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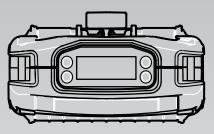
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- Canadian STD RSS-210
- EN55022:1998 Class B European Electromagnetic Radiation Standard
- EN55022:1998 European Immunity Standard
- · EN60950: 2000 Safety Standard
- NOM/NYCE (Mexico)
- C-Tick (Australia)

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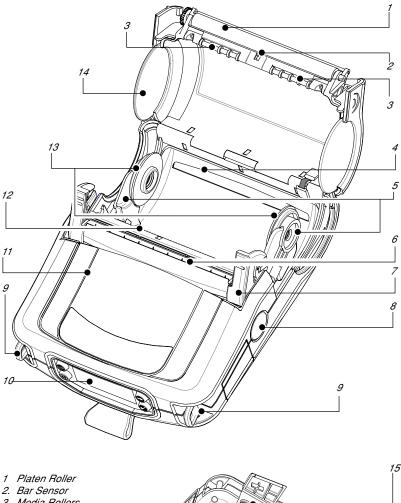


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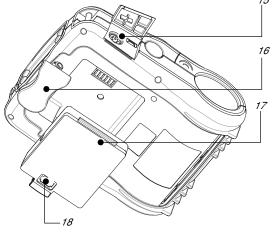


FIGURE 1: QL 420 OVERVIEW

Introduction

Thank you for choosing our Zebra QL 420 Mobile Printer. This rugged printer is sure to become a productive and efficient addition to your workplace thanks to its innovative design. Because it's made by Zebra Technologies Corporation, you're assured of world-class support for all of your bar code printers, software, and supplies.

- This user's guide gives you all the information you'll need to operate the QL 420 printer.
- The QL 420 uses the CPL programming language. To create and print labels using the CPL language, refer to the Mobile Printer Programming Guide (available on our website at: *http://www.zebra.com/SS/manuals.htm)* and our Label Vista[™] label creation program.
- The QL 420 has an optional interpreter for the ZPL II[®] Programming Language which interprets commands up to X.8 firmware. The printer must be equipped with the optional memory upgrade and appropriate application in order to use this function. A ZPL II Program Guide (part #46530L) can be used as reference for the ZPL II label design programming language. If either manual was not ordered with the printer, simply call your re-seller or Zebra Technologies Corporation or visit the Zebra web site.

Unpacking and Inspection

Inspect the printer for possible shipping damage:

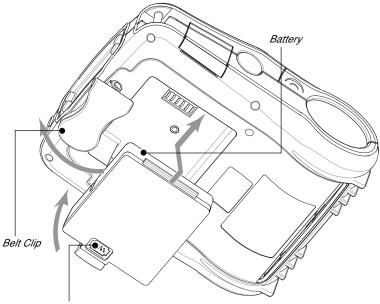
- Check all exterior surfaces for damage.
- Open the media cover (refer to "Loading the Media" in the Getting Ready to Print section) and inspect the media compartment for damage.

In case shipping is required, save the carton and all packing material.

Reporting Damage

If you discover shipping damage:

- Immediately notify and file a damage report with the shipping company. Zebra Technologies Corporation is not responsible for any damage incurred during shipment of the printer and will not cover the repair of this damage under its warranty policy.
- Keep the carton and all packing material for inspection.
- Notify your authorized Zebra re-seller.



Charger Jack

FIGURE 2: INSTALLING THE BATTERY

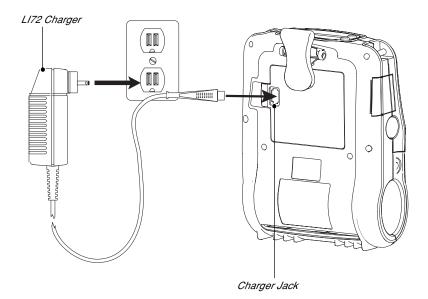


FIGURE 3: SINGLE CHARGER

Battery

Installing the Battery

NOTE: Batteries are shipped uncharged. Remove protective shrink-wrap and labels from new battery packs prior to use.

- 1. Rotate the Belt Clip to allow access to the Battery compartment.
- 2. Insert the battery into the printer as shown in Figure 2,
- 3. Rock the Battery into the printer as shown until it locks in place.

When the battery is first installed, the Control Panel indicators may briefly turn on and then go off which indicates the battery is not fully charged (see "Charging the Battery" below and "Operator Controls").

Charging the Battery

If you are using the LI 72 single battery charger:

Refer to Figure 3. Your battery charger may look slightly different from the ones illustrated.

- 1. Install the battery in the printer and plug the Charger into the appropriate A.C. wall receptacle. Then insert the charge cable into the battery charger jack.
- 2. The charger LED will indicate the status of the charger as follows:
- A steady light indicates the battery is undergoing a fast charge.
- A slow blinking light indicates the charger is in trickle mode. The battery is ready for use.
- A rapidly blinking light indicates a problem with the battery. The battery may have an internal short, or its charge monitoring circuitry may be malfunctioning. The battery should not be used any further.
- Battery Packs may be charged either when installed in the printer or when removed.

 \triangleq Do not attempt to charge batteries with the LI 72 while printing. Attempting to print while charging can result in improperly charged batteries.

If you are using the Quad Charger:

The UCLI72-4 Quad Charger is designed to charge up to four QL 420 battery packs simultaneously. Batteries must be removed from the printer to be charged in the Quad Charger.

1. Ensure that the charger has been installed properly per the Quad Charger instruction manual. Ensure that the power indicator on the front panel is on.

2. Remove any protective shrink-wrap and labels from all battery packs prior to use. Plug a battery pack into any one of the four charging bays as shown in Figure 4, noting the orientation of the battery pack. Slide the battery pack into the charging bay until it stops. Then rock the battery pack back until it snaps into place. The amber indicator directly under the battery being charged will turn on if the battery is properly inserted.

The indicators under the battery will allow you to monitor the charging process per the table below:

Amber	Green	Battery Status
On	Off	Charging
On	Flashing	80% charged (O.K. to use)
Off	On	Completely Charged
Flashing	Off	Fault

⚠ Note: A fault condition is caused by a problem with the battery. The charger may indicate a fault because the battery is too hot or cold to charge reliably. Try to charge the battery again when it returns to the room's ambient temperature. If the Amber indicator starts flashing on the second attempt, the battery should be discarded.

Quad Charger Cycle Times for QL 420 Batteries:

Battery 80% Charged 2.5 Hrs. Battery Fully Charged 5 hrs.

These times are for completely discharged batteries. Battery packs which are only partially discharged will take less time to reach their charged state. Batteries which have reached 80% of their charge capacity may be used, however, it is recommended that you allow the batteries to reach a full charge to maintain maximum battery life.

