

TDP-225 /TDP-324/ TDP-225W/ TDP-324W

DIRECT THERMAL BAR CODE PRINTER

SERVICE MANUAL



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1. OVERVIEW

1.1 Front View



*	Recommended	MicroSD	card s	pecification.

SD card spec	SD card capacity	Approved SD card manufacturer		
V1.0, V1.1	MicroSD 128 MB	Transcend, Panasonic		
V1.0, V1.1	MicroSD 256 MB	Transcend, Panasonic		
V1.0, V1.1	MicroSD 512 MB	Transcend, Panasonic		
V1.0, V1.1	MicroSD 1 GB	Transcend, Panasonic		
V2.0 SDHC CLASS 6 MicroSD 4 GB Transcend				
- The DOS FAT file system is supported for the SD card.				
- Folders/files stored in the SD card should be in the 8.3 filename format				

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1.2 Interior View



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1.3 Rear View





2. ELECTRONICS

2.1 Summary of Board Connectors Main board



Connector	Description	Remark
1	USB connector	JP56
2	RS-232 interface board connector	JP50
3	Gap sensor receiver connector	JP34

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			Pin	Descri	ption	Voltage		
	1 🔳		1	l Power		3.3V		
	2	JP34	2	GAP sensor receiver AD		D 0~3.3V		
	Feed key and	LED) con	nector		JP28		
		Pin		Description		Voltage		
	6 5		1	Power		3.3V		
_	4	3	2	LED green		LED light on: 1.1~1.4V LED light off: 1.6~1.9V		
4	• 3 • 2	2	3	LED red		LED light on: 1.4~1.7V LED light off: 1.8~2.1V		
	1		4	Feed switch		0V: Push key 3 3V: Stand-by		
			5	GND		0V		
				L				
5	Print head co	nnec	tor			JP55		
6	Micro process	sor						
7	Stepping motor connector JP14				JP14			
	Black mark sensor connector				JP17			
			Pin	Descri	ption	Voltage		
			1	Power		3.3V		
8			2	Gap sensor emitter		Emitter on : 2.1~2.3V Emitter off: 2.6~2.8V		
	123	4	3	Black mark sensor		Emitter on : 2.1~2.3V Emitter off: 2.6~2.8V		
			4	Black mark se receiver AD	ensor	0~3.3V		
				·				
	Head open se	ensor	con	nector		JP16		
		Pin	D	escription		Voltage		
	• 3	1	Pov	wer 0V to 1. continue		.2V to 0V, 10ms square wave		
9	2 1 2	2	Head open sensor receiver Head or		Head clo Head op	lose: 3.3V to under 1.0V to 3.3V, 10ms square wave continued open: 3.3V continued		
		3	GN	D	0V			
10	LCD connected	or (Option)				JP1		
11	Peel-off sens	or co	nnec	tor		JP19		

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		Pin	Description		Voltage
		1	Power		3.3V
	2	2	Reserved		
	3 • 4 •	3	Peel sensor emitter		Emitter on: 2.1~2.3V Emitter off: 2.6~2.8V
	5 🖝	4	Peel sensor receive	r AD	0~3.3V
		5	GND		0V
	Cutter connector				JP35
		Pin	Description		Voltage
		1	Cutter power	24	V
	1	2	GND	0V	
	3	3	Cutter direction	0V 5V	: Cutter positive cut : Cutter negative cut
12	4	4	Cutter enable	0V: Cutter work 5V: Cutter stop	
	P35	5	Cutter position sensor switch	0V 3.3	: Cutter stop V: Cutter work
		6	GND	0V 5V	
		7	Logic power		
		8	Reserved		
13	microSD socket				JP2

Standard board



Connector	Description	Remark
1	RS232 connector	JP5
2	Main board connector	JP50



Option board



Connector	Description	Remark
1	Ethernet connector/RJ-45	JP4
2	Main board connector	JP50



2.2 Pin Configuration

<u>RS-232</u>

PIN	CONFIGURATION
1	+5 V
2	TXD
3	RXD
4	CTS
5	GND
6	RTS
7	N/C
8	RTS
9	N/C

<u>USB</u>

	PIN	CONFIGURATION
	1	N/C
	2	D-
	3	D+
	4	GND

Ethernet (Option)

PIN	CONFIGURATION
1	Tx+
2	Tx-
3	Rx+
4	N/C
5	N/C
6	Rx-
7	N/C
8	N/C



USB host (TDP-225W/324W/Option)

PIN	CONFIGURATION
1	+5V
2	D-
3	D+
4	GND



3. MECHANISM

Please turn off the power switch and unplug the power adapter before replacing parts.

