# THERMOCODE SERIES 2

OPERATOR INSTRUCTIONS INSTALLATION DETAILS CIRCUIT DIAGRAMS

These instructions cover the following models: -

Thermocode 53S
Thermocode 53M
Thermocode 53L
Thermocode 107S
Thermocode 107M
Thermocode 107L

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We hereby declare that the following machinery complies with the essential health and safety requirements of the Machinery Directive 89/392/EEC enacted in the United Kingdom by the Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 1992. Amended 1999 (URN 99/1232) Amended 2005

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**EN 61000 – 6 – 3: 2001** Electromagnetic compatibility - Generic emission standard.

(IEC 61000-6-2: 1999, modified)

EN 61000: 3 - 2, 2001. Harmonic Emissions.

EN 61000: part 3 - 3, 1995. Voltage Flicker.

FCC Part 15, Conducted & Radiated Emissions, Class A.

In addition, this machinery has been designed and manufactured in accordance with British Standard PD 5304: 2005, Safety of Machinery.

A technical construction file for this machinery is retained at the above address.

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Name: Position:

Being the responsible person appointed by Open Date Equipment Limited.

This Declaration of Conformity complies with Regulation 22 of The Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 1992 Amended 1999 (URN 99/1232)

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# Standard Warranty Terms and Conditions – Thermocode Series 2 Printers

Open Date thermal transfer printers carry a twelve (12) month return to base (at our discretion) warranty, with the exception of the following parts: -

- 1. Thermal Printhead.
- 2. Lower Roller. (Rubbered Roller)
- 3. Cassette Springs and Belts.
- 4. Cassette Rubber Drive Roller.
- 5. The print base rubber or Lower Roller Assembly.

#### **Static Electricity**

Warning, static electricity may damage the printer or Printhead. On many film type installations, the material Produces static electricity and possibly causes printer problems or Printhead failure. Open Date does not accept any type of warranty claims, if any damage to the printer or Printhead is caused by static electricity.

If you are in doubt about your installation, please contact our service department.

#### **Printhead Warranty**

The printhead assembly (ASY762199 or ASY762200) carries a 50 kilometres or 12 months warranty which ever is the soonest. Should the Printhead fail during this period, the replacement printhead will carry the balance of the existing warranty.

Please refer to the ribbon specifications sheet on page 30, check the correct width of thermal transfer ribbon is being used and has the appropriate silicone back coating to protect the Printhead.

The Printhead warranty will not be valid if: -

- 1. The full width ribbon is not being used, as excessive wear on the edges of the Printhead can be found. (See page 28)
- 2. Mechanical damage is apparent from abuse.
- 3. The Spy Chip Board has been removed or damaged in any way.
- 4. Cleaning Procedures have not been followed. (See pages 31 & 32)
- 5. Installation and maintenance procedures are not correct. (See pages 7-13, 31 & 32)
- 6. The print base used, is not as specified. (See page 6)
- 7. The Printhead angle has not been set up correctly.
- 8. Static Electricity is found.
- 9. Recommended Open Date ribbon is not being used. (See page 28 Ribbon Specifications)
- 10. Printing substrate or ribbon is found to be abrasive.
- 11. Operating Temperatures Range 0°C to 60°C

We reserve the right to charge for components replaced during the warranty period, which are damaged due to any of the above conditions not being followed or met.

#### **Printhead Spy Chip**

Contained within the Printhead assembly, is a small microchip this is programmed when the head is first assembled and tested to retain the following information:-

- 1. Printhead resistance value (ohms).
- 2. Printhead width (Dots).
- 3. Printhead serial number.
- 4. Printhead data lines.
- Programmed factory date.
- 6. Printhead angle.

During start up of the printer, the Spy Chip is accessed by the software, determining the width of Printhead and automatically adjusts the resistance value to compensate for the correct print burn calculations. Whilst printing, the spy chip is written to, allowing automatic recording of the print distance achieved during the life of the Printhead.

All the Printhead recorded settings may be viewed at any time, by accessing the Service menu on the miniterminal Display.

#### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Read these instructions carefully. Follow all warnings and instructions marked on the product.
- 2. Always disconnect the printer and Power Supply from the mains electrical supply before attempting to clean or service the product.
- 3. Never operate the printer, unless it is installed within the mounting frame supplied. When installed correctly, the gap between the printer and print base should be nominally 1mm.
- 4. Do not use the product near water. Never spill liquid of any kind on to the product.
- 5. Do not place this product on an unstable stand, table or machine. It may fall causing serious injury to the operator or damage to the product.
- 6. Never insert objects of any kind into this product through any openings or gaps as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short circuit parts that could result in fire or electric shock.
- 7. This product should only be connected to the type of electrical supply as indicated on the label located on the top of the Power Supply. (See CE label)
- 8. Ensure that the printer connection cable is fully secured to the printer and power supply with the screws supplied. Failure to do this will result in the machine not being properly earthed.
- 9. Use only the power cable supplied with the product. The cable supplied is three core, utilising one wire as a grounding conductor. This must be connected to a suitable earth point at the electrical supply. This is a safety feature. If any doubt arises in trying to connect the power cable, please contact the manufacturer or the agent who supplied the product.
- 10. Do not allow anything to rest on the power cable. Do not locate the product where people could walk on the cable.
- 11. If an extension cable is used with this product, make sure that the total ampere ratings of the equipment plugged into the extension cable does not exceed the extension cable ampere rating. Also make sure that the total rating does not exceed the fuse rating.
- 12. Do not service this product yourself as opening or removing guards may expose you to dangerous voltages, major burns and other risks. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel.
- 13. Do not attempt to use to use this product in areas where explosive gases or substances are present.
- 14. Under the following conditions always disconnect the electrical supply and refer to a qualified service engineer.
  - a. If the power cable is damaged or frayed.
  - b. If the printer connection cables are damaged in any way.
  - c. If liquid has been spilled into the product has been exposed to water.
  - d. If the product does not operate normally when the operating instructions are followed.
- 15. Adjust only those controls covered by these instructions. Improper adjustment could result in permanent damage, requiring qualified technicians to restore the product to normal operating conditions.
- 16. Do not touch the printer or control box with wet or moist hands.
- 17. Do not use the Printer without Thermal Transfer Ribbon, as the printhead maybe damaged.

# **INTRODUCTION**

This operator manual describes how to operate and maintain a Thermocode Series 2 on a basic level. The mechanical adjustments that can be made to the printer are minimal. Normally the printer is installed in a standard frame, which allows the correct clearance from the print pad.

Operation of the printer is either by selection of a stored format within the printer memory, or by designing a dedicated format from the windows software and then downloading from a standalone computer.

Using the mini-terminal, formats can then be selected and edited by the operator as required.

If you are making your own frame or installing into a specific type of machine, you must consult the manufacturer to ensure you receive the correct detailed dimensions required for your installation.

#### PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The following components are supplied ready for installation.

- 1 Thermocode Series 2, complete with cassette.
- 1 Power Supply Unit.
- 1 Mini-Terminal Display.
- 1 Power Supply Interconnection Lead 1.5 metres long (Available in 3, 5 or 6 metre lengths).
- 1 Roll of Thermal Transfer Ribbon, to suit printer (Wax Resin quality).
- 1 Operator Manual. (Complete with CD containing printer firmware and fonts)
- 1 Printhead Cleaning Kit. Consisting off 50 Print head Cleaning Wipes (Isopropyl Alcohol)
- 1 Serial Programming Lead (3 metre length, 9 way "D" connector).
- 1 Print Pad, to suit printer.
- 1 RecoverMode software backup program (allows customer to back up all printer data)
- 1 Codesoft Premier package, (Windows design software) with Codesoft installation manual

#### **OPTIONAL EXTRAS**

Standard or custom designed mounting frame USB & TCP/IP Connections & Leads Additional 4MB Memory

#### PRINTER TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- A. Maximum print area. (See pages 48 & 49)
- B. Printhead resolution 12 dots/mm or 300 dots per inch.
- C. 3.4 Megabytes memory for storing Fonts, graphics and custom designed formats.
- D. Single direction printing.
- E. Print designs are stored along with all parameters, allowing quick access for printing.
- F. Automatic updating of printer memory when editing formats.
- G. 110 or 220/240 volts operation, 50/60hz.
- H. Real Time/Date printing with specified offsets if required.
- J. Sequential numbering and Barcode printing.
- K. All text, graphics, lines and boxes can be printed in all four orientations. (0, 90, 180, 270 degrees)

#### PRINT BASE RUBBER SPECIFICATION

Hardness: - "40 - 50 Shore A" Silicone Rubber. (Colour mid blue)

Thickness: - 4.75mm Silicone Rubber bonded to 4.75mm thick Aluminium sheet.

(Minimum 2.0 thickness)

Flatness: - Supplied with ground surface finish, -0.03mm to +0.03mm as Printhead heater specification.

# **INSTALLATION PROCEDURES**

- 1. Install the **Thermocode Series 2** printer in the Mounting Frame, ensuring that the orientation for the application and clearance between the printer and print base rubber is correct.
- 2. Connect the Printer and Power Supply using the interconnection lead supplied. The lead has been specifically designed, so it cannot be fitted incorrectly. Please ensure that the plugs and sockets are inserted fully before tightening the fixing screws.
- 3. Each installation must have an automatic Print signal from the parent machine, this is normally a relay (voltage free) or 24 Volt pulsed output signal. There are provisions for PNP / NPN proximity or colour mark sensors if required.

Please see the following pages: -

Page 9 for I/O board connections

Page 10 for PNP/NPN or volt free connections

Page 11 for Power Supply plan view, with top cover removed

Page 12 for the Power Supply LED's

Page 13 for Fuses, with front cover removed

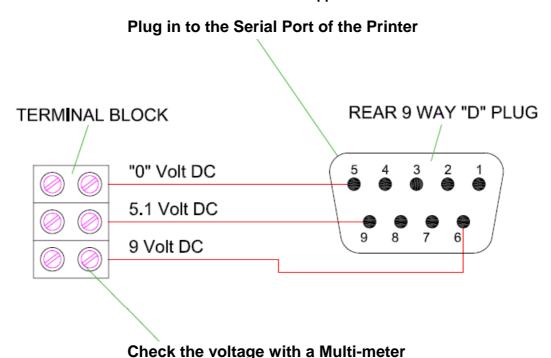
NOTE!

The print signal can be delayed upon installation if required. Within the Supervisor menu on the Mini-terminal display, there is a "Delay Menu" which allows the operator to change the print signal delay time. (range 0 to 999 milliseconds)

#### **Five-Volt Adjustment**

If a Printer is to be fitted with a special length interconnection cable (3, 5 or 6 Metres), please ensure that the **5 Volt DC** supply at the Printer is adjusted to **5.1 Volts**, otherwise the Printer may not function correctly. This can be measured on Pin 5 and Pin 9, of the 9 way "D" serial socket. The voltage is adjusted via the Potentiometer on the front right hand side of the power supply. See page 13

#### **Test Connector not supplied**



#### **Thermocode Series 2 Controlling Relays**

Within the **Thermocode Series 2** Power supply are three relays, which can provide controlling signals to the parent machine. Each relay has three connections, **Normally Open**, **Normally Closed**, and **Common**. (Also see page 9)

The relays have a maximum rating of 240 Volt, 7 Amp. Through the Mini-Terminal software the installation engineer can configure each of the relays as required. (To set the options see page 23)

#### Relay 1 (4 options)

#### <0> Stop Machine

The relay operates after each print cycle giving a trigger/inhibit signal to the parent machine after printing or when the cassette is removed.

#### <1> Sequence (default software setting)

The relay operates after each print cycle giving a trigger/inhibit signal to the parent machine after printing.

#### <2> Ready

The relay operates when print images are being generated etc. (When the printer is off line)

#### <3> Future Development

### <4> 100ms pulse

The relay is pulsed for a 100 milliseconds

### Relay 2 (5 options)

#### <0> Start Machine

The relay operates after each print cycle giving a trigger/inhibit signal to the parent machine after printing or when the cassette is removed.

#### <1> Low Foil (default software setting)

The relay operates when the amount of Thermal Ribbon left in metres reaches a preprogrammed amount, and is visually indicated to the operator "Low Foil" on the status line of the Mini-Terminal Display.

