

Little DavidTM Label Application System

LX80 / 800 Series Print and Apply

Labeling System



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Operator's Manual

LITTLE DAVIDTM LABEL APPLICATION SYSTEM

Labeler Operation

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Chapter

Introduction

hank you for purchasing the model LX80/800 Little DavidTM labeler. The LX8 series of print and apply labelers is a labeler designed to be versatile enough to suit a variety of carton labeling requirements with one standard unit. All employees who will be required to operate the labeler should read this manual to ensure proper setup and a long machine life. After reading this manual you will know how to perform the following functions,

- How to position the labeler to achieve maximum performance.
- How to thread the labeler and adjust the sensors to apply labels in the most efficient manner.
- How to use the controller interface.
- Troubleshooting and replacing of worn or defective parts.

Throughout this manual there are several illustrations designed to help you perform the variety of tasks described. These illustrations all depict the right-hand version of the machine. You can tell a right hand and left hand machine apart by facing the machine. The side with the plate holding all of the rollers is the hand version of the machine. The hand designation of your individual machine does not affect any of the procedures or maintenance operations described below only that your left hand machine appears as a mirrored image of the machine depicted in the illustrations.

ICON KEY

Operating Safety



Observe the warnings and cautions below when using the Little David Label Application Systems. Within this manual, a warning indicates that the potential for bodily injury exists, and a

caution indicates when the machine may suffer damage.

Instruction: Requirement to System Operation

- Instruction: Socket-outlet shall be installed near the equipment and shall be easily accessible.
- Instruction: Fuses marked MDA 1/2A are of type: 250V, 1/2 Amp, Slow Blow.

Fuses marked MDA 3/4A are of type: 250V, 3/4 Amp, Slow Blow.

Fuses marked MDA 6/10A are of type: 250V, 6/10 Amp, Slow Blow.

Warning: Potential Bodily Injury

- Warning: Always turn off the electrical power and pneumatic air flow before clearing jams, and before performing maintenance. Perform Lockout / Tagout procedures when performing higher level maintenance tasks. Refer to your company Lockout / Tagout procedure or policy for specific details when appropriate.
- **Warning:** Avoid liquid or excessive moisture when using the system. Do not operate the system with wet hands, nor in a very humid environment. Do not spill liquid on the system.
- Warning: Do not touch moving parts. Turning hubs can bruise or scrape, rapidly moving label stock can cut like a knife.
- **Warning:** If a problem arises that is not covered in this manual, do not attempt to repair the system yourself, instead, call your nearest service office for immediate and correct care of the equipment. Trained personnel should perform all adjustments and service.

This manual contains operator information for Little David Application Equipment. It is directed toward the person who operates that system. You should take the time to read through this manual once before operating it. Thereafter, refer to it as necessary.

Take special note of all warnings, cautions, and maintenance instructions. Like any other piece of equipment, the Little David Label Application System functions best when cared for and used carefully. Note that only an authorized technician should perform any procedures not described in this manual.

Caution: Potential Machine Damage

- **Caution:** Do not install the system in direct sunlight.
- Caution: Do not install the system near a heater or heat emitting equipment.
- Caution: Provide and use proper electrical power and clean dry compressed air.
- **Caution:** Do not operate, maintain, or otherwise use the system, except as described in this manual.



Safety Decal Locations



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Labeler Sections

Overview

This manual covers several parts of the machine. The following diagram identifies the key sections of the machine.





Installation and Threading



lways check for any signs that the machine may have been damaged before fully removing it from the shipping skid.

Section 1: Placing the Machine

The labeler comes fully assembled and already on the mounting stand. The Plant Manager at your facility might have already determined a pre-arranged location for the labeler. If no prearranged location exists following the steps below will help determine the ideal spot.

Step One: Carefully remove all of the items in the shipping box and skid. There are three lag bolts fastening the labeler to the base of the skid. While the machine is fully assembled, certain options such as software or spare parts kits may be packaged separately.



<u>Step Two:</u> Take care removing the machine from the skid as it weighs 220 pounds. Get assistance with this step.

Step Three: You will need to move and orient the label machine along your production line in a position relative to your label and product. The enclosed <u>Quick Start Guide</u> details this process and it is reproduced here, as well.

A. Positioning the machine for top application or side application utilizes two handles located on the sides of the machine as shown.



B. Alternatively or additionally, you may want to turn the machine vertically. This is done with the handle found behind the machine.



