D,5,"123456789012345678901234567890
1234567890123456789012345678901234567890
1234567890" ↓
P1 ↓



C - Counter

Description

This command is used to define one of max. 10 automatic counters used in consecutive numbering applications, for example serial numbers. Counters can only be used in the Form Edit Mode, not in the Direct Mode.

Syntax

Cp₁,p₂,p₃,p₄,"PROMPT"

Parameters

$\boldsymbol{p}_{_{1}}$	Counter number (0-9).				
p_2	Maximum number of digits for the counter (1-29).				
p_3	Field justification:				
- 3	L Left justification.				
	R Right justification.				
	C Center justification.				
	N No justification.				
$p_{_4}$	Step value. Plus or minus sign followed by a single digit (1-9):				
•	+ Incrementation.				
	- Decrementation.				
[-]	A single leading minus sign in the prompt field will cause the prompt to				
	be sent one time only after the form is retrieved (Keyboard Display Unit				
	only, see below).				
[]	A double leading minus sign in the prompt field will cause the prompt to be				

PROMPT

suppressed (Keyboard Display Unit only, see below).

An ASCII text field that will be transmitted to the Keyboard Display Unit or host via the serial interface each time a form containing this command is retrieved. It usually requests the operator to enter the starting value for the counter.

Remarks

This command is used in forms that require sequential numbering. When initializing counters, they must be defined in order (for example C0, C1, C2, etc.) after possible variables.

To print the contents of the counter, the counter number (**C0-C9**) is entered in the "DATA" field of **A** (Print Text) or **B** (Print Bar Code) commands.

Prompts will only be displayed if a **UI** command has been issued after last power-up. The Keyboard Display Unit sends the **UI** command automatically.

C – Counter, cont.

Remarks, cont.

The field justification parameter (\mathbf{p}_3) affects the way the counter will be printed. When $\mathbf{p}_3 = \mathbf{L}$, \mathbf{R} , or \mathbf{C} , the counter value will be printed left, right or centre justified in an area with a width defined by \mathbf{p}_2 (number of digits). If no justification is selected ($\mathbf{p}_3 = \mathbf{N}$), the field will truncated from the right side so as to not exceed the set maximum field length, which may be useful when using a counter as input data to a bar code.

If the start value entered, when the form is retrieved for printing, is started by one or several zeros (0), the entire area specified by \mathbf{p}_2 (number of digits) will be padded with leading zeros, that is \mathbf{p}_2 (field justification) will have no effect.

Note: If a single counter is stepped up several times on the same form, then the step value \mathbf{p}_4 must be set to the number of times the counter is used in the form or equivalent to what the step values for the single counter add up to in this form. A $\mathbf{Cn} \pm \mathbf{x}$ command must also be used when designing the actual form. See the \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} commands.

Example

This form lets you test field justifications by entering various start values when the form is retrieved for printing. Test various number of digits, with and without leading zeros.

```
FK"TEST5" |

FS"TEST5" |

C0,5,L,+1,"Start value CNT 0" |

C1,5,R,+1,"Start value CNT 1" |

C2,5,C,+1,"Start value CNT 2" |

C3,5,N,+1,"Start value CNT 3" |

A50,50,0,3,1,1,N,"Cnt left justified:" |

A50,100,0,3,1,1,N,"Cnt right justified:" |

A50,150,0,3,1,1,N,"Cnt center justified:" |

A50,200,0,3,1,1,N,"Cnt not justified:" |

FE, |
```

C – Counter, cont.

Protect Counters

When the optional Keyboard Display Unit (KDU) is used, the label form can be designed to "skip" a consecutive number prompt, thereby protecting the data. This feature is especially useful when the counter represents a serial number or other types of number, that should never be repeated.

By placing one (1) minus sign as the first character of the prompt, the prompt will appear only once after the form is retrieved.

Example:

```
C0,10,L+1,"-Enter Serial Number:" →
```

By placing two (2) minus signs as the first two characters of the prompt, the prompt will never be displayed.

Example:

```
C0,10,L+1,"- -Enter Serial Number:" →
```

The protected consecutive number is accessed and modified from the optional Keyboard Display Unit only.

Enter the following when the KDU is displaying:

```
FORM - retrieve form F2 - list forms vx.x
```

- 1. If necessary, press **Exit**> key to display above.
- 2. Press **<F1>** kev.
- 3. Press 4916.
- 4. Press **Form**> key.
- 5. Key in Form name and press **Enter**> to retrieve.
- 6. Enter or modify the consecutive number.
- 7. When complete, print label to store new number in memory.

D – Density

Description This command is used to select the print density.

Syntax Dp₁

Parameters p, Density setting (0-15). Default: 10.

0 is the lightest printing and 15 is the darkest.

RemarksThe density command is used to control the energy to the printhead. There are a number of factors that affect the actual darkness of the printout:

Direct thermal printing or thermal transfer printing

· Print speed

· Different brands of direct thermal media

• Different combination between transfer ribbons and receiving face materials

• Different ambient temperature/humitity

The printed information may also require the density to be adjusted. Typically, this applies to different bar code orientations and densitites. Please refer to the tables in Appendix 1 for recommended initial settings.

Test after the print speed has been set (see S command) and make further adjustments until you have found the settings which apply to your unique application.

Example D9 → :Selects density 9

EI - List Soft Fonts

Description This command makes the printer print a list of all soft fonts that are stored

in memory

Syntax EI

Remarks This command is related to **ES** (Store Soft Fonts) and **EK** (Delete Soft Fonts).

Example EI \rightarrow : Print a soft font list

Soft font information: z:011char,107dots,0dir y:224char,039dots,0dir x:224char,034dots,0dir Soft font memory left:086K

EK - Delete Soft Font

Description This command is used to delete soft fonts from memory.

Syntax EK ["name" | "*"]

Remarks Soft fonts are stored using the **ES** command and listed using the **EI** command.

Soft fonts can also be deleted from the printer using for example Intermec

LabelShop or Intermec InterDriver.

Example EK"a" →

EK"*" 🗸

:Deletes font "a" :Deletes all soft fonts

ES - Store Soft Font

Description

This command is used to download and store soft fonts in memory.

Syntax

$$\texttt{ES "name"} p_1p_2p_3a_1b_1c_1 \texttt{"data}_1 \texttt{"a}_2b_2c_2 \texttt{"data}_2 \texttt{"...} a_nb_nc_n \texttt{"data}_n \texttt{"} \\$$

Name of the soft font (one lowercase letter only in the range a_z) I ower case

Parameters

riarrie _{1-n}	name of the soft forth control (one fowercase letter only in the range a–2). Lower case
	named fonts minimize soft font memory usage to only store fonts downloaded
	and have 256 character limit.
$p_{_1}$	Number of characters to be downloaded using hexadecimal coding. Range
	00–FF hex (1–256 characters per soft font set).
ρ_{2}	Character rotation using hexadecimal coding:
. 2	00 hex: 0 and 180 degrees
	01 hex: 90 and 270 degrees clockwise
	02 hex: All for directions (2 pairs)
p_3	Font height measured in dots and specified using hexadecimal coding. Range
Ü	00-FF hex. Font height includes accentors and dissenters of character and
	need to fit in the character cell of 256 dots = 32.03 mm (1.26 inches).
а	Map position of character using hexadecimal coding. Range 00–FF hex.
b	Spacing to next print character in dots using hexadecimal coding. Range

by parameter c.

c Width of character in dots using hexadecimal coding. Range 00–FF hex.

"data" p_a x c_a = bit map data (in bytes). Data is received in bytes on a line by line in

 $p_3 \times c_4$ = bit map data (in bytes). Data is received in bytes on a line by line basis. The font character's 0,0 cell map position is in the top left corner of the map as viewed in the 0 degree rotation.

00-FF hex. Must be greater than or equal to the character width specified

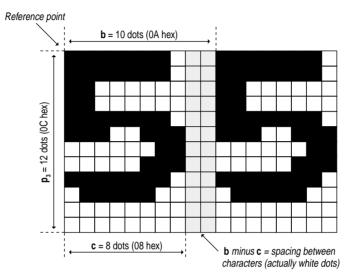
Repeat parameters a, b, c, and data for each character until all characters in the set have been downloaded.

