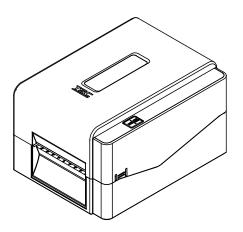
# TE200/TE300 Series

# THERMAL TRANSFER/DIRECT THERMAL BAR CODE PRINTER

# USER'S MANUAL



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FCC part 15B, Class A ICES-003, Class A

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instruction manual, may cause harmful interference with radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference, in which case you will be required to correct the interference at your own expense.



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#### Important safety instructions:

- 1. Read all of these instructions and keep them for later use.
- 2. Follow all warnings and instructions on the product.
- 3. Disconnect the power plug from the AC outlet before cleaning or if fault happened. Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners. Using a damp cloth is suitable for cleaning.
- 4. The mains socket shall be installed near the equipment and easily accessible.
- 5. The unit must be protected against moisture.
- 6. Ensure the stability when installing the device, Tipping or dropping could cause damage.
- 7. Make sure to follow the correct power rating and power type indicated on marking label provided by manufacture.
- 8. Please refer to user manual for maximum operation ambient temperature.

#### **WARNING:**

Hazardous moving parts, keep fingers and other body parts away.

#### **CAUTION:**

(For equipment with RTC (CR2032) battery or rechargeable battery pack)

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

Dispose of used batteries according to the Instructions as below.

- 1. DO NOT throw the battery in fire.
- 2. DO NOT short circuit the contacts.
- 3. DO NOT disassemble the battery.
- 4. DO NOT throw the battery in municipal waste.
- 5. The symbol of the crossed out wheeled bin indicates that the battery should not be placed in municipal waste.

Caution: The printhead may be hot and could cause severe burns. Allow the printhead to cool.

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### 1. Introduction

#### 1.1 Product Introduction

Thank you very much for purchasing TSC bar code printer.

The TE200/TE300 series printer features the single motor that is capable of handling a large capacity of 300 meters ribbon and large rolls of media inside its sleek design. If the 5" interior label capacity is not enough, simply add an external media roll mount and the TE200/TE300 series can easily handle 8" OD rolls of labels designed for expensive industrial label printers.

The movable black mark sensor design can accept a wide range of label media. All of the most frequently used bar code formats are included. Fonts and bar codes can be printed in any one of the four directions.

The TE200/TE300 series printer is built-in the high quality, high-performance MONOTYPE IMAGING® True Type font engine and one CG Triumvirate Bold Condensed smooth font. With flexible firmware design, user can also download the True Type Font from PC into printer memory for printing labels. Besides the scalable font, it also provides a choice of eight different sizes of the alphanumeric bitmap font. By integrating rich features, it is the most cost-effective and high-performance printer in its class!

To print label formats, please refer to the instructions provided with your labeling software; if you need to write the custom programs, please refer to the TSPL/TSPL2 programming manual that can be found on TSC website at http://www.tscprinters.com.

- Applications
  - Manufacturing & Warehousing
    - Work in Progress
    - Item Labels
    - Instruction labels
    - Agency labels
  - o Healthcare
    - Patient Identification
    - Pharmacy
    - Specimen Identification

- Parcel Post
  - Shipping/ Receiving Labels
- o Small Office/ Home Office
- Retail Marking
  - Price tags
  - Shelf labels
  - Jewelry tags

### **1.2 Product Features**

#### 1.2.1 Printer Standard Features

The printer offers the following standard features.

Product standard feature	TE200 (203 dpi model)	TE300 (300 dpi model)
Thermal transfer printing	0	0
Direct thermal printing	0	0
Plastic	0	0
Gap sensor	0	0
Reflective, full-range moveable black mark sensor	0	0
Ribbon sensor	0	0
Head open sensor	0	0
USB 2.0 (hi-speed) interface	0	0
16 MB DRAM memory	0	0
8 MB Flash memory	0	$\circ$
SD card reader (Reserve a PIN connector for updating		
firmware by card when maintenance.)	-	-
One button for feed and pause	0	0
One LED indicator for 3 colors	0	0
Standard industry emulations right out of the box including Eltron® and Zebra® language support	0	0
Internal 8 alpha-numeric bitmap fonts	0	0
Fonts and bar codes can be printed in any one of the four directions (0, 90,180, 270 degrees)	0	0
Internal Monotype Imaging® true type font engine with one		
CG Triumvirate Bold Condensed scalable font		
Downloadable fonts from PC to printer memory	0	0
Downloadable firmware upgrades	0	0