If the machine is to be inverted (sometimes called bottom labeling) the handle should be completely removed to move the machine upside-down. This will expose a new hole that can be used for the lock handle so that the position is maintained.

C. Vertical height is changed with the handle on the top of the machine.



Step Four: Once the labeler has been rotated to the desired position, you will want to load the labels and ribbon. Loosen the outer clamp with the handle and remove it, then load you labels as shown and replace the outer guide. Prior to locking the outer guide in place, leave a little clearance between the outer guide and the roll of labels; **Do Not** press the outer guide tightly against the label roll as it will stop the label roll from unwinding normally and stall the label feed.



Ribbon should be loaded according to the diagrams on the inside cover of your printer and further details about the thermal transfer ribbon can be found in the printer manual.

Refer to Section 2: Threading Label Stock.

Section 2: Threading the Label Stock

Always make sure that the power is off, the unit is unplugged, and no product is moving past the labeler before threading new label stock or re-threading after a web breaks. The label thread path into and out of the printer is screened onto the label machine. This section will detail the threading operation in detail beyond the illustration on the machine.

Step One:

- Make sure that the let-off discs are not holding the label roll too tightly. The roll should spin when light pressure is applied to it.
- The label path is justified to the inside edge. Make sure that all guide collars and plates are properly aligned to the Let-Off Disc.
- Make sure that when the leading edge of the label roll is pulled away, the labels face the top of the machine regardless of the machine orientation to top, side, or bottom application.
- The machine is only designed to accept labels that are wound on the outside of the reel. See Label stock windings below.
- Clear the first 36" of labels.

Label Stock Windings





Labels wound outside (mount as shown)



Step Two: Take the cleared strip of label web and thread it under the dancer bar, over the rewind spindle, and under the idler roller as shown in the following illustration.



Step Four: Now take the web and pull it through the printer. Your printer will have a detailed thread path instruction on the inside cover. Further details about threading your printer can be found in your printer manual. Online videos showing the label and ribbon loading are available at the printer web site for that specific model.

Step Five: Take the label web back under the lower idler and attach it to the rewind spindle via the clip.



The labeler is now threaded and ready to be plugged in and turned on. You will need to download labels from a PC, or other device, to the labeler (consult printer and software manuals for detail).

Once label data has been transferred, you can use the 'Feed' selection on the control box to advance one label onto the applicator.

If the label comes out too far or not far enough adjustments to the printer may be needed. Read your printer manual for how to make the appropriate adjustments.

Chapter 5

Printer Configuration

Your OEM Label Printer

You are at the phase where you will need to configure and communicate from a host computer to the printer in your labeler.

The LX80/800 series Printers labelers comes standard with the following connectivity: RS232C Serial communications, USB, Parallel, and Wired Ethernet. (Note: Wireless Ethernet and in some models Blue Tooth are options that must be ordered at the time of the order.)

The LX80/800 Series of Label Machines comes equipped with an OEM style label printer (Print Engine) that was installed by our technicians before shipping it to your facility. Some printer manufactures provide a CDROM along with the print engine. Due to the wide selection of printers and configurations available, Loveshaw directs you to consult the printer (Print Engine) model web site for the most current manual and drivers. Also you will find other useful information such as how to videos and other documents with regard to set-up and troubleshooting of the Print Engine.

If the CD ROM is somehow damaged or cannot be located after unpacking, each OEM printer manufacture has detailed instructions as well as Operator, Technical and Parts manuals available for download from their respective web site. Please refer to those specific manufactures home pages for additional resources, user guides, tutorials and other useful information.

Note: It is important to register your OEM Printer Engine with the appropriate manufacture for specific printer warranty registration.

Chapter

Product Sensing

Proximity Photo-eye

Sensor P/N: E7763-P1-LX

The labeler operates when it gets a signal from the product sensor telling it that the product is in place to receive the label. A standard photoelectric eye comes packaged with the machine and wired, via quick disconnect cable, to the control cabinet.

A standard mounting bracket allows the photo-eye to be mounted to a conveyor or guide rail but must be placed so that the eye is no greater than 18 inches (300mm) away from the product. Select the position of the product sensor so that the product will pass in front of it when you want the label apply cycle to start.



It is possible to adjust the label position on the box by adjusting the time between product detection and label apply. For the **Straight Tamp** with air assist applicator, the dial on the back of the control box is a delay timer that will stall the activation of the labeler from the moment of product detection.