For fonts with the rotation parameter p_2 set to 02 hex (all directions), repeat the individual font character download for each 90° rotated character from the start of the character set until all rotated characters in the set have been downloaded. The number of individual character maps downloaded will bye double the characters in the font set (p_).

ES – Store Soft Font, cont.

Remarks

This picture illustrates the parameters $\mathbf{p_3}$, \mathbf{b} , and \mathbf{c} :



The black and white bitmap that represents the character must be converted to hexadecimal code. The bitmap is described line by line from left to right, starting from the upper left corner of the character cell. A white dot is represented by 0 and a black dot by 1. Each byte (that is 8 dots) will thus form a binary number, that is converted to hexadecimal code. The last byte in a line is padded with zeros to complete the line and data byte. The data is the sent to the printer as a continuous string of hexadecimal byte representations in line order.

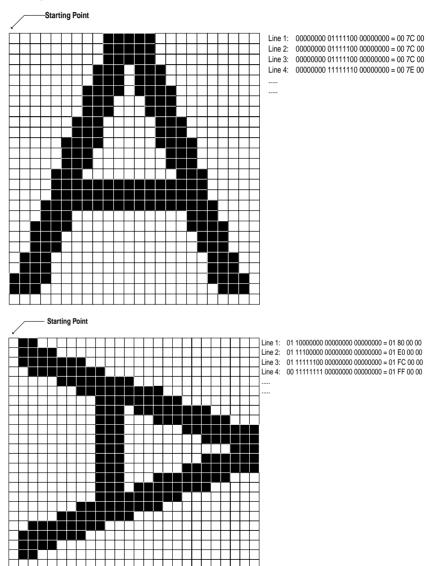
Soft fonts can also be downloaded to the printer using for example Intermec LabelShop or Intermec InterDriver.

Soft fonts can be listed using the EI command.

ES – Store Soft Font, cont.

Remarks, cont.

This example shows how a character in 0° and 90° rotation is downloaded to the printer:



FE - End Store Command

Description This command is used to end a Form Store sequence.

Syntax FE

Remarks The Form Store sequence is started with the FS command and ended with

the **FE** command.

Example FS"formname" → :Starts Form Store

:Ends Form Store FE ↓

FI – Print Form Information

Description This command makes the printer produce a list of all forms stored in memory.

Syntax FI

Remarks The **FI** command will be executed directly, without appending any Linefeed.

Hint:

Issue a FI command after having stored a form to make sure the storing was successful and to check the amount of free form memory.

FK - Delete Form

Description This command is used to delete a specified form or all forms from memory.

Syntax II * II FK "name"

By entering a name of a form, that form only will be deleted from memory. **Parameters** "name"

By entering an asterisk (*) as wildcard, all forms will be deleted from memory.

Examples :Deletes "FORM1" FK"FORM1" ↓ FK "*" ⊿

:Deletes all forms

FR - Retrieve Form

Description This command is used to retrieve a form that was previously stored in memory.

Syntax FR"name"

Parameters "name" This is the form name used when the form was stored. The printer is case

sensitive, that is the use of upper and lower case letters must match the

original name.

Remarks To print a list of the forms currently stored in memory, use the **FI** command.

Example FR"Test1" → :Retrieves the form named "Test1"

FS - Form Store

Description

This command is used to begin a Form Store sequence.

Syntax

FS"name"

Parameters

"name"

This is the form name that will be used when retrieving the stored form. The name may be from 1 to 8 characters. The printer is case sensitive, that is form names will be stored with the exact case entered on the FS command line.

Remarks

All commands following **FS** will be stored in the Forms memory until a **FE** command is received, ending the form store process.

If a form with the same name is already stored in memory, the **FS** command will result in an error and the old form will be retained. When updating a form, use the **FK** command to delete the old version before storing the new version.

To print a list of the forms currently stored in memory, use the **FI** command.

Important!

Always make backup copies on the host! If you need to change the memory allocation (see M command), all formats and graphics stored in the printer and memory cartridge will be lost.

Startup Form

A special case of forms is the startup form, that is automatically retrieved and prompted for variables (if necessary) each time power is applied to the printer. A startup form is created by naming the form "AUTOFR". To exit the "AUTOFR" mode, send XOFF or NULL to the printer on the serial interface.

Important!

Always test the form using another name before making it a startup form. If a startup form causes an error, there are two ways of clearing it:

- If the indicator lamp shines green, send XOFF or NULL to exit "AUTOFR" mode. Then delete the startup file using FK "AUTOFR"
- If the indicator lamp shines orange, there is no communication and the memory must be erased by pressing the Feed button for more than 3 seconds in the Dump Mode.

Example

FS"TEST1" ↓ :Begins the form store sequence of "TEST1"

:Ends the form store sequence of "TEST1"

FE 🗇

GG – Print Graphics

Description This command is used to print a graphic that has been previously stored in

memory.

Syntax GGp₁,p₂,"name"

Parameters p_1 Horizontal start position (X) in dots.

p₂ Vertical start position (Y) in dots. "name" This is the name used when the

This is the name used when the graphic was stored. The name may be from

1 to 8 characters. The printer is case sensitive, that is the use of upper and

lower case letters must match the original name.

Remarks A graphic can only be printed in same direction and size as when it was saved.

There are no means of magnification or rotation of an individual graphic. However, the entire print image including all text, bar codes, graphics, lines, and boxes can be

rotated 180° using the **Z** command.

Example GG50,50,"LOGO" → :Prints the graphic "LOGO"

GI – Print Graphics Information

Description This command will cause the printer to print a list of all graphics stored in

memory.

Syntax GI

Remarks The **GI** command will be executed directly, without appending any Linefeed.

Hint:

Issue a GI command after having stored a graphic to make sure the storing was

successful and to check the amount of free graphic memory.

Example GI :Prints graphics list

GK - Delete Graphics

Description This command is used to delete a specified graphic or all graphics from memory.

Syntax GK "name" | "*"

Parameters "name" By entering a name of a form, that form only will be deleted from memory.

" By entering an asterisk (*) as wildcard, **all** forms will be deleted from memory.

Examples GK"LOGO" - :Deletes "LOGO"

GK"*" → :Deletes all graphics

GM – Store Graphics in Memory

Description This command is used to store PCX graphics files in the Flash memory.

Syntax

GM"name"p₁ ↓ UDATA"

Parameters

"name"

This is the graphic name that will be used when retrieving the stored graphic (max. 8 characters. The printer is case sensitive, that is graphic names will be stored with the exact case entered on the GM command line.

This is the size of the original .PCX file in bytes. In DOS, the DIR command

can be used to determine the exact file size.

"DATA"

The graphic data in 1-bit (black & white) PCX format. The resolution of the graphics must match the resolution of the printer..

Remarks

The GM command saves the graphics in the Flash memory, so it will not be lost at power off. Use it for graphics that are used frequently and do not change, for example the logotype of your company. Compare with GW command.

In a DOS system, the "DATA" portion can be sent to the printer via the parallel port using the DOS COPY command.

Example

Let us assume you have a PCX file named LOGO.PCX in your current directory. Use a text editor to create a text file called for example STOREIT.TXT and store it in the same directory as the .PCX file:

┙

GM"LOGO"1421 ↓

At the DOS prompt, type:

COPY STOREIT.TXT PRN COPY LOGO.PCX PRN /b

(Stores the image in the default printer).

or...

COPY STOREIT.TXT LPT1: COPY LOGO.PCX LPT1: /b

(Stores the image in the printer connected to port LPT1).

After downloading, the GI command can be used to verify that the graphic was successfully stored. If not, check that the .PCX file is in 1-bit (black & white) format and that the free graphics memory in the printer is large enough to accommodate the graphics.

Important! Always make backup copies on the host! If you need to change the memory allocation (see M command), all formats and graphics stored in the printer and memory cartridge will be lost.

GW – Store Graphics in Image Buffer

Description This command is used to store PCX graphics files directly in the image buffer.