#### <2> Ready

The relay operates when print images are being generated etc. (When the printer is off line)

#### <3> 100ms pulse

The relay is pulsed for a 100 milliseconds

#### <4> 100ms pulse

The relay is pulsed for a 100 milliseconds

#### Relay 3 (4 options)

#### <0> Fault Only

The relay operates when the printer's internal sensors detect a fault or error condition. Typical examples of this are when the Cassette is removed or if the Thermal Ribbon is broken.

#### <1> Fault & Ready (default software setting)

The relay operates as option 1, but will also operate when print images are being generated etc. The relay should be connected to inhibit the parent machine should any printer fault occur.

#### <2> Future Development

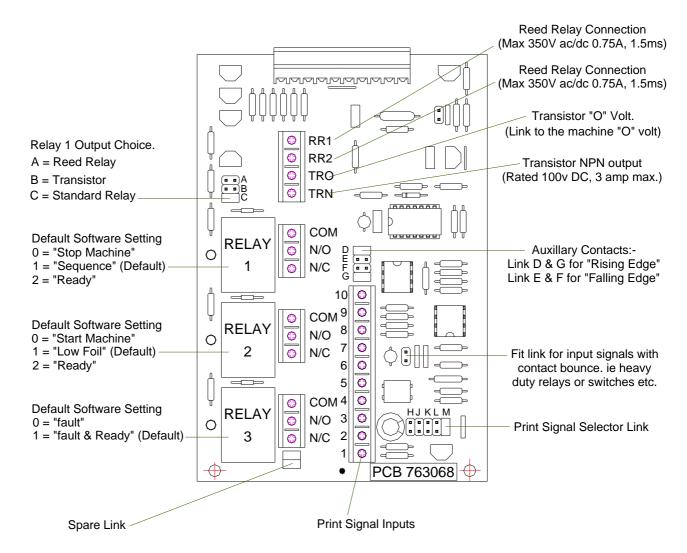
#### <3> 100ms pulse

The relay is pulsed for a 100 milliseconds

#### <4> 100ms pulse

The relay is pulsed for a 100 milliseconds

# Power Supply (I/O Board connections)

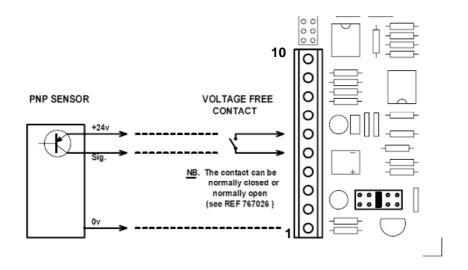


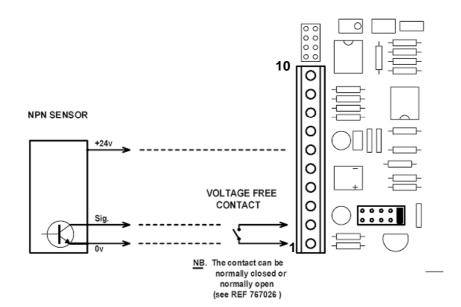
Voltage Free Connections:- Connect wires to terminals 1 & 2. (fit Print Signal Selector to "M" only as shown)

Input (9 - 50 volt DC):- Connnect wires to terminals 3 & 4, polarity unimportant. (fit Print Signal Selectors to positions "J" & "L" only)

Input (6 - 35 volt AC):- Connect wires to terminals 3 & 4, polarity unimportant. (fit Print Signal Selectors to positions "J" & "L" only)

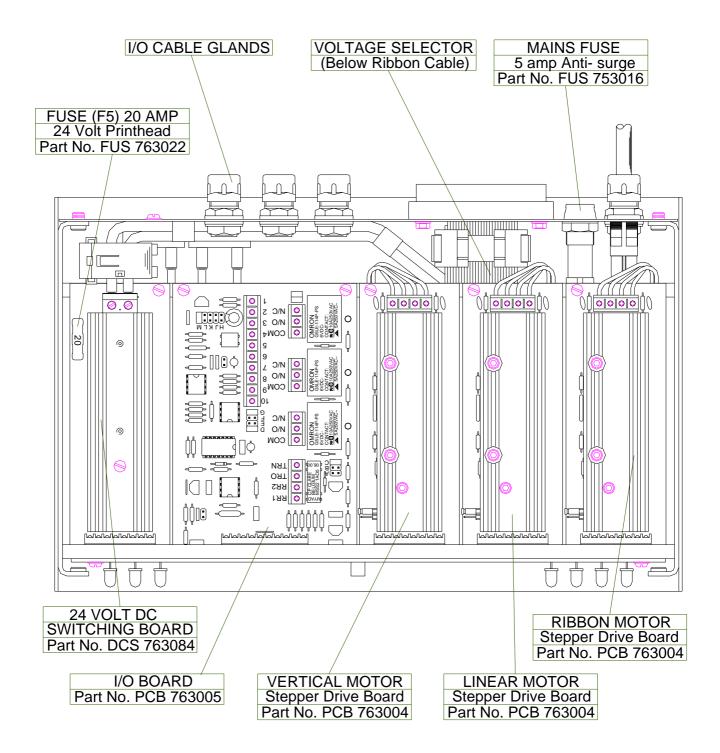
### **PNP / NPN Sensor or Volt Free Connections**



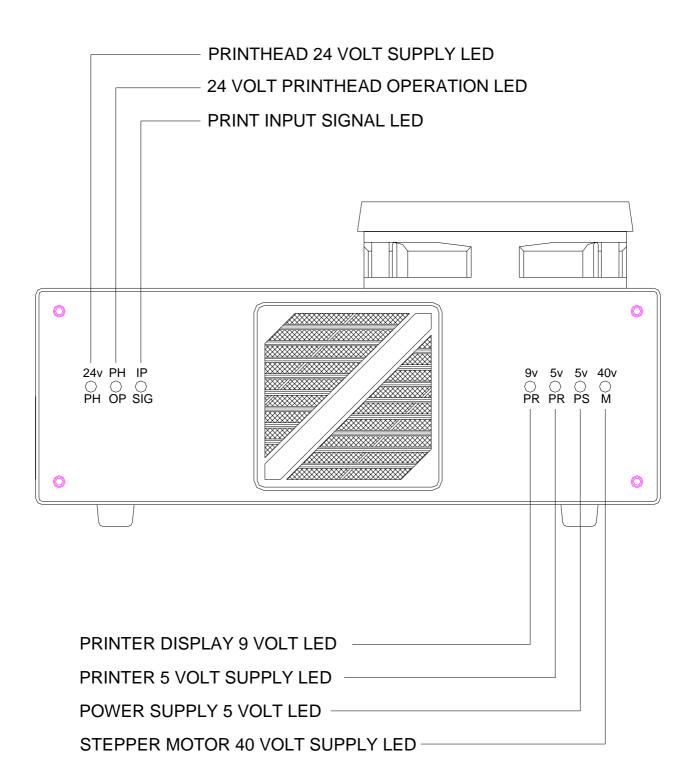


**Note: -** The above drawings, are for 24V DC sensor deriving their power from the Thermal power supply. When the sensor has its own power supply, leave off the +24V connection

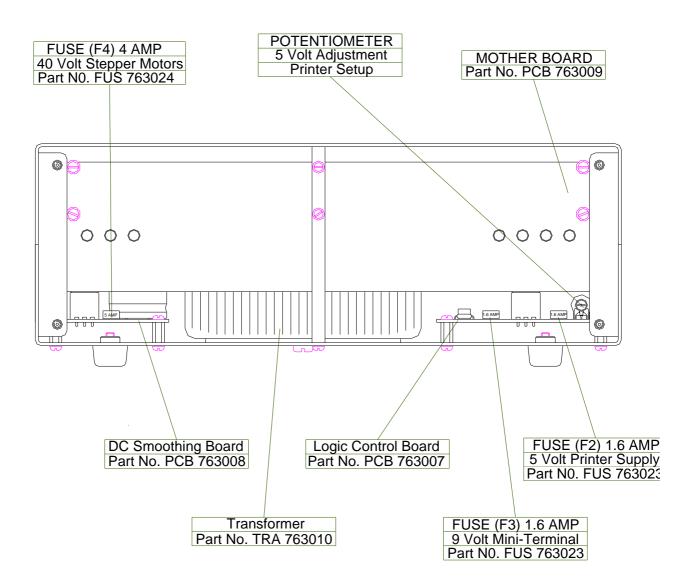
# THERMOCODE SERIES 2 (Top Cover removed)



# THERMOCODE SERIES 2 (Power Supply LED details)



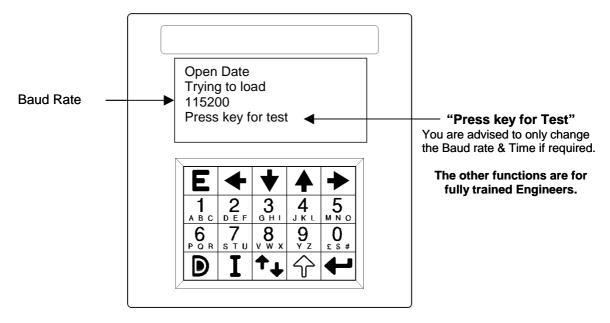
# Power Supply (Front Cover Removed)



#### SYSTEM START-UP SEQUENCE

Ensure if a standard mounting frame is used, it is fully closed before switching on the printer.

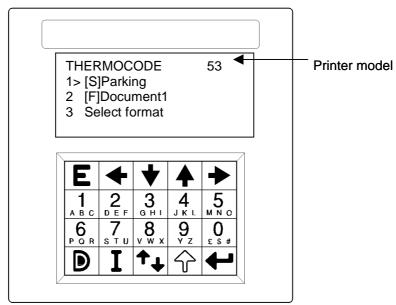
After switching on the following start up sequence screens will be displayed, this screen displays the communication baud rate that has been set.



The following screen shows: -

Open Date Equipment, Series 2 range V0.0F Firmware Version number

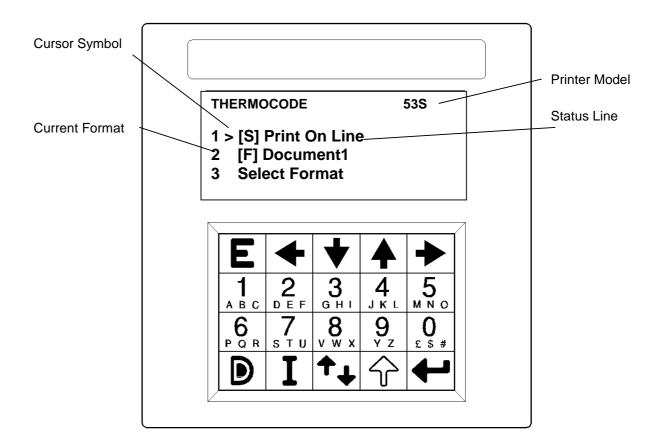
After a few seconds, the machine will check the printer through a standard sequence of operations to determine the maximum print length and then automatically select the printer size.



After determining the model of machine, automatically the height of the lower roller unit is detected. This measurement is used by the software and automatically adjusts the printer for the correct height above the lower roller unit. The screen shown on page 15 is after the start up sequence has finished, showing the actual model of the machine and the format that is ready to print.

After measuring the length of the machine, automatically, the height of the Print Base rubber is detected this measurement is used by the software to adjust the printer for the correct height above the Print Base.

The screen below is after the start up sequence has finished, showing the actual Model of the machine and the format that is ready to print.



#### [S] Status Line

This line on the display shows the current status of the printer. If errors have occurred the display show "error" and by either pressing the enter key when the cursor is next to the error or by just pressing "1" on the keypad all errors will be listed.