3.1 Replacing Feed Button PCB (Feed Button PCB with LCD Module/ Option for TDP-225/324 Model)

1. Open the printer top cover by pulling the tabs located on each side towards the front of the printer, and then lift the top cover to the maximum open angle.



2. Use the screwdriver to remove the 6 screws from the top inner cover.



3. Disconnect the harness from the feed button PCB and remove the 3 screws from the feed button PCB holder.

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4. Remove three screws that fixed the feed button PCB to the holder.



- 5. Replace the feed button PCB or feed button PCB with LCD module.
- 6. Reassemble the parts in the reverse procedure.



3.2 Replacing the Main Board and RS-232 (Ethernet interface board/ Option for TDP-225/324 model)

1. Open the top cover and remove the lower front cover.



2. Close the top cover. Then turn the printer upside down and use the screwdriver to remove the 4 screws from lower cover.



3. Remove the lower cover.





4. Remove 2 screws from the main board and RS-232/Ethernet interface board.



- 5. Disconnect all connectors from the main board.
- 6. Remove/Replace the main board and RS-232/Ethernet interface board.





7. Take off the interface plate from the lower cover.



Interface plate

- 8. Reassemble the PCB, lower cover and lower front cover in reverse procedures.
- 9. Insert the under side of interface plate first then push the upper side of interface plate to replace it.





3.3 Replacing the Platen Roller Assembly

1. Open the printer top cover and remove the lower front cover.



2. Take out the platen roller assembly from the lower inner cover by pressing on the right side and left side holder tabs of platen.



- 4. Replace a new platen roller assembly.
- 5. Reassemble the parts in the reverse procedures.



3.4 Replacing the Media Holder Hub (For TDP-225/324 model)

- 1. Open the printer top cover.
- 2. Hold the media holder and push the bottom of the media holder hub to remove the media holder hub.



3. Refer to the same steps to remove the other media holder hub.





3.5 Replacing the Print Head Assembly

- 1. Open the printer top cover.
- 2. Press left concave of the print head bracket then pick up the print head assembly.



3. Disconnect the print head harness. Replace the print head assembly.





3.6 Replacing the Stepping Motor

- 1. Refer to section 3.2 to remove main board and RS-232/Ethernet interface board.
- 2. Use the screwdriver to remove the 2 screws.



3. Remove/Replace the stepping motor.





3.7 Peel-off Module Installation (Option)

- 1. Refer to section 3.2 to remove the lower cover.
- 2. Thread the 5-pin peel-off module harness through the front slot of lower inner cover. Plug in the peel-off module harness connector to the 5-pin red socket on the main board.



3. Embed the tenons into the both sides mortise of lower inner cover.



Tenon



4. Then, put back the lower inner cover. Fasten the 4 screws and Insert the interface plate.



5. Open the top cover and peel-off cover. Install the peel-off bar into the both slots of lower inner cover. Install the right side with spring first.



6. Stick the black label on the top inner cover above the print head.



Black label

7. Place the printer in the flat and secured desktop for media loading and printing.





3.8 Cutter Module Installation (Option)

- 1. Refer to section 3.2 to remove the lower cover.
- 2. Thread the cutter module 8-pin harness through the front slot of lower inner cover. Connect the cutter module harness connector to the 8-pin white socket on the printer main board.



3. Then, put back the lower inner cover. Place the cutter module into the both sides notches of lower inner cover, then push cutter to lock into the lower inner cover.



4 Place the printer in the flat and secured desktop for media loading and printing.







3.9 Replacing the Media Holder

- 1. Refer to section 3.2 to remove main board and RS-232/Ethernet interface board.
- 2. Take off the black cover under the main board and RS-232/Ethernet interface board.



3. Remove 4 screws to take the right and left media holder off.



Screws



3.10 Replacing the Head Open Sensor

- 1. Refer to section 3.2 to remove the lower cover.
- 2. Remove head open sensor connector. (JP16)



3. Remove 1 screw to remove and replace open head sensor.





4. TROUBLESHOOTING

The following guide lists the most common problems that might 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.

4.1 LED Status

This section lists the common problems that according to the LED status and other problems you may encounter when operating the printer. Also, it provides solutions.

LED Status	Printer	Possible Cause	Recovery Procedure
/ Color	Status		
OFF	No response	No power	* Turn on the power switch.
			* Check if the green LED is lit on power supply. If
			it is not lit on, power supply is broken.
			* Check both power connections from the power
			cord to the power supply and from the power
			supply to the printer power jack if they are
			connected securely.
Solid Green	ON	The printer is ready to	* No action necessary.
		use	
Green with	Pause	The printer is paused	* Press the FEED button to resume for printing.
blinking			
Red with	Error	The out of label or	1. Out of label or ribbon
blinking		ribbon or the printer	* Load a roll of label and follow the instructions in
		setting is not correct	loading the media then press the FEED button to
			resume for printing.
			* Load a roll of ribbon and follow the instructions
			in loading the ribbon then press the FEED button
			to resume for printing.
			2. Printer setting is not correct
			* Initialize the printer by instructions in "Power on
			Utility" or "Diagnostic Tool".