Text, bar code, graph TSPL/TSPL2 program page)	0	0			
Supported bar code		Supported image			
1D bar code	2D bar code				
Code128UCC,	GS1 DataBar,	BITMAP,			
Code128 subsets	GS1	BMP,			
A · B · C, EAN128,	DataMatrix,	PCX (Max. 256 colors			
Interleaved 2 of 5,	Maxicode,	graphics)			
Interleaved 2 of 5	AZTEC,				
with check digit,	PDF417, QR				
Code39, Code39	Code, Micro				
with check digit,	PDF 417				
Code93, EAN13,					
EAN8, UPCA,					
UPCE, EAN and					
UPC 2 (5) digits					
add-on, Codabar,					
Postnet, MSI, MSI					
with check digit,					
PLESSEY, China					
post, ITF14,					
Code11, TELEPEN,					
TELEPENN,					
PLANET, Code49,					
Deutsche Post					
Identcode, Deutsche					
Post Leitcode,					
LOGMARS					

### 1.2.2 Printer Optional Features

The printer offers the following optional features.

Product option feature	User options	Dealer options	Factory options
Extended plate for external roll mount assembly with	0	-	-
3" core label spindle (8.4 OD)			
Internal Bluetooth v4.0	-	-	0

# **1.3 General Specifications**

General Specifications				
Physical dimensions	204 mm (W) x 164 mm (H) x 280 mm (L)			
Weight	2.4 kg			
Electrical	External universal switching power supply			
	Input: AC 100-240V, 2A, 50-60 Hz			
	Output: DC 24V, 2.5A, 60W, LPS			
Environmental condition	Operation: 5 ~ 40°C (41 ~ 104°F), 25~85% non-condensing			
	Storage: -40 ~ 60 °C (-40 ~ 140°F), 10~90% non-condensing			

# **1.4 Print Specifications**

Print Specifications	TE200 (203 dpi model) TE300 (300 dpi mod				
Print head resolution	203 dots/inch (8 dots/mm)	300 dots/inch (12 dots/mm)			
Printing method	Thermal transfer and direct thermal				
Dot size	0.125 x 0.125 mm	0.084 x 0.084 mm			
(width x length)	(1 mm = 8 dots)	(1 mm = 11.8 dots)			
Print speed	Up to 6 ips	Up to 5 ips			
(inches per second)	ορ το σ τρε				
Print speed for peel	N/A				
mode & cutter mode					
Max. print width	108 mm (4.25") 105.6 mm (4.16")				
Max. print length	2,794 mm (110") 1,016 mm (40")				

# 1.5 Ribbon Specifications

Ribbon Specifications		
Ribbon outside diameter	1" core: Max. 67mm	
	0.5" core: Max. 40mm	
Ribbon length	1" inner core: 300 meters	
	0.5" inner core: 110 meters	
Ribbon core inside diameter	0.5 and 1 inch	
Ribbon width	40 ~ 110 mm (with 110 mm paper core and notches on	
	both sides)	
Ribbon wound type	Outside wound	

# **1.6 Media Specifications**

	TE200	TE300		
Media Specifications	(203 dpi model)	(300 dpi model)		
Label roll capacity	5" OD, 75m			
Media type	Continuous, die-cut, bla	ck mark, fan-fold, notch		
Media wound type	Outside wound			
Media width	20mm ~ Ma	ax. 112 mm		
Media thickness	0.06 mm (2.36 mil) ~ 0.19 mm (7.48 mil)			
Media core diameter	1" (25.4 mm) & 1.5" (38 mm) ID core			
Tear mode	50 mm ~ Max. print length			
	Note: Media can be torn at the same direction.			
Label length	10 mm ~ Max. printing length			
Label length (peeler mode)	N/A			
Label length (cutter mode)	N/A			
Gap height	Min. 2 mm (0.09")			
Black mark height	Min. 2 mm (0.09")			
Black mark width	Min. 8 mm (0.31")			

## 2. Operations Overview

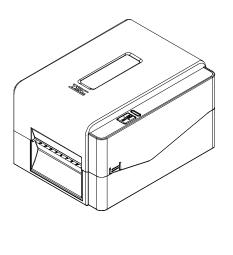
### 2.1 Unpacking and Inspection

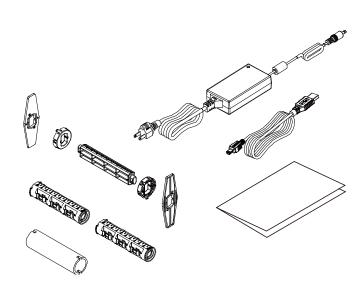
This printer has been specially packaged to withstand damage during shipping. Please carefully inspect the packaging and printer upon receiving the bar code printer. Please retain the packaging materials in case you need to reship the printer.