#### [F] Document1

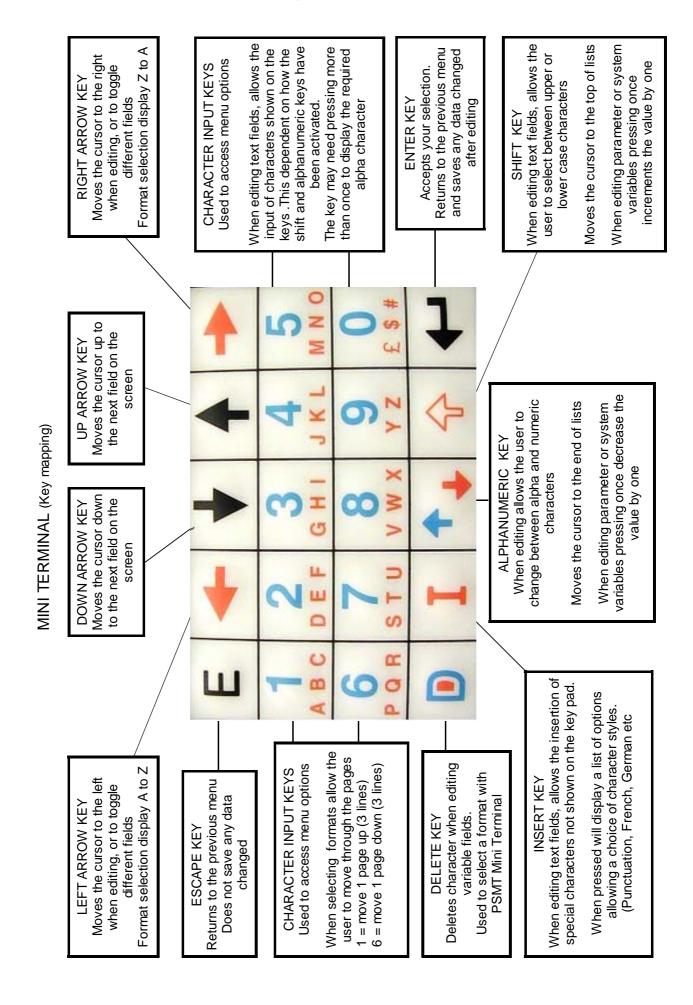
This line on the display shows the current format image that is ready to print, pressing number 2 on the keypad would allow the user to edit all functions relevant to the design.

#### Note!

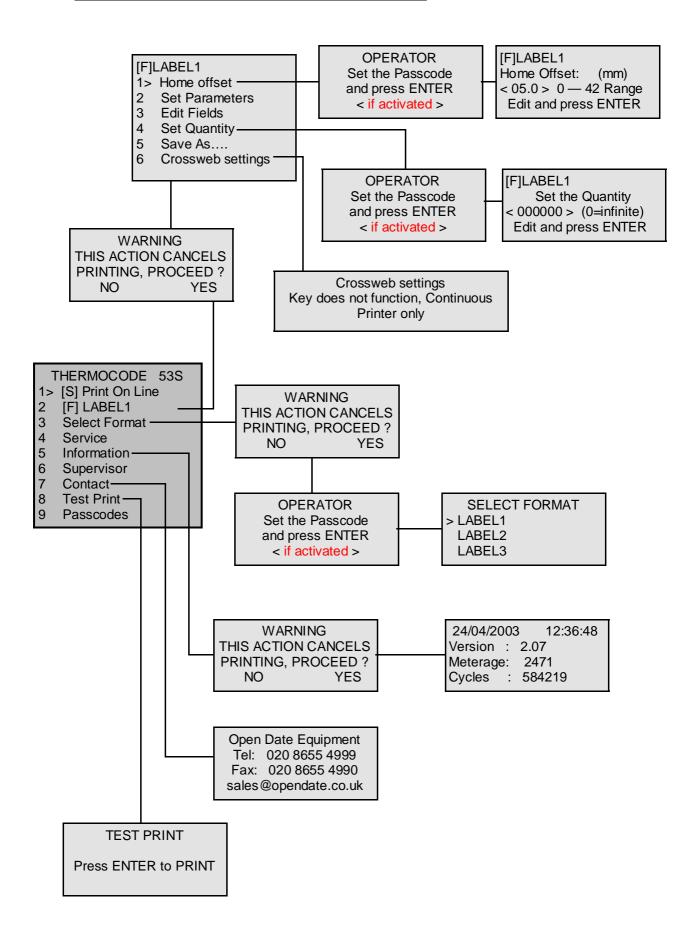
Accessing of all menu functions can be done by either of two ways:-

Moving the cursor next to the function you wish to go to and press "Enter". Simply press the required number next to the function you require.

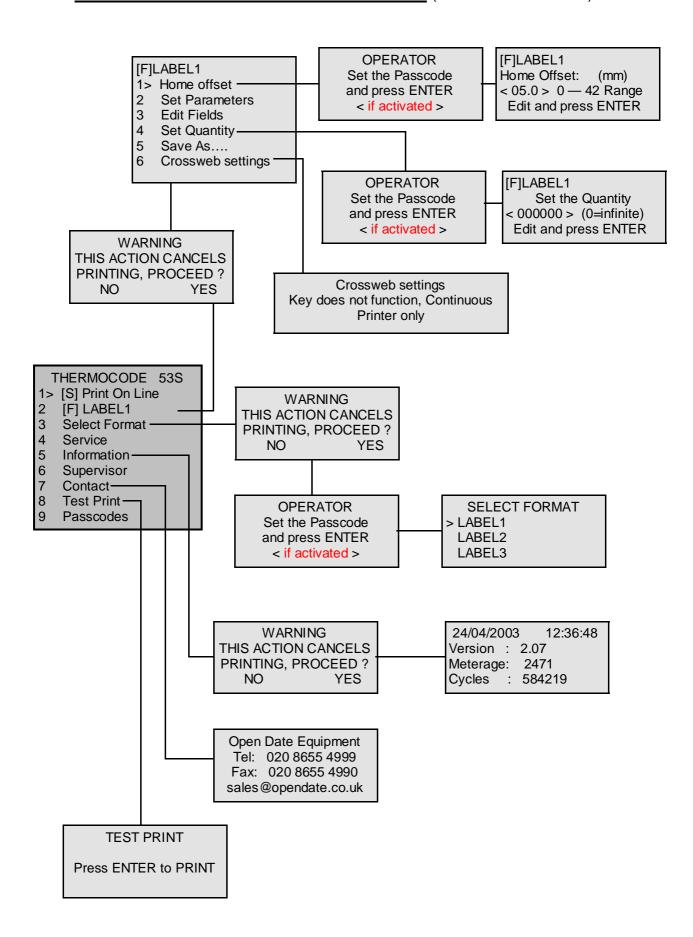
See next page for a full description of the keys on the Mini-Terminal display unit.



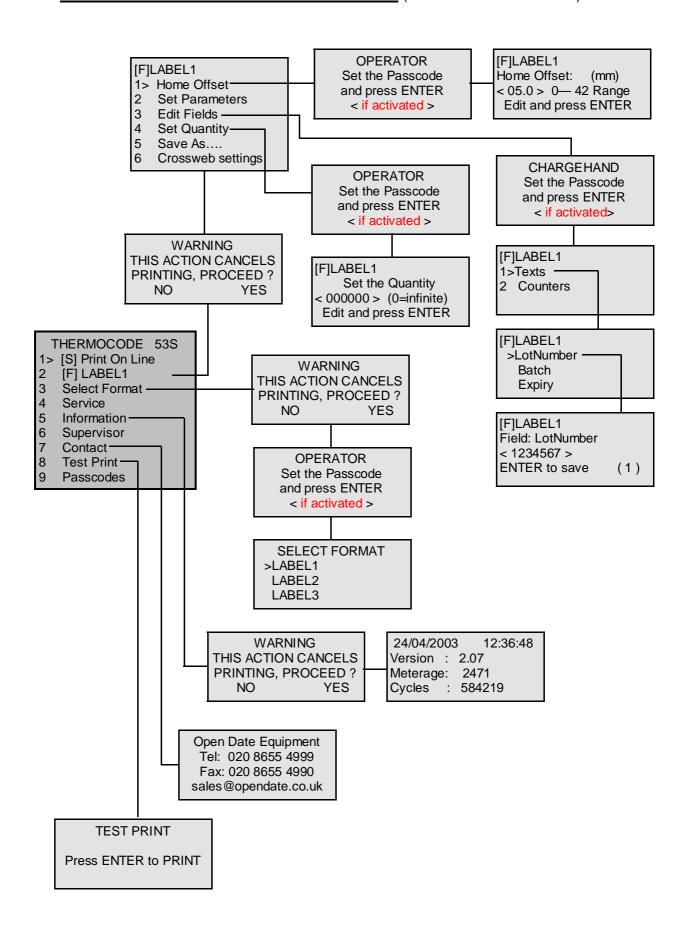
# **STATUS DISPLAY SOFTWARE FLOWCHARTS** (Level 1: OPERATOR)



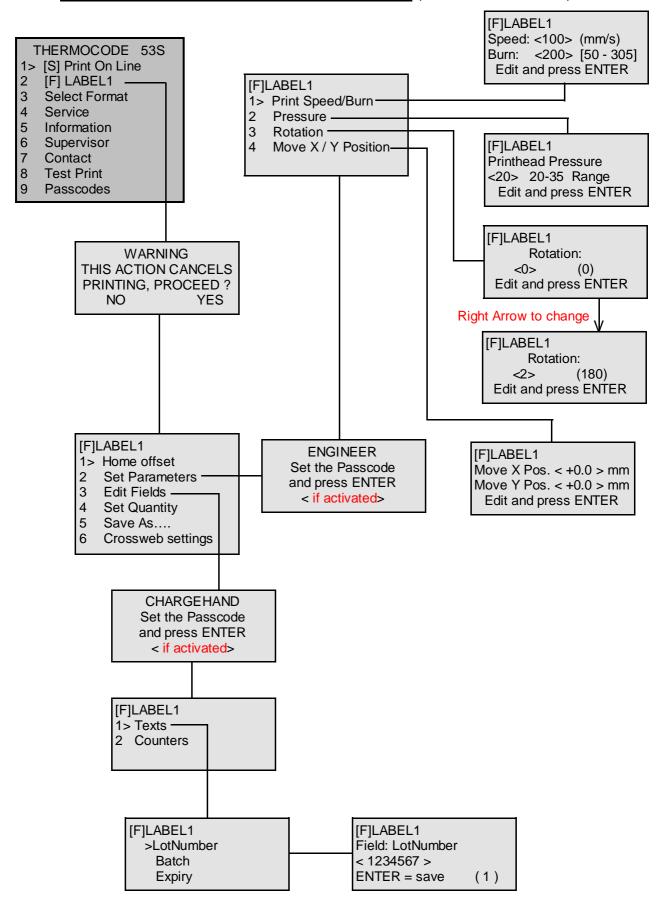
# STATUS DISPLAY SOFTWARE FLOWCHARTS (Level 1: OPERATOR)



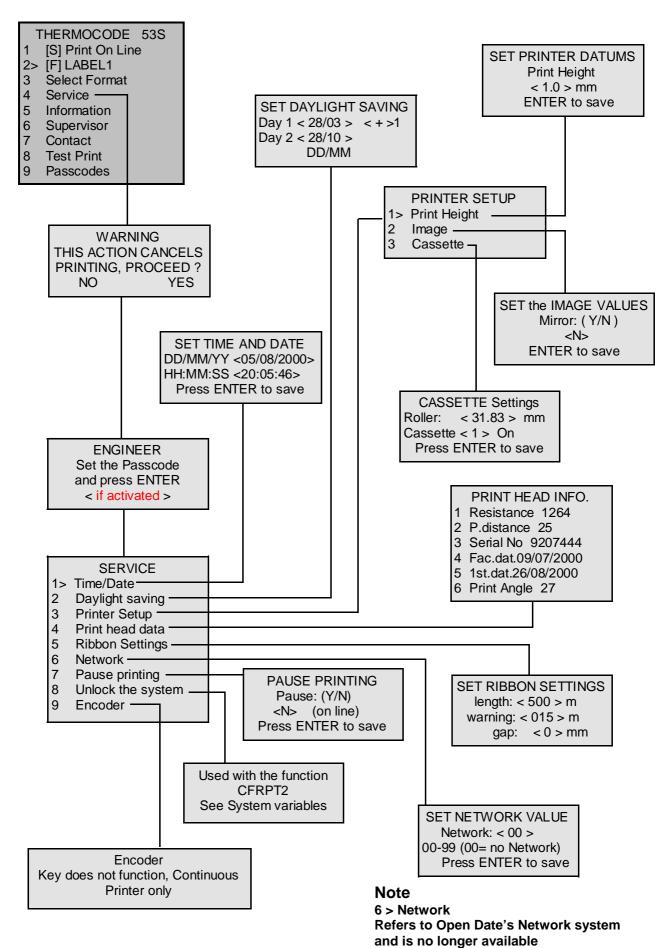
### STATUS DISPLAY SOFTWARE FLOWCHARTS (Level 2: CHARGEHAND)