Syntax $GW p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4$ "DATA"

Parameters p₁ X-position in printer dots.

 p_2 Y-position in printer dots. p_3 Number of bytes across the graphic (8 dots = 1 byte).

p. Number of dot rows going down the graphic.

"DATA" The graphic data in 1-bit (black & white) PCX format.

Remarks Use this command instead of GM for temporarily used graphics, for example

images that change between each label. Not only is this method faster, but it also prolongs the life of the flash memory as the graphics are downloaded

directly to DRAM.

The printer's firmware will calculate exactly how much data to expect based

on p_2 and p_4 .

I - Character Set Selection

Description This command is used to select the proper character set.

Syntax Ip_1, p_2, p_3

Parameters p₁ Number of data bits (7 or 8). Default 8.

p' Printer Code Page (1 digit, see table 1 below). Default 0.

 \vec{p}_3 KDU Country Code (3 digits, see table 2 below). Default 001. (Only if $p_1 = 8$.)

Table 1. Printer Code Page (p_a)

7 data bits (p ₁ =7)		8 data bits (p ₁ =8)		
p_2	Country	p_2	Code Page	Country
0	U.S.A	0	437	United Kingdom
1	United Kingdom	1	850	Multilingual (Latin 1)
2	Germany	4	863	Canada (French)
3	France	5	865	Norway
4	Denmark	(In c	ase code pages	437, 863, or 865 cannot
7	Sweden	prodi	ice the desired	characters, use code page
8	Switzerland	850 N	Multilingual)	

Table 2. KDU Country Code (p₂)

Code	Country	Code	Country
001	U.S.A.	041	Switzerland
002	Canada	044	United Kingdom
003	Latin America	045	Denmark
027	South Africa	046	Sweden
031	Netherlands	047	Norway
032	Belgium	049	Germany
033	France	351	Portugal
034	Spain	358	Finland
039	Italy		

For additional code page examples, refer to Chapter 9.

Example 18,1,046 ↓

:Selects 8 bit character set for use in Sweden with a Keyboard Display Unit.

i - Asian Character Spacing

Description This command places an adjustable inter-character space between Asian font

characters. The inter-character spacing gets multiplied with the text string by the

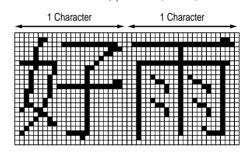
selected font's horizontal and vertical multiplier values (See A command).

Syntax ip₁

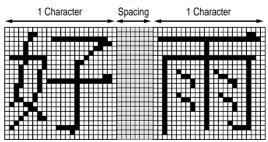
Parameters p, Space in dots between Asian characters (0–9). Default 0

Example i8 → :Selects an 8 dots spacing between Asian characters.

i CommandParameter p₄ set to 0 (default)



i Command Parameter p₁ set to 8 (dots)



JB – Disable Top of Form Backup

Description This command disables automatic top of form backup of the media.

Syntax JB

Remarks Top of form backup is used in connection with the **j** command, which makes the

printer feed out an extra amount of media after printing the label, so as to allow the

media to be torn off or peeled off properly.

By default, the media is pulled back before printing the first label in next batch as to

allow the printing to start at the top of the label, see **JF** command.

The **JB** command will disable this function, that is any **j** command will be ignored, and the printer will stop feeding when the end of the label becomes aligned with the printhead's dot line. However, the **j** command is kept stored in memory and can be

enabled again using a **JF** command.

Example JB → : Disables top of form backup

JF - Enable Top of Form Backup

Description This command enables automatic top of form backup of the media.

Syntax

JF

Remarks

Top of form backup is used in connection with the **j** command, which makes the printer feed out an extra amount of media after printing the label, as to allow the media to be torn off or peeled off properly.

By default, top of form is enabled, that is the media is pulled back before printing the first label in next batch as to allow the printing to start at the top of the label.

Top of form backup can be disabled by a **JB** command, that is any **j** command will be ignored, and the printer will stop feeding when the end of the label becomes aligned with the printhead's dot line. However, the **j** command is kept stored in memory and can be enabled again using a **JF** command.

Example JF →

:Enables top of form backup

j - Media Feed Adjustment

Description

This command makes it possible to set the media feed for either tear-off (straight-through) or peel-off (self-strip) operation.

Syntax

 j_{p_1}

Parameters

p₁ Length of media feed after printing in dots (0-160).

Recommended values:

Tear-off (straight-through) operation: 136 (default)

Peel-off (self-strip) operation: 110

Remarks

When using peel-off operation, the labels should remain slightly stuck to the liner (backing paper) so they do not fall off by their own weight, still can be manually removed with ease.

In the case of tear-off operation, the media should be fed so the pre-perforation between tags or the gap between labels become aligned with the tear bar. The ${\bf j}$ command allows the media feed to be adjusted accordingly, that is after the printer has been printed and the rear edge becomes aligned with the printhead's dot line, an extra amount of media feed is performed.

Caution!

Do not use extremely small or large values for the j command, since they may cause the printer to feed or pull back the media continuously.

The extra media feed set by the **j** command can be enabled or disabled by means of **JF** and **JB** "*Top of Form Backup*" commands respectively. By default "*Top of Form Backup*" is enabled.

Examples

j110 ↓ j136 ↓ :Adjustment for peel-off operation :Adjustment for tear-off operation

LE - Line Draw Exclusive

Description

This command is used to draw black lines where the line will be white when intersecting a black area or object and vice versa.

Syntax

LEp_1	, P.	p,	,P
- 1	2 -	- 3	- 4

Parameters

 $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{p}_1 & \textit{Horizontal start position (X) in dots.} \\ \textbf{p}_2 & \textit{Vertical start position (Y) in dots.} \\ \textbf{p}_3 & \textit{Horizontal length in dots.} \\ \textbf{p}_4 & \textit{Vertical length in dots.} \end{array}$

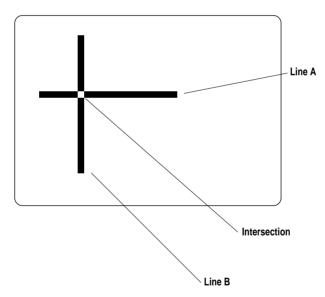
Example

 N →
 :Clears image buffer

 LE50,200,400,20 →
 :Draws line A

 LE200,50,20,400 →
 :Draws line B

 P1 →
 :Prints one label



LO – Line Draw Black

Description This command is used to draw black lines, overwriting previous information.

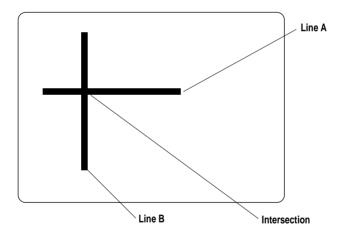
Syntax	LOp_1, p_2, p_3, p_4
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Parameters	p,	Horizontal start position (X) in dots.
	$\boldsymbol{p}_{2}^{\prime}$	Vertical start position (Y) in dots.
	p,	Horizontal length in dots.

 p_4 Vertical length in dots.

Example N → : Clears image buffer LO50,200,400,20 → : Draws line A LO200,50,20,400 → : Draws line B

LO200,50,20,400 \dashv :Draws line B P1 \dashv :Prints one label



LS - Line Draw Diagonal

Description This command is used to draw diagonal black lines overwriting previous information.

Syntax $LSp_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5$

Parameters	$\boldsymbol{p}_{_{1}}$	Horizontal start position (X) in dots.

p Vertical start position (Y) in dots. **p** Line thickness in dots.

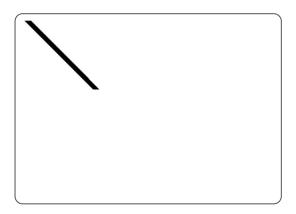
 p_4 Horizontal end position (X) in dots. p_{ϵ} Vertical end position (Y) in dots.

Example N →

LS10,10,20,200,200 \

P1 ↓

:Clears image buffer :Draws diagonal line :Prints one label



LW - Line Draw White

Description

This command is used to draw white lines, effectively erasing previous information.