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

- One printer unit
- One quick installation guide
- One power cord
- One external universal switching power supply
- One USB interface cable
- A pair of 1" Ribbon spindles for 300M ribbon
- One 1" ribbon paper core
- One label spindle with two wings and two 1.5" adapters

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





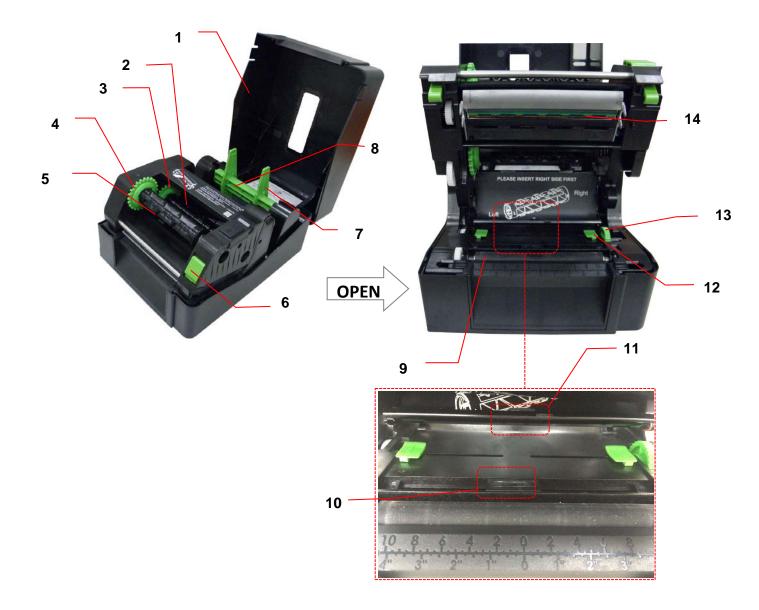
### 2.2 Printer Overview

### 2.2.1 Front View



- 1. LED indicator
- 2. Feed/Pause button
- 3. Top cover open tab
- 4. Paper exit chute

#### 2.2.2 Interior View



- 1. Printer top cover
- 2. Ribbon supply spindle
- 3. Ribbon supply hub
- 4. Ribbon rewind hub
- 5. Ribbon rewind spindle
- 6. Print head release button
- 7. Fixing tab
- WARNING
  HAZARDOUS MOVING PARTS
  KEEP FINGERS AND OTHER
  BODY PARTS AWAY

- 8. Media supply spindle
- 9. Platen roller
- 10. Black mark sensor/Gap sensor (receiver)
- 11. Gap sensor (transmitter)
- 12. Media guide
- 13. Media guide hub
- 14. Print head

#### 2.2.3 Rear View



- 1. Power switch
- 2. Power jack socket
- 3. USB interface (USB 2.0/Full speed mode)

#### Note:

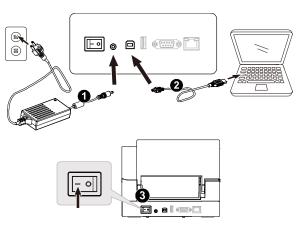
The interface picture here is for reference only. Please refer to the product specification for the interfaces availability.

### 3. Setup

### 3.1 Setting up the Printer

Place the printer on a flat, secure surface, then follow the steps below:

- Plug the power cord into the AC power cord socket at the rear of the printer. Then, plug the other side into a properly grounded power outlet.
- 2. Connect the printer to the computer with the provided USB cable.
- 3. Push the power switch on "-" side to open the power of printer.
- If you would like to watch printer installation videos, please scan the QR code on the right side for more information.





#### Note:

- \* Please switch OFF printer power switch prior to plugging in the power cord to printer power jack.
- \* The interface picture here is for reference only. Please refer to the product specification for the interfaces availability.

### 3.2 Loading the Ribbon



 Open the printer top cover by pressing the top cover open tabs located on each side of the printer.



2. Insert the paper core to the ribbon rewind spindle.

Note: Please follow the direction when installing the ribbon rewind spindle.



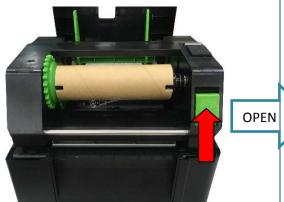
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 Insert the right side of ribbon rewind spindle to ribbon rewind hub first.
 Then, insert the left side to the hole at the left side of ribbon mechanism.
 Note:

It can also be substituted by 0.5 or 1 inch paper roll with notches on both sides. Please insert it at the ribbon rewind hub directly.