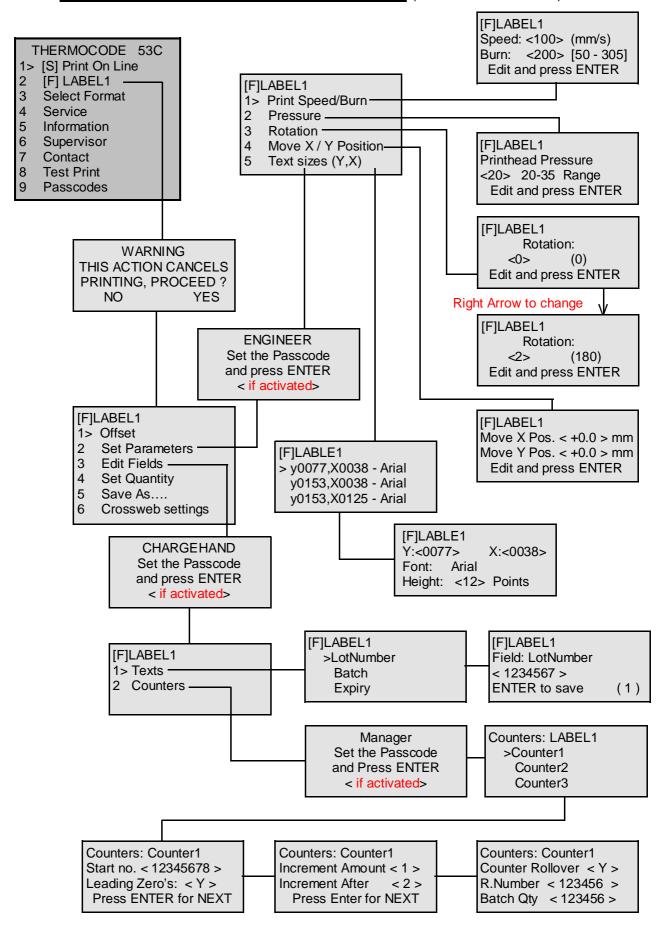
# **STATUS DISPLAY SOFTWARE FLOWCHARTS** (Level 3: ENGINEER)



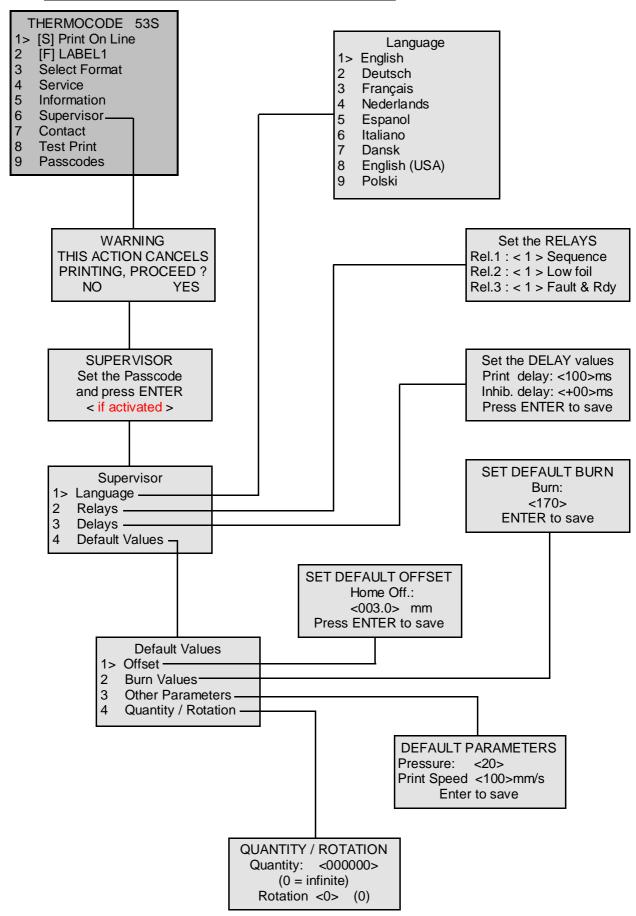
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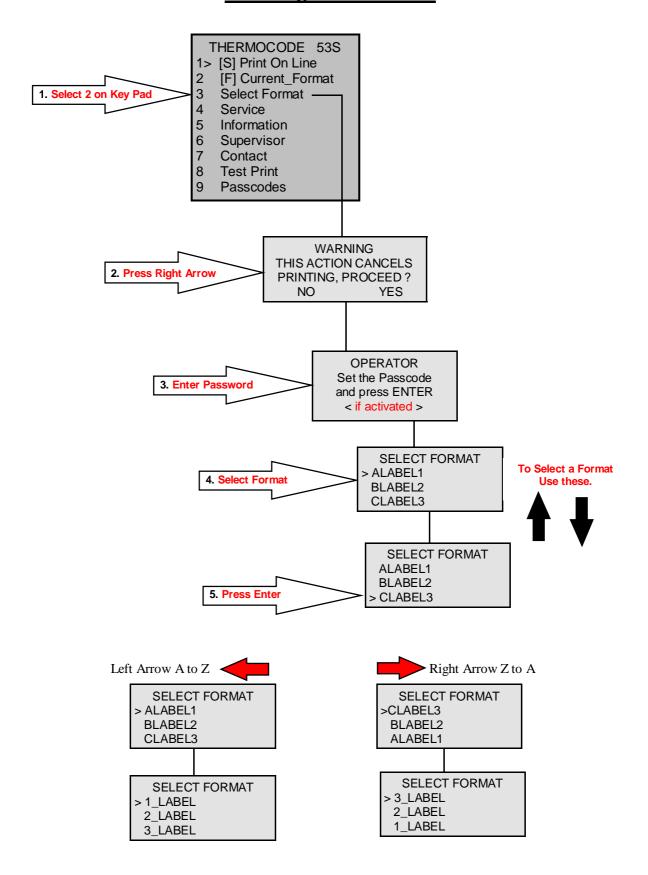
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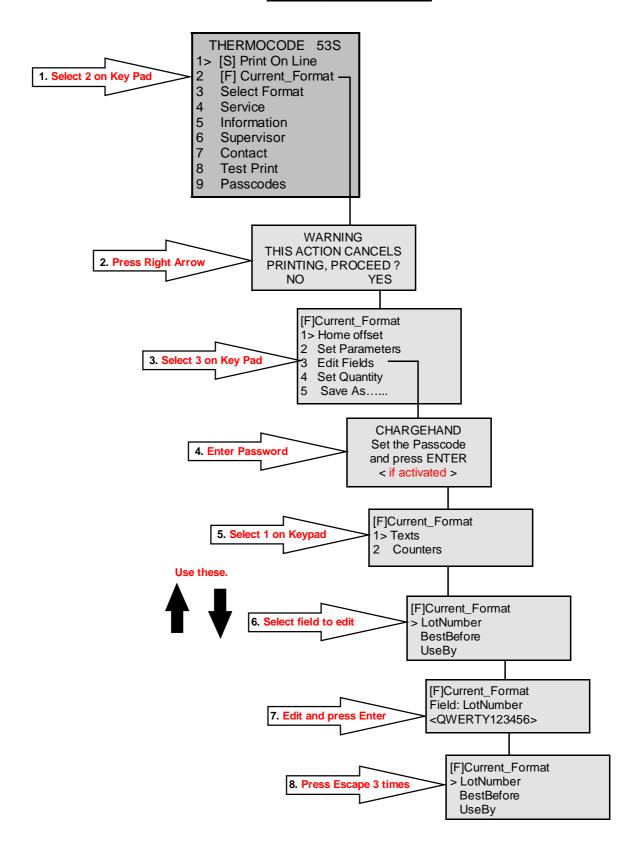
# **STATUS DISPLAY SOFTWARE FLOWCHARTS** (Level 5: SUPERVISOR)



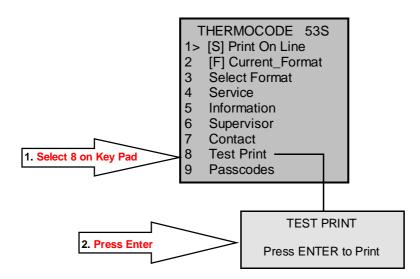
# **Selecting a New Format**



# **Editing Text Fields**

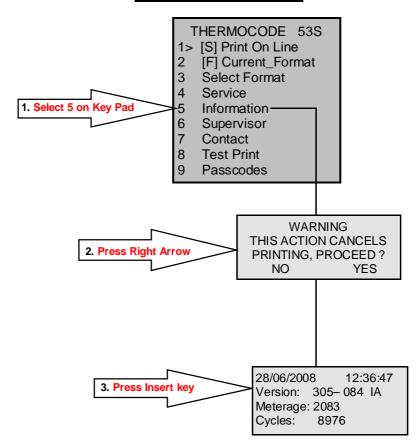


# **MAKING TEST PRINTS**



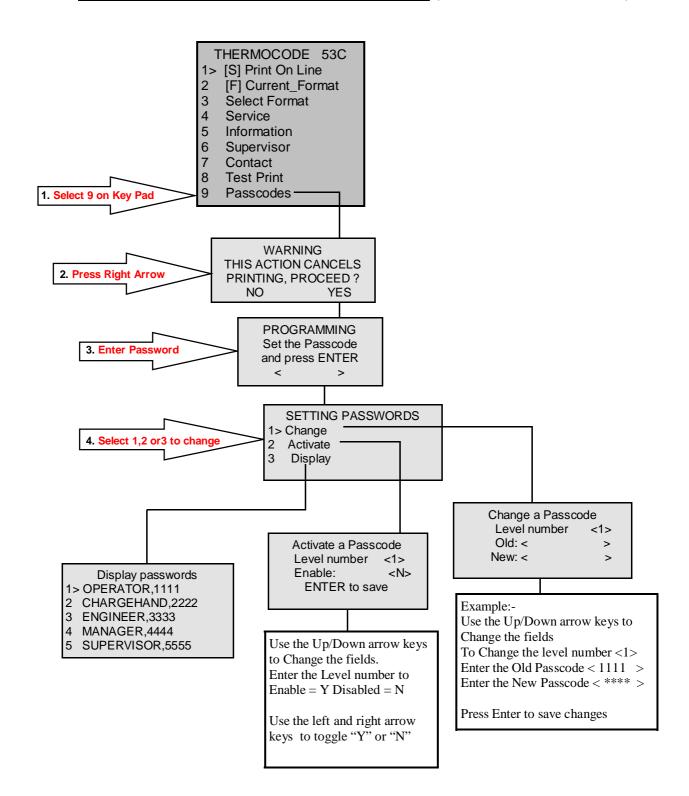
# Holding down the ENTER key will allow continual Printing

# Information screen



#### Common to all Thermocode 2 Printer

### STATUS DISPLAY SOFTWARE FLOWCHARTS (Level 7: PROGRAMMING)

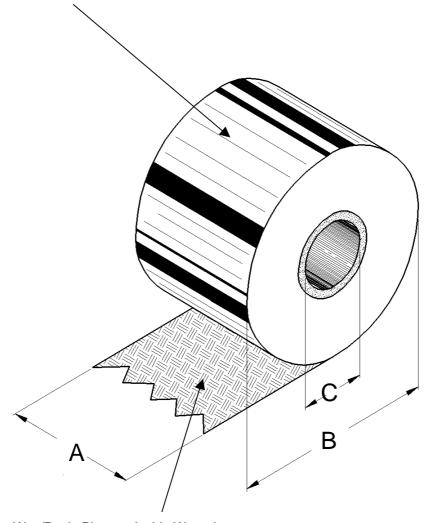


Levels 6,7, 8 & 9 would have to be changed, using RecoverMode or Codesoft.