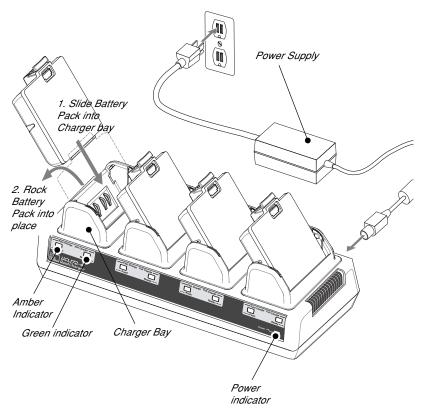


FIGURE 4: QUAD CHARGER

The UCLI72-4 Quad Charger has a safety feature which stops charging a battery after six hours regardless of its charge state.

Battery Safety

Avoid accidental short circuiting of any battery. Allowing battery terminals to contact conductive material will create a short circuit which could cause burns and other injuries or could start a fire.

Use of any charger not approved specifically by Zebra for use with its batteries could cause damage to the battery pack or the printer and will void the warranty.

Charger Safety

Use care in locating the Quad Charger. Do not place it in locations where liquids or metallic objects may be dropped into the charging bays. Do not block the ventilating slots on the top and bottom covers. Insure that the Charger is plugged into a power source which won't accidently be turned off if you will be charging batteries overnight.

Loading the Media

You can operate this printer in one of two different modes: Tear-Off or Peel-Off. Tear-Off mode allows you to tear off each label (or a strip of labels) after it is printed. In Peel-Off mode, the backing material is peeled away from the label as it is printed. After you remove this label, the next one is printed.

Installing the Media

- 1. Open the printer: Refer to Figure 5.
 - Press the latch release button on the side of the printer as shown at "1" below. The latch assembly will flip open automatically
 - Pull up on the latch assembly as shown at "2" to unlatch the Media Cover.
 - Rotate the media Cover back as shown at "3", exposing the media compartment and the adjustable media supports.

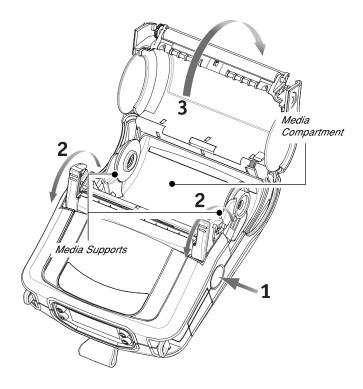


FIGURE 5: OPENING THE QL 420

2. Load the media:

Loading media from an internal supply. Refer to Figure 6.

• Pull the media supports apart, insert the roll of media between them, and let the media supports close. Insure that the media pulls off the core in the direction shown in Figure 6. The supports will adjust themselves to the width of the media, and the media should be able to spin freely on the supports.

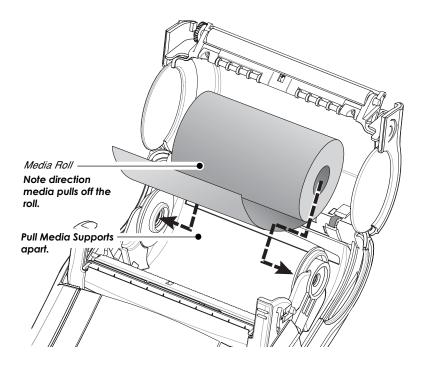


FIGURE 6: INSTALLING MEDIA IN THE QL 420

2A. Load the media (continued):

Loading media from an external supply. Refer to Figure 7.

The QL 420 has a loading slot in the rear of the media compartment which allows you to use standard 4" (101.6 mm) wide fan-fold media from an external supply. The external supply must be designed such that it does not exert excessive drag as media is fed through the printer, which could result in distorted printing.

• Pull the media supports apart, insert a Media Spacer (Zebra part number BA16625-1) between them, and let the media supports close. Insert the media from the external supply through the rear feed slot, between the media guides and up through the media compartment as shown. Make sure the side of the media you will be printing on faces the print head.

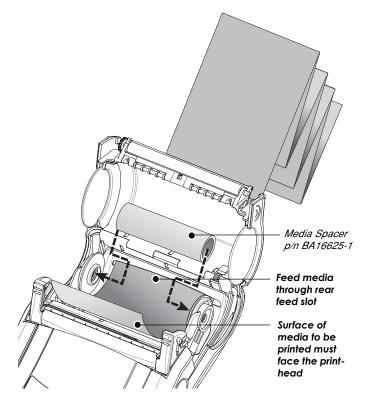


FIGURE 7: INSTALLING MEDIA FROM AN EXTERNAL SUPPLY

- 3. Close the Media Cover Refer to Figure 8.
 - If you plan to use the printer in the tear-off mode, close the media cover as shown at "2", then rotate the latch assembly as shown until it locks into place, as shown at "4".
 - If you plan to use the printer in the peel-off mode, peel a few labels off of the media and pull it out of the printer as shown at "1". Close the media cover as shown at "2". Rotate the "EZ-Peel" peeler bar until it locks into place on the latch, as shown at "3", then rotate the Latch as shown until it locks into place, as shown at "4".
 - Turn on the printer or press the Feed button if the printer is already on.

The printer will advance the media to the next label, if printing labels. If you are printing on journal media, the printer will advance a short strip of media and will then be ready for printing.

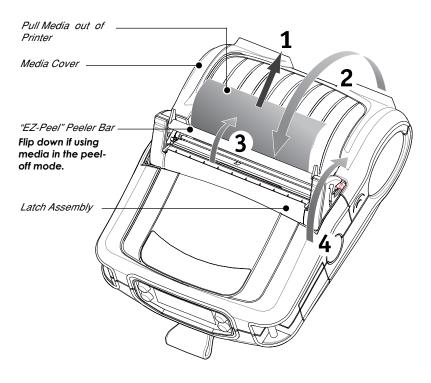


FIGURE 8: CLOSING THE QL 420

Operator Controls

The QL 420 will come with one of two possible control panels. The standard control panel is detailed below and in Figure 9. The optional control panel (Figure 10) features an LCD which allows easy display and selection of many printer functions detailed on following pages.

Standard Keypad

The standard keypad has three control buttons and two multipurpose indicators.

- The Power button turns the QL 420 on and off.
- The Feed button advances a length of media which is determined by the type of media being used. Label media will be advanced to the next gap or bar sense marker. Journal (plain) media will be advanced a length determined by the printer's software.
- The Function button is controlled by a printer's specific application to support such functions as:

Print a battery level report.

Print the Local Area Network (LAN) status

Print a Short Range Radio Frequency (SRRF) status Print a media supply report

The green LED on the left side of the control panel indicates the status of several printer features:

- A slowly blinking sequence indicates the printer's battery needs charging.
- Printers with a wireless QuickLink module installed: a quickly blinking sequence indicates the printer has not established a link to either a Local Area Network or a compatible wireless equipped terminal.
- Printers with a wireless QuickLink module installed: A steadily lit indicator shows that the printer has established a wireless link, either to the LAN or to a compatible terminal.

A steadily lit green indicator on a non-wireless printer is a power-on indicator.

The yellow LED on the right side of the control panel has two indication conditions.

• A rapidly blinking yellow LED and a chime indicate that no application has been loaded into the printer.