4. Push the print head release button to open the print head mechanism.





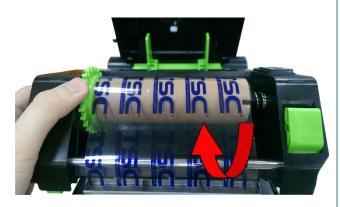
5. Insert the ribbon to the ribbon spindle.

Note: The ribbon spindle can be substituted by insert the ribbon with notches on both sides to the ribbon mechanism directly.





 Insert the right side of ribbon supply spindle to the ribbon supply hub first.
 Then, insert the left side of ribbon supply spindle to the hole at the left side of ribbon mechanism.

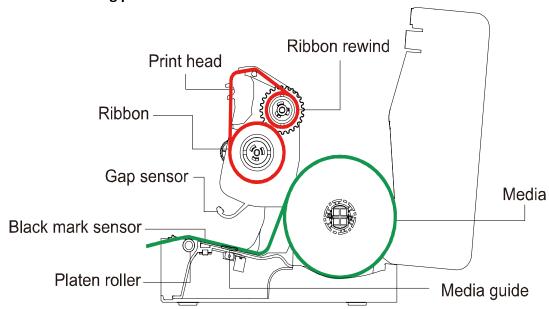


- Pull the leader of the ribbon through the print head and stick the leader of the ribbon onto the ribbon rewind paper core.
- 8. Turn the ribbon rewind hub until the ribbon plastic leader is thoroughly wound and the black section of the ribbon covers the print head.



Close the print head mechanism with both hands and make sure the latches are engaged securely.

#### • Ribbon loading path



Note:

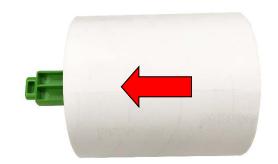
Please refer to printer installation videos at <u>TSC YouTube</u>.

### 3.3 Loading the Media

#### 3.3.1 Loading the Roll Labels



 Open the printer top cover by pressing the top cover open tabs located on each side of the printer.



2. Insert the paper roll into the media supply spindle and use two fixing tabs to fix the paper roll onto the center of the spindle. (If your paper width is 4", you can remove the 1.5" adapters on both side of the media supply spindle.)





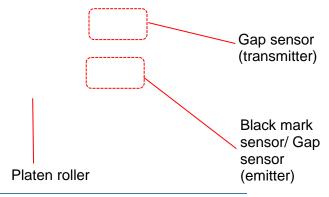
3. Place the paper roll onto the paper roll mount.



Media spindle with two 1.5" adapters



4. Push the print head release button to open the print head mechanism.



Note: The black mark sensor position is moveable and the gap sensor is fixed. Please make sure the gap or black mark is at the location where media gap/black mark will pass through for sensing.



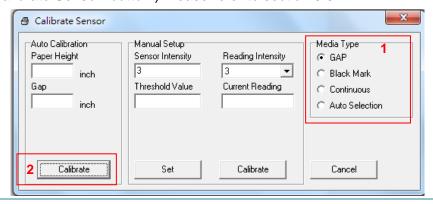
 Feed the paper, printing side face up, through the media bar, media sensor and place the label leading edge onto the platen roller. Move the media guides to fit the label width.





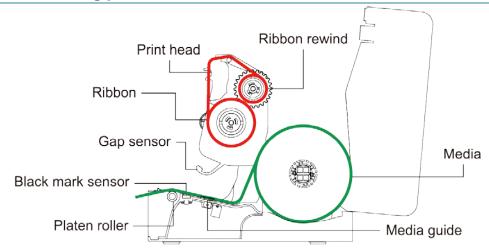
 Close the print head mechanism with both hands and make sure the latches are engaged securely.

7. Use "Diagnostic Tool" to set the media sensor type and calibrate the selected sensor. (Start the "Diagnostic tool" → Select the "Printer Configuration" tab → Click the "Calibrate Sensor" button ) Please refer to section 5.3.