Note:

Printer status can be easily shown on the Diagnostic Tool. For more information about the Diagnostic Tool, please refer to the instruction in the software CD disk.



4.2 Print Quality

Problem	Possible Cause	Recovery Procedure
	Check if interface cable is well	Re-connect cable to interface.
	connected to the interface connector.	
	The serial port cable pin configuration is	Please replace the cable with pin to pin
	not pin to pin connected.	connected.
Not Printing	The serial port setting is not consistent	Please reset the serial port setting.
Not Frinting	between host and printer.	
	The port specified in the Windows driver	Select the correct printer port in the
	is not correct.	driver.
	The Ethernet IP, subnet mask, gateway	Configure the IP, subnet mask and
	is not configured properly.	gateway.
No print on the label	Label loaded not correctly	Follow the instructions in loading the
no print on the laber	Laber loaded not correctly.	media.
Continuous feeding	The printer setting may go wrong.	Please do the initialization and
labels		gap/black mark calibration.
	Gap/black mark sensor sensitivity is not	Calibrate the gap/black mark sensor.
	set properly (sensor sensitivity is not	
	enough)	
Paper Jam	Make sure label size is set properly.	Set label size exactly as installed paper
		in the labeling software or program.
	Labels may be stuck inside the printer	Remove the stuck label.
	mechanism near the sensor area.	
Poor Print Quality	Top cover is not closed properly.	Close the top cover completely and
		make sure the right side and left side
		levers are latched properly.
	Wrong power supply is connected with	Check if 24V DC output is supplied by
	printer.	the power supply.
	Check if supply is loaded correctly.	Reload the supply.
	Check if dust or adhesives are	Clean the print head.
	accumulated on the print head.	

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Check if print density is set properly.	Adjust the print density and print speed.
Check print head test pattern if head	Run printer self-test and check the print
element is damaged.	head test pattern if there is dot missing in the pattern.



4.3 LCD display (Option for TDP-225/324 model)

This section lists the LCD display messages that you may encounter when operating the printer. Also, it provides solutions.

Messages	Possible Cause	Recovery Procedure	
Head Open	* The printer top cover is open.	* Please close the top cover.	
No Paper	 * Running out of label. * The label is installed incorrectly. * Gap/black mark sensor is not calibrated. 	 * Supply a new label roll. * Please refer to the steps in user's manual to reinstall the label roll. * Calibrate the gap/black mark sensor. 	
Paper Jam	 * Gap/black mark sensor is not set properly. * Make sure label size is set properly. * Labels may be stuck inside the printer mechanism. 	 * Calibrate the gap/black mark sensor. * Set label size correctly. 	
Out of Mem	* The space of FLASH/DRAM or MicroSD card is full.	* Delete unused files in the FLASH/DRAM or MicroSD card.	
Take Label	* Peel function is enabled. Waiting user to take label away to print the next label.	 * Please take the label away to print the next label if peeler module is installed. * If peeler module is installed and label is been taken away, but the message remains. Please check if the peeler module connector is connected to main board properly. * If peeler module is not installed, please disable the peeler function. 	
Cutter Error	 * Cutter jam. * There is no cutter installed on the printer. * Cutter or cutter driver circuit board is damaged. 	 * Remove the jammed label. * Make sure the media thickness is equal or less than 0.19mm. * Replace the cutter or cutter driver circuit board. 	



5. 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 (Head cleaner pen)
- Lint-free cloth
- Vacuum / Blower brush
- 100% ethanol
- 2. The cleaning process is described as following

Printer Part	Method	Interval
	 Always turn off the printer before cleaning the print head. Allow the print head to cool for a minimum of one minute. Use a cotton swab and 100% ethanol to clean the print head surface. 	Clean the print head when changing a new label roll
Print Head	Prin Element Water Ander Head Cleaner Pen	Print Head
Platen Roller	 Turn the power off. Rotate the platen roller and wipe it thoroughly with 100% ethanol and a cotton swab, or lint-free cloth. 	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	As needed
Exterior	cloth	
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.
- The maximum printing ratio per dot line is 15% for this printer. To print the full web black line, the maximum black line height is limited to 40 dots, which is 5mm for 203 DPI resolution printer.



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