### THERMOCODE SERIES 2 RIBBON SPECIFICATIONS

Printer	A (width)	B (max)	С	Core
53S	55	65	25.4	Cardboard
53M	55	80	25.4	Cardboard
53L	55	80	25.4	Cardboard
107S	110	65	25.4	Cardboard
107M	110	80	25.4	Cardboard
107L	110	80	25.4	Cardboard

# Silicone based "Back Coating" Outside (Low coefficient of friction: Kd < 0.2)



Wax/Resin Pigment Inside Wound

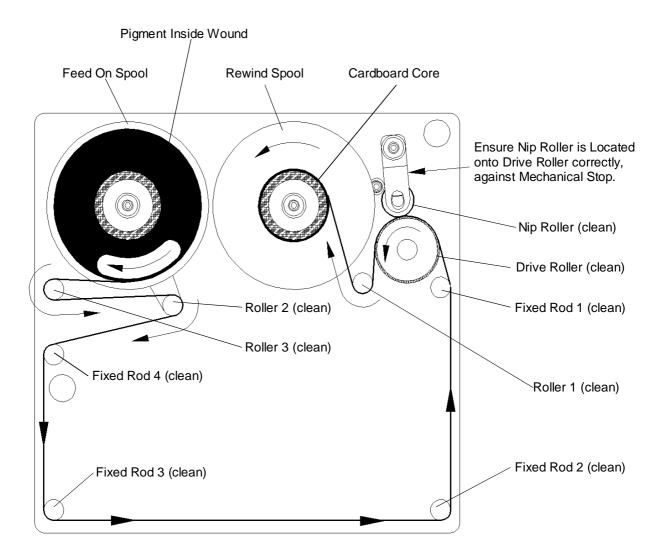
No leaders or Trailers required on Foil.

Open Date Equipment stocks several grades, sizes and colours of Thermal Transfer Ribbon, please call our Sales office for further details specifying the model of Printer that you have. All Ribbons are available on a next day delivery if required.

# THERMOCODE SERIES 2 THREADING DIAGRAM (models 53S & 107S)

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### FITTING A NEW RIBBON



- 1. Remove used ribbon & cardboard core from the rewind spool and dispose off correctly.
- 2. Remove the empty cardboard core from the feed-on spool and refit to the rewind spool.
- 3. Clean all the following Rollers & Rods to remove any residue that has built up. (Use Isopropanol)

Nip Roller (1 off)

Drive Rubber Roller (1 off)

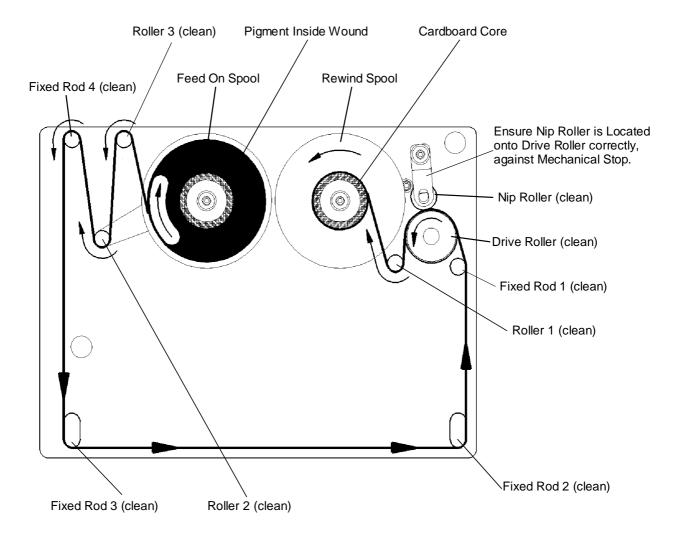
Fixed Rods (4 off)

Rollers (3 off).

- 4. Fit new reel of Foil, ensuring that the direction of take off is correct.
- 5. Thread up foil as diagram above, and fix to empty cardboard core on rewind spool with selotape.
- 6. Engage Nip Roller to Drive roller assembly.
- 7. Wind on a few turns of the drive roller to ensure the foil is tracking and tensioned correctly.

# THERMOCODE SERIES 2 THREADING DIAGRAM (models 53M, 53L, 107M, 107L)

### FITTING A NEW RIBBON



- 1. Remove used ribbon & cardboard core from the rewind spool and dispose off correctly.
- 2. Remove the empty cardboard core from the feed-on spool and refit to the rewind spool.
- 3. Clean all the following Rollers & Rods to remove any residue that has built up. (Use Isopropanol)

Nip Roller (1 off)

Drive Rubber Roller (1 off)

Fixed Rods (4 off)

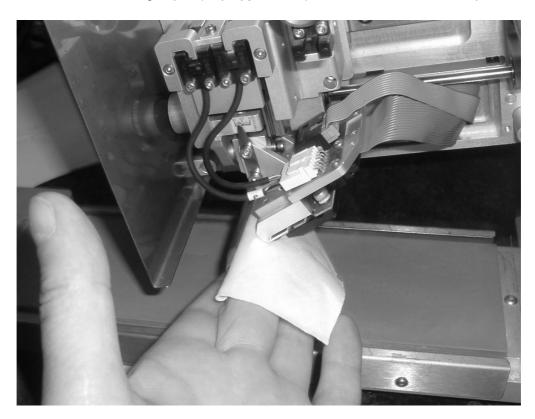
Rollers (3 off).

- 4. Fit new reel of Foil, ensuring that the direction of take off is correct.5. Thread up foil as diagram above, and fix to empty cardboard core on rewind spool with selotape.6. Engage Nip Roller to Drive roller assembly.
- 7. Wind on a few turns of the drive roller to ensure the foil is tracking and tensioned correctly.

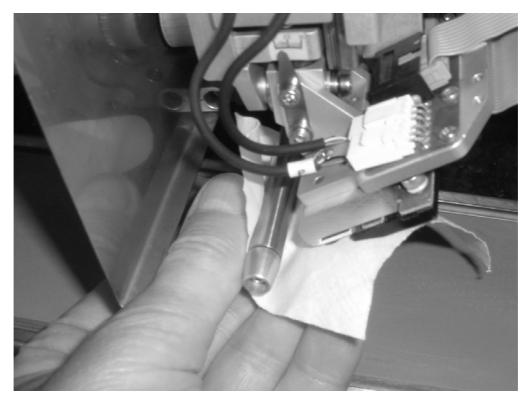
# **Cleaning the Printhead**

### Print Head

- 1. With a dry clean paintbrush, brush out any particles of ribbon and ribbon residue.
- 2. With Print head Cleaning Wipes (Isopropyl Alcohol) clean the under side of the print head.



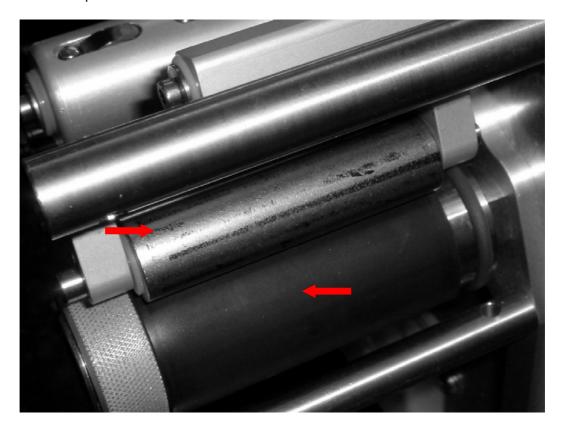
3. Clean the bottom roller.



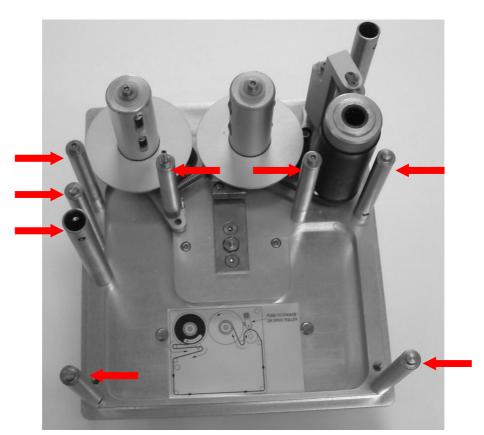
4. Also clean the print pad.

# **Cleaning the Cassette**

5. Clean the nip roller and bottom black roller as indicated.



- 6. Inspect the bottom black roller for any damage. Change if damaged.
- 7. Clean all the shafts indicated.



# **FAULT FINDING**

#### Ribbon Indexing not Enough (Overlapping Prints)

- Q. Cardboard Core does not fit the Rewind spool Correctly, or is missing?
- A. Fit correct cardboard core, ensure it is located on the spring clips correctly.
- Q. Foil not attached to Cardboard core correctly?
- A. Use adhesive tape to attach the ribbon to the cardboard core, and wind on a few turns.
- Q. Cassette rollers, Printhead rollers or Printhead Assembly are dirty, through build up of wax/resin residue?
- A. Clean cassette and Printhead as described in maintenance section.
- Q. Brake belt on cassette is damaged, worn or dirty?
- A. Renew Brake belt
- Q. Tension arm spring tension on Brake belt not set correctly?
- A. Adjust Belt brake correctly, when functioning correctly the tension arm should be about 6mm from the stop pin.

### **Ribbon Indexing Excessive**

- Q. The Format design has a space before printing any characters?
- A. Change the format design so there is only1mm from the "X" datum to the first characters to be printed.
- Q. Foil may be sticking to Substrate being printed, and being pulled along?
- A. Adjust the Printhead position from the substrate, possibly the clearance is insufficient and the foil is being indexed along with the substrate. Service Engineer may be required.

#### **Ribbon Breaking or Perforated**

- Q. Cassette rollers, Printhead rollers or Printhead Assembly are dirty, through build up of wax/resin residue?
- A. Clean cassette and Printhead as described in maintenance section.
- Q. Foil may be sticking to Substrate being printed, and being pulled along?
- A. Adjust the Printhead position from the substrate, possibly the clearance is insufficient and the foil is being indexed along with the substrate. Service Engineer may be required.
- Q. Temperature "BURN" values may be set to high for the substrate being printed?
- A. Reduce "BURN" values of format to achieve acceptable print quality.
- Q. Foil indexing problems prints overlapping each other, weakening the ribbon?
- A. See page 36 "Print Quality Problems" for Overlapping Prints remedies.

#### Fault Finding Continued

#### **Ribbon Tracking on Cassette**

- Q. Cassette rollers, Printhead rollers or Printhead Assembly are dirty, through build up of wax/resin residue?
- A. Clean cassette and Printhead as described in maintenance section.
- Q. Foil may be sticking to Substrate being printed, and being pulled to one side?
- A. Adjust the Printhead position from the substrate, possibly the clearance is insufficient and the foil is being indexed along with the substrate. Service Engineer may be required.
- Q. Cassette may have been dropped, damaging tracking rods or Tension arm?
- A. Call for Service Engineer or send back to manufacturer for checking.

#### **Print Quality Problems**

- Q. Print not consistent over printed area?
- **A.** Ribbon not compatible with substrate.

Temperature, burn settings to low. Low printing temperatures can give the effect of the edges of characters appearing feint or ragged.

Damaged or dirty print base, clean and check for any imperfections. Normal Thermocode Series 2 print bases are 45-50 shore hardness rubber, which is bonded to an aluminium backing sheet and then ground. Flatness of this pad is very important, on some labelling machines if the backing web is not aligned correctly it will cut into the print base or actually miss-shape it due to the tension of the backing web.

Printer not correctly mounted in Frame.

Printer frame not manufactured to correct dimensions, clearance under printer excessive. See Standard Frame measurements drawings at the end of this manual.

Printhead dirty or Pixels burnt out. Clean Printhead and test print on plain fax paper to confirm Printhead condition.

Ribbon Indexing not enough. See previous page.

Ribbon tracking on magazine, causing creasing. See previous page

Ribbon perforated or broken, See previous page.

Ribbon foil INK Coating inconsistent.

#### **Clearing Printer Errors**

All errors that occur within the printer are shown as "**Error**" on the status line of the Mini-Terminal display. To view the actual error press No.1 or the Enter key of the keypad. Errors are shown as text messages along with a numerical number which must be noted if you are requesting a Service visit or assistance.

Once errors have been viewed they can then be cleared, page up to the top of the screen and press "Enter" when the cursor is next to the option "Clear errors".

Clearing errors can have two consequences, if the errors are mechanical the error is cleared and the format is retained in the image memory. If the error is a format design problem, as the error is cleared the format will be removed from the image memory.

The only way to correct format errors is to redesign the format this cannot be corrected by adjusting parameters within the Mini-Terminal parameters.

