



Operation Manual



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Please read this manual carefully before you use this equipment.

Introduction

Thank you for your purchase of high resolution printer. We want you to get helpful information for your work with this equipment; therefore we would like to explain a little bit about how to use this machine by this user manual by the following content:

- Important precautions for use of the machine
- Introduction of printer: Parts and components of the machine
- Setup and Installation Instructions: Instructions for Equipment Setup and Cartridge Installation.
- How to use the printer and the check work before/after use of the printer: explanations of general operation and startup/shutdown.
- Operation instructions: explanations on how to new/edit data for printing, and how to adjust printer settings.
- Care and Maintenance: Care and maintenance for printer and cartridge
- Troubleshooting: Common failures occurred and solutions
- Appendix 1 Terms and Definitions: Definitions for terms used in this document.

Please read this user manual carefully before first use of the printer for full understanding and attention of important information so that you will get maximum use from your new equipment. This will also help you have a guick reference to related sections when you have any problems during use.

- *Note 1:* If you cannot solve the problem encountered during use, please contact us for assistance.
- **Note 2:** The information contained herein is subject to change without notice. The amended information will be updated in user manual by new edition.
- **Note 3:** Any machine failure or damage caused by user's negligence in following this manual will not be covered by the warranty.

Chapter 1: How to Use the Printer and the Check Work before/after Use

In this Chapter, you will learn how to use the printer, including check work before and after use.



Note: After printer starts, firstly set the printheads and build-in photocell, details please refer to Section 2.4.3

1.1 How to Use the Printer

Sq#	Procedure	Instructions		
1	cartridge	Insert cartridge into the printer stall by an angle of 15 degree, close cartridge clip		
'	Installation	to secure. (see 2.3 Cartridge Installation)		
2	Turn on printer	Connect power adapter to printer power input, switch on power, printer enters initialization startup.	201308 Parate	
3	Main Interface - Printing Management	After initialization startup, "main interface" appears (see Section 5.1). Click to enter "Printing Management" (see Section 5.2).	Section Sectio	
4	Select data - Start printing	Select a file on data list, click Start to Start printing.		
5	Printing report	When printing starts, the button change to the icon for stop printing, meanwhile a printing report appears.	Massage Name M00001 Short Spatial Name 201 eV/18 18 37 20 William Confer 1 1001	
6	Stop printing	Click to stop printing, printing report exits, and the button returns to "Start printing" status.		
7	Switch off	Exit printing, and switch off power.		

1.2 Check Work before Use

Sq#	Item	Check Work	
1	Printer support	Is the support securely mounted?	
2	Printer position	Is the printer orientation correct? Is the nozzle plate parallel to printing object? Is the throw distance controlled within 0.5-2.5mm?	
3	cartridge	Is the cartridge wiped clean? Has the cartridge been installed to printer?	
4	Power input	Is the printer input voltage normal?	
5	Printer status	Check status bar, is the equipment status normal?	

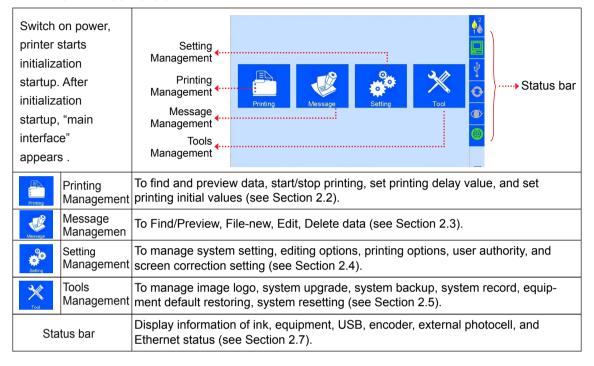
1.3 Check Work after Use

Sq#	Item	Check Work	
1	Printer Power Status	Is the printer power switched off?	
2	cartridge	Is the cartridge removed from printer and wiped clean and printhead capped?	

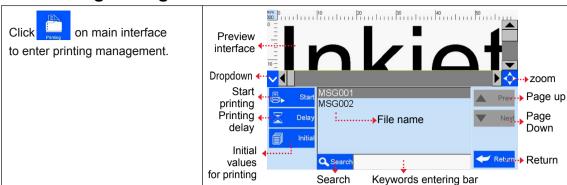
Chapter 2: Printer Operation Instructions

This chapter explains how to operate printer interface, including Printing Management, Data Management, System Management, Tools Management, and Status Bar.

2.1 Main Interface



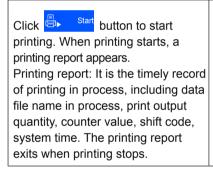
2.2 Printing Management



2.2.1 Find/Preview Data

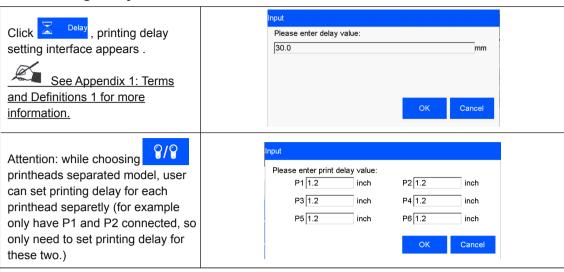
A. Find data	Find by Pageup/Pagedown/keywords.	
B. Preview data	Preview data by locating or selecting a file of data to display on preview interface; ddata located/selected will be displayed in sequence on preview interface.	
While the mes	Note: Drag the scroll bar horizontally to view the data when it exceeds the screen horizontally. While the message is for multi-printheads, can drop down to check the full content, and also can zoom to preview.	