Syntax

LWp_1, p_2, p_3, p_4

Parameters

 $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{p}_1 & \textit{Horizontal start position (X) in dots.} \\ \textbf{p}_2 & \textit{Vertical start position (Y) in dots.} \\ \textbf{p}_3 & \textit{Horizontal length in dots.} \\ \textbf{p}_4 & \textit{Vertical length in dots.} \end{array}$

Example

 N →
 :Clears image buffer

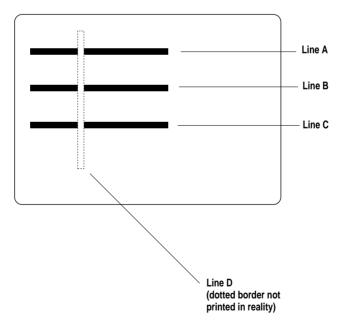
 LO50,100,400,20 →
 :Draws black line A

 LO50,200,400,20 →
 :Draws black line B

 LO50,300,400,20 →
 :Draws black line C

 LW200,50,20,400 →
 :Draws white line D

 P1 →
 :Prints one label



M – Memory Allocation

Description

This command is used to allocate or partition the printer's memory into separate areas for image buffer, forms, graphics, and external fonts.

Syntax

$\mathbf{Mp}_{1}, \mathbf{p}_{2}, \mathbf{p}_{3}$

Parameters

p₁ Image buffer area. Some value must be entered, but it will be ignored.
 Image buffer is either 170K without SRAM memory cartridge or 426K with SRAM memory cartridge.
 p₂ Form memory area in whole kilobytes. 30K default

p₂ Form memory area in whole kilobytes. 30K default
 p₃ Graphic memory area in whole kilobytes. 30K default

The remainder of 200K memory after allocation of form memory (p_1) and graphics memory (p_2) will be allocated as soft font memory. 140K default.

Remarks

The command to allocate the memory may have to be performed to initialize the printer if the current memory areas are too small.

Important:

The M command will also erase all forms and graphics and return printer default settings.

Default Memory Allocation

Soft fonts memory:

The **M** command line will set image buffer, form memory area, and graphic memory area. The remainder will automatically be allocated to the external fonts memory, which is intended to be used for downloading bitmap fonts by means of external software. As standard, the printer's memory is allocated like this:

Image buffer: 170K SRAM memory
Form memory: 30K
Graphics memory: 30K 200K total Flash memory

140K

M – Memory Allocation, cont.

Remarks, cont. Memory Cartridges

The printers can be fitted with a memory cartridge containing an additional 256K of SRAM and/or 1 MB flash memory.

256K SRAM Cartridge

Expands image buffer by 256K to a total of 426K.

1 MB Flash Cartridge

Expands form, graphics, and external font memory areas by 1MB to a total of 1.2 MB.

Checking the Memory Allocation

The amount of memory and the current allocation can be printed on a label using the U command, or by printing a test label in the Dump Mode, see page 4.

When to Re-allocate the Memory

- If you need to change the size of the forms memory to accommodate more or less forms.
- If you need to change the size of the graphics memory to accommodate more or less graphics.

Image Buffer

The image buffer is the area where the active print image is temporarily stored. Calculate if you need to expand the image memory by means of an SRAM memory cartridge by measuring the largest full width form intended to be printed (take future needs into consideration).

For less than full width labels, also refer to the **q** command, which allows trading off print width for increased label length with the same image buffer size.

M – Memory Allocation, cont.

Remarks, cont.

Formulas for calculating the theoretical requirement of SRAM memory for a label:

[(Height in mm x 8) x (Width in mm x 8)]/ (1024 x 8) = Number of kilobytes required or

[(Height in inches x 203.2)]x (Width in inches x 203.2)]/ (1024 x 8) = Number of kilobytes required

The printhead has a density of 8 dots per mm (203.2 dots per inch).

Because of the way the memory is organized, a slightly larger amount of memory may be required.

Form Memory

The Form memory is for permanent storage of label forms in flash. A form requires 1 kbyte or more of memory.

Graphics Memory

The Graphics memory is for permanent storage of label graphics in flash. Avoid storing frequently changing graphics in flash using a **GM** command, but download them directly to the image buffer using a **GW** command. The latter method is quicker and prolongs the life of the flash memory.

Examples

Resetting the memory via the serial port:

The example below formats the memory to allocate extra memory to the graphics memory at the expense of the external fonts memory, whereas the size of the form memory is retained at default value.

Note that the memory allocation values returned for example by a **U** command may differ slightly from the values entered using an **M** command because of certain round off calculations in the firmware. This should have few practical consequences and can generally be ignored.

M170,30,170 ↓

M – Memory Allocation, cont.

Examples, cont.

Resetting the memory via the parallel port (Windows driver):

When installing a memory cartridge, you may want to change the memory allocation without having to set up a serial communication. Using the MS-DOS Prompt in Microsoft Windows, you can send the necessary **M** command via the parallel port as follows. The example assumes that MS Windows 98 is installed in drive C:\ and that the printer is connected to LPT1:.

In a text editor like Windows Notepad, write the **M** command, for example: **M170,100,100** ↓

Save the text file in the directory **c:\windows** under a suitable name (for example **memsetup.txt**).

Click the **Start** button. Place the cursor at **Programs** option and in the list of programs, click the **MS-DOS Prompt** option.

In MS-DOS, the directory c:\windows\ is selected by default:

C:\WINDOWS>_

Enter the following **DOS** command:

C:\WINDOWS>copy memsetup.txt lpt1: ↓

MS-DOS responds by displaying:

1 file(s) copied

C\:WINDOWS>

Exit **MS-DOS** by typing: C\:WINDOWS>exit ↓

N - Clear Image Buffer

Description This command is used to clear the image buffer before building a new image.

Syntax N

Remarks The N command is essential when printing labels in the Direct Mode. It is not

necessary to use an N command before printing a form. An N command must not

be used inside a form in the Form Edit Mode.

Example № ... :Clears image buffer

O – Options Select

Description

This command is used to enable or disable various sensors.

Syntax

O[N,D,S]

Parameters

Command	LTS	DT Mode	TT Mode	Reverse Gap Sensing
0	Enabled	_	Enabled	_
ON	_	_	Enabled	_
OD	Enabled	Enabled	_	_
os	Enabled	_	Enabled	Enabled
ON,D	_	Enabled	_	-
OD,S	Enabled	Enabled	_	Enabled
ON,D,S	_	Enabled	_	Enabled

Default: ON

Remarks

Label Taken Sensor:

When the label taken sensor is enabled, the communication to the printer will be BUSY as long as the sensor detects a label in the outfeed slot.

DT Mode:

The ribbon end sensor is disabled and the density settings (see D command) are interpreted via a table that gives an optimized printout for direct thermal printing.

TT Mode:

The ribbon end sensor (EasyCoder C4 thermal transfer model only) detects reflections from the *trailing silvery part* of the transfer ribbon. If the printer is set to TT Mode, an error will occur if no reflection is detected. The density settings (see D command) are interpreted via a table that gives an optimized printout for thermal transfer printing.

Reverse Gap Sensing:

This parameter reverses the operation of the label gap sensor so it interprets a blockage of light as a gap between labels or similar. Before using the $\bf S$ parameter, make sure to load the EasyCoder C4 printer with the appropriate type of media. By default, the sensor will interpret blockage of light as a label or similar.

Example

ON,D 4

oR - Character Substitution

Description

This command allows the advanced programmer to substitute the Euro currency character (€) for any ASCII character in printer-resident fonts 1-5. The original character can be restored by sending the **oR** command.

Syntax

$oR[p_1[,p_2]]$

Parameters

 p_1 If p1 = E, the Euro character will be mapped to the code page position specified by p_2 .

If no p_1 or p_2 parameters are given, all code pages will be reset to original default character mapping.

 p_2 Specifies the code page position for the Euro character in the range ASCII 32-255 decimal for all code pages, provided $p_1 = E$.

If p2 is omitted, the Euro character will be mapped to the code page position ASCII 213 decimal for all code pages, provided $p_2 = E$.