There are three adjustments that can be made on the timer. One is to simply turn the dial to the desired value. On the lower left is a *RANGE* adjustment that will increase the increment value. On the lower right is the *UNITS* adjustment that will change the time unit of measure from Seconds, minutes, hours, and 10 hour increments.

NOTE: The Dual Tamp (Swing Arm) utilizes a Touch Screen in place of the selector switch and product timer to control labeler function. See Touch Screen section, page 33.

Applicator

Standard Stroke Tamp (200mm / 8") with Air Assist

Assembly P/N: .TP-LX80-40X60

For further details on assembly components, see Chapter 12.

Adjusting the Applicator

The applicator has only three adjustments; stroke length (or distance to product), pitch, and offset. All other timing is done through sensors.

Background Suppressed Sensor P/N: E7367-BS2

Adjusting the Applicator Stroke Length

The tamp applicator uses a sensor to detect when the applicator has made contact with your product. It may be necessary to adjust the sensitivity or range of this sensor to apply the label to your desired specifications.





With the air off and the power on, extend the cylinder until the applicator pad touches the surface to be labeled and then turn the dial until the yellow indicator light has just turned on. When the light is illuminated, the sensor has detected the labeled surface and will begin to blow the label down and retract the cylinder. It is important that the sensor does not detect too early as the cylinder will retract before applying the label and if it detect too late, it may stall or damage your product or cylinder.

Adjusting the Depending on your label size, you may need to move the pad closer (short labels) or further (long labels) from the dispensing edge of the printer. The applicator pad has a pitch adjustment inside the vacuum chamber, under the pad.



Adjusting the Applicator Elevation

The elevation of the pad over, or below, the dispense edge of your printer may need to be adjusted based on your printer settings and offsets.



¹/4-20 Allen Cap Screws

Optional Extended Stroke Tamp (350mm / 14", 400mm / 16", 500mm / 20", 600mm / 24")

Assembly P/N's: .914 - LX - 350 .914 - LX - 400 .914 - LX - 500 .914 - LX - 600

For further details on assembly components, see Chapter 12.

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Dual Tamp (Swing Arm) Applicator

Assembly P/N: .914 - LX - DT/RH or LH

For further details on assembly components, see Chapter 12.

Adjusting the Applicator

The DT applicator has several adjustments; pitch, offset, swing arm length and maximum swing angle. All other timing is done through sensors.

Adjusting the Applicator Pad Pitch and Overall Arm Length The overall arm length is usually manufactured to your specific application, although there is at least 2.00" of adjustment in the arm if it becomes necessary to change the length. To change the length, loosen the (6) $\frac{1}{4}$ -20 button head screws on the rotary actuator mounting plate and the (6) screws (3 each side) on the applicator pad mount arm and position the arm as needed, then re-tighten the screws.



To make small pitch adjustments between the peel blade and the applicator pad edge, loosen the (6) screws (3 each side) on the

APPLICATOR

applicator pad mount arm and adjust accordingly. Re-tighten screws. Typically, a 1/8" gap is a good starting point.

Adjusting the Depending on your label size, you may need to move the pad closer (short labels) or further (long labels) from the dispensing edge of the printer. The applicator pad has a pitch adjustment inside the vacuum chamber, under the pad. There is also a side to side adjustment; loosen the M6 hex head screws and adjust accordingly.



Adjusting the Applicator Pad Home Position

To fine tune the applicator pad home position, loosen the jam nut on the stop adjusting bolt and adjust the home stop as needed to allow proper label feed onto the applicator pad. Typically, the applicator pad is adjusted in the same plane or slightly behind the peel edge.



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Adjusting the Swing Arm Maximum Application Angle

After locating the labeler in the application area and locking down the casters, manually swing the application arm out to insure it can apply the label squarely to the box or product. If the applicator pad doesn't place the label squarely on the product (arm stops short of being parallel with application area), you may need to adjust the arms application angle. First, with air removed and locked out, remove the guard covering the shaft of the rotary actuator, then loosen the jam nut on the angle adjust screw. Rotate the screw so the application point, then re-tighten the jam nut and re-install the guard. Note: do not adjust the overall angle more than 135 degrees in relation to the applicator arms home position.



There is a small steel tube below the dispensing edge of the printer. During the dispensing cycle air will flow through the tube to assist guide the label away from the backing and towards the vacuum pad. Adjusting the position is covered here while adjusting the air pressure is covered in Chapter 11 *Maintenance* (page 43) as it requires removal of the rear cover.