- Printers with a wireless QuickLink module installed: a rapidly blinking LED indicates normal data transmission.
- A steadily lit yellow LED indicates an error condition. This can be caused by one of the following:
 - 1. The media cover is not completely closed and latched.
 - 2. The printer is out of media.

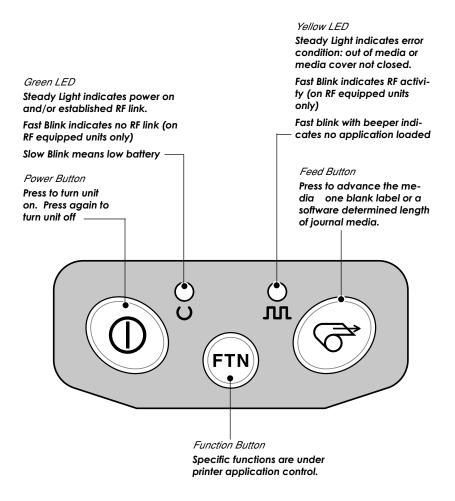


FIGURE 9: STANDARD CONTROL PANEL

LCD Control Panel

The optional LCD control panel has buttons for the power on/ off and media feed functions just as in the standard control panel. In addition, it has two keys which allow easy navigation and selection of menu options affecting many printer functions.

The "Scroll" button allows scrolling through the various options and settings. The "Select" button allows selection of the option or function displayed on the screen.

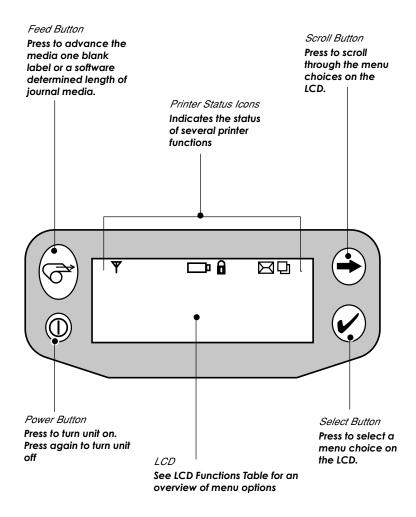


FIGURE 10: OPTIONAL LCD CONTROL PANEL

The top of the screen has a row of status icons which indicate the state of various printer functions:

▼ Indicates that the printer is associated with a wireless Local Area Network (LAN). This icon is functional only with QL 420N network printers.

A flashing icon indicates low battery status. You should suspend any printing operations and recharge or replace the Battery Pack as soon as is convenient.

A flashing icon indicates that the media cover is open or not properly latched.

A flashing icon indicates that a file is being downloaded to the printer.

A flashing icon indicates that the printer does not detect any media. This could indicate an out of media condition, or improperly loaded media.

In addition to the status icons, the LCD control panel can display many of the printer's settings and functions as text. Applications can be written to allow the user to view and /or modify these settings using the scroll and select keys on the display. Refer to the "LCD Functions Table" on the following page for the full set of printer features that can be made available with the LCD panel.

The LCD has a backlighting option which allows viewing of the screen in a dark environment, or provides better contrast in a very bright environment. Use of the display backlight will decrease the time the printer will run between charges. Refer to the section "Extending Battery Life" for more information.

LCD Functions				
Function	Default setting	Scroll & Select Options		
Sensor Type	Gap	• Bar • Gap		
Baud Rate	19200	96001920032400		
Data Bits	8	• 7 • 8		
WLAN ID*	Factory Set Value	N/A		
Label Top	000	Increase (+120 dots max.)Decrease (-120 dots max.)		
Left Position	000	 Increase (+120 dots max.) Decrease (-120 dots max.) 		
LCD Contrast	0	IncreaseDecrease		
No-activity Timeout*	60 sec.	 60 sec. 5 min. 10 min. 30 min Custom 		
Tear-off Position	00	 Increase (+120 dots max.) Decrease (-120 dots max.) 		
Media Type	Label	LabelJournal		
Media Width Sensing†	Off	OnOffDisplay Width		
LCD Backlight	Off	 On Off Momentary On w/ time delay 		
Factory Reset (Resets all to factory set values)	No	• No • Yes		

* Some parameters, such as the WLAN ID number and non-standard no-activity time out values can be set using a PC running Zebra's Label Vista label creation program and a data cable link to the printer.

† Media width sensing is an option. Display for this option may not be visible, or selection options may change, depending on the printer's application.

Verify the Printer Is Working

Before you connect the printer to your computer or portable data terminal, make sure that the printer is in proper working order. You can do this by printing a configuration label using the "two key reset" method. If you can't get this label to print, refer to "Troubleshooting".

Printing a Configuration Label

- 1. Turn the printer off. Load the media compartment with journal media (media with no black bars printed on the back)
- 2. Press and hold the Feed Button.
- 3. Press and release the Power button and keep the Feed button pressed. When printing starts, release the Feed button.

The unit will print a line of interlocking "x" characters to insure all elements of the print head are working, print out the version of software loaded in the printer and then print two reports.

The first report indicates model, ROM version, serial number, baud rate, etc. The second report prints out more detailed information on the printer's configuration and parameter settings. If no second report appears, there is no application loaded. (See the Troubleshooting Section for a sample print-out and a further discission on how to use the configuration label as a diagnostic tool.)

Connecting the Printer

The printer must establish communications with a host terminal which sends the data to be printed. Communications occur in four basic ways:

- · By a cable between the printer and its host terminal
- Linking to a host terminal via Infrared (usually by means of the industry standard IrDA protocol)*
- By means of a Bluetooth[™] short range radio frequency link.
- By means of a wireless LAN (Local Area Network) per 802.11b specifications†.

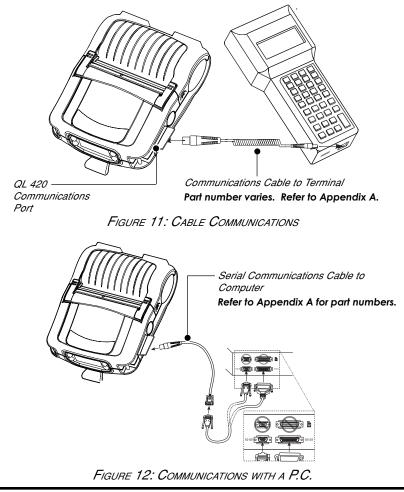
* The IR option has not been released at time of printing

† The802.11b WLAN option has not been released at time of printing

Cable Communications

\triangle CAUTION. The power should be turned off before connecting or disconnecting the communications cable.

All QL 420 printers can communicate by cable; the specific cable supplied with your printer will vary with the host terminal. The 8- pin circular connector on your communications cable plugs into the serial communications port on the side of the QL 420 printer, which is protected by a weather resistant flap. The connector is keyed to assure correct alignment; do not try to force the cable if it does not plug in. The other end of the cable must be plugged into the host terminal as shown in Figure 11, or to a serial port on a computer (Figure 12.) Communications between the terminal and the printer are controlled by the applications



running on the terminal and the printer.