Remarks

The **oR** command is a global printer command.

- It cannot be issued inside a form.
- It must be issued prior to issuing a text command and printing it.
- It affects a single character on all code pages. Changing the character position will restore the original character.
- Flash memory printer parameter data are preserved until they are changed by the **oR** command or the printer is reset to default.

Examples

ore → :Places the Euro character in position ASCII 213 dec.

ore, 128

∴ :Places the Euro character in position ASCII 128 dec.

oR → :Clears character substitution and restores default character maps

P - Print

Description

This command is used to print the contents of the image buffer.

Syntax

Pp,[,p,]

Parameters

p₁ Numbers of label sets (1-65535).

Number of copies of each label (1-65535). Used in combination with counters

to print multiple copies of the same label.

Remarks

Important!

The **P** command cannot be used inside a stored form sequence. For automatic printing of stored forms, use the **PA** command.

Examples

P → :Prints one label set
P1 → :Prints one label set
P2,1 → :Prints two label sets of one label each
P5,2 → :Prints five label sets of two labels each

The principles for how counters are printed is illustrated by this example, where the print command is **P2,2**:

Counter: 1

Label No. 1

Counter: 1

Label No. 2

Counter: 2

Label No. 3

Counter: 2

Label No. 4

PA - Print Automatic

Description

This command is used in a stored form sequence to automatically print the form as soon as all variable data has been supplied.

Syntax

 $PAp_1[,p_2]$

Parameters

p₁ Numbers of label sets (1-65535).

 p_2

Number of copies of each label (1-65535). Used in combination with counters

to print multiple copies of the same label.

Remarks

Refer to the **P** command for explanations on how to print multiple labels with counters. The **PA** command follows the same principles.

Warning!

The **PA** command can only be used with forms containing at least one variable (see **V** command). If there is no variable in the form, the printer will enter a loop and print continuously!

Examples

FR"TEST6" ↓
? ↓
This is variable text

:Deletes form "TEST6" :Starts form store sequence :Defines variable :Writes text w. variable :Prints 1 label automatically :Ends form store sequence

> :Retrieves form "TEST6" :Gets variables :Data for variable 00

Q - Set Form Length (gap or slot)

Description

This command is used to set the form and gap length when using the label gap sensor, or the amount of media feed after the print image in case of continuous stock.

Syntax

$$Qp_1, p_2[\pm p_3]$$

Parameters

p₁ Form length measured in dots. Default 1218 dots.
 p₂ Gap length measured in dots. Default 24 dots.
 ±p₃ Optional offset length measured in dots.

Remarks

Gaps and slots:

The EasyCoder C4 has a label gap sensor designed to detect the top of each form. It does this in two ways:

- · By looking through the semi-transparent liner in the gap between labels, or
- By looking through a hole in the media.

The sensor is located slightly to the right in relation to the center of the media path (as seen from the printer's front). Refer to the *Installation & Operation* manual for specifications of the size and location of detection slots.

When entering the Dump Mode (see Chapter 1), or when printing a form for the first time after power-up using the Windows Driver, the printer automatically determines the ${\bf Q}$ value while feeding a couple of labels. The current ${\bf Q}$ value is printed on the test label and the label produced by a ${\bf U}$ command.

Continuous stock:

In case of continuous stock, parameter $\mathbf{p_1}$ decides the amount of media feed performed after the actual print image has been printed. Continuous stock is selected by setting parameter $\mathbf{p_2} = 0$.

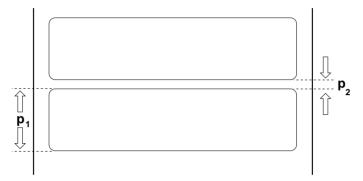
Be careful not having the printer loaded with continuous stoch when entering the Dump Mode. An error will occur since there are no gaps or detection slots to be found.

Q - Set Form Length (gap or slot), cont.

Examples

Rectangular label:

 $\mathbf{p_1} = 20.0 \text{ mm}$ (160 dots) $\mathbf{p}_{2} = 3.0 \text{ mm}$ (24 dots)



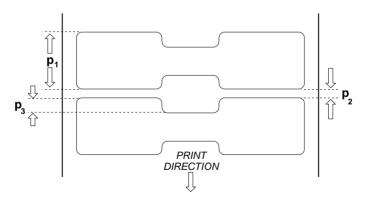
The **Q** command would be:

Q160,24 \rightarrow

Butterfly label:

 $\mathbf{p_1} = 12.5 \text{ mm} (100 \text{ dots})$

 $\mathbf{p}_{2} = 3.0 \text{ mm} (24 \text{ dots})$ $\mathbf{p}_{3} = 3.0 \text{ mm} (24 \text{ dots})$



The **Q** command would be:

Q100,24+24 ↓

Q - Set Form Length (Black Mark)

Description This command is used switch from label gap sensor to the black mark sensor, and to

specify the location and height of the black marks on the back of the media.

Qp, Bp	[±p ₃]
	Qp ₁ ,Bp ₂

Parameters Distance between black marks measured in dots.

p₁ B Disables label gap sensor, enables black mark sensor.

Height of black mark measured in dots. Optional offset length measured in dots. ±p,

Remarks In addition to the label gap sensor, all EasyCoder C4 printers have a black mark

sensor that determines the top of each form by sensing a preprinted black mark on the back of the media. The sensor is located sligtly to the right in relation to the

center of the media path (as seen from the printer's front).

Refer to the Installation & Operation manual for specifications of the size and location of black marks.

Q - Set Form Length (Black Mark), cont.

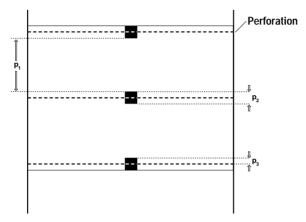
Examples

On this tag, the black marks are printed on the perforation:

```
\mathbf{p_1} = 31.0 \text{ mm} (248 \text{ dots})

\mathbf{p_2} = 7.0 \text{ mm} (56 \text{ dots})

\mathbf{p_3} = 0.5 \text{ mm} (4 \text{ dots})
```



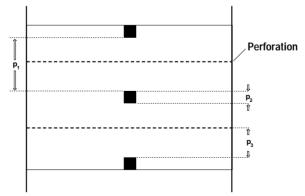
The **Q** command would be: **Q248**,**B56+4** ↓

On the tag below, the black marks are printed between the perforations:

```
\mathbf{p_1} = 31.0 \text{ mm} (248 \text{ dots}) 

\mathbf{p_2} = 7.0 \text{ mm} (56 \text{ dots}) 

\mathbf{p_3} = 17 \text{ mm} (136 \text{ dots})
```



The \mathbf{Q} command would be: $\mathbf{Q248}$, $\mathbf{B56}$ -136 $\boldsymbol{\downarrow}$

q - Set Label Width

Description This command is used to set the label width when using less than full width labels.

Syntax qp₁

Parameters p, Width of label measured in dots. Default: 832.

Remarks The **q** command will cause the image buffer (see **M** command) to be formatted to match the label width, that is width is traded off for increased length within the same memory size.

The ${\bf q}$ command will also automatically set the margins according to the following rule:

(No. of dots on printhead - label width in dots)/2 (center-aligned)

There are 8 dots per mm and 203.2 dots per inch.

Important!

If an **R** command (Reference Point) is sent after a **q** command, the image buffer will be automatically reformatted to match the width of the printhead and the margins will be reset accordingly.

Example q416

∴ Sets label width to 416 dots

R - Set Reference Point

Description

This command is used to move the reference point for the X- and Y-axes. All horizontal and vertical measurements in other commands use the setting for **R** as the origin for measurements.

Syntax

 Rp_1, p_2

Parameters

p₁ Horizontal (left) margin measured in dots (default 000).
 p₂ Vertical (top) margin measured in dots (default 000).

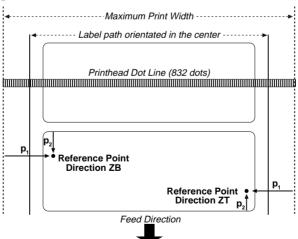
Remarks

The reference point command is used to establish top and left margins to prevent printing off the edge of the label. A minimum margin of 1 mm should be used on all sides of the label.