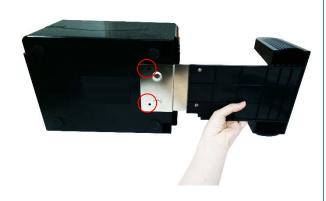
#### Note:

- \* Please calibrate the gap/ black mark sensor when changing media.
- \* Please refer to videos at TSC YouTube.
- Media Loading path



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



1. Attach the extended plate on the bottom of the printer.





2. Insert a 3" (or 1") label spindle into a paper roll. Then, install it on the external paper roll mount.





3. Feed the media through the rear external label entrance chute.



4. Refer to chapter 3.3.1 to install the label. Use "Diagnostic Tool" to set the media sensor type and calibrate the selected sensor.

#### Note:

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

### 4. LED and Button Functions

This printer has one button and one three-color LED indicator. By indicating the LED with different color and pressing the button, printer can feed labels, pause the printing job, select and calibrate the media sensor, print printer self-test report, reset printer to defaults (initialization). Please refer to the button operation below for different functions.

#### 4.1 LED Indicator

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

### 4.2 Regular Button Functions

#### 1. Feed labels

When the printer is at ready states (Green/Solid), press the button to feed one label to the beginning of next.

#### 2. Pause the printing job

When the printer is at printing states, press the button to pause a print job. When the printer is paused the LED will be green blinking. Press the button again to continue the printing job.

#### 4.3 Power-on Utilities

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

Please follow the steps below for different power-on utilities.

- 1. Turn off the printer power switch.
- 2. Hold on the button then turn on the power switch.
- 3. Release the button when LED indicates with different color for different functions.

Power on utilities	The LE	The LED color will be changed as following pattern:					
LED color	Amber	Red	Amber	Green	Green/Amber	Red/Amber	Solid green
LED COIO		(5 blinks)	(5 blinks)	(5 blinks)	(5 blinks)	(5 blinks)	
Functions							
1. Gap / black mark sensor calibration		Release					
2. Gap / black mark sensor calibration,			Release				
Self-test and enter dump mode							
3. Printer initialization				Release			
4. Set black mark sensor as media					Release		
sensor and calibrate the black mark							
sensor							
5. Set gap sensor as media sensor and						Release	
calibrate the gap sensor							
6. Skip AUTO.BAS							Release

#### 4.3.1 Gap/Black Mark Sensor Calibration

Gap/black mark sensor sensitivity should be calibrated at the following conditions:

- 1. A brand new printer
- 2. Change label stock
- 3. Printer initialization

Please follow the steps below to calibrate the ribbon and gap/black mark sensor.

- 1. Turn off the power switch.
- 2. Hold on the button then turn on the power switch.
- 3. Release the button when LED becomes **red** and blinking. (Any red will do during the 5 blinks).
- It will calibrate the ribbon sensor and gap/black mark sensor sensitivity.
- The LED color will be changed as following order:
   Amber → red (5 blinks) → amber (5 blinks) → green (5 blinks) → green/amber (5 blinks)
   → red/amber (5 blinks) → solid green

#### Note:

Please select gap or black mark sensor by sending GAP or BLINE command to printer prior to calibrate the sensor.

For more information about GAP and BLINE command, please refer to TSPL/TSPL2 programming manual.

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

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

Please follow the steps below to calibrate the sensor.

- 1. Turn off the power switch.
- 2. Hold on the button then turn on the power switch.
- 3. Release the button when LED becomes **amber** and blinking. (Any amber will do during the 5 blinks)
- The LED color will be changed as following order.
   Amber → red (5 blinks) → amber (5 blinks) → green (5 blinks) → green/amber (5 blinks)
   → red/amber (5 blinks) → solid green
- 4. It calibrates the sensor and measures the label length and prints internal settings then enter the dump mode.

#### Note:

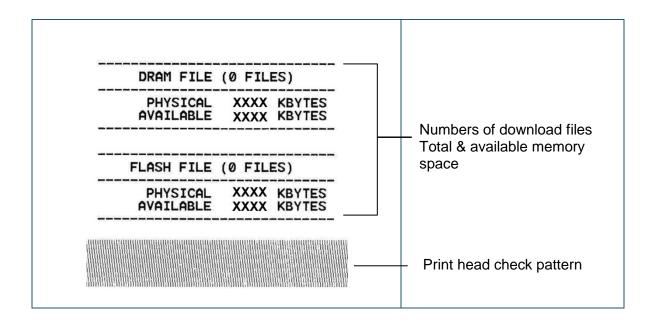
Please select gap or black mark sensor by Diagnostic Tool or by GAP or BLINE command prior to calibrate the sensor.

For more information about GAP and BLINE command, please refer to TSPL/TSPL2 programming manual.