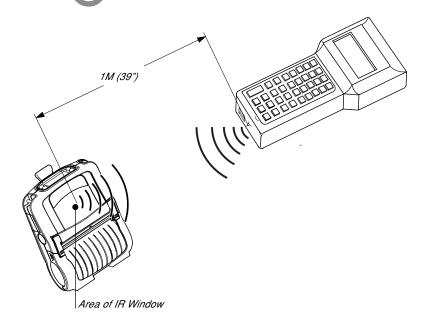
IR Communications

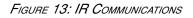
(This option not released at time of printing)

Printers equipped for infrared (IR) communications are identified by a small "IR" logo on the unit's label. IR allows wireless communications between the printer and the host terminal. IR units can also communicate with a cable as detailed above, however, IR functions are disabled when the cable is plugged in. QL 420 units with the IR option can be configured to conform to the standard IrDA communications protocol

Linking a Printer to an IrDA Host

IrDA compliant terminals will automatically initiate communications to the printer. First insure that there is a direct line of sight between the printer and the terminal that will be sending data. The IR window on the tront of the QL 420 must face the corresponding window on the terminal to properly send and receive signals. An IrDA compliant terminal will seek out any linkable devices and establish communications between them, even turning the printer on it necessary.





Wireless Communications with Bluetooth™

The following section only applies when the Bluetooth Module (FCC ID: 128MD-BTC2-E) is installed in the QL 420 printer (note that only one of the radio options can be installed in the printer at one time).

"Bluetooth" is a worldwide standard for the exchange of data between two devices via radio frequencies. Bluetooth radios are relatively low powered to help prevent interference with other devices running at similar radio frequencies. This limits the range of a Bluetooth device to about 10 meters (about 32 feet).

Both the printer and the device it communicates with must follow the Bluetooth standard.

Exposure to Radio Frequency Radiation The radiated output power of this internal wireless radio is far below the FCC radio frequency exposure limits. Nevertheless, this Bluetooth radio must be used in such a manner that the antenna is 2.5 cm or further from the human body.

The radio and antenna are mounted internally in this printer in such a way that, when the printer is used in a standard configuration (belt clip, soft case, shoulder strap), the 2.5 cm distance from the users body will be met. Do not use the printer in an unauthorized manner.

The internal wireless radio operates within guidelines found in radio frequency safety standards and recommendations. The level of energy emitted is far less than the electromagnetic energy emitted by wireless devices such as mobile phones.

European Regulatory Information for this Radio

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Note: -Member states in the EU with restrictive use for this device are crossed out!

This device is also authorized for use in all EFTA member states (CH, ICE, LI, NOR)

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- EN 300 328-2 V1.2.1 (2001-12)- Technical requirements for spread spectrum radio equipment
- EN 300 328-2 V1.1.1 (2000-09)- EMC requirements for spreadspectrum radio equipment

In France there are restrictions in the use of this device. A restricted frequency band exists in France. When operating this device on French territory you may only use channels 10 and 11 (2457 and 2463 MHz). It is not allowed to operate this device at any other frequency supported by the device. For more information see http://www.anfr.fr/

Bluetooth™ Networking Overview

In order to exchange data, two Bluetooth enabled devices must establish a connection. Bluetooth software is always running in the background, ready to respond to connection requests. One device (known as the *master* or the *client*) must request a connection with another. The second device (the *slave* or the *server*) then accepts or rejects the connection. A Bluetooth enabled QL 420 will normally act as a slave, but in theory any Bluetooth device can be either a master or a slave. This miniature network is sometimes referred to as a "piconet" and can consist of several Bluetooth enabled devices.

Each Bluetooth QL 420 has a unique Bluetooth Device Address (BDA) loaded into its Quick Link module when manufactured. For the most part, communications using the Bluetooth protocol are initiated and processed without any operator intervention, much like the IrDA system described previously.

Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) Module Using CF Radio

The following section only applies when the CF (Compact Flash) WLAN module (With FCC ID: 128MD-QL4137) is installed in the QL 420 printer (note that only one of the radio options can be installed in the printer at one time). The FCC ID number label is on the front of the module and can be read with the module installed.

A WARNING: Use of the QL 420 with the radio module marked "with FCC ID: 128MD-QL4137" meets the FCC requirements for radio frequency (RF) radiation exposure in the standard body worn configuration with no minimum separation. In this configuration, which applies whether the belt clip or shoulder strap is used, the face of the printer from which paper is transported is facing away from the user's body. The standard configuration must always be used when the printer is body worn.

The printer with this radio option has been SAR tested. The maximum SAR value measured was 1.1W/kg averaged over 1 gram.

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Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) Module Using PCMCIA Radio

The following section only applies when the PCMCIA WLAN module (FCC ID: 128-QL420352) is installed in the QL 420 printer (note that only one of the radio options can be installed in the printer at one time). The FCC ID number label is on the front of the module and can be read with the module installed.

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The printer with this radio option has been SAR tested. The maximum SAR value measured was 1.04. W/kg averaged over 1 gram.

European Regulatory Information for this Radio

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Note: -Member states in the EU with restrictive use for this device are crossed out!

This device is also authorized for use in all EFTA member states (CH, ICE, LI, NOR)



Important Notice:

This device is a portable RF printer intended for commercial and industrial use in all EU and EFTA member states except in France where restrictive use applies. Please refer to the regulatory information pages in the user manual for further details.

Europe EU Declaration of Conformity

This device complies with the essential requirements of the R&TTE Directive 1999/5/EC. The following test methods have been applied in order to prove presumption of compliance with the R&TTE Directive 1999/ 5/EC:

• EN 300 328-2 V1.2.1 (2001-12)- Technical requirements for spreadspectrum radio equipment

• EN 301 489-17 V1.1.1 (2000-09)- EMC requirements for spread-spectrum radio equipment

In France there are restrictions in the use of this device. A restricted frequency band exists in France. When operating this device on French territory you may only use channels 10 and 11 (2457 and 2463 MHz). It is

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not allowed to operate this device at any other frequency supported by the device. For more information see http://www.anfr.fr/

WLAN Overview

QL 420 Printers can be equipped with a radio in the standard PCMCIA footprint using the industry standard 802.11 or 802.11b protocol. These printers will have the FCC I.D. number of the radio on the product label. They allow wireless communication as a node within a local area network, (LAN) and its wireless capabilities allow communications from any point within the LAN's perimeter. Methods of establishing communications to the QL 420 will vary with each LAN application.

QL 420 Network Printers printers with the PCMCIA module can be identified by the text "Network Printer" and FCC ID number *I28-QL420352* on the front of the unit.

Methods of establishing communications to the QL 420 will vary with each LAN application. General information on establishing WLAN communications can be found in the Programmers Manual available on -line at:

http://www.zebra.com/SS/manuals.htm

More information and LAN configuration utilities may also be found in Zebra's Label Vista[™] program (version 2.8 and later). Label Vista may be downloaded from the Zebra website at: *http://www.zebra.com/SD/product_LabelVista.htm*

Setting Up the Software

The QL 420 uses Zebra's CPL Programming language which was designed for mobile printing applications. CPL is fully described in the Mobile Printing Systems Programming Manual, available on-line from Zebra's website at:

http://www.zebra.com/SS/manuals.htm.