Warning!
Repeated printing off the edge of the label can cause excessive printhead wear.

Note that for narrow labels, the $\bf R$ command could be substituted by a $\bf q$ command, which has the benefit of making better use of a limited image buffer. However, the $\bf q$ command cannot affect the vertical margin. Any $\bf R$ command after a $\bf q$ command will revoke the latter.

The print direction commands **ZB** and **ZT** affect the location of the reference point, as illustrated below:



Example

R50,100 ↓

:Creates a 50 dot left margin and a 100 dot top margin.

S - Speed Select

Description This command is used to select the label speed while printing.

Syntax Sp₁

Parameters p₁ Speed select value:

0 30 mm/sec. (1.2 inches/sec.)

1 40 mm/sec. (1.6 inches/sec.)

2 50 mm/sec. (2 inches/sec.)

3 75 mm/sec. (3 inches/sec.)

Remarks Changing the print speed will affect the blackness of the printout, which may have

to be adjusted by means of a **D** command.

Example S2 \rightarrow :Sets the print speed to 50 mm/sec. (2 inches/sec.).

U – Print Configuration (General)

Description This command is used to print the current printer configuration.

Syntax U

Remarks This command produces a single label identical to the one printed in the Dump Mode

(see Chapter 1), but without entering the Dump Mode.

Example υ ↓ :Produces a test label.

UE – Soft Font Information Inquiry

Description This command makes the printer send information back to the host on the soft

fonts stored in memory.

Syntax UE

Remarks The printer sends the number of soft fonts and the name, height and direction of

each soft font through the RS-232 port.

The UE command will be executed directly, without appending any Linefeed.

Example UE

UF – Form Information Inquiry

Description This command will cause the printer to send information about forms currently

stored in the printer back to the host.

Syntax UF

Remarks The printer will send the number of forms stored and the name of each form to the

host through the serial RS-232 port.

The **UF** command will be executed directly, without appending any Linefeed.

Example UF : Returns number of forms and all form names, for example:

UF006 TEST1

TEST2

TEST3

TEST5

UG – Graphics Information Inquiry

Description This command will cause the printer to send information about graphics currently

stored in the printer back to the host.

Syntax UG

Remarks The printer will send the number of graphics and the name of each graphic to the

host through the serial RS-232 port.

The **UG** command will be executed directly, without appending any Linefeed.

Example :Returns number of graphics and all graphic names, for example: ŪĠ

> **UG001** LOGO

UI – Enable Prompts/Code Page Inquiry

Description This command will cause the printer to enable prompts to be sent to the host

and to send the currently selected code page to the host through the serial

RS-232 port.

Syntax UI

The printer will send information on the currently selected code page back to the host in the following format:

UIp₁p₂,p₃

Parameters p, Number of data bits.

 $\begin{array}{ll}
 p_2 & Code page. \\
 p_3 & Country code.
 \end{array}$

Remarks The KDU (Keyboard Display Unit) automatically sends this command each

time power is applied. The UI command is disabled by removing power from

the printer for 60 seconds.

Example UI → :Enables prompts from host

and returns current code page, for example

UI80,001

Also see I and U commands

UM – Code Page & Memory Inquiry

Description This command will cause the printer to send the currently selected code page and

memory status to the host through the serial RS-232 port.

Syntax UM

The printer will send information on the currently selected code page and memory status back to the host in the following format:

$UM p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5, p_6, p_7, U$	[P ₈ ,P ₉ ,P ₁₀
---	---

Parameters p_1 Image buffer size in kilobytes.

p. Form memory allocation size in kilobytes incl. decimals.

 $\vec{p_3}$ Form memory free in kilobytes incl. decimals.

 $p_{_{A}}$ Graphic memory allocation size in kilobytes.

 $\mathbf{p}_{_{5}}$ Graphic memory free in kilobytes.

p External font memory allocation size in kilobytes.

p_z External font memory free in kilobytes.

p_s Number of data bits. **p**_c Code page.

 \mathbf{p}_{10} Country code.

Example UM → :Returns memory status and current code page, for example:

UM170,030.0,028.0,30,030,140,1137 UI80,001

Also see I, M, U, UI, and UP commands.

UN - Disable Error Reporting

Description This command is used to disable error reporting.

Syntax UN

Remarks Cancels **US** command.

Example :Disables error reporting UN ↓

UP – Code Page & Memory Inquiry/Print

Description

This command will cause the printer to print and send the currently selected code page and memory status to the host through the serial RS-232 port.

Syntax

UΡ

The printer will:

- Send information on the currently selected code page and memory status back to the host (same as **UM** command).
- Print the current printer configuration (same as U command).

The format of the data sent to the host is as follows:

UM p ₁ ,p ₂ ,p ₃ ,p ₄ ,p ₅ ,p ₆ ,p ₇ ,U	. p ₈ ,p ₉ ,p ₁₀
--	---

Parameters

p₁ Image buffer size in kilobytes.
 p₂ Form memory allocation size in kilobytes.
 p₃ Form memory free in kilobytes.
 p₄ Graphic memory allocation size in kilobytes.
 p_c Graphic memory free in kilobytes.

p₆ External font memory allocation size in kilobytes.
 p_r External font memory free in kilobytes.

ρ₈ Number of data bits.
 ρ₉ Code page.

Country code.

Example

UP ↓

:Returns memory status and current code page and prints configuration on label.

Also see

I, M, U, UI, and UM commands.

US – Enable Error Reporting

Description This command is used to enable the printer's status reporting feature.

Syntax

US

Remarks

Serial Port:

If an error occurs while using the serial port, the printer will send a NAK (ASCII 21 dec.), followed by the error number, back to the computer. If no error occur, the printer will echo ACK (ASCII 06 dec.) after each **P** (print) command.

If out-of-media or out-of-ribbon occurs, the printer will send, through the serial port, a "-07" and "Pnnn" where nnn is the number of forms remaining to print.

Parallel Port:

While using the parallel port, the printer will print the error number and the control lamp will go orange (error).

The default setting is off (also see UN).

Error Messages

Message	Meaning
ERR01	Syntax Error
ERR02	Object exceeds image buffer border
ERR03	Data length error (for example EAN 13 is 12 or 13 bytes only)
ERR04	Insufficient memory to store forms or graphics
ERR05	Memory configuration error
ERR06	RS-232 error
ERR07	Out of media and/or ribbon
ERR08	Form or PCX name duplicate
ERR09	Form or PCX not found
ERR16	No form was retrieved before "? →" was entered.
ERR50	Does not fit in area specified
ERR51	Data length too long

HINT!

Tap the Feed key three times to resume printing after an error.

Example

US →

:Enables error reporting

UV – Product Identity and Asian Font Types

Description This command generates an output on the serial port about the software and font

products stored in the EasyCoder C4's memory cartridge.

Syntax UV

Remarks The first line returned after the UV command is the base software appended

by a CR/LF. Then comes one line with information on the font appended

by CR/LF.

Example UV

returns for example...

"1-972620-20,Base D3.21" Base software

"1-972550-00, Font GB2312-80" Chinese font GB 2312-80

or...

"1-972620-20, Base D3.21" Base software

"1-972651-01, Font BIG5" Chinese Big5 level 1 & 2 font

or...

"1-972620-20, Base D3.21" Base software

"1-972652-00, Font KSX1001:1992" Korean font KS X 1001:1992

or...

"1-972620-20, Base D3.21" Base software

"1-972653-00, Font JISX0208:1997" Japanese font JIS 0208:1997

V - Define Variable

Description

This command is used to define variable data fields for use in stored forms

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Vp,	, p.,	, p.,	"PR	OMPT"
	, E 7			

Parameters

$\boldsymbol{p}_{_{1}}$	Variable	reference	number	(00-99).

A maximum total of 1500 bytes of data for all variables is allowed.

Maximum number of digits for the variable (1-99). p,

A maximum total of 1500 bytes of data for all variables is allowed.