### ■ Self-test

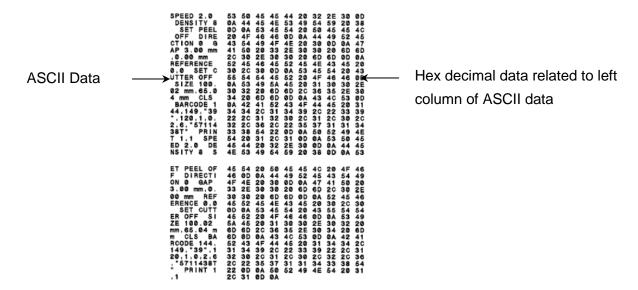
Printer will print the printer configuration after gap/black mark sensor calibration. Self-test printout can be used to check if there is any dot damage on the heater element, printer configurations and available memory space.

Self-test printout	
SYSTEM INFORMATION  MODEL: XXXXXX FIRMWARE: X.XX CHECKSUM: XXXXXXXX S/N: XXXXXXXXX TCF: NO DATE: 1970/01/01 TIME: 00:04:18 NON-RESET: 110 m (TPH) RESET: 110 m (TPH) NON-RESET: 0 (CUT) RESET: 0 (CUT)	Model name F/W version Firmware checksum Printer S/N TSC configuration file System date System time Printed mileage (meter) Cutting counter
PRINTING SETTING  SPEED: 5 IPS DENSITY: 8.0 WIDTH: 4.00 INCH HEIGHT: 4.00 INCH GAP: 0.00 INCH INTENSION: 5 CODEPAGE: 850 COUNTRY: 001	<ul> <li>Print speed (inch/sec)</li> <li>Print darkness</li> <li>Label size (inch)</li> <li>Gap distance (inch)</li> <li>Gap/black mark sensor intension</li> <li>Code page</li> <li>Country code</li> </ul>
Z SETTING  DARKNESS: 16.0 SPEED: 4 IPS WIDTH: 4.00 INCH TILDE: 7EH (~)  CARET: 5EH (^) DELIMITER: 2CH (,) POWER UP: NO MOTION HEAD CLOSE: NO MOTION	ZPL setting information Print darkness Print speed (inch/sec) Label size Control prefix Format prefix Delimiter prefix Printer power up motion Printer head close motion  Note: ZPL is emulating for Zebra® language.
RS232 SETTING  BAUD: 9600 PARITY: NONE DATA BIT: 8 STOP BIT: 1	RS232 serial port configuration



#### Dump mode

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



#### Note:

- 1. Dump mode requires 4" wide paper width.
- 2. Turn off / on the power to resume printer for normal printing.

#### 4.3.3 Printer Initialization

Printer initialization is used to clear DRAM and restore printer settings to defaults.

Printer initialization is activated by the following procedures.

- 1. Turn off the power switch.
- 2. Hold on the button then turn on the power switch.
- 3. Release the button when LED turns **green** after 5 amber blinks. (Any green will do during the 5 blinks).
- The LED color will be changed as following:
   Amber → red (5 blinks) → amber (5 blinks) → green (5 blinks) → green/amber (5 blinks)
   → red/amber (5 blinks) → solid green

Printer configuration will be restored to defaults as below after initialization.

Parameter	Default setting
Speed	127 mm/sec (5 ips) (203DPI)
	76 mm/sec (3 ips) (300DPI)
Density	8
Label Width	4" (101.5 mm)
Label Height	4" (101.5 mm)
Sensor Type	Gap sensor
Gap Setting	0.12" (3.0 mm)
Print Direction	0
Reference Point	0,0 (upper left corner)
Offset	0
Tear Mode	On
Peel off Mode	Off
Cutter Mode	Off
Code Page	850
Country Code	001
Clear Flash Memory	No

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

Please follow the steps as below.

- 1. Turn off the power switch.
- 2. Hold on the button then turn on the power switch.
- 3. Release the button when LED turns **green/amber** after 5 green blinks. (Any green/amber will do during the 5 blinks).
- The LED color will be changed as following:
   Amber → red (5 blinks) → amber (5 blinks) → green (5 blinks) → green/amber (5 blinks)
   → red/amber (5 blinks) → solid green

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

Please follow the steps as below.

- 1. Turn off the power switch.
- 2. Hold on the button then turn on the power switch.
- 3. Release the button when LED turns **red/amber** after 5 green/amber blinks. (Any red/amber will do during the 5 blinks).
- The LED color will be changed as following:

Amber  $\rightarrow$  red (5 blinks)  $\rightarrow$  amber (5 blinks)  $\rightarrow$  green (5 blinks)  $\rightarrow$  green/amber (5 blinks)  $\rightarrow$  solid green

#### 4.3.6 Skip AUTO.BAS

TSPL2 programming language allows user to download an auto execution file to flash memory. Printer will run the AUTO.BAS program immediately when turning on printer power. The AUTO.BAS program can be interrupted without running the program by the power-on utility.