You can also use Label Vista[™], Zebra's Windows[™] based label creation program which uses a graphical interface to create and edit labels in the CPL language. Label Vista is available either on-line at Zebra's website, or on the Zebra accessories CD (part number 46984).

The QL 420 with its optional memory upgrade can support an interpreter for ZPL II[®], the programming language used by Zebra desktop printers. To use ZPL II, refer to the ZPL II Programming Guide. If you choose to use a third party label preparation system, follow the installation instructions included in the package.

Using the Accessories Belt Clip

Refer to Figure 14.The QL 420 is equipped with a belt clip. To use: hook the clip over your belt, and ensure that the clip is securely attached to the belt. The belt clip will pivot to allow you to move freely while wearing the printer.

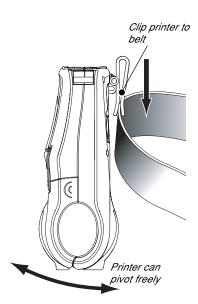


FIGURE 14: THE QL 420 BELT CLIP

Pull Strap here to lengthen

Adjustable Shoulder Strap

Refer to Figure 15. If your printer is equipped for the shoulder strap option: snap each end of the shoulder strap into the "D" rings in the top of the printer. Slide the buckle away from or towards the printer until you achieve the desired length.

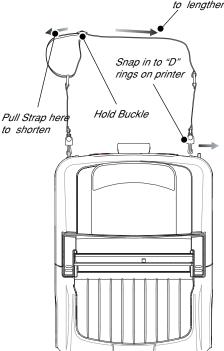


FIGURE 15: OPTIONAL SHOULDER STRAP

Extending Battery Life

- Never expose the battery to direct sunlight or temperatures over 104° F (40° C).
- Always use a Zebra charger designed specifically for Lithium-lon batteries. Use of any other kind of charger may damage the battery.
- Choose the media that is easiest to "burn." An authorized Zebra re-seller can help you determine the optimum media for your application.
- If you print the same text or graphic on every label, consider using a pre-printed label.
- Choose the correct print darkness, and print speed for your media.
- Use software handshaking (XON/XOFF) whenever possible.
- Select Tear-Off mode whenever possible (Peel-Off mode uses more power).
- If your printer has the optional LCD display, use the display backlight only when necessary. Turn it off whenever it is not needed.
- Pull the battery out of the printer if the printer won't be used for a day or more and you're not performing a maintenance charge.
- Consider purchasing an extra battery.
- Remember that any rechargeable battery will lose its ability to maintain a charge over time. It can only be recharged a finite number of times before it must be replaced.

Cleaning

A CAUTION- Use only cleaning agents specified below. Zebra Technologies Corporation will not be responsible for damage caused by any other cleaning materials used on this printer.

Clean the printer with either the cleaning pen supplied with the printer or a cotton swab saturated with alcohol.

 \triangle WARNING: To avoid possible personal injury or damage to the printer, never insert any pointed or sharp objects into the printer.

Area	Method	Interval	
Printhead (Figure 16)	I aloon the print alomente from and to and		
<i>I</i> Platen Roller	Rotate the platen roller and clean it thoroughly with the cleaning pen or 70% isopropyl alcohol and a cotton swab.	needed) Linerless media requires more frequent clean- ing.	
(Figure 16)	Units with linerless platens: Rotate platen & clean bearing points only. <i>Avoid</i> use of alcohol on the surface of linerless platens!	5	
Peel bar (Figure 16)	Clean thoroughly with the cleaning pen or 70% isopropyl alcohol and a cotton swab.		
Tear bar (Figure 16)	olean thoroughly with the oleaning perior		
Exterior	Water-dampened cloth	As needed	
Interior	Brush/air blow. Insure the Bar Sensor, Gap Sensor and Label Present Sensor windows are free of dust.		
(Figure 16)	Units with linerless platens: Clean inside surfaces of edge guides and media support rollers with the supplied cleaning pen or 70% isopropyl alcohol on a cotton swab.	After every five rolls of media (or more often, if needed)	
Media Rollers	Clean thoroughly with the cleaning pen or 70% isopropyl alcohol and a cotton swab.	After every five	
(Figure 16)	Units with linerless platens: Rotate media rollers & clean bearing points only. <i>Avoid use of alcohol on the surface of the media rollers!</i>	rolls of media (or more often, if needed)	

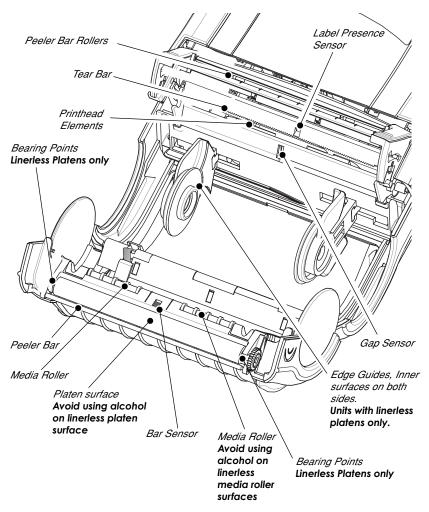


FIGURE 16: CLEANING THE QL 420

Troubleshooting

Standard Control Panel

If the printer is not functioning properly, refer to the chart below to find the state of the two LEDs on the Control Panel. Then refer to the Troubleshooting topic referenced in the chart to resolve the problem.

Green LED	Yellow LED	Indication	Ref. to Topic
Steady	Off	Normal Operation, and/or RF Link established	n/a
Off	Off	Power Off	1
Fast Blink	Off	No RF Link	6, 11
Slow Blink	Off	Low Battery	3, 6, 7
Steady	Steady	Out of media, or	9, 11
		Media Cover not closed	
Steady	Fast Blink	Normal RF activity	8
Steady	Fast Blink,	No application	8
	Beeper Sounds		

Optional LCD Control Panel

The top of the display shows several icons which indicate various printer functions. Check the indicator status, then refer to the Troubleshooting topic referenced in the chart to resolve the problem.

Status Icon	Condition	Indication	Ref. to Topic
۳	Steady	RF Link established	n/a
	Off	No RF Link	6
D	Flashing	Low Battery	3, 6, 7
â	Flashing	Head latch not closed	9, 11
X	Flashing	Printer is receiving a file	8
Ð	Flashing	Out of media,	9, 11
Blank Screen	n/a	No application	1,13

Troubleshooting Topics

- 1. No power
 - · Check that battery is installed properly
 - Recharge or replace battery as necessary.
- 2. Media does not feed:
 - Be sure print head is closed and latched.
 - Check spindle holding media for any binding.
 - If unit is equipped with label presence sensor: Insure most recently printed label is removed. Also insure label sensor is not blocked.
- 3. Poor or faded print or 🗀 flashing:
 - Clean print head.
 - · Check battery and recharge or replace as necessary
 - Check quality of media.
- 4. Partial/missing print:
 - Check media alignment
 - Clean print head.
 - Insure printhead is properly closed and latched.
- 5. Garbled print:
 - · Check baud rate.
- 6. No print:
 - Check baud rate
 - Replace battery
 - Check cable to terminal
 - Establish RF Link (Wireless units only) or restore LAN associativity (QL 420N models only)
 - Invalid label format or command structure put printer in Communications Diagnostic (Hex Dump) Mode to diagnose problem.
- 7. Reduced battery life
 - Check battery date code if battery is one to two years old, short life may be due to normal aging.
 - Recondition battery.
 - Replace battery.
- 8. Yellow error light or \bowtie flashing:
 - No application or application corrupted: reload program.
 - If using wireless communications: flashing indicator is normal while data is being transmitted or received.