2.2.2 Start Printing / Printing Report





2.2.3 Printing Delay



- A. Printing delay default value: 30mm;
- B. Printing delay value range: 0.0-999.9mm;
- C. It is allowed to set printing delay value during printing process: the newly set value becomes valid for immediately next printing.
- D. Printing delay value for each message are independent from one another, the delay setting for current data file will not affect another data file.

2.2.4 Print Initial Values

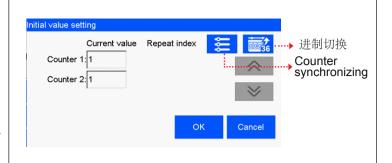
Click Page, the interface of initial values setting and repeated index value checking appears.

36 Base System: select the regulation, when setting is , input is 0-Z (not including I Default setting is decimal from 0-9. 26讲制则为:A-Z

See Appendix 1: Terms and Definitions 2 for more information.

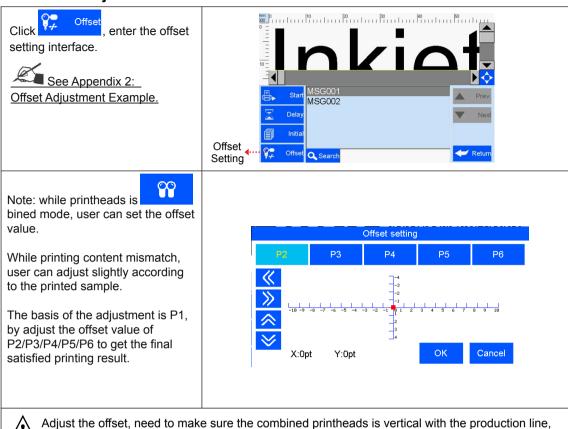
Counter Synchronizing: when multi counter included in the same file, click , then all counters' current value will be synchronized to counter 1's current value.

After confirmed, a dialog box will display the counters' setting, user can set the counter's begin/end/step/repeat number and the binary regulation.





2.2.5 Offset Adjustment



Adjust the offset, need to make sure the combined printheads is vertical with the production line or mismatch will occur.

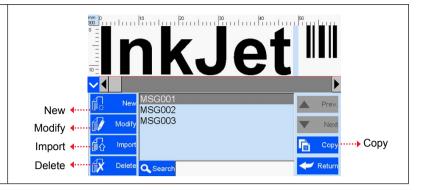
2.2.6 Stop Printing

Click to stop printing and exit printing report, return to Start Printing status.

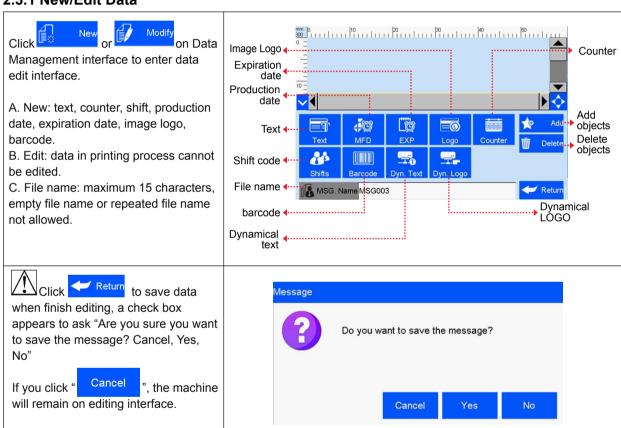
Note: Printer automatically stops printing when there is case as power-off, out of ink, alarming etc.

2.3 New/Edit Data





2.3.1 New/Edit Data

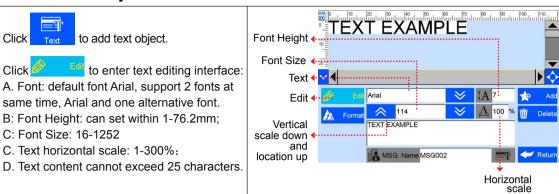


Note: "MSG001" is default data in system, not editable and not erasable.

The system allows maximum 500 files of data (including default MSG001).

The system does not save empty data.

2.3.2 Add Text Object

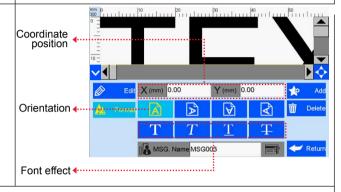


Click to enter text adjustment interface.

E. Coordinate location: adjustable range for X axis 0-3000mm; for Y axis, 0-25.4mm.

F. Text orientation: 0°, 90°, 180°, 270°. Four orientations adjustable.

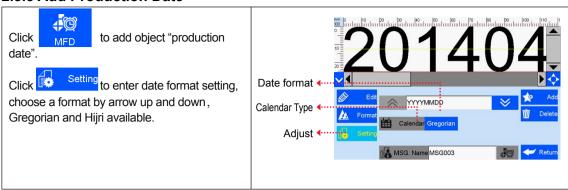
G. Font effects: bold, italy, underline, strikeout, four effects adjustable.



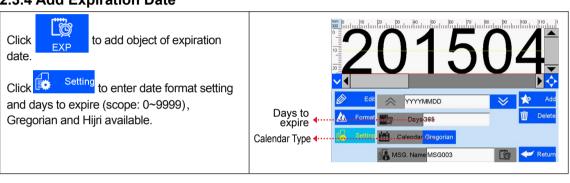


Note: Please refer to this Section (Section 5.3.2) regarding how to add objects as "production date", "expiration date", "image Logo", "counter", "shift code", "dynamical text" "dynamical logo", but the content of "production date", "expirationdate", "counter", "shift code" "dynamical text" "dynamical logo" cannot be revised or adjusted directly when you add, and the font, height, content and font effect of "image Logo" dynamical logo" cannot be revised directly. There is no option of horizontalscale " " for "logo" "barcode", "dynamical logo".