Blow Tube Assembly P/N: .14018-LT

Adjusting the Blow Tube Position The air tube is just to function as an assist. The label will want to curl away from the vacuum pad for various reasons and the blow tube is to ensure that it lays back and flat against the pad for the vacuum to hold it until application.



As a starting position, center the air stream on the width of the label and within the first 1/4 of the length of the label. Fine tune as required. Tighten clamp on blow tube after adjustment.

Chapter

Pneumatic System

Air Filter and Shut-Off

Assembly P/N: .A1247-02

The air filter and shut off valve is located at the back of the stand and is positioned so that you can bleed you air lines before introducing air into the label system. Loveshaw has placed a Lock Out style shut off on the system for your safety.



You will need to provide the appropriate fitting for your air connections to the unit. The connection port is ¹/₄" NPT.



You must disconnect air before draining any collected water.

Air Regulator - P/N: .A1247-03

The air pressure is controlled by a regulator which is located behind the safety cover. Loveshaw recommends an operating pressure of 45 psi and it should have been set to this value at the factory. In the event that the regulator is not at this value; consult chapter 11, *Maintenance* (page 43).

Air Filters - P/N: 14199

For tamp applicators, there are two vacuum line filters on the exterior of the machine. They will keep most debris from entering the vacuum system and clogging the lines. The regularity that these filters need to be replaced will depend on the amount of dust and dirt in the air around the machine throughout its life.

The air filters also serve as in-line check valves for the vacuum and air assist. The air filters are one directional and it is important to install them in the proper direction relative to the air flow of the lines.



The blue lines are used for the vacuum and the air flows towards the vacuum generator (P/N: .14210-S) while the black hose is the pressure line to the pad for its air assist.

NOTE: For a Dual Tamp (swing arm) applicator, one or two vacuum filters are utilized for vacuum (blue air line). Further details on the pnoumatics can be found in chapter 11

Further details on the pneumatics can be found in chapter 11, *Maintenance* (page 43).



Features and Options

Optional: Light Warning Assembly

.LWA-LX-RH3C / LH3C

Low Labels Sensor - P/N: 14021 & 14022

Attached to one of the let off discs may be a low labels sensor. This mechanical sensor, wired to the control box, will let the unit know when the label stock is in small supply. When the labels run low a **yellow** indicator light will illuminate on the light tower.

Light Tower

The light tower is an optional accessory that compliments the Low Labels Sensor. The light tower is designed to be mounted to the top of the labeler stand for highest visibility. The light tower will indicate **green** when no errors are present, **yellow** when either the labels or ribbon is in low supply or **red** when there is a total system fault and stop.

Optional: Cleanable Vacuum Filter

P/N: P3587-C1

Loveshaw offers an air filter that can be opened and cleaned of dirt and debris.



Optional: Air Dryer

P/N: P3587-D1

Preceding your main-line air filter, you may find an air dryer. The air dryer is designed to contain and trap 99.9% of any incoming moisture and keep your system free of fluid contaminants.





Incoming air pressure should be disconnected before draining any fluid from the unit.

Optional: Spare Parts Kit (Straight Tamp) - 120/1/60

P/N: .SPK-LX8-T/B

Spare Parts Kits contain common wear parts conveniently in one kit. The list of components is as follows:

- .A1247-03 (Regulator Assembly Qty-1)
- E7367-BS2 (Background Suppressed Sensor Qty-1)
- A125SB-6/10-326 (Fuse, 6/10A, Qty-5)
- A125SB-3/4-326 (Fuse, 3/4A, Qty-5)
- P14606-S1 (Solenoid Coil Qty-1)
- M0055-022 (Tape Release Pin Qty-1)
- B0120-019 (Spring Collar Qty-1)
- .01956 (Let-Off Clamp Qty-1)
- B258824-02A (Rewind Clutch Qty-1)
- .14018-LT (Blow Tube Qty-1)
- B0190-041 (Dancer Bar Spring Qty-1)
- P4010-038 (Bulkhead Union Qty-1)
- 14199 (Vacuum Line Filter Qty 1 4 Pack)
- P14606-P1 (Piloted Air Valve Qty-1)
- .14210-S (Vacuum Generator Qty-1)

Optional: Spare Parts Kit (Straight Tamp) - 230/1/50-60

P/N: .SPK-LX8-TB-230

Spare Parts Kits contain common wear parts conveniently in one kit. The list of components is as follows:

- .A1247-03 (Regulator Assembly Qty-1)
- E7367-BS2 (Background Suppressed Sensor Qty-1)
- A125SB-1/2-326 (Fuse, 1/2A, Qty-5)
- A125SB-6/10-326 (Fuse, 6/10A, Qty-5)
- P14606-S1 (Solenoid Coil Qty-1)
- M0055-022 (Tape Release Pin Qty-1)
- B0120-019 (Spring Collar Qty-1)
- .01956 (Let-Off Clamp Qty-1)
- B258824-02A (Rewind Clutch Qty-1)
- .14018-LT (Blow Tube Qty-1)
- B0190-041 (Dancer Bar Spring Qty-1)
- P4010-038 (Bulkhead Union Qty-1)
- 14199 (Vacuum Line Filter Qty 1 4 Pack)
- P14606-P1 (Piloted Air Valve Qty-1)
- .14210-S (Vacuum Generator Qty-1)

Optional: Spare Parts Kit (Dual Tamp – Swing Arm) - 120/1/60

P/N: .SPK-LX8-DT

Spare Parts Kits contain common wear parts conveniently in one kit. The list of components is as follows:

- .A1247-03 (Regulator Assembly Qty-1)
- B0140-018 (Shock Absorber Qty-1)
- A125SB-6/10-326 (Fuse, 6/10A, Slow Blow Qty-5)
- A125SB-3/4-326 (Fuse, 3/4A, Slow Blow Qty-5)
- P14606-S1 (Solenoid Coil Qty-1)
- M0055-022 (Tape Release Pin Qty-1)
- B0120-019 (Spring Collar Qty-1)
- .01956 (Let-Off Clamp Qty-1)
- B258824-02A (Rewind Clutch Qty-1)
- .14018-LT (Blow Tube Qty-1)
- B0190-041 (Dancer Bar Spring Qty-1)
- P4010-038 (Bulkhead Union Qty-1)
- 14199 (Vacuum Line Filter Qty 1 4 Pack)
- .14210-S (Vacuum Generator Qty-1)
- F3MB (Bumper Rubber Qty-1)

Chapter

Control Operation

Overview

his section will cover the control aspects of the machine and how to change the cycle functions of the labeler. From here you will learn how to:

- Interface with the control panel.
- Change the cycle operation from 'Print-then-Apply' to 'Applythen-Print' modes.
- Use the 'Reprint' ability of the printer.

Power-On and Motor Control

The labeler takes its power from an auxiliary source provided by the OEM printer. When you turn the printer off, or on, will turn the control box off, or on. Turning the printer off will both clear the printer buffer and deactivate the control box but there will still be incoming power unless the power cord is removed from its source on incoming voltage.

The labeler has a motor used to rewind the waste paper that dispenses from the printer. This motor can be powered separately from the rest of the labeler. The switch to do this is located on the corner of the labeler near the rewind spindle.





Selector Switch (Straight Tamp Models Only)

The selector switch controls the mode that the printer is in and will determine what the machine does.

- **Run**: In this mode the labeler will run a complete cycle when the product sensor photo-eye is triggered. This will be the normal operational mode for your system.
- **Standby**: This is the Bypass or Idle mode that the machine must be in if you want to download labels. The mode is primarily designed for either a 'power on troubleshoot' or to 'bypass production' in the event that you do not desire to clear the printer buffer (loaded labels) and do not want to automate the label application, at the time.
- Feed: This will dispense or (Jog) a printed label onto the pad. This function can be used in troubleshooting and is of key importance if you are using the system in *Apply-then-Print* mode (see 'Changing Modes' in the next section).

NOTE: The Dual Tamp (Swing Arm) Applicator utilizes a Touch Screen in place of the selector switch and product timer to control labeler function.



Touch Screen (Dual Tamp model)

The Dual Tamp utilizes a HMI (Human Machine Interface) touch screen to select modes (dual tamp or single tamp), jog a label out on the applicator pad, show machine status and change product / applicator delays.

The unit also has five save areas for each mode for a total of ten save areas. These areas are handy when you are running different boxes/products that require different product delays (label placement) or application delays (the time the applicator arm needs to be engaged on the product).

Upon energizing the labeler, the touch screen can take up to 90 seconds to load information from the PLC before it can be utilized. The following screens will be displayed on power up.