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- 9. Yellow error light always on, 🖵 or 🔓 flashing:
 - Check media is loaded and print head is closed and securely latched.
- 10. Skips labels:
 - Check media for top of form sense mark or label gap.
 - Check that the maximum print field has not been exceeded on label.
 - Insure bar/ or gap sensor is not blocked or malfunctioning
- 11. Communication Error:
 - Check media is loaded, head is closed and error light is off.
 - · Check baud rate.
 - Replace cable to terminal.
- 12. Label Jam:
 - · Open head release latch and media cover.
 - Generously apply alcohol to printer in area of jammed label.
- 13. Blank LCD Screen (only for units with optional LCD control panel)
 - No application loaded or application corrupted: reload program.

Troubleshooting Tests

Printing a Configuration Label

To print out a listing of the printer's current configuration follow these steps:

- 1. Turn the printer off. Load the media compartment with journal media (media with no black bars printed on the back)
- 2. Press and hold the Feed Button.
- 3. Press and release the Power button and keep the Feed button pressed. When printing starts, release the Feed button.

Sample Configuration Label

	Print Head Test
Zebra QL 420 V79/00 09/06/02 CHK: FFFF XX0T01-12-0001 HT037923 /18 Testing Memory Memory tested and OK Baud Rate: 19200 BPS In-activity Timeout: 120 Secs Low battery Shut-down: 168	
End of report.	End of First Report
XXQT01-12-0001 • Program: Firmware:HTQ37923 /18 • Chksum:5E9F Software:HTTST00a Chksum:7068 Ver:L4.R79.23.U998.B19.T19.A00 Cable Communications: 19200 BPS, N,8,1 Handshake:Xon-Xoff/hardware DSR: 0 Wireless Communications:	 Unit Serial Number Application Number Report appears only on units with wireless options installed. Units with no wireless options will print an empty line and resume
Bluetooth: version 1.1.0 .date 03/20/02 .baud 57600 .device printer .mode slave .local_name ? .authentication off .discoverable on .encryption off .address 00:80:37:16:85:6A	— This example has a Bluetooth™ module installed. (refer to pages 24-25 for more details.)
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FIGURE 17: CONFIGURATION LABEL

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Sample Configuration Label (continued)

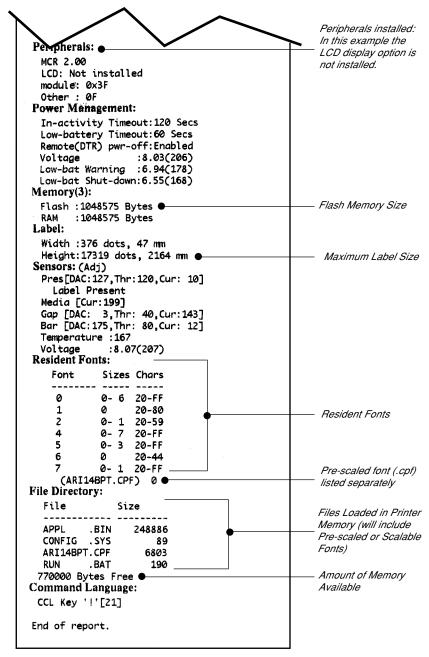


FIGURE 17A: CONFIGURATION LABEL

Communications Diagnostics

If there's a problem transferring data between the computer and the printer, try putting the printer in the Communications Diagnostics Mode (also referred to as the "DUMP" mode). The printer will print the ASCII characters and their and their text representation (or the period '.', if not a printable character) for any data received from the host computer

To enter Communications Diagnostics Mode:

- 1. Print a configuration label as described on pg. 37.
- 2. At the end of 2nd diagnostics report, the printer will print: "Press FEED key to enter DUMP mode".
- 3. Press the FEED key. The printer will print: "Entering DUMP mode".

Note: If the FEED key is not pressed within 3 seconds, the printer will print "DUMP mode not entered" and will resume normal operation.

4. At this point, the printer is in DUMP mode and will print the ASCII hex codes of any data sent to it, and their text representation (or "." if not a printable character).

Additionally, a file with a ".dmp" extension containing the ASCII information will be created and stored in the printer's memory. It can be viewed, "cloned" or deleted using the Label Vista application. (Refer the Label Vista documentation for more information.)

To terminate the Communications Diagnostics Mode and return the printer to normal operations:

- 1. Turn the printer OFF.
- 2. Wait 5 seconds.
- 3. Turn the printer ON.

Calling the Help Desk

If the printer fails to print the configuration label, or you encounter problems not covered in the Troubleshooting Guide, contact the Help Desk. Help Desk addresses and phone numbers for your area can be found in Appendix D of this manual. The Help Desk will need the following information:

- Model number/type (e.g. QL 420)
- Unit serial number (Found on the large label on the back of the printer, also found in the configuration label printout. Refer to Figure 17)
- Product Configuration Code (PCC) (15 digit number found on the small label on the back of the unit)

Specifications

 $- \bigvee_{T}^{L}$ NOTE.- Printer specifications are subject to change without notice.

Printing Specifications

Print Density	203 dots/inch (8 dots/mm)
Print Width	Up to 4.09" (103.8 mm)
Print Speed	3" per second (76.2 mm per second)
Print Head Life, calculated	1,964,160" (50 Km) nominal
Distance from Print Element to Top of Form	.571" (14.5 mm) 116 dots

Memory/Communications Specifications

Flash Memory	1 MB flash (standard)
SRAM Memory	1MB SRAM (standard)
Standard Communications	RS-232 serial port (8 Pin circular DIN connector) Configurable Baud rate (from 9600 to 57.6 Kbps), parity and data bits. Software (X-ON/X-OFF) or hardware (DTR/STR) communication handshake protocols.
Optional Wireless Communications	Infrared wireless link (meets IrDA 1.1 communications specifications) 2,400 to 115,200 Baud rate* Bluetooth compatible 2.4 GHz SRRF link Optional wireless LAN capabilities comply with 802.11 and 802.11b protocols*

* The IR and WLAN options have not been released at time of printing.