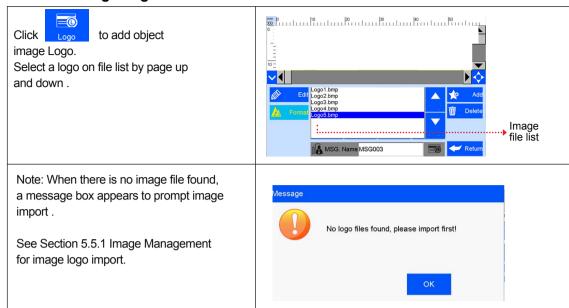
2.3.3 Add Production Date



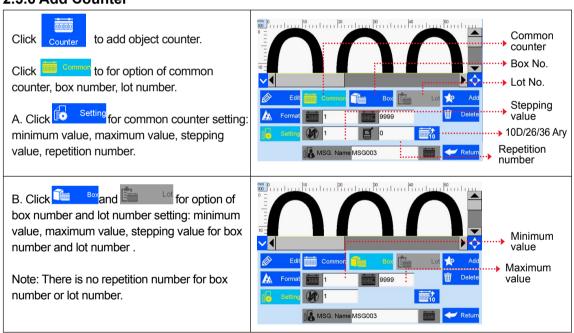
2.3.4 Add Expiration Date

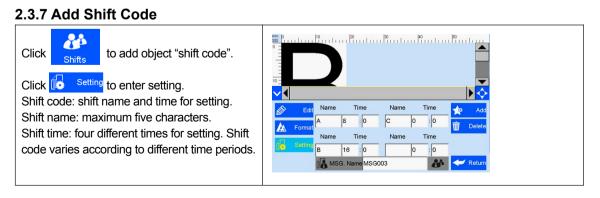


2.3.5 Add Image Logo

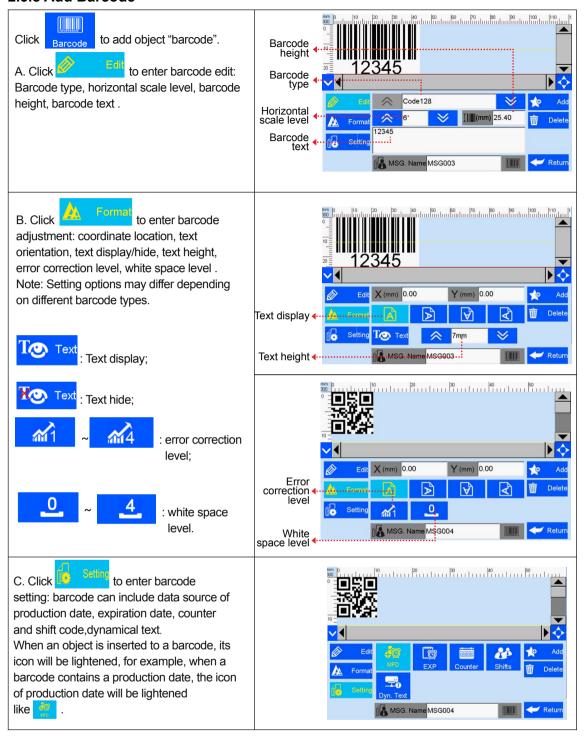


2.3.6 Add Counter

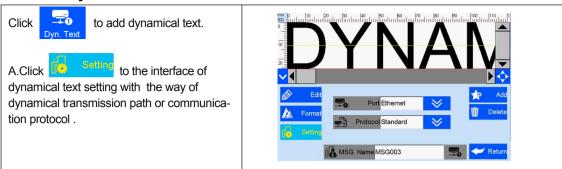




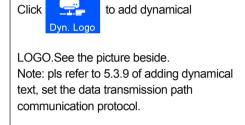
2.3.8 Add Barcode

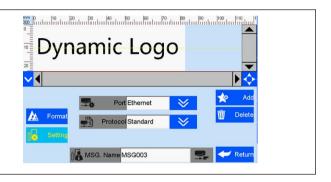


2.3.9 Add dynamical text

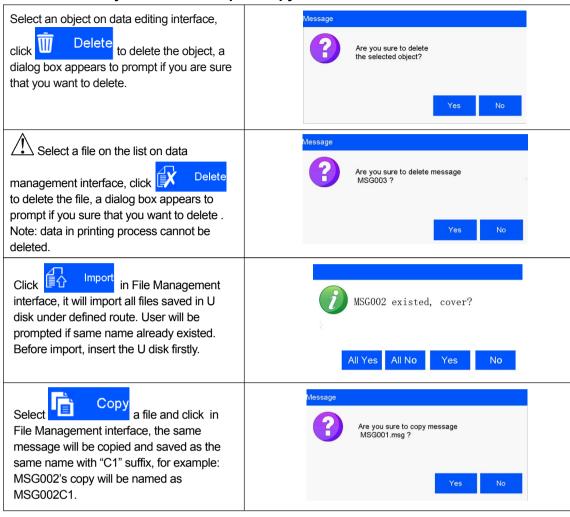


2.3.10 Add dynamical LOGO



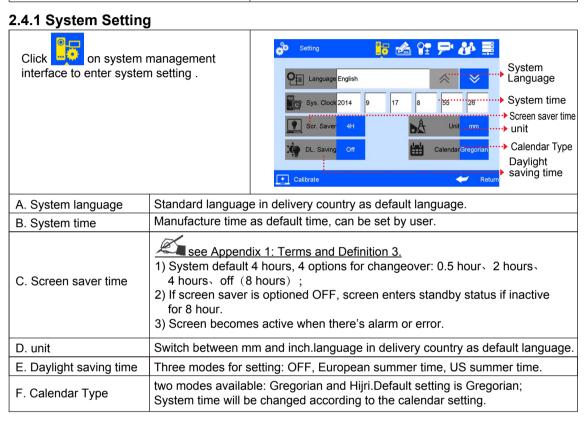


2.3.11 Delete Object or Delete/Import/copy Data

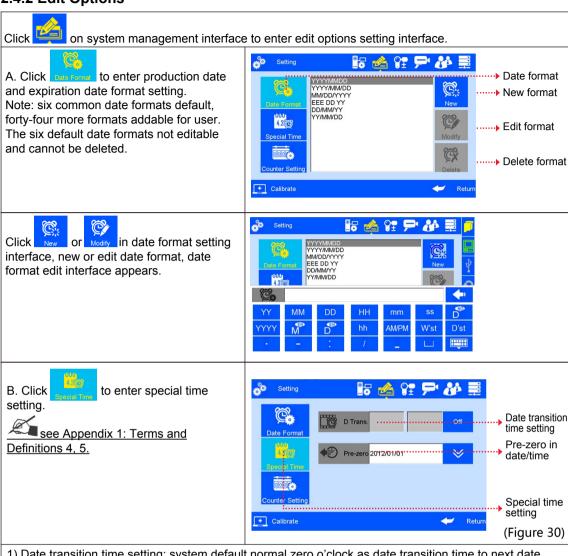


2.4 System Management