Please follow the procedures below to skip an AUTO.BAS program.

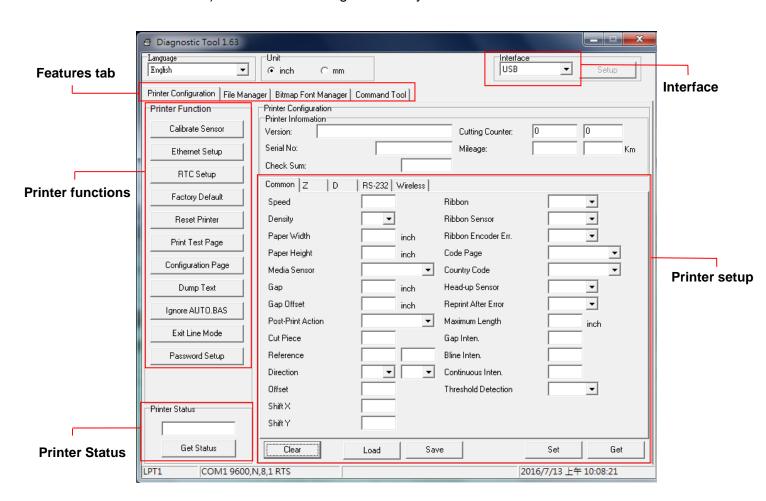
- 1. Turn off printer power.
- 2. Press the FEED button and then turn on power.
- 3. Release the FEED button when LED becomes solid green.
- The LED color will be changed as following:
  Amber → red (5 blinks) → amber (5 blinks) → green (5 blinks) → green/amber (5 blinks) → red/amber (5 blinks) → solid green
- 4. Printer will be interrupted to run the AUTO.BAS program.

### 5. Diagnostic Tool

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

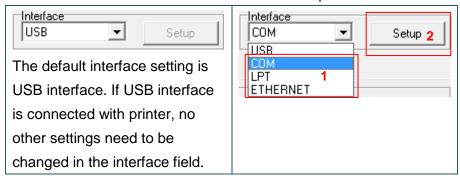
### **5.1 Start the Diagnostic Tool**

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



### **5.2 Printer Function**

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



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

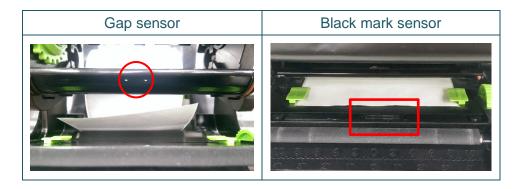
Printer Function	Function	Description	
Calibrate Sensor	Calibrate Sensor	Calibrate the sensor specified in the Printer Setup group media sensor field	
Ethernet Setup	Ethernet Setup	Setup the IP address, subnet mask, gateway for the on board Ethernet	
RTC Setup	RTC Setup	Synchronize printer Real Time Clock with PC	
Print Test Page	Print Test Page	Print a test page	
Reset Printer	Reset Printer	Reboot printer	
Factory Default  Dump Text	Factory Default	Initialize the printer and restore the settings to factory default. (Please refer section 4.3.3)	
Ignore AUTO.BAS	Dump Text	To activate the printer dump mode.	
Configuration Page	Ignore AUTO.BAS	Ignore the downloaded AUTO.BAS program	
Password Setup	Configuration Page	Print printer configuration (Please refer section 4.3.2)	
	Password Setup	Set the password to protect the settings	

For more information about Diagnostic Tool, please refer to the diagnostic utility quick start guide on TSC website.

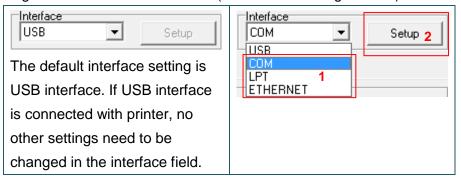
### 5.3 Calibrating Media Sensor by Diagnostic Tool

#### 5.3.1 Auto Calibration

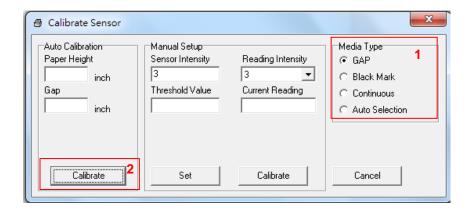
1. Make sure the media is already installed and print head mechanism is closed. (Please refer to section 3.3.)