Label Specifications

Label/Tag Width	2" to 4.1" (50.8 mm to 104.1 mm)
Max. Label/ Tag Length	20" (508 mm) with standard memory
Inter-label Gap.	.08" to .16" (.12" preferred) 2 mm to 4 mm (3 mm preferred)
Label Thickness Tag Thickness	.0025" to .0065" (.064 mm to .165 mm) .0060" (.152 mm) maximum
Label Roll Size: Max. Diameter	2.625" (66.7 mm) O.D.
Inner Core Diameter	.75" (19 mm) minimum; 1.38" (35.05 mm) minimum for linerless media Use Zebra-brand direct thermal media that is outside wound. Media may be reflective (black mark) sensing or transmissive (gap) sensing, die-cut, continuous, fanfold or linerless. For die-cut labels, use only full auto dies.
Media Requirements	The reflective media black marks should extend past the centerline of the roll. Black Mark Dimensions: Minimum mark width: 0.5" (12.7mm) perpendicular to edge of media, centered within the width of the roll. Mark length: 0.094" (2.4 mm) parallel to edge of media

Font/Bar Code Specifications

Fonts Available	Five resident scalable and rotatable fonts available from 12-48 pt. Downloadable pre-scaled fonts via Label Vista™ software Optional international character sets
1D Bar Codes Available	Codabar UCC/EAN 128 Code 39 EAN 8/JAN 8, 2 and 5 digit extensions EAN 13/JAN 13, 2 and 5 digit extensions Interleaved 2 of 5 MSI/Plessey FIM/POSTNET UPC-A, 2 and 5 digit extensions UPC E, 2 and 5 digit extensions
2D Bar Codes Available	MaxiCode PDF 417
Rotation Angles	0°, 90°, 180°, and 270°

Physical/Environmental/Electrical Specifications

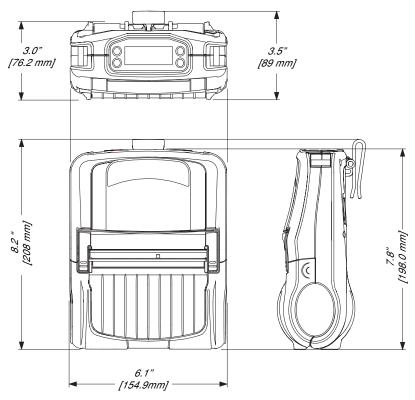


FIGURE 18 OVERALL DIMENSIONS

Weight w/ battery, excluding media & wireless optons.	2.0 lbs. (.9 kg.)
Temperature Operating Storage	5° to 122° F (-15° to 50° C) -13° to 158° F (-25° to 70° C) Range
Relative Humidity Operation Storage	10% to 80% (non-condensing) 10% to 90% (non-condensing)
Electrical	Battery: 7.4V (nominal) Lithium-Ion Chargers: External single battery charger Model LI72, 120-230 VAC depending on model selected. External 4-bay charger Model UCLI72-4, 120 VAC

Communications Port

	Signal		
Pin#	Name	Туре	Description
1	RXD	input	Receive Data
2	TXD	output	Transmit Data
3	CTS	input	Clear To Send from host
4	RTS	output	Request To Send
			set high when printer is ready to accept command /data
5	GND		Ground
6	NC		No Connect
7	DSR	input	Data Set Ready low to high transition turns printer on, high to low transition turns printer off (if enabled)
8	DTR	output	Data Terminal Ready set high when printer is on (set to battery voltage for "S" versions)

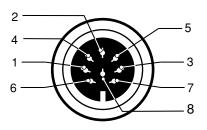


FIGURE 19 COMMUNICATIONS PORT (8 pin Circular DIN)

Accessories

- Adjustable shoulder strap
- · Protective soft case
- Extra battery packs
- 120-230 VAC battery charger
- Quad Charger
- Desk Mount
- Vehicular Mount w/ external fanfold media storage
- DC-DC run/charge units (input ranges from 12 to 60 VDC)
- AC run/charge unit (110 to 240 VAC input)
- Data cables

For details, call your authorized Zebra re-seller.

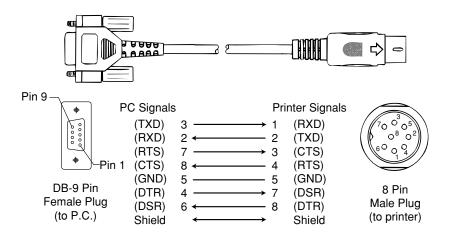
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Appendix A

Interface Cables

Part Number 'BL11757-000; 8-Pin DIN to 9-Pin DB PC Cable This part is also available as a coiled cable under Part Number BL15063-1.

For Use With a Personal Computer



Appendix A

INTERFACE CABLES

	Cable	Cord	Terminal	Printer	
Terminal	Part Number	Lgth/Type	Connector	Connector	Notes
COMPSEE Apex II, III	BL12093-3	8' Coiled	MOD 10	8 Pin DIN	
COMPAQ (IPAQ) H3100, H3600, H3700 H3800	BL16386-1 BL16470-1	4' straight 4' straight	Foxconn 12 pin Foxconn 22 pin	8 Pin DIN 8 Pin DIN	
HANDHELD PRODUCTS 7500	BL11757-000	6'/Straight	9 Pin DB	8 Pin DIN	
LXE					
MX1,MX3 1380,1390,1590 2325	BL17757-000 BL17757-000 BL12093-1	6'/Straight 6'/Straight 8'/Coiled	9 Pin DB 9 Pin DB RJ45	8 Pin DIN 8 Pin DIN 8 Pin DIN	Power On/Off (+5V)
NORAND/INTERMEC					
RT 1100/1700 Series	BL11537-1 BL11537-2	8' /Coiled 12'/Coiled	6 Pin MinDIN 6 Pin MiniDIN	8 Pin DIN Over-molded 8 Pin DIN Over-molded	
	BL13309-1	8' /Coiled	6 Pin Mini DIN	8Pin DIN	Auto ON/OFF
RT1700 Series	BL12804-1	8' /Coiled	6 Pin MiniDIN	8 Pin DIN -Locking	
	BL13298-1	8' /Coiled	6 Pin MiniDIN	8 Pin DIN Over-molded	Auto ON/OFF
RI 3300 Series 6400	BL1757-000	6 /Colled 6'/Straight	9 Pin DB	8 Pin DIN	
242X	BL11757-000	6'/Straight	9 Pin DB	8 Pin DIN	w/optical link adapter Intermec# 064021
243X	BL11757-000 BL11757-000	6'/Straight	9 Pin DB	8 Pin DIN	no auto power
	BL11537-2	o /colled 12'/coiled	6 pin Mini DIN	8 pin DIN	
502X	BL11757-000	6'/Straight	9 Pin DB	8 Pin DIN	w/ intermed serial adapter
6110 6640 665v	BL11757-000 BL11757-000	6'/Straight	9 Pin DB a Pin DB	8 Pin DIN 8 Pin DIN	w/ serial pod
248x	BL11757-000	6'/Straight	9 Pin DB	8 Pin DIN	COM1
5055	BL11757-000	6'/Straight	9 Pin DB	8 Pin DIN	Auto Power (DTR)