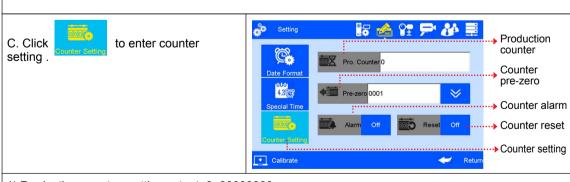




2.4.2 Edit Options



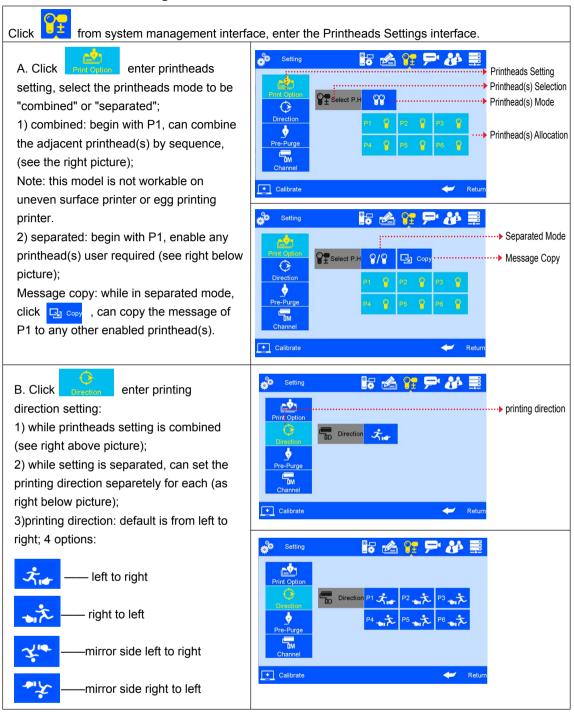
- 1) Date transition time setting: system default normal zero o'clock as date transition time to next date, users can set different time as date transition time.
- 2) Pre-zero in date/time: four options: OFF, empty preposition, empty postposition, centered without zero. (e.g. 2012/05/09, 2012/ 5/ 2, 2012/5 /2 , 2012/5/2).

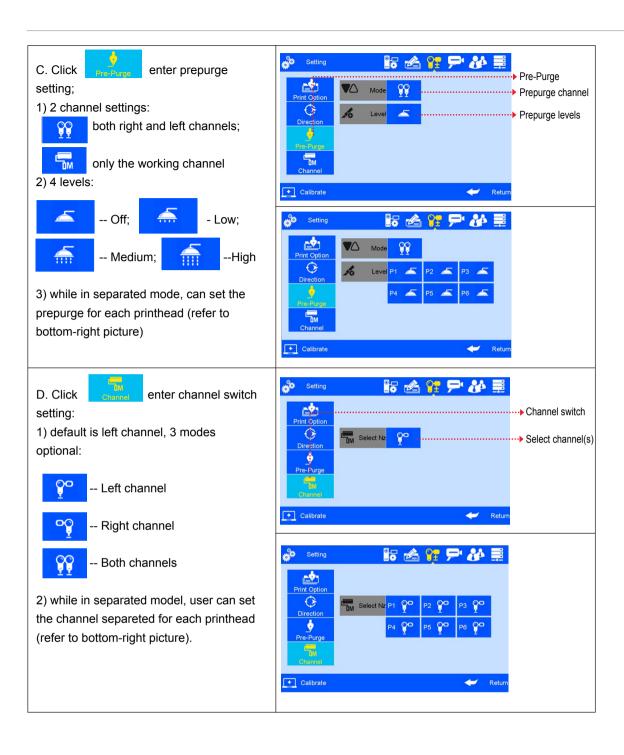


- 1) Production counter: setting extent: 0~99999999.
- 2) Pre-zeros: four options: OFF, empty preposition, empty postposition, centered without zero
- (e.g. 0001, ___1, 1___, 1).