- 2. Turn on the printer power switch.
- 3. Open Diagnostic tool and set interface. (The default setting is USB.)



- 4. Click the "Calibrate Sensor" button.
- 5. Select the media type and click the "Calibrate" button.



# 6. Troubleshooting

### **6.1 Common Problems**

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

Problem	Possible Cause	Recovery Procedure	
Power indicator does not	* The power cord is not	* Plug the power cord in printer and outlet. * Switch the printer on.	
illuminate.	properly connected.		
- The printer status from			
DiagTool shows " <b>Head</b>			
Open".	* The printer carriage is open.	* Please close the print carriage.	
- The LED shows " <b>Red</b>			
(blinking)".			
- The printer status from			
DiagTool shows "Ribbon End			
Err." Or "Ribbon Encoder	* Running out of ribbon. * The ribbon is installed	* Supply a new ribbon roll.	
Err."	incorrectly.	* Please refer to the steps on section 3.2 to re-install the ribbon.	
- The LED shows " <b>Red</b>			
(blinking)".			
- The printer status from		* Supply a new label roll.  * Please refer to the steps on section 3.3 to reinstall the label roll.  * Calibrate the gap/black mark sensor.	
DiagTool shows "Out of	* Running out of label. * The label is installed		
Paper".	incorrectly.		
- The LED shows " <b>Red</b>	* Gap/black mark sensor is not calibrated.		
(blinking)".			
- The printer status from	* Gap/black mark sensor is not		
DiagTool shows "Paper Jam".	set properly.  * Make sure label size is set	* Calibrate the gap/black mark sensor.  * Set label size correctly.	
- The LED shows " <b>Red</b>	properly.  * Labels may be stuck inside		
(blinking)".	the printer mechanism.		
Not Printing	* Cable is not well connected to serial or USB interface or parallel port.  * The serial port cable pin configuration is not pin to pin connected.	* Re-connect cable to interface.  * Chang a new cable.  * Ribbon and media are not compatible.  * Verify the ribbon-inked side.  * Reload the ribbon again.  * Clean the print head.  * The print density setting is incorrect.  * Print head's harness connector is not well connected with printheat. Turn off the printer and plug the connector again.  * Check your program if there is a command PRINT at the end of the file and there must have CRLF at the end of each command	

	line.		
Memory full ( FLASH / DRAM )	* The space of FLASH/DRAM is full.	* Delete unused files in the FLASH/DRAM.	
Poor Print Quality	<ul> <li>* Ribbon and media is loaded incorrectly</li> <li>* Dust or adhesive accumulation on the print head.</li> <li>* Print density is not set properly.</li> <li>* Printhead element is damaged.</li> <li>* Ribbon and media are incompatible.</li> <li>* The printhead pressure is not set properly.</li> </ul>	* Reload the supply.  * Clean the print head.  * Clean the platen roller.  * Adjust the print density and print speed.  * Run printer self-test and check the print head test pattern if there is dot missing in the pattern.  * Change proper ribbon or proper label media.  * The print head mechanism does not latch the print head properly.	
Skip labels when printing	<ul> <li>* Label size is not specified properly.</li> <li>* Sensor sensitivity is not set properly.</li> <li>* The media sensor is covered with dust.</li> </ul>	* Check if label size is setup correctly. * Calibrate the sensor by Auto Gap or Manual Gap options. * Clear the GAP/Black mark sensor by blower.	
The printing position of small label is incorrect	* Media sensor sensitivity is not set properly. * Label size is incorrect. * The vertical offset setting in the driver is incorrect.	* Calibrate the sensor sensitivity again. * Set the correct label size and gap size. * If using the software BarTender, please set the vertical offset in the driver.  * Superstate    Page Setup Graphics   Stock   Options   About	
Missing printing on the left or right side of label	* Wrong label size setup.	* Set the correct label size.	
Wrinkle problem	<ul> <li>* Ribbon installation is incorrect.</li> <li>* Media installation is incorrect.</li> <li>* Print density is incorrect.</li> <li>* Media feeding is incorrect.</li> </ul>	* Please set the suitable density to have good print quality.     * Make sure the label guide touch the edge of the media guide.	
Gray line on the blank label	* The print head is dirty. * The platen roller is dirty.	* Clean the print head. * Clean the platen roller.	
Irregular printing	* The printer is in Hex Dump		

# 7. Maintenance

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

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

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

#### Note:

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

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