After the touch screen initializes, the main application screen will appear. This screen will allow stopping and starting of the labeler

as well as jogging a label out on the applicator pad. The mode button will allow you to access the modes, save areas and timers and the display will give machine status (i.e printer fault, machine ready etc.)



The main screen will come up in the Stop condition. If you want to jog a label, depress the Jog button which will momentarily turn black, then return to the Stop. To run the labeler, depress the Run button (run button will toggle to black / stop button will turn white). If you accidentally go from the Start condition right to the Mode button (bypassing the Stop), the following screen will appear:



Depressing the OK (F1) button will clear this screen and return it back to the main screen. Remember, always go to the Stop button first prior to going to another function. Once back to the main screen, depress the Mode button to enter other functions. The next screen will appear.



This screen will allow the labeler to be toggled between Single Tamp and Dual Tamp modes as well as enter the Setup menus. Note: When toggling between the Tamp modes, the PLC will use the last saved areas picked under each mode. For example, if save area 1 has been previously selected for Single Tamp mode and save area 3 was previously selected for Dual Tamp mode, these would be the areas for timing that the labeler would be utilizing. If a different save area or change of timer is desired, select the Setup button and the following screen will appear:



Press the "User" box to activate the area. Then use the arrow up key to place a one (1) in the box, then press the Enter button.

The next screen will appear. NOTE: Pressing the Esc button will return to the previous screen.



Press the "Password" box to activate the area, arrow down or up to place a nine (9) in the box, then press the Enter button. The next screen (SETUP) will appear. NOTE: Pressing the Esc button will return you to the Machine Operating Mode screen.



To change save areas or time delays in the Single Tamp mode, press the Single Tamp Setup button. The next screen will appear:



The PDT DLY (Product Delay) is the time from which the product sensor senses the leading edge of the product to when it tells the labeler to apply the label. The APP DLY (Applicator Delay) is the time the applicator arm is extended and engaging the product.

To change a time value, press the appropriate timer box to be changed and the next screen will appear:



Once the Enter/Return button is pressed, the changes will be saved and the previous screen will displayed.



If the desired timers are correct and the appropriate save area is selected, then press ESC which will display the Logout Screen.

Allen-Bradley	PanelView C300
	OUTSCREEN
PRESS	"LOGOUT" AND PRESS "ESC"
Logout	ESC

To completely logout (require User and Password screen to be completed to re-enter the set-up in the future), press Logout then ESC. The display will return back to the Main (Start/Stop/Jog) Screen. If easy re-entry is desired, then just press the ESC button, which will allow re-entry into the Set-up screens without prompting the User and Password screens.

Note: If the Dual Tamp Setup is selected instead of the Single Tamp Setup (in the SETUP screen), the save areas are very

similar and the timer change screens are identical as the Single Tamp screens. See below.

Allen-B	radley	PanelView C300
	DX PROD APPL PRO DLY1 DLY1 DLY 40 85 0	DD APPL V2 DLV2 100 NEXT
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There are five screens each having a separate save areas. Pressing ESC will access the Logout Screen; pressing NEXT will scroll through the save areas. To change a timer value, follow the same procedures previously outlined.

Notice there are four timers required for the Dual Tamp mode.

PROD DLY1 (Product Delay 1) is the time delay between the product sensor sensing the leading edge of the product to when the applicator applies the first label; **APPL DLY1 (Applicator Delay 1**) is how long the applicator engages the product for the first label prior to returning home.

PROD DLY2 (**Product Delay 2**) is the time delay after the applicator returns home until the next label is applied and **APPL DLY2** (**Applicator Delay 2**) is how long the applicator engages the product (second label) prior to returning home.



Changing Application / Repeat Print Modes

The labeler has two possible application modes of operation:

- Apply-then-Print: (<u>Terminal 2 Key Inserted</u>. This is the Shipping /Default Setting).Upon triggering the product sensor, the machine will activate the air cylinder and then print one label. Note: You will need to feed one label, via the feed selection, before automating the system.
- **Print-then-Apply**: (<u>Terminal 2 Key Removed</u>).Upon triggering the product sensor, the machine will print one label and immediately apply it.

In order to select the desired application mode of operation, you will need to open the control box and access the panel. See diagram below: (Note: SATO printer panel arrangement setup shown): *Note: A Zebra printer will have an additional terminal 21A/B.*



Terminal 2 is a keyed terminal that controls the mode of the labeler. With the key inserted (default operation) the machine runs in **Apply-Then-Print (A/P)** mode. Removing the Terminal Key (A124-AB-DPL) will change the function to **Print-Then-Apply (P/A)** mode.