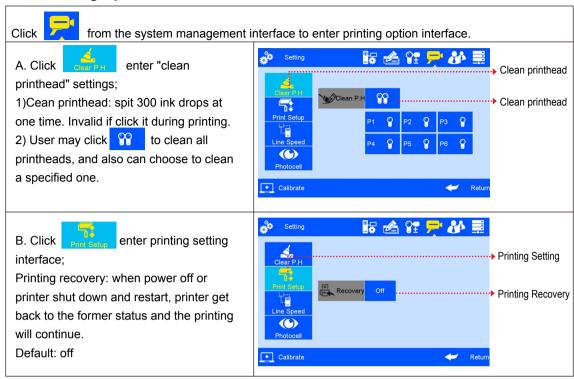
 3) Counter alarm: ON or OFF option. When counter alarm is turned ON, the machine will stop printing, sound alarm and prompt message that print number reaches maximum value.
- 4) Counter reset: ON or OFF option. All counters will start from initial values if the counter reset is turned ON. The printing value will continue with the last one if the counter reset is turned OFF.

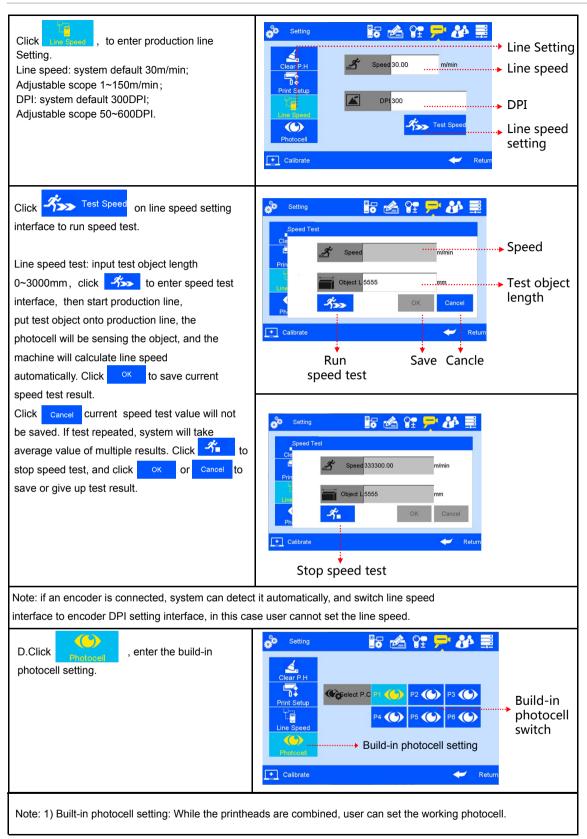
2.4.3 Printheads Settings





2.4.4 Printing Options





Note: setting can not be adjusted while printing.

2.4.5 User Management



on system management interface to enter user management (see Figure 37).

- A. User permission management switch: system default OFF. A login dialogue box requests user name and password for access to operation of the printer when machine power is switched on.
- B. User name: different names for different access permission. Administrator is of best authority, with access to all settings including password modification. Engineer is with access to data management and printing management; and operator is with access to printing management only.
- C. Password and password confirmation: administrator creates user name and set password. Maximum 15 characters for password. Default administrator password "888888".



Note: Please contact local dealer or our company for printer unlocking when you forget administrator password.

2.4.6 Special Features



A. Click to enter "Special printing" setting .

Continuous printing:

See Appendix 1: Terms and Definitions 9 for more information.

1) Continuous output times: system default 0 (OFF). Adjustable scope 0~9999. Note: 0 is equal to OFF; 9999 equal to infinite.

2) Output interval: system default OFF, adjustable scope 0~9999mm.

Special printing Continuous output times Output interval Calibrate Special printing Continuous output times Register Distance mm Distance mm Delay 0.00 mm Return Continuous printing

Bidirectional printing:

from left to right, from right to left

1) Reverse frequency: printing direction can be reversed automatically when the system senses the set printing times. For example, the set printing times is 3, when it is finished from right to left, printing direction will change into left to right automatically, vice versa.

system default value: 0 (off) adjustable extent: 0 -9999

2) Reverse delay : printing delay according to

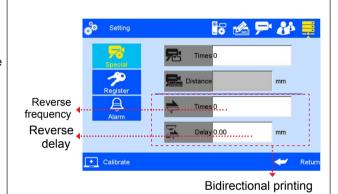
the set direction

system default value: 0 (off) adjustable extent: 0 -999.9

it should be set before printing not during printing process

Note: normal delay (from right to left) set in the printing interface. see: 5.2.3;

This function is only sutable for the model of stitched printheads and single printhead.



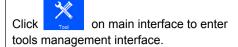
2.4.7 Screen Touch Correction

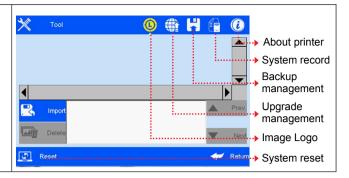
Click on system management interface to enter screen touch correction.

Note: Please correct screen touch when there's inaccurate touch phenomenon. Icon "+" appears on different location on screen guides you the screen correction. The interface exits after screen touch correction finished, and a message appears to prompt screen touch correction success or failure for your attention.



2.5 Tools Management





2.5.1 Image Management

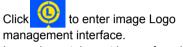
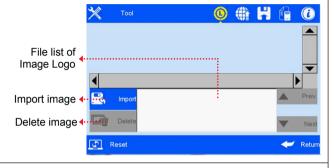


Image import: import image from USB or Ethernet.

Image format: Solid color BMP; Image height: 0-900 pixel point. Image length:0-10000 pixel point.

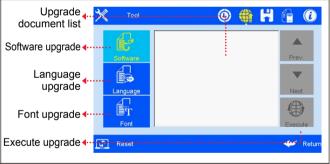


Note: 1) System prompts and cuts the excess part if the imported image exceeds borders.