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BL11122-1 & CC13711-1 (Kit) Power On/Off (DTR Line) Auto Power Pin 1 (+5 V) Adapter for BL11122-1 Auto Power (DTR) Auto-power (DTR) Auto Power (DTR) Auto Power (+5V) Auto Power(DTR) Auto Power(+5V) "S" Printers Only 'S" Printers Only uses serial pod Notes Connector 8 Pin DIN Pin DIN DIN Pin DIN Pin DIN 8 Pin DIN Pin DIN Printer Pin I ω ω ω 9 Pin DB Fem. Micro DB-15 Micro DB-15 **Mini DIN-8F** Connector PIM Optical **DB25** male Fischer-16 Fischer-11 Terminal PIM COM PIM COM **MOD 10** PIM LPT PIM LPT **MOD 10 MOD 10** Clip-on MOD 8 **DB-25F** Clip-on Cradle DB25F DB-9M DB-9M DB-9M Lgth/Type 10'/Straight 6' /Straight 6'/Straight 6' /Straight 6' / Coiled 8'/ Coiled 6'/Straight 6'/Straight 6' / Coiled 6' / Coiled 6' / Coiled 8' /Coiled 6' /Coiled 8' /Coiled 8' /Coiled 8' /Coiled 8' /Coiled 9' /Coiled 9' /Coiled 9' /Coiled 8'/Coiled 8'/Coiled 8' coiled Cord n/a Part Number CL11314-000 CL11314-000 BL11391-000 3L11757-000 CC11371-15 CC11371-14 CC11371-15 C11371-14 BL12093-2 CC11371-3 BL10293-2 BL15483-3 CC17711-1 BL11757-1 BL12093-1 BL15483-1 BL15482-1 CL12628-1 BL11757-1 BL11122-1 BL13237-1 BL11757-1 3L16014-1 CP74005 Cable PDT3100, 3200, 3500 960RL, 960M, 1134 PTC 510, 610, 710 ^{TC} 860IM, 870IM SYMBOL/TELXON FMT 1000, 3000 ^{DDT3300} Series [>]TC960L, 960SL ^DDT3800, 6800 PTC1124, 2124 SPT1700, 1800 PT2700, 2800 /RC4000,5000 & 6800 Series RT/LDT3800 RT/LDT3800 & 6800 Series Terminal 2134, 2234 **VRC 3900** /RC 69XX PTC960X 860, 912 PTC1184 PTC1194 6100

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Notes	Auto Power (7.5V) Auto Power (7.5V) Auto Power (12V) Auto-power (DTR)	Auto-power (DTR)
Printer Connector	8 Pin DIN 8 Pin DIN 8 Pin DIN 8 Pin DIN 8 Pin DIN	8 Pin DIN
Terminal Connector	DB-15M Honda-36M Honda-28M Honda-28M DB-9M	DB-9M
Cord Lgth/Type	8/Coiled 8/Coiled 8/Coiled 8/Coiled 6/Straight	6/Straight
Cable Part Number	BL13285-1 BL13285-2 BL16469-1 BL16469-1 BL16469-1 BL11757-1	BL11757-1
Terminal	TEKLOGIC 7025 7030 7035 8255, 8260 8510 8510 UNITECH	PT-500, 700, 805, 815

Appendix A

Appendix B

Media Supplies

To insure maximum printer life and consistent print quality and performance for your individual application, it is recommended that only media produced by Zebra be used. Advantages include:

- Consistent quality and reliability of media products.
- Large range of stocked and standard formats.
- In-house custom format design service.
- Large production capacity which services the needs of many large and small media consumers including major retail chains world wide.
- Media products that meet or exceed industry standards.

For more information call Zebra Technologies Corporation at +1.866.230.9495 (U.S., Canada and Mexico) and ask to speak to a Media Sales Representative.

Appendix C

Maintenance Supplies

In addition to using quality media provided by Zebra, it is recommended that the printer be cleaned as prescribed in the maintenance section. The following items are available for this purpose:

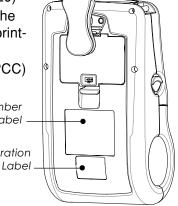
- Cleaning Pen (10 pack), Reorder No. AN11209-1
- Cleaning Kit with Cleaning Pen, and Cotton Swabs, Reorder No. AT702-1

Product Support

When calling with a specific problem regarding your printer, please have the following information on hand:

- Model number/type (e.g. QL 320)
- Unit serial number (Found on the large label on the back of the printer)
- Product Configuration Code (PCC) (15 digit number found on the small label on the back of the unit)
 Serial Number Label

Configuration



QL 320 SHOWN

Contact the Help Desk at:

Zebra Technologies Corporation

30 Plan Way

Warwick, Rhode Island 02886-1012 USA

Telephone: +1 401.739.5800

Fax: +1 401.732.7808

e-mail: risupport@zebra.com

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Zebra House

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Buckinghamshire HP13 6EQ, United Kingdom

Telephone: +44 1494 768298

Fax: +44 1494 768210

e-mail: tseurope@zebra.com

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Patent Information

This product and/or its use may be covered by one or more of the following US patents and corresponding international patents worldwide

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D347,021	5,047,617	5,367,151	5,545,889	6,036,383
D389,178	5,103,461	5,372,439	5,552,592	6,057,870
D430,199	5,113,445	5,373,148	5,570,123	6,068,415
D433,702	5,140,144	5,378,882	5,578,810	6,070,805
3,964,673	5,132,709	5,396,053	5,589,680	6,095,704
4,019,676	5,142,550	5,396,055	5,612,531	6,109,801
4,044,946	5,149,950	5,399,846	5,642,666	6,123,471
4,360,798	5,157,687	5,408,081	5,657,066	6,147,767
4,369,361	5,168,148	5,410,139	5,768,991	6,151,037
4,387,297	5,168,149	5,410,140	5,790,162	6,201,255 B1
4,460,120	5,180,904	5,412,198	5,791,796	6,231,253 B1
4,496,831	5,229,591	5,415,482	5,806,993	6,261,009
4,593,186	5,230,088	5,418,812	5,813,343	6,261,013
4,607,156	5,235,167	5,420,411	5,816,718	6,267,521
4,673,805	5,243,655	5,436,440	5,820,279	6,270,072 B1
4,736,095	5,247,162	5,444,231	5,848,848	6,285,845 B1
4,758,717	5,250,791	5,449,891	5,860,753	6,292,595
4,816,660	5,250,792	5,449,893	5,872,585	6,296,032
4,845,350	5,262,627	5,468,949	5,874,980	6,364,550
4,896,026	5,267,800	5,479,000	5,909,233	6,379,058 B1
4,897,532	5,280,163	5,479,002	5,976,720	6,409,401 B1
4,923,281	5,280,164	5,479,441	5,978,004	6,411,397 B1
4,933,538	5,280,498	5,486,057	5,995,128	6,428,227 B2
4,992,717	5,304,786	5,503,483	5,997,193	
5,015,833	5,304,788	5,504,322	6,004,053	
5,017,765	5,321,246	5,528,621	6,010,257	
5,021,641	5,335,170	5,532,469	6,020,906	



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