Reprint Print Mode (all models)

(Terminal Key 20A/B Function)

Reprint mode allows you to download a quantity of One Label (Note: Two Labels required for a Zebra printer) into the printer and forces the labeler to continually print that label until another label is downloaded. (Note the printer needs to have the REPEAT PRINT MODE <u>enabled</u> in the printer menu in order to make this function correctly. Consult your specific printer manual on how to enable this setting.)

SATO Reprint Mode Setting

FOR SATO PRINTER: This function is enabled by inserting a Terminal Key (A124-AB-DPL) into terminal 20A/B (see illustration above) and enabling the repeat function in the printer menu (Refer to the SATO User's Manual for specific directions to change).

For a SATO Printer: Download a <u>single label</u> to the printer. Turn the selector switch to "RUN".

ZEBRA Reprint Mode Setting

FOR ZEBRA PRINTER: Terminal 20A/B stays in however remove the terminal key 21A/B. As with the Sato, enable the repeat function utilizing the menu system of the Zebra printer.

For a Zebra Printer: Download a quantity of <u>(2) labels</u> to the printer. Turn the selector switch to "feed" (if in A/P mode, leave label on the pad, if in P/A mode, manually remove the label). Turn the selector switch to "RUN".

Chapter

Maintenance

I n normal operation, the labeler is simply turned-on and products are moved past its sensor equipment and the labeler responds by printing and applying a label. There may be times when a part of the machine wears down and part of the machine's operation fails. This section will guide you through servicing and maintaining your labeler. Many of these operations will require access to components behind the protective cover and should be done by a technician with access to tools.

Pneumatic System

Do NOT Use Lubricated Air!

The label machine is designed to run on clean dry air. The components used are not specified for use with oils of any kind.



Do NOT Try to service the machine with the air engaged.

Your labeling system was factory installed with a lock-out ready disconnect valve. Air should be deactivated from the system prior to servicing the lines or components and even if lock-out procedures are not used in your plant, it is recommended that the valve be at least tagged to prevent anyone from energizing the system while work is performed on it.

Loss or Decline of Vacuum

The most likely cause of poor vacuum performance may be due to blocked filters. In the event that the vacuum filters are clean, check the exhaust mufflers of the venturi vacuum generators (**P/N: .14210-S**). The exhaust mufflers may have collected some particulate that the filter missed. Simply removing it and making sure that it is clear will improve performance.



Blow Tube Pressure

The Blow Tube (**P/N: .14018-LT**) that guides the label onto the pad from the dispensing edge of the printer is regulated by a flow control. **DO NOT** increase air pressure to the system instead of adjusting this control.

Air Pressure and Regulation

The incoming air pressure of the machine should not exceed 100psi. You may damage the pneumatic components if the pressure exceeds this value. Your labeler was optimized for performance at the factory using between 45 and 60 pounds of incoming air pressure.

Solenoids

The **Straight Tamp** labeler uses three solenoids of two different types to perform its operations. There is a typical 4-way solenoid coil (**P14606-S1**) and a piloted valve (**P/N: P14606-P1**) that operates the air assist. The **Dual Tamp** labeler uses only two of the (**P14606-S1**) solenoids. Each valve has a spring return override that can be depressed to determine functionality, diagnosis, and piping in conjunction with the pneumatic diagram in the next chapter.





Motor

Your label machine utilizes a synchronous motor and chain along with a slip clutch to rewind the waste paper from your label roll.



DO NOT Work on the Chain while Unit is Plugged In.

The motor does have an 'on/off' switch (see page 24) but it is best to make sure that power is off to the whole system and that the unit is unplugged before working on the motor or chain drive.

Lubrication

The motor (**P/N: 08872**) requires no lubrication and the chain will need very little lubricant over its lifetime. Over lubricating the chain may have adverse effects on the rewind clutch (see below). To lubricate the chain simply supply a few drops of machine or motor oil to the chain. The continuous run of the motor during normal operation will work the lubricant into the chain.

Slip Clutch

The slip clutch (**P/N: B258824-02A**) on the rewind spindle is a fixed spring tension. Make sure to keep the clutch dry and free of corrosives and oils. Over time the components of the clutch will wear and when the tension (80z-in torque) prevents the rewind from turning under weight, it should be replaced.