- 2) Image import cannot be executed when pixel points exceed 100.
- 3) Image Logo document route: USB Disk/InkJet/Logo.

2.5.2 System Upgrade

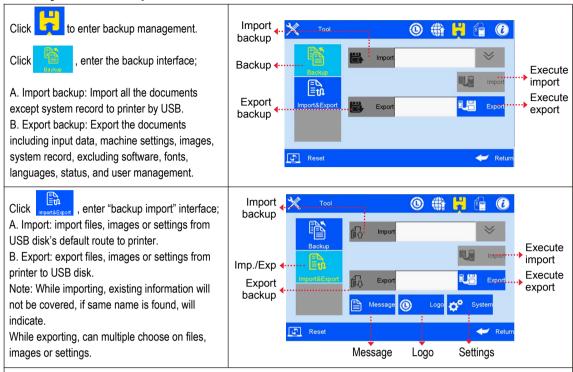




A. Software upgrade System automatically searches for software upgrade documents in designated folder a the upgrade documents by list. User can select anyone in the list for upgrade. Document route: USB Disk/InkJet/Upgrade/Application.	
B. Language System is loaded with multiple languages upon delivery. User can add one mo language if needed. Document route: USB Disk/InkJet/Upgrade/Language.	
C. Font upgrade	System supports two fonts; user can add another font besides the default Arial. Document route: USB Disk/InkJet/Upgrade/Font.

Note: Software upgrade documents, language documents, font documents can only be identified when they are packed by the conversion tools provided by our company. The language documents, font documents are not replaceable and cannot be deleted.

2.5.3 System Backup



Note: Please check USB connection status and disk space is normal when execute backup import and export. Backup document route: USB Disk/InkJet/Backup.

2.5.4 System Record

Click to enter system record viewing interface. All operation activities including operator, operation and operation time will be shown.



1) The printing activities: printing start and stop, initial values.

The printing activities: initial values setting diary.

System record information includes:

- 3) All operation activities in system management (including touch screen correction).
- 4) Image import and delete activities, system upgrade, backup, and reset activities.

Note: System record does not include querying and viewing activities.

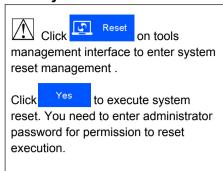
2.5.5 About Equipment

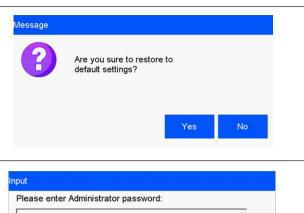
Click to enter equipment information viewing interface.

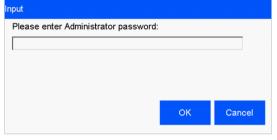
Information displays current hardware version, software version, machine serial number, dealer code, company Logo, company name and website.



2.5.6 System Reset





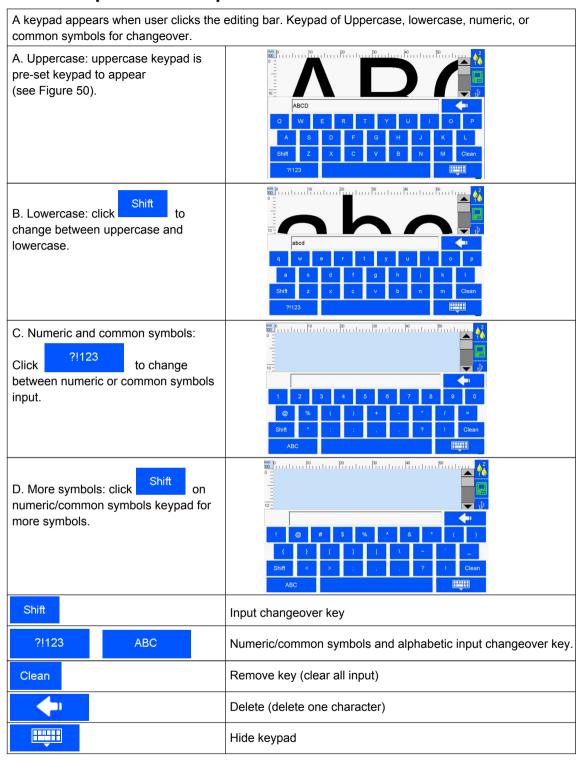


Note: System reset is to restore all defaults.

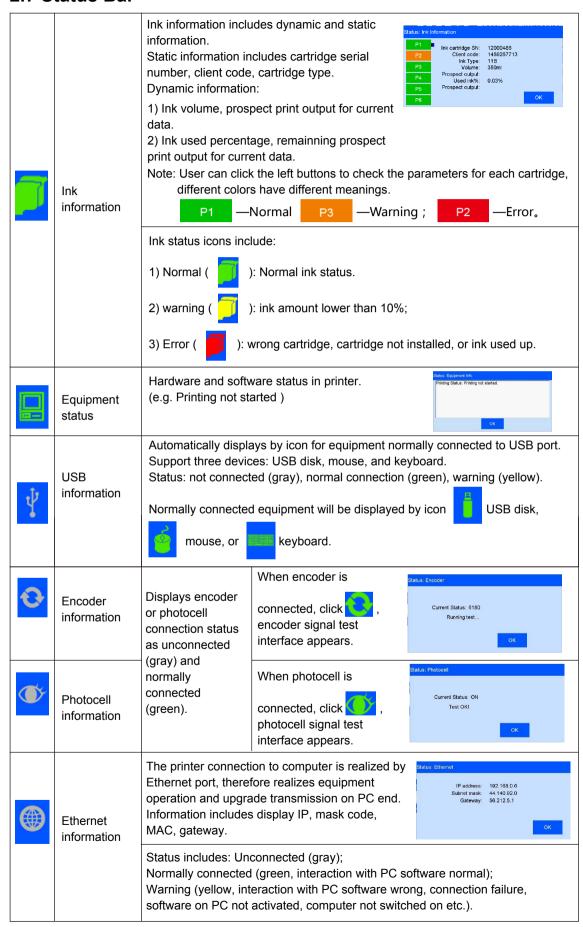
- 1) Restore all the settings to defaults, clear all data and images.
- 2) Maintain software version in current version; restore language and font to default.