# **THERMOCODE Intermittent Printer** (diagnostics sheet 1)

FAULT DESCRIPTION	REMEDY / ACTION
Printer keeps re-booting	Check printer 5 volt supply is adjusted correctly See page 7 & 13
Flashing cursor on mini-terminal screen.	1. Remove the Magazine, and then replace it. 2. Replace display curly cable. 3. Replace display. 4. Replace processor board and re-program.
Error on start up (boot up). X or Y overflow.	If the mini-display shows 53 or 107, with a "0 after it, instead of the model letter?  1. Check 10 way ribbon connections, each end. 2. Contact your Supplier, to fix the Printhead problem.
Printhead temperature. (Head Cold Fault)	Change the wider ribbon cable between the printhead and processor board.
Printhead LED stays on. (Power Supply)	Change the 24 Volt DC switching board, See page 11.
No display on the mini-terminal.	<ol> <li>Check 1.6 amp fuse within power supply.         See page 13.     </li> <li>Check the ribbon cable, beneath the stepper board inside the power supply. See page 11.</li> </ol>
Printhead LED, not working. (Power Supply)	Check the15 or 20 amp fuse within power supply, located on the 24 Volt DC board. See page 11.
Printing Wavy Barcodes.	<ol> <li>Brake arm loose on brake on brake lever.</li> <li>Retaining washer loose or missing from foil rollers.</li> <li>Increase the Print height above the substrate.</li> </ol>
Ribbon Tracking (movement to one side)	1. Check brake is not set to tight. 2. Check brake arm is not loose. 3. Check any foil guides are not loose or bent. 4. Check Printhead is levelling correctly.
Broken Ribbon Sensor.	Check the brake arm is not loose, and passes through the sensor correctly.

# **THERMOCODE Intermittent Printer** (diagnostics sheet 2)

FAULT DESCRIPTION	REMEDY / ACTION
No power to printer / No voltage to power supply	Check fuses in mains plug and power supply.     Check supply voltage is at source.     Check all the fuses in power supply.     Check all electrical connections are correct.
Ribbon broken.	Replace ribbon.     Check brake tension on cassette.     Replace or repair thermal ribbon.
Low foil warning.	Replace thermal ribbon on printer, ensure that you press the "yes" key on the mini-terminal after engaging the nip roller, to reset the foil counter.
Count completed.	Select another format.     Edit quantity via mini-terminal display
No format name displayed on screen.	Format has been de-selected.     Select a new format.
No font loaded to printer, for format selected.	Load the font to printer and select the format again.     Load a different format that has printer fonts.     Check which fonts have been loaded to printer, by interrogating with the "Codesoft" software
Print on line, awaiting print signal.	Normal condition
Pressure switch fault.	1. Check the mounting frame is not open. 2. Check the gap between printer and print base. 3. Check sensor assembly has not come loose. 4. Check wire crimps and connections. 5. Check LED on sensor activates correctly. 6. Check print base rubber is not damaged or missing. 7. Check pressure setting within format parameters.
Vertical home sensor fault.	Check sensor assembly has not come loose.     Check wire crimps and connections.     Check LED on sensor activates correctly.
Printhead Thermistor fault / disconnected	Check ribbon cables are fitted correctly to printhead and interconnect PCB.     Faulty printhead, replace.

This file contains a list of error texts and their associated error numbers. The error numbers are displayed after the error text, along with the source number, with the exception of the two shown below.

Error Message	Reason	Corrective Measures
Run Program	Firmware corruption	Switch the printer off. Then Reload the firmware.
No Program Loaded	Disconnection on communications lead, when down loading the Firmware.  Sending fonts or formats, whilst booting up the printer.	Press the enter key, reset the Baud rate, reset the RTC. Press accept. Switch the printer off. Then Reload the firmware.

#### Example: Pressure not seen 21, 2266

This is error number 21, on line number 2266 of the source code file. This line number is only of use to the developers, but is worth recording along with the version of firmware.

Error Number	Error Message	Reason	Corrective Measures				
11	Serial port fail	Problem with hardware.	Check cables & connections, if the cables are ok replace the Processor Board.				
12	SPY chip fail	Failure in writing to the Spy chip from the boards.     The Ribbon Cable could be faulty.	1 & 2. Re program or change the Spy Chip Board. If you still have the same Fault Change the Ribbon cable. (14 Days notice See note 1 page 8)				
13	SPY buff fail	Wrong Version of Software.	Re program or change the Spy Chip Board. If you have the same Fault Change the Ribbon cable.				
14	SPY param fail	Wrong Version of Software.	Re program or change the Spy Chip Board. If you have the same Fault Change the Ribbon cable.				
15	RTC fail	Faulty real time clock.	Check the battery 3.6v. Change the Processor Board. (Contact Supplier)				
16	DAS can't format	Problem with memory on processor card.	Change the Processor Board. (Contact Supplier)				
17	Head overheated	<ol> <li>Thermistor failed on Printhead.</li> <li>The Ribbon cable could be faulty.</li> </ol>	8 2. Change the Print Head. If you still have the same Fault Change the Ribbon cable.  Then Refit the original Print head				
18	Head Cold	Thermistor failed on Printhead.     The Ribbon cable could be faulty.	1 & 2. Change the Print Head. If you have the same Fault Change the Ribbon cable. Then Refit the original Print head.				
19	Too fast 1	Web speed too fast for printer.	Reduce web speed.				
20	Too fast 2	Web speed too fast for printer.	Reduce web Speed.				
21	Pressure not seen	<ol> <li>Pressure sensor Failed or dirty.</li> <li>Frame open or Print pad missing</li> <li>Incorrect Motor steps to the Print Pad. Occurs on Format Download &amp; when printing.</li> <li>Low voltage. Under 5 VDC to the Printer.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Clean or replace the sensor.</li> <li>Switch the Printer off. Close the Frame or replace the Print Pad. Reboot the Printer.</li> <li>Clear the error. Carry out some test prints.</li> <li>Check the voltage and adjust to 5.1 volts.</li> <li>Fault 155 "No press confirmed"</li> <li>Will also been shown.</li> <li>Carrie out the above checks, when both faults are shown.</li> </ol>				
22	End sensor fail	The Print head has not seen the end sensor	<ol> <li>Clean the Sensor or change if failed.</li> <li>Check the ribbon cables are not fouling the guard of the Printer. Display may read as a 107S when the Printer is actually 107M.</li> </ol>				

Error Number	Error Message	Reason	Corrective Measures
23	Serial port overrun	Problem of serial port handshake.	Check your Com Port Setting. Try new serial port cable. If this makes no difference change the Processor Boards.
24	Serial buffer overrun	Problem of serial port handshake.	Check your Com Port Setting. Try new serial port cable. If that makes no difference change the Processor Boards.
25	Start sensor too close.	The start sensor is to close to the Print head	Move the start sensor way from the Print head.
26	Sys param unknown	Requested or sent a unknown System Variable	Request or send the correct one.
27	Relay delay out of range	Problem with variable SYSRELDEL	Check the setting in the Mini Terminal. Service menu no 6, menu no 3 Delay (Inhib delay)
28	Format param unknown	Format Parameters incorrectly entered in the format.	Correct the Parameters. The fault can only be created using Dos.
29	Sys string long	System Variable string has an incorrect entry. i.e. 13 months instead of 12 entered in SYSMON etc.	Correct the System Variable and resend to the Printer.
30	List type unknown	Z? Requesting a nonexistent system variable	Clear the error. Enter the correct request code.
31	Delete type unknown	Deleting an Unknown request.	Incorrect escape code used when using the delete command.
32	List file unknown	Requesting a non existent Format Font etc.	Clear the error. Request the correct Format or Font etc.
33	Delete file unknown	Deleting an Unknown Format File.	Typing error or the Format, Font etc is not in the Printer.
34	Bad line	Communication Lead faulty.     Codesoft has been Networked	<ol> <li>Check the communications lead is plugged in on the Computer &amp; Printer. Check the lead for any dry joints.</li> <li>If not Networked, check Codesoft is not set on Network in the Advanced menu.</li> </ol>
35	Bad Format Line	Format information Incorrect	Correct the format design.
36	Format line too long	1.Text line too long maximum of 149 character & spaces.  2. The text box used in Codesoft is larger than the required text. With no carriage return.  3. Codesoft, Word wrap has been checked.  4. Baud rate incorrect	<ol> <li>Reduce the text line.</li> <li>Reduce the text box to the size of the text length.</li> <li>Uncheck the word wrap in Properties &amp; Paragraph.</li> <li>Check the Baud rate with in Codesoft.</li> </ol>
37	Local graphic error	Problem with local graphic in a format.	Re-load format, or check graphic.
38	Graphic file missing	Format sent to the Printer with out the Graphic File. Global graphic has been deleted from the Printer.	In Codesoft Printer settings, General, Reload image at next print job should be checked. (Box ticked) Correct the Format Design & resend to the printer.
39	Too many local graphics	Too many local graphics designed with in the Format.	Reduce the number of graphics with in the Format design.
40	Too many graphics	Too many local and global graphics loaded to the Printer	Reduce the number global graphics.
41	Cant update format not selected	The Format has not been selected for Printing.	Select the format you wish to send Modified data only to.
42	Box to narrow for line width	Box design incorrect	Correct the Format design. The fault can only be created in Dos.
43	Box to low for line height	Box design incorrect	Correct the Format design. The fault can only be created in Dos.

Error	Error Message	Reason	Corrective Measures
Number	Line/ box too		
44	wide	Box design incorrect	Correct the Format design. The fault can only be created in Dos.
45	Rotation out of range	Incorrect Rotation set in the Format should be 0,1,2 or 3	Correct the Format with correct rotation. The fault can only be created using Dos.
46	Scale factor wrong	Graphic Scaling factor incorrect should be 0,1 or 2	Correct the Format design.
47	Bar lines overflow	Incorrect barcode design.	Correct the barcode design. The fault can only be created in Dos.
48	Bad bar style	Selected a non-supported Barcode type.	Check the type of Barcode required. The fault can only be created in Dos.
49	Bad bar width	Bar width larger than 5 or less than 2.	Bar width Maximum 5, Minimum 2. The fault can only be created in Dos.
50	Bad bar ratio	Ratio within the Barcode Format design incorrect. Available Ratios are 0 =3,1= 2.5 & 2= 2	Correct the Format design. The fault can only be created in Dos.
51	Bad bar human	Human readable is larger than 1	Human readable maximum 1 Minimum 0. The fault can only be created in Dos.
52	Bad bar csum	Check Digit value larger than	Check digit Maximum 1, Minimum 0. The fault can only be created in Dos.
53	Bad bar speed	Incorrect Speed flag. Should be Zero	Correct the Barcode design. The fault can only be created in Dos.
54	Bad bar data	Barcode data to many or few digits for the barcode type. Check Type of Barcode, whether numerical or Alphabetical or both.	Change the number of digits to suit the Barcode type, check the style of barcode and the data needed.
55	Graphic To Wide	Graphic to wide for the printer. Graphic file corrupted?	Resize or replace the graphic
56	X underflow	Format design is out side the Print area, on the left side of the "X" axis.	Move the Format design to be with in the Print area.
57	X overflow	Format design is out side the Print area, on the right side of the "X" axis.	Move the Format design to be with in the Print area.
58	Y underflow	Format design is out side the Print area, at the top of the page on the "Y" axis.	Move the Format design to be with in the Print area.
59	Y overflow	Format design is out side the Print area, at the bottom of the page on the "Y" axis.	Move the Format design to be with in the Print area.
60	Timeout in Binary	Incorrect Baud Rate Set     Noise on the     Communication lead     Incorrect Network number     set. (Network printers only)	Check the Baud Rate     Check the communication lead.     Check the Network number.
61	Timeout in format	Information in the Format Design, missing or incorrect     Network number set in the Printer. But not in Codesoft.	Correct the Format Design. Other error generated during the download of the format or fonts.     Set the Printer Network number to Zero if no Network. Then re-boot the Printer.     If networked, set network number in Codesoft.

Note: - X and Y overflows. Do not use Arial Black type font. The Codesoft WYSIWYG is incorrect when using this Font.