Field iustification: p_3

Left justification. Right justification.

C Center justification.

Ν No iustification.

[- -<u>1</u>

[-1 A single leading minus sign in the prompt field will cause the prompt to be

sent one time only after the form is retrieved (Keyboard Display Unit only).

A double leading minus sign in the prompt field will cause the prompt to be suppressed (Keyboard Display Unit only).

PROMPT

An ASCII text field that will be transmitted to the host or keyboard Display Unit via the serial interface each time this command is executed. This prompt

requests the operator to enter the value for the variable.

Remarks

This command is used in **forms** that require unique data on each label. When initializing variables, they must be defined in order (V00, V01, V02 etc.) immediately after the **FS** command.

The field justification parameter affects the way the variable will be printed. When left, right, or centre justification are selected, the counter value will be printed left, right or center justified in an area with a width defined by the p, parameter. If the number of digits in the counter value is less than the number of digits defined by $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{x}}$ the area will be padded with space characters.

If no justification is selected, the field will adjust to fit the actual length of the data and will not exceed the set maximum field length, which may be useful when using a counter as input data to a bar code.

To print the contents of a variable, the number of the variable must be included in the "DATA" field of the **A** (Print Text) or **B** (Print Bar Code) commands.

V – Define Variable, cont.

Example

This example shows how the field justification works in variable fields:

Refer to the ? command for continuation of this example!

W - Windows Mode

Description This command is used to enable/disable the Windows command mode (special

applications only).

Syntax Wp₁

Parameters p₁ Windows Mode enable/disable:

Y Enables Windows Mode.

N Disables Windows Mode (default).

Remarks When enabled, the printer will accept Windows mode escape sequences to print

data. When disabled, escape sequences will be ignored.

The Windows mode escape sequences are only used by the Windows Printer Driver. When working with a main frame or other non-Windows host, this mode can be

disabled to prevent erratic operation.

Examples WY - :Enables Windows Mode

WN → :Disables Windows Mode

X - Draw Box

Description This command is used to draw a box shape.

Syntax Xp_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5

Parameters p, Horizontal start position (X) in dots.

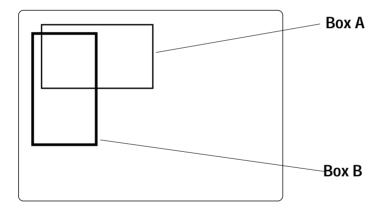
 p_2 Vertical start position (Y) in dots.

 p_3^2 Line thickness in dots.

p₄ Horizontal end position (X) in dots.
 p_e Vertical end position (X) in dots.

 ho_5 vertical end position (λ) in dot

Example N \rightarrow :Clears image buffer $x50,200,5,400,20 \rightarrow$:Prints box A $x200,50,10,20,400 \rightarrow$:Prints box B P1 \rightarrow :Prints a label



Y - Serial Port Setup

Description

This command is used to establish the serial port communication parameters.

Syntax

 Yp_1, p_2, p_3, p_4

Parameters

P ₁	Baud rate: 19 19,200 baud. 96 9,600 baud. 48 4,800 baud. 24 2,400 baud.
p_{2}	12 1,200 baud. Parity: O Odd. (O is uppercase o character; ASCII 79 dec.). E Even. N None.
p_3	Number of data bits: 7 7 data bits. 8 8 data bits.
$p_{_{4}}$	Number of stop bits: 1 1 stop bit. 2 2 stop bits.

Remarks

After receiving this command, the printer will automatically reset its communication on the serial communication port.

By default, the printer is set for 9600 baud, no parity, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit.

XON/XOFF handshaking is always used. The printer sends XOFF when an error occurs. RTS/CTS is not supported

If the current communication setup is not known, it can be checked by printing a test label (see Chapter 1).

Example

Y19,0,7,1 ↓

:Sets 19,200 baud, odd parity, 7 data bits, 1 stop bit

Z – Print Direction

Description

This command is used to select the print orientation.

Syntax

 Zp_1

Parameters

p, Print orientation:

T Start printing from the top of image buffer (default).

B Start printing from the bottom of image buffer.

Remarks

This command affects the complete print image, including text, bar codes, graphics, lines, and boxes, as well as the location of the reference point (see R command).

Note that printing a test label in the Test Mode, or by means of a **U** or **UP** command, will reset the print direction to default (= **ZT**).

ZT Command:



Feed Direction



ZB Command:



Feed Direction



Example

ZB ↓

:Starts printing from the bottom of the image buffer

? - Download Variables

Description

This command is used to signal to the printer that the data following are variable or counter values

Syntax

?

Remarks

This command is used by the host system to send data representing variables and/or counters to the printer after a stored for containing variables and/or counters has been retrieved. The amount of data following the question mark line must match **exactly** the total number and order of variables and/or counters for that specific form.

Important!

If the? command is omitted, no variables or counter values will be printed.

Example

:Retrieves the form "TEST7" :Variables follow :Variable 00 entered :Variable 01 entered :Variable 02 entered :Variable 03 entered :Prints one label

Fonts

Resident Fonts

The EasyCoder C4 printers support upper- and lowercase characters for font sizes 1-4 and uppercase characters for font size 5. All fonts are non-proportional. The ASCII value of the different characters is determined by the I command setting.

Font	Size (dots)	Size (points)	Characters/inch
1	8 x 12	6	20.3
2	10 x 16	7	16.9
3	12 x 20	10	14.5
4	14 x 24	12	12.7
5	32 x 48	24	5.6

Below, the various fonts are illustrated in real size.

Font Sizes 1-5

```
Font size 1 - necdefshijkinnopgratuvwyz

Font size 2 - ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Font size 2 - abcdefghijkinnopgratuvwxyz

Font size 3 - ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Font size 3 - ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Font size 3 - abcdefghijkinnopgratuvwxyz

Font size 4 - ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Font size 4 - ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

FONT SIZE 5 - ABCD

FONT SIZE 5 - ABCD
```

Code Pages and Character Sets

Size 1-4 (8 bit); Code page 437 (printed in size 4)

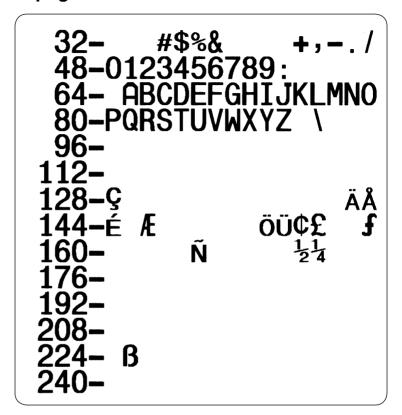
```
0 -
16 -
18 $ '() * + , - . /
48 - 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 : ; < = > ?
64 - @ A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O
80 - P Q R S T U V W X Y Z [ \ ] ^ _
96 - ' a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o
112 - p q r s t u v u x y z z 128 - C Ü é â ä à à c c ê ë è è î î i Ä Ă
144 - È æ ff ô ö ò ũ ù ÿ ö Ü ¢ £ f
160 - á i ó ú ñ Ñ a º ¿ ¼ i
176 -
192 -
208 -
224 - β 
240 -
```

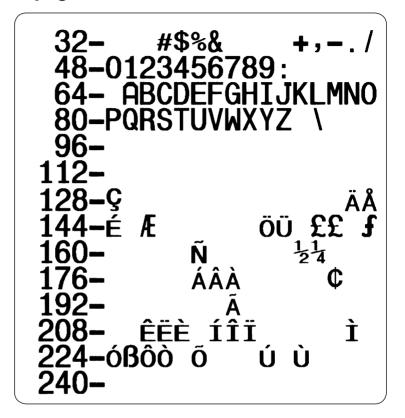
Size 1-4 (8 bit); Code page 850 (printed in size 4)

Size 1-4 (8 bit); Code page 863 (printed in size 4)