After system reset, system parameters are as follows:				
Item #	Item	Parameter		
1	Language	English		
2	System time	Manufacture time		
3	Screen saver time	4 hours		
4	Unit	Metric/mm		
5	Daylight saving time	OFF		
6	Customer year	OFF		
7	Date transition time setting	OFF		
8	Pre-zero in date/time	OFF		
9	Pre-zero in counter	OFF		
10	Counter alarm	OFF		
11	Counter reset	OFF		
12	Pre-purge	OFF		
13	Clean printhead	Standby		
14	Printing direction	Left-to-right		
15	Channel switch	Left channel		
16	Print Recovery	OFF		
17	Line speed	30m/min		
18	DPI	300DPI		
19	User permission management	OFF		
20	Continuous output times	0 OFF		
21	Data management	Only system default data Msg001		
22	Printing delay	30mm		
23	Printing initial value	Counter initial value and data source current value.		

2.6 Edit Input Method Options



2.7 Status Bar



Chapter 3: Care and Maintenance

Printer is a precision machine. To keep your machine work properly and bring facilitation to your production; to keep your machine in good condition and extend equipment life, it is important to carry out proper care and maintenance on machine from time to time.

3.1 Printer Care and Maintenance

- 3.1.1 Make sure power cord, power adapter cord, grounding wire is in good condition. Make sure the contact of each cord or wire is reliable.
- 3.1.2 Make sure the screw for grounding wire is secured and the grounding is reliable.
- 3.1.3 Make sure the equipment is not displaced. Make sure the nozzle plate is parallel to printing object, and printing distance is controlled within 0.5-2.5mm. (Please use the designed tools provided by our company to secure the mounting support).
- 3.1.4 Clean ink cartridge: wipe nozzle plate with Non-woven to keep nozzles clean and unclogged. (Please refer to ink cartridge care and maintenance for instructions).
- 3.1.5 Keep touch screen clean. Do not hit touch screen sharply.
- 3.1.6 Keep machine surface and ports clean.
- 3.1.7 Check status bar, make sure equipment icon is normal and there's no alarming status on status bar. (In case of alarm status, check troubleshooting for solution)
- 3.1.8 When machine is turned off, make sure to remove the cartridge from printer, clean the nozzle plate and cap the printhead, and place the cartridge in safe environment. (Please refer to cartridge care and maintenance for instructions).

3.2 Ink Cartridge Care and Maintenance

Maintain correct methods for use and storage of the cartridge will keep the cartridge work with best print quality and extend cartridge life. Please always follow instructions in Ink Cartridge Care and Maintenance. The warranty will not cover damage or failure caused by negligence in following our care and maintenance instructions.

- 3.2.1 Ink volatilizes slowly if the cartridge is decapped. Keep new and undecapped cartridge in its original package. Decap new cartridge only when it is to be used.
- 3.2.2 Try to use up ink as soon as possible once the cartridge is decapped to prevent blockage because ink become dry on nozzle plate very soon.
- Note: Due to property difference, different inks have different dry time and care and maintenance methods. Contact our after-sale service for more information.
- 3.2.3 If ink in cartridge is not used up at a time after decapped, remove the cartridge from printer and cap the printhead and store it in airtight container provided by our company. (Storage temperature is room temperature).
- Note: Do not use adhesive tape to seal the printhead, and do not store cartridge in soft plastic bag.
- 3.2.4 Nozzle plate is delicate. Do not touch or clean nozzle plate with anything sharp or rough so as not to scratch nozzle plate.
- 3.2.5 Use the Non-woven provided by our company to wipe and clean nozzle plate.
- Note: Wipe nozzle plate with the printhead facing down. Move the printhead in the direction of nozzle channel. Move the printhead in the direction across nozzle channel will damage the nozzles.
- 3.2.6 Do not shake ink cartridge or expose it to vibration. Shake or vibration will get air run into cartridge and affect print quality.

To ensure best print quality, contact our company's after-sale service for information of instructions for different inks.

Chapter 4: Troubleshooting

- Note 1: The table below lists the most commonly seen problems and the solutions to each. If there's any other problem, contact your local dealer or our after-sale service for assistance.
- Note 2: The table below is for reference only because causes for each problem may differ depending on individual situation such as setup environment, operation demand.

4.1 Troubleshooting for Ink Cartridge

Sr.#	Problem	Problem	Solutions	Comments	
1	The print has broken line or white line.	Nozzle blockage or damage.	A. See Section 6.2 Ink Cartridge Care and Maintenance, wipe and clean nozzle plate with Non-woven; B. See Section 2.4.3, purge the nozzles by the option "Clean Printhead".	If the problem is still unsolved: Check if there's any spring-loaded connectors depressed in Driver board; Check if there's contamination on cartridge contact plate.	
		Cartridge not in good contact with printer.	Remove the cartridge and re-insert.	contact plate.	
2	The print is complete at first, and then becomes incomplete	Ink starvation or air bubbles blocking nozzles.	A. Check status bar if there's alarm of low ink. B. Send back to our company for test.		
3	The print is totally blank.	Ink used up or total nozzle blockage.	See Section 2.7 to check ink status: is ink used up?		
	Unable to	Connectivity problem on printer (defect or damage)	Remove cartridge and re-insert.	If problem is unsolved: Check if there's any spring-loaded connectors depressed in driver board. Check if there's contamination on cartridge.	
4	identify ink cartridge.	Cartridge dealer code mistake.	Remove cartridge and re-insert.	Check if there's contamination on ISM card. Check if there's any connector depressed on ISM card board.	