Error Number	Error Message	Reason	Corrective Measures				
62	Format not found	Requested a Format not downloaded to the Printer.	Requested the wrong Format name or the Format is not Loaded to the Printer.				
63	Erasing font in use	Deleting a Font when used in the current format.	Stop Printing, delete the Font. Re-select a format.				
64	Reverse field wrong	Reverse image text should be 0 or 1 (not supported)	Correct the field.				
65	Proportional field wrong	Incorrect Proportional field. Value = 0 or 1	Correct the value. The fault can only be created in Dos.				
66	Text field overflow	Maximum Text in variable = 0 to 59	Reduce text length in variable to less than 60.				
67	Text lines overflow	Too many text lines with in the designed format	Reduce the amount of Text. Maximum of 120 lines.				
68	Text fields overflow	Too many text fields in the format.	Reduce text fields in format to be below 150.				
69	Too many counters	Format design has too many counters maximum of 20 counter fields.	Reduce the number of counter fields with in the Format design.				
70	Too many Variable	Too many variable with in the format.	Reduce the number of variables.				
71	Missing Variable	The variable has not loaded with the format	Correct the format design				
72	Variable out of Limit	Variable field with high and low limits	Correct the variable field. The fault can only be created in Dos.				
73	Global counter too wide for field	Incorrect counter field design	Correct the counter field. Enter a Padding Character in the Counter Field. Found in "Output" Enter "0" (Zero).				
74	Local counter too wide for field	Incorrect counter field design	Correct the counter field. Enter a Padding Character in the Counter Field. Found in "Output" Enter "0" (Zero).				
75	Font missing	The Font required is not loaded to the Printer	Load the appropriate Font to the Printer.				
76	Font size unavailable	A Bit Map Font (SFP) has been down loaded. The Format design has an incorrect point size.	Correct the Format design. Or load the Bit Map font required.				
77	Font file problem	Bit map font loaded to the Printer with out a font size.	Delete the font, correct your font file then reload the font to the Printer. Enter the font size The fault can only be created using Dos File to download fonts.				
78	Font code problem	Corrupted Font File.	Delete and then replace the corrupted Font.				
79	Time out of range	Incorrect time form sent to the Printer. e.g. 2530	Correct the field.				
80	Date out of range	Incorrect date form sent to the Printer. e.g. 321002	Correct the field.				
81	Can't update variable	Variable has not been designed in the format or is missing.	Correct the format Design.				
82	Global variable unknown	The Global variable has not been loaded to the Printer. Or has been deleted.	Resend the Global variable to the Printer.				
83	Daysave error	Incorrect information entered in the daylight save field.	Correct the Daylight saving field.				
84	Sys param out of range	Changing a System Parameter with a value out range.	Correct the parameters with in your format design The fault can only be created using Termode or Service.				
85	Too Many Horizontal Steps	The Home offset set too high for the size of Printer.     The Printer has not seen the End or the sensor has failed. The one to the right of the Printer.	Reduce the Home offset.     Check the sensor is clean & working. The ribbon cables are not fouling the guard of the Printer.  Top line may read as a 1075 when the Printer.				

Error Number	Error Message	Reason	Corrective Measures
86	Format has no image	The Format has not been generated for the Image Memory. When other Faults have occurred.	Rectify the faults within the Format.
87	Line with no network number	Format sent to the wrong network number.	Check the Network numbers are correct.
88	Line with unwanted network number	Network number selected in Codesoft. Printer has no Network number set.	Printer settings, then Advanced. Uncheck the "Network" box. Then click OK.
89	Burn file corrupt	Bad date written in the Burn File before being compiled, or corrupted on send.	Check & correct the Burn file
90	Burn file to long	Incorrect burn file design.	Check & correct the burn file.
91	Burn duty too high	<ol> <li>The Burn duty in the Format has been set too high.</li> <li>The Burn duty in Set Parameters is too high.</li> <li>The Burn duty is close to or set on the upper limit and the room or head temperature has raised.</li> </ol>	Reduce the Burn duty within the Format and resend to the Printer. Or Change with in the Mini Terminal.      Reduce the Burn duty within Set Parameters.
92	H table overrun	Internal software error.	Report, with format to Open Date UK
93	R table overrun	Internal software error.	Report, with format to Open Date UK
94	V table overrun	Internal software error.	Report, with format to Open Date UK
95	Bad case	Internal software error.	Report, with format to Open Date UK
96	Can't write parameter update	Internal software error.	Try INEW, then report, with format to Open Date UK
97	Can't read parameter update	Internal software error.	Try INEW, then report, with format to Open Date UK
98	Bad file copy	Internal software error.	Try INEW, then report, with format to Open Date UK
99	Can't open temp FMS	Internal software error.	Try INEW, then report, with format to Open Date UK
100	Can't open parameter file	Internal software error.	Try INEW, then report, with format to Open Date UK
101	Can't open format file	Internal software error.	Try INEW, then report, with format to Open Date UK
102	Get Character fail	Internal software error.	Try INEW, then report, with format to Open Date UK
103	CM_ALLOCATE fail	Internal software error.	Try INEW, then report, with format to Open Date UK
104	FM_ALLOCATE fail	Internal software error.	Try INEW, then report, with format to Open Date UK
105	Write to read only store	Internal software error.	Try INEW, then report, with format to Open Date UK
106	Read only store missing	Internal software error.	Try INEW. Try reloading .HEX file, report, with format to Open Date UK
107	ASY_STAT bad	Internal software error.	Report, with format to Open Date UK
108	Print On Line	Printer waiting a print signal.	(No error)
109	Loading Format	Format being loaded to the image memory.	(No error)
110	Creating Image	Image being created within the image memory.	(No error)
111	Printing	Only seen when printing large formats at low speed.	(No error)

Error Number	Error Message	Reason	Corrective Measures
112	Cassette Off	Cassette is Off. Or Possible sensor fault.	If the Cassette is on the printer, but the fault Cassette Off message appears. Check the Cassette release & the Cassette sensor.
113	Ribbon break	Burn too high, ribbon settings incorrect	Reduce the Burn. Check the ribbon settings. Check the Cassette brake arm tension.
114	Initialising	Printer Boot up sequence.	(No error)
115	Find pre print	Pre print height. Default 1mm. User selectable	Service Menu, No 3, Datum. 1 to 9mm (No error)
116	Parking	Printer Boot up sequence & after replacing the Cassette.	(No error)
117	Error	You have an error	Press the enter key, scroll down to the last fault in the list.
118	Printing paused	Operator selected Printing paused.	Deselect Paused printing
119	Count Completed	Selected number of printer counts completed.	Reset the counter field. Will occur after one print if Infinite print is not selected within Codesoft.
120	Ribbon Low	The ribbon is low, or incorrect ribbon settings	Replace the ribbon. Check the ribbon settings 50, 300 or 500mm
121	Print Off Line	No format loaded to the Printer image memory's	Select or download a format
122	Prints too close for high speed	When distance delay expired, the printer was still printing the last image.	Try decreasing, the distance from the print registration sensor to the printer.
123	Trigger whilst printing	A print signal sent to the Printer when Printing.	Try decreasing, the distance from the print registration sensor to the printer. Check the shaft encoder. (See fault 125)
124	Trigger no profile	Software error.	Try reloading the format. Report to Open Date.
125	Too many triggers	Too many Print signals sent to the Printer.	Check the Encoder for mechanical faults. Encoder drive wheel slip, mounting brackets etc. Check the electrical connections. Reduce the distance of sensor from printer.
126	Too many shift codes	Too many shift codes entered in the format design	Reduce the number of shift codes maximum of 24
127	Home offset too big	Home offset too large within the format design	Reduce the Home offset & resend the format to the Printer.
128	Bar too large	The barcode is to large for the printer to generate	Try reducing the barcode bar width
129	Can't open fixed config	Major Internal software error.	Try reloading the Firmware. Contact Open Date UK
130	Can't open new config	Major Internal software error.	Try reloading the Firmware. Contact Open Date UK
131	Failed config read	Major Internal software error.	Try reloading the Firmware. Contact Open Date UK
132	Command not supported	Major Internal software error.	Try reloading the Firmware. Contact Open Date UK
133	Can't load file	Major Internal software error.	Try reloading the Firmware. Contact Open Date UK
134	Nip Roller open	53E Nip roller is open	Close the nip roller. If you cannot clear the error check the nip roller sensor & the 5 volts.
135	Not Used.		
136	Trigger whilst Printing	A print signal sent to the printer whilst updating the variable fields.	Try decreasing, the distance from the print registration sensor to the printer. Check the shaft encoder. (See fault 125)
137	Disk Full	Too many Formats loaded to the Printer. (Printer RAM Disk)	Delete some formats from the Printer Memory.
			After 14 days the printer will stop printing. Change

Error Number	Error Message	Reason	Corrective Measures
139	Print Before image update	The Printer Image memory has not updated the variable information sent to the printer, usually from a data base (UPMODE 3)	Ensure the update is sequenced correctly.
140	Day/Month offset wrong	Day offset entered with a month offset	Correct the formats design. Remove the day offset if a month offset is required. You cannot use both types of offset at once.
141	Comm output timeout	Printer port timed out.	Clear the error. Then resend the data if required. If the Printer has locked up, Reboot the Printer.
142	Printer Locked	Variable CFRPT2 has been set to 2.	You cannot send any formats or fonts to printer when locked. Clear the error, unlock the Printer then resend the format or font.
143	IP_SMALL_BUFF TCP/IP	Internal error	Try reloading the Firmware. Contact Open Date UK
144	LOCKED	Incorrect use of CFRPT2	Correct the way you using of CFRPT2
145	Serial Line overflow	Using the " <b>0Y</b> " command more than once. Returns variable data to a computer, using UPMOD 4 & UPMOD 5	Correct the format design and re send too the printer.
146	Variable type unknown	Trying to create an un- recognizable variable (Not a counter or date)	Recreate the variable the correct way. Recognized by our Printers
147	Var File	Trying to use a file type variable and cannot open the File with the data	Correct the variable file and resend to the Printer
148	Comtrig invalid	Invalid field entry in the variable SYSCOMTRIG	Correct the data entered in the SYSCOMTRIG field.
149	Comtrig loop too small	The distance between the formats is too small.	Increase the distance between the Prints in SYSCOMTRIG
150	Trggers /image don't match	SYSCOMTRIG is in correct, doesn't match the formats	Correct the SYSCOMTRIG or the number of formats required for printing.
151	Using COMTRIG without SYSILEN	No Value set in SYSILEN	Send the length of the largest image to be printed. The value is in millimetres.
152	Multi Image select invalid	Valid Image memories are W0X, W1X, W2X. X being Image number	Two or more image memory numbers are the same. Correct the Image memory number. See document Multi Printing for Continuous & Intermittent Printers.
153	No image selected with SYSILEN	SYSILEN has no image memory address.	The SYSILEN has not been allocated an image memory address. (ILEN ,00,01,02 etc)
154	COHDEL to big	COHDEL is set to large in relation the Print Height & Pressure	Reduce COHDEL. Then clear the error Max value is dependent on Print head height. This is measured in steps.
155	No Press confirmed	No pressure confirmed. Internal software error.	Pressure not seen in the internal software loop when starting to print. To indicate the difference between a pressure or pressure sensor fault.
156	Bad PCX	PCX graphic error	Change or modify the graphic and resend to the printer.
157	Counter field CINIT	Counter fields not recognised after installing new firmware.	CINIT the printer then reload the fonts and formats
158	Speed to slow	Variable type <b>MCPSLOW</b> is set to 1	The parent machine speed is the same as or slower then value set in <b>MCSPEED</b>

Error Number	Error Message	Reason	Corrective Measures
5007 5008 5009 5010	Open Date Loading Error	1. Noise down the Communication Lead i.e. Sending a Format or Font when the Printer is booting up. 2. Also Booting your Computer & Printer at the same time	Do not send to the Printer when booting up. Other than Firmware. Reboot the Printer.      Boot the Computer Or Printer one at a time. Not both together. Disconnect the Com's Lead from the <b>Printer</b> and reboot the Printer.
5011	Loading Error	Baud rate incorrect	Check baud rate is same on computer and printer.

Note 1: - Spy chip fail. When this message first appears this will read "SPY chip fail 12, 34,14" This will allow the printer to run for 14 days decrementing each day to 0. On the 14<sup>th</sup> day the message will read "SPY chip fail 12, 2233, 0"

Everyday you will get an error message at approximately midday. This will happen until the fourteen days are expired, or you change the Printhead.

## **Print Speed & Burn Modifications within Software.**

The modifications that have been included with the software, automatically adjust all the Printhead CONT lines percentage values for different printing speeds.

### **Software Advantages**

- Longer Printhead Life. (lower initial power settings)
- 2. Improved Quality of Print. (Even density of image)
- Automatic burn adjustment at different speeds. (speed compensation) 3.

### **Automatic Speed Compensation**

The new software allows the user to change print speed of a format without the need to adjust the burn values.

Please see attached Speed Compensation Chart, this will give a guide as to the maximum and proposed values for printing onto various materials using different Thermal Transfer ribbons.

### **Speed Compensation Chart**

Use the values below to configure your format ready for printing, the values are only a general guide and will most probably need changing to suit your material to be printed.