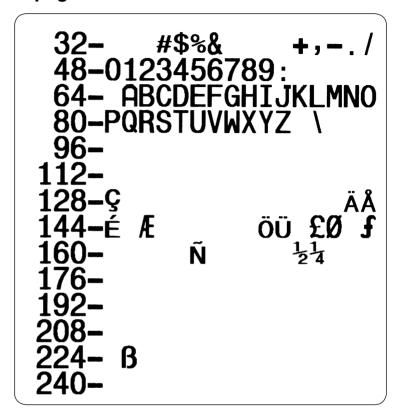
Size 1-4 (8 bit); Code page 865 (printed in size 4)

```
0 - 16 - ¶ § ; () * + , - . / 48 - 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 : ; ( = > ? 64 - @ A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O 80 - P Q R S T U V W X Y Z [ \ ] ^ _ 96 - r a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o 112 - p q r s t u v w x y z 128 - Ç ü e â ä à å ç ê ë e î î i Ä Å 144 - É æ f ô ö ò û ù ÿ ö Ü ø f ø f 160 - á i ó ú ñ Ñ ª º ¿ ½ ¼ 176 - 192 - 208 - 224 - β μ °
```





```
32- #$%& +,-./
48-0123456789:
64- ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO
80-PQRSTUVWXYZ \
96-
112-
128-$\hat{G}$\hat{A}$\hat{A}$\hat{A}$\hat{A}$\hat{E}\hat{E}\hat{E} \hat{E} \hat{E} \hat{G} \hat{O} \hat{U} \hat{V} \hat{V} \hat{A} \hat{A
```



Size 1-4 (7 bit); USA (printed in size 4)

```
0 -
16 -
17 $
32 - ! # $ % & ' ( ) * + , - . /
48 - 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 : ; < = > ?
64 - @ A B C D E F G H I J K L M N 0
80 - P Q R S T U V W X Y Z [ \ ] ^ _
96 - ' a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o
112 - p q r s t u v w x y z
```

Size 1-4 (7 bit); British (printed in size 4)

```
0 -
16 -
18 % & '() * + , - . /
48 - 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 : ; < = > ?
64 - @ A B C D E F G H I J K L M N 0
80 - P Q R S T U V W X Y Z [\] ^ _
96 - ' a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o
112 - p q r s t u v w x y z
```

Size 1-4 (7 bit); German (printed in size 4)

```
0 -
16 - ¶ §
32 - ! # $ % & '() * + , - . /
48 - 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 : ; < = > ?
64 - § A B C D E F G H I J K L M N 0
80 - P Q R S T U V W X Y Z Ä Ö Ü ^ _
96 - 'abcdefghijklmno
112 - pqrstuvuxyzäöüβ
```

Size 1-4 (7 bit); French (printed in size 4)

```
0 -
16 -
18 % & '() * + , - . /
48 - 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 : ; < = > ?
64 - à A B C D E F G H I J K L M N 0
80 - P Q R S T U V W X Y Z ° ç § ^ _
96 - 'abcdefghijklmno
112 - p q r s t u v w x y z é ù é "
```

Size 1-4 (7 bit); Danish (printed in size 4)

```
0 -
16 - ¶ §
32 - ! # $ % & ' ( ) * + , - . /
48 - 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 : ; < = > ?
64 - @ A B C D E F G H I J K L M N 0
80 - P Q R S T U V W X Y Z ff Ø Ä Ü _
96 - ' a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o
112 - p q r s t u v w x y z æ ø ä ü
```

Size 1-4 (7 bit); Italian (printed in size 4)

```
0 -
16 - ¶ §
32 - ! f $ % & ' ( ) * + , - . /
48 - 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 : ; < = > ?
64 - § A B C D E F G H I J K L M N 0
80 - P Q R S T U V W X Y Z ° ç é ^ _
96 - ù a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o
112 - p q r s t u v w x y z à ò è i
```

Size 1-4 (7 bit); Spanish (printed in size 4)

```
0 - 16 - 1 9
32 - ! ! $ % & ' ( ) * + , - . /
48 - 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 : ; < = > ?
64 - i A B C D E F G H I J K L M N 0
80 - P Q R S T U V W X Y Z N ñ ¿ ü _
96 - á a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o
112 - p q r s t u v w x y z é i ó ú
```

Size 1-4 (7 bit); Swedish (printed in size 4)

```
0 -
16 - ¶ 9
32 - ! # $ % & ' ( ) * + , - . /
48 - 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 : ; < = > ?
64 - É A B C D E F G H I J K L M N 0
80 - P Q R S T U V W X Y Z Ä Ö Ä Ü _
96 - É a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o
112 - p q r s t u v w x y z ä ö ä ü
```

Size 1-4 (7 bit); Swiss (printed in size 4)

```
0 -
16 - ¶ S
32 - ! £ $ % & ' ( ) * + , - . /
48 - 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 : ; < = > ?
64 - S A B C D E F G H I J K L M N 0
80 - P Q R S T U V W X Y Z à ç è ^ _
96 - ' a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o
112 - p q r s t u v w x y z ä ö ü é
```

```
Size 5 (7 bit);
USA
```

```
32- #$%& +,-./
48-0123456789:
64- ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO
80-PQRSTUVWXYZ \
96-
112-
```

Size 5 (7 bit); British

Size 5 (7 bit); German

```
32- #$%& +,-./
48-0123456789:
64- ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO
80-PQRSTUVWXYZÄÖÜ
96-
112-
```

Size 5 (7 bit); French

```
32- £$%& +,-./
48-0123456789:
64- ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO
80-PQRSTUVWXYZ
96-
112-
```

Size 5 (7 bit); Danish

```
32- #$%& +,-./
48-0123456789:
64- ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO
80-PQRSTUVWXYZÆØÅÜ
96-
112-
```

Size 5 (7 bit); Italian

```
32- £$%& +,-./
48-0123456789:
64- ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO
80-PQRSTUVWXYZ
96-
112-
```

Size 5 (7 bit); Spanish

32- \$%& +,-./
48-0123456789:
64- ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO
80-PQRSTUVWXYZÑ
96112-

Size 5 (7 bit); Swedish

32- #\$%& +,-./
48-0123456789:
64- ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO
80-PQRSTUVWXYZÄÖÅÜ
96112-

Size 5 (7 bit); Swiss

32- £\$%& +,-./
48-0123456789:
64- ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO
80-PQRSTUVWXYZ
96112-

Size 4 (8 bit); Characters in Dump Mode

D - Density Command Settings

Recommended density settings are identified in the following tables. Further adjustments might be necessary depending on print speed, bar code density, orientation, and ambient temperature/humidity conditions.

Direct Thermal Printing

Label/Tag Type	Ribbon Type	Rec. Density at Speed S = 2	Max. Speed
Duratherm II	-	D10	S3
Duratherm II Tag	-	D9	S1
Duratherm Lightning	_	D9	S 3
Duratherm IR	-	D7	S3
Thermal Top	-	D8	S3
Thermal Eco	-	D8	S3
Thermal Top Board	-	D11	S2
Thermal Eco Board	-	D7	S2
Thermal IR	_	D12	S 3
Thermal Top High Speed	-	D6	S3

Thermal Transfer Printing

Label/Tag Type	Ribbon Type	Rec. Density at Speed S = 2	Max. Speed
Duratran II	Standard	D4	S3
Duratran II Tag	Standard	D4	S2
Duratran II	Premium	D5	S3
Duratran II Tag	Premium	D6	S2
Kimdura	Premium	D6	S3
Matte Polyester	Premium	D6	S 3
Gloss Polyester	Super Premium	D7	S 3
TTR Uncoated	GP02	D1	S2
TTR Matte Coated	HP05	D6	S3
TTR Premium	HP05	D4	S3
TTR Premium Board	HP05	D7	S1
TTR Polyethylene	HP05	D2	S 3
TTR Gloss Polyethylene	HP05	D5	S 3
TTR TTR High Gloss White Premium	HP05	D7	S3
TTR Matte Coated	HP07	D7	S 3
TTR Premium	HP07	D5	S3
TTR Premium Board	HP07	D8	S1
TTR Polyethylene	HP07	D4	S3
TTR Gloss Polyethylene	HP07	D8	S3
TTR High Gloss White Premium	HP07	D9	S3
TTR High Gloss Polyester	HR03	D7	S3