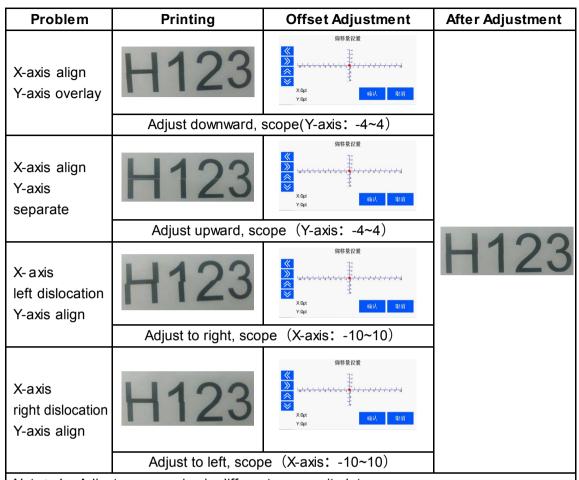
4.2 Troubleshooting for Printer

Sr.#	Problem	Cause	Solutions	Comment
1	Printer cannot be switched on	1.No power input;	A. Make sure AC power input on adapter is correct, DC output on adapter is well connected with printer. B. Check if power adapter light is normal. Replace a new adapter if light is dead, dim or blinking.	
		2. Printer switch not turned on.	Make sure the printer power switch is turned ON.	
		3. Equipment damage.	Contact local dealer or after-sale service.	
	Printer does not print	Printing not started.	Pls check firstly if the current status is in printing.	
		2. No data for printing.	Select a file and click "Start printing" button.	
		3. Printing delay value too big.	Check if the printing delay value is normal.	
2		Cartridge not installed.	Install a cartridge.	
		5. Cartridge installed but used up or damaged.	Check cartridge status according to Section 2.7, is ink used up or cartridge dealer code wrong?	If ink used up, or cartridge dealer code wrong, replace a new cartridge.
		6. Photocell not works.	Cover up the photocell to check according to 2.2.2 to see if there's variation in print output quantity in printing report.	When the external equipment is photocell, click for photocell signal test interface, test if photocell works.
		7. Encoder is connected but damaged.	Check if the encoder and its connection wire are in good condition; check if the production line is running well.	When the external equipment is encoder, click for encoder signal test interface, move encoder to check if the encoder works.

Appendix 1: Terms and Definitions

Sr.#	Term	Definition	Comment
1	Printing delay	It is the distance from the point when photocell senses the printing object to the point when printing starts. User can adjust the value to alter the print position on printing object.	E.g. Printing delay value is 30mm, printer starts printing at 30mm point after the photocell senses the printing object.
2	Printing initial value	It is beginning value in printing process for print data.	E.g. Set the initial value as 9, the counte counting starts from 9 for first print.
3	Screen saver time	It is a power saving function, the screen will automatically turn off and enter standby mode when the screen is inactive for a time period as set.	E.g. Set the screen saver time as one minute. The screen will automatically turn off and enter standby mode if the screen becomes inactive for one minute.
4	Customer year	It is the special year on customer demand. Customer can change the year in date format by any round number within scope.	E.g. The system date is 2012/07/31. Supposed the date by customer is 2010/07/31, customer can set the year ir date as 2010. Then the date shown on the print will be 2010/07/31.
5	Date transition time setting	When system time reaches certain point, the printout date and time will be that of the next date.	For example: Current date is 07.10, set the date transition time to be 07:59,then the time of last printing out before that is recorded as 09/07 07:59, after that is 10/07,8:00. If the date transition time is 12:01,then the time of last printing out before that is recorded as 10/07 12:00,after that is 11/07.
6	Pre-purge	Ink becomes dry on nozzle plate during use. The dried ink will make the print not clear for half of first character. To prevent this phenomenon, user can turn this function ON.	When Pre-purge function is turned ON, printer will spray a little ink at optioned level during idle period in printing process to keep nozzle plate warm and moist so as to eliminate dried ink phenomenon.
7	Clean Printhead	Customer can use this function to purge nozzles.	Purge whole nozzle plate, make sure nozzles are unblocked.
8	Channel switch	Customer can switch for different channel to achieve best print quality according to print need and nozzle channel condition.	E.g. At option of single-channel printing, when there are damage in left channel nozzle or there are missing dots in print by left channel, user can switch to right channel printing. At option of dual-channel printing, left channel and right channel will work at same time for printing to achieve darker print and best print quality.
9	Continuous printing	Multiple outputs of same print during one session of period photocell sensing the print object.	
10	Printing Recovery	When there is a power failure, and the setting is "ON", system will go back to the last printing status and resume printing when power gets back. The default setting for this function is "OFF"	When the printing contains counter, and the Printing Recovery setting is "ON", operator need to check on the counter value and do needful adjustment.

Appendix 2: Offset Adjustment Example



Note: 1. Adjust scope varies in different case, unit: dot;

^{2.} If mismatch remain after adjustment, please check if the printheads is installed vertically with the production line.



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