Chain Tension

The use of a slip clutch means that very little tension is desired on the system. The chain should have a little sag when properly installed.

Control Box

Your system uses an Allen-Bradley Micro830TM PLC to control its function along with a series of terminal blocks and relays. Enclosed with this manual is a copy of the PLC program for your reference. It is not advised that you alter this program unless you have Rockwell Software on your computer and are experienced with PLC programming.



The control box is supplied power by the 'on/off' switch on your OEM printer but it is best to make sure that power is removed from the whole system and that the unit is unplugged before working on the control panel.

All diagrams and schematics are located in the Service Chapter following.



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LABEL CONVERTING SPECIFICATIONS

In order to insure the labeling machines function, the following label specifications are offered as part of this proposal. Seller recommends that Buyer include a copy of these specifications with Buyer's purchase order for labels from Buyer's label converter. There may be exceptions to these specifications, depending upon the particular label construction used.

- Labels shall be converted with 3 mm ± .13 mm minimum spacing between labels, and a minimum side gap of 1.5 mm ± .15 mm slit on each side of the label. Maximum media width is determined as appropriate for the print engine selected. Labels shall not be converted with perforations of other separations between labels.
- A standard minimum 76 mm ID core is recommended [101 mm or 152 mm ID cores may also be acceptable]. Standard maximum roll OD shall be 305 mm [rolls up to 406 mm may also be acceptable]. Cores shall be slit cleanly to the final media width, including tolerance, and shall be of such composition so as to resist crushing distortion. The roll end shall not be attached to the core with tape or adhesive.
- Labels shall be wound to the outside of the roll unless otherwise specified. The labels shall be cleanly die cut, waste removed with no nicks or marks to the outside label perimeter, and centered on the backing media. If possible [unless otherwise specified] the labels shall be oriented: (1) to feed the trailing edge perpendicular to the backing media edge; and, (2) to feed the label with its shortest dimension parallel to the feed path.
- There shall be no strike-through or fractures of the backing media by the label processing die which can be detected by ink or marker penetration after wiping. There shall be no tears or cuts on the backing media edges. The backing media shall be of a uniform density and thickness. It shall be sufficiently translucent as to assure reliable gap detection, given the label stock selected.
- All eye marks or sensing notches shall be located with the same tolerance as specified for the labels and located on the backing media as is appropriate for the print engine selected. Eye marks shall be opaque, of a uniform density, and a minimum of 6 mm in width by 3 mm in the feed direction. Sensing notches, if possible, shall be as small as practical and located away from the edge of the backing media.
- The label rolls shall not be wound so tightly as to cause the adhesive to bleed out from around the label edges nor so loosely as to cause roll telescoping. The labels shall be wound with consistent wind tension and shall be flat within 3 mm when measured from a reference surface.
- Where splicing is necessary in the label roll, splicing shall be consistent with the requirement of the automatic labeling machinery. Preferred splices, when required, shall be of a diagonal style, using a clear transparent pressure sensitive tape applied to the back side of the backing web only (non-release coated side). All factory splices shall be removed, unless they meet the preferred splice specification.
- All finished label rolls shall be appropriately marked for identification per customer requirements and shall be packed to assure that the rolls arrive clean, flat and without shipping damage.
- The label adhesive shall be tested thoroughly to insure the compatibility of the label to the Buyer's product and to have the proper amount of permanence or removability according to Buyer's specifications. All face stock and adhesive combinations are subject to testing for dispensability on automatic labelers prior to acceptance.



Assemblies and Schematics

This section contains assembly drawings and schematics required to repair or rebuild your label machine. The drawings are organized under the following sub-headings.

- 1. Main Frame and Stand Assemblies (for all models)
- 2. Pneumatic Assemblies (for all models)
- 3. Pneumatic Diagram (Straight Tamp models)
- 4. Pneumatic Diagram (Dual Tamp/CW Swing Arm model)
- 5. Applicator Assemblies (Straight Tamp models)
- 6. Applicator Assembly (Dual Tamp/CW Swing Arm model)
- 7. Electrical Assembly and Schematics for Sato and Zebra Printers (Straight Tamp models)
- 8. Electrical Assembly and Schematics for Sato and Zebra Printers (Dual Tamp/CW Swing Arm model)
- 9. PLC Program (Straight Tamp models)
- 10. PLC Program (Dual Tamp/CW Swing Arm model)