Once the image is correct, the print speed can be adjusted to suit the application, automatically the burn values will be adjusted to suit.

Description	Value
Print Speed	100mm/sec
Maximum Burn Value (Nominal)	303µsec
Polyethylene type Material (Wax/Resin Foil)	180µsec
Polyester type Material (Wax/Resin Foil)	200µsec
Label type Material (Wax/Resin Foil)	240µsec
Polyethylene type Material (Resin Foil)	200µsec
Polyester type Material (Resin Foil)	220µsec
Label type Material (Resin Foil)	260µsec
Thermal Label (Direct thermal)	200µsec

# **Maximum Cycles Chart**

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### MAXIMUM CYCLES CHART (Continuous Printing Mode, with Fixed Text)

The Figures below include time from Print signal to end of Ribbon Move.

Print Speed	Print	Pri													
mm/sec	3mm	4mm	6mm	8mm	10mm	12mm	15mm	18mm	20mm	25mm	30mm	35mm	40mm	45mm	50n
Ribbon Time	32	38	44	48	60	64	72	78	81	95	102	118	131	141	15
50	395	337	268	224	188	165	137	120	111	92	79	68	61	54	5( 5) 6;
60	423	364	294	249	209	185	155	137	126	105	91	79	70	63	58
70	445	387	316	270	228	203	170	152	141	117	102	88	79	71	6
80	463	405	335	288	245	219	184	165	153	128	112	97	87	79	72 78
90	479	421	352	305	260	233	197	178	165	139	121	106	94	86	78
100	492	435	366	319	273	246	208	189	176	148	130	114	102	92	8!
110	503	447	378	332	284	257	219	199	186	157	138	121	108	98	8ŧ 9(
120	513	457	390	344	295	268	228	208	195	165	146	128	114	104	96
130		466	400	354	305	277	237	217	203	173	153	134	120	110	10
140		474	409	363	313	286	245	225	211	180	159	140	126	115	10
150		481	417	372	321	294	252	233	219	187	166	146	131	120	11
160				380	329	302	259	240	226	193	172	151	136	124	11
170				387	336	308	265	246	232	199	177	156	141	129	11
180				394	342	315	271	252	238	204	183	161	145	133	12
190				400	348	321	277	258	244	209	188	166	149	137	12
200				405	353	326	282	263	249	214	192	170	153	141	13
210				411	358	331	286	268	254	219	197	174	157	144	13 13
220				416	363	336	291	273	259	223	201	178	161	148	13
230							295	277	263	228	205	182	164	151	14
240							299	282	267	232	209	185	168	154	14
250							303	286	271	235	213	189	171	157	14
260										239	216	192	174	160	14
270					,				,	242	220	195	177	163	15 15
280										246	223	198	180	166	15
290										249	226	201	182	168	15
300										252	229	204	185	171	15

## **Printer Time Chart**

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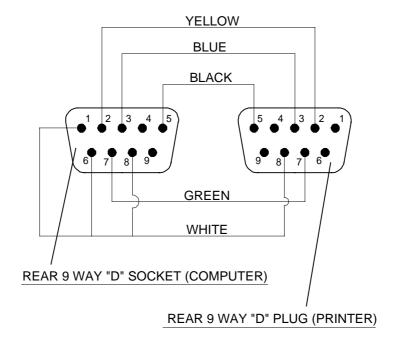
PRINT TIME CHART (Assumming 1mm Print height + 20 Pressure)

The Figures below show time in milliseconds from Print signal to end of Printed image. (Includes 25 milliseconds for vertical movement.)

Print Speed	Print	Pri													
mm/sec	3mm	4mm	6mm	8mm	10mm	12mm	15mm	18mm	20mm	25mm	30mm	35mm	40mm	45mm	50n
50	85	105	145	185	225	265	325	385	425	525	625	725	825	925	102
60	75	92	125	158	192	225	275	325	358	442	525	608	692	775	85
70	68	82	111	139	168	196	239	282	311	382	454	525	596	668	73
80	63	75	100	125	150	175	213	250	275	338	400	463	525	588	65 58
90	58	69	92	114	136	158	192	225	247	303	358	414	469	525	58
100	55	65	85	105	125	145	175	205	225	275	325	375	425	475	52 48 44
110	52	61	80	98	116	134	161	189	207	252	298	343	389	434	48
120	50	58	75	92	108	125	150	175	192	233	275	317	358	400	44
130	48	56	71	87	102	117	140	163	179	217	256	294	333	371	41
140	46	54	68	82	96	111	132	154	168	204	239	275	311	346	38 35
150	45	52	65	78	92	105	125	145	158	192	225	258	292	325	35
160	44	50	63	75	88	100	119	138	150	181	213	244	275	306	33
170	43	49	60	72	84	96	113	131	143	172	201	231	260	290	31
180	42	47	58	69	81	92	108	125	136	164	192	219	247	275	30 28
190	41	46	57	67	78	88	104	120	130	157	183	209	236	262	28
200	40	45	55	65	75	85	100	115	125	150	175	200	225	250	27
210	39	44	54	63	73	82	96	111	120	144	168	192	215	239	26
220	39	43	52	61	70	80	93	107	116	139	161	184	207	230	25 24
230	38	42	51	60	68	77	90	103	112	134	155	177	199	221	24
240	38	42	50	58	67	75	88	100	108	129	150	171	192	213	23
250	37	41	49	57	65	73	85	97	105	125	145	165	185	205	23 22 21
260	37	40	48	56	63	71	83	94	102	121	140	160	179	198	21
270	36	40	47	55	62	69	81	92	99	118	136	155	173	192	21
280	36	39	46	54	61	68	79	89	96	114	132	150	168	186	20
290	35	39	46	53	59	66	77	87	94	111	128	146	163	180	19
300	35	38	45	52	58	65	75	85	92	108	125	142	158	175	19

## **COMPUTER CONNECTION LEADS**

#### **COMPUTER TO PRINTER 9 WAY "D" CONNECTOR (COM1)**



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## AIRBORNE NOISE EMISSIONS.

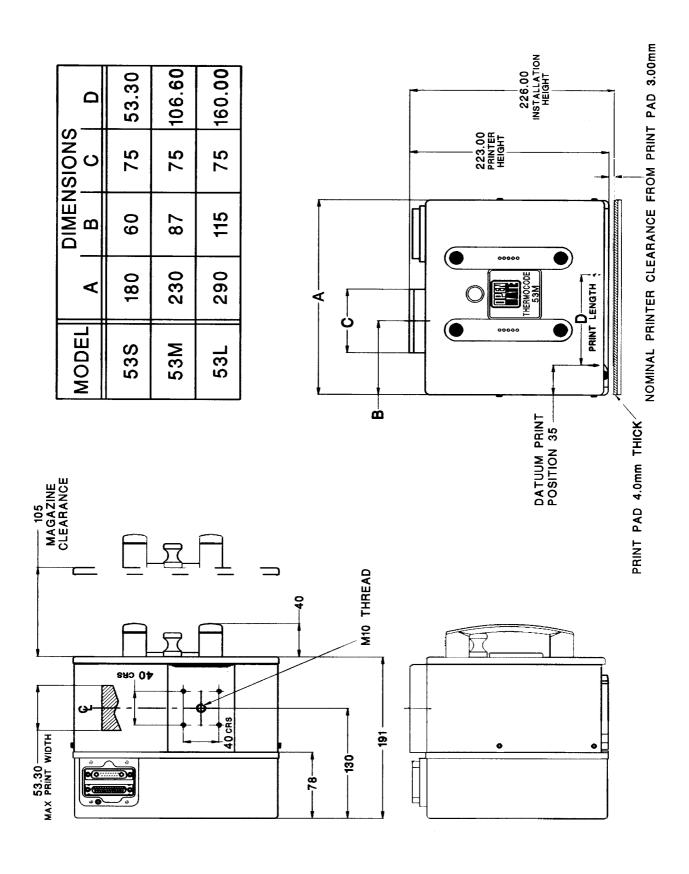
Comprehensive tests have been carried out with the Thermocode fitted in a standard printer frame and mounted onto a typical label applicator. Measurements were taken at 1.6 metres above floor level and approximately 1 metre away from the printer in all directions.

The measuring equipment used for conducting the tests was a Digital Sound Level Meter, type d-1405E supplied by Lucas CEL. Before the tests were carried out the instrument was calibrated and fitted with a foam windshield.

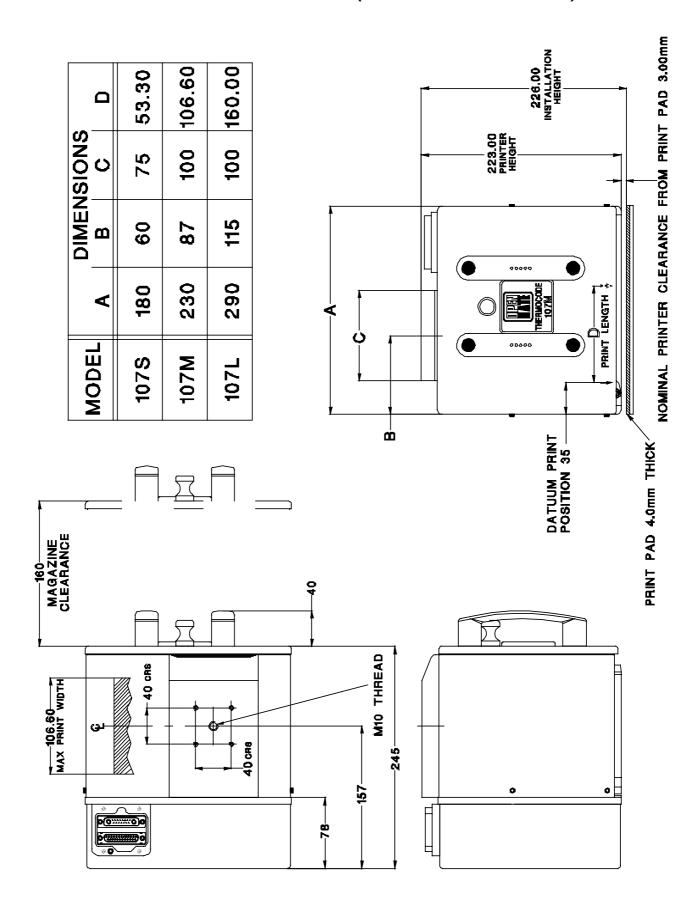
The noise levels shown below are the equivalent continuous "A-weighted" sound pressure levels in decibels "dB(A)".

PRINTER STATUS	NOISE LEVEL - DECIBELS (dB)
Awaiting Print signal	0
Continuously printing	66

# THERMOCODE SERIES 2 (53 Printer Dimensions)

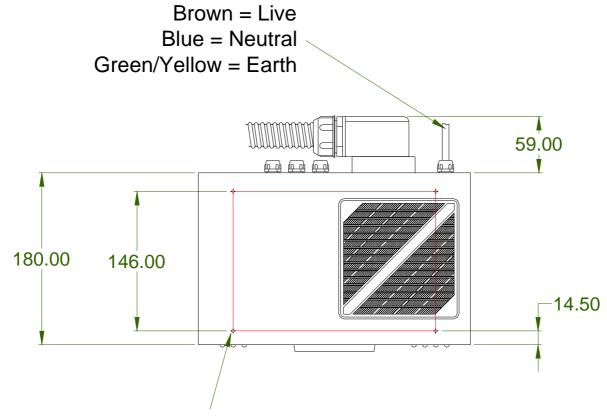


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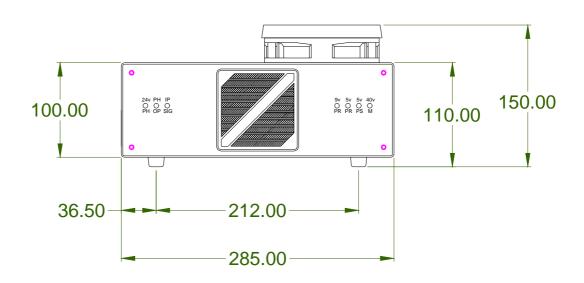


# **THERMOCODE SERIES 2 (Power Supply Dimensional details)**

# Mains Cable Connections:-



4 OFF FEET POSITIONS, CAN BE USED FOR MOUNTING (M4 SCREWS) MAX THREAD LENGTH INSIDE POWER SUPPLY 10.0mm



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