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# SCI-PRINT MP2 User Guide



Scinomix SCI-PRINT MP2

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#### Instrument Information

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Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Before operating the instrument, the user must read and understand this manual.

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## Installation and Servicing

Only Scinomix service personnel or an authorized distributor shall perform installation, servicing and reinstallation of the instrument.

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# **Chapter 1. Introduction**

#### **System Requirements**

Windows XP with Service Pack 3, Microsoft.NET Framework 3.5 with Service Pack 1

Power Requirements Printer: 100-240VAC @2A 50-60Hz

Controller: 24VDC @ 2.7A 🔹 🗕 😑

Air Requirements 80-90 PSI @ 1 CFM

#### **Communication Requirements**

The Sci-Print MP2 connects to a computer via an RS232 serial port. A serial port or USB-serial port adaptor is required on the computer.

## **Hardware Overview**

The Scinomix MP2 hardware has been designed for ease of use. The hardware consists of a label printer and a plate stage, with a label applicator arm that moves between them:



### Assembly

The Scinomix Sci-Print MP2 is shipped in two separate units: a base unit, and a printer unit. To assemble the MP2, remove the base unit from the packaging and place on a sturdy tabletop or lab bench. Next, remove the printer unit from the packaging and place on top of the base unit, ensuring that the dowel pins on the base unit are aligned with the dowel holes on the printer unit:

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See the image below for the annotated connections panels on the back of the instrument:



In addition to the connections shown here, there is an additional ribbon cable connection on the side of the MP2:



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The following image shows the various sensors and restrictors that may need to be adjusted occasionally (See *Chapter 5: Maintenance* for more information about setup and adjustment of these sensors):

• Vacuum detection threshold sensor Indicator: When this red indicator is illuminated this signifies that a label present on the tamp head when the vacuum valve is turned on. It should turn off after the label has been affixed to a microplate and is no longer present on the tamp head.

<sup>2</sup>Vacuum Sensor Adjust: This adjustor changes the tamp pad vacuum detection threshold.

<sup>3</sup>Air Pressure Threshold Sensor Indicator: when this red indicator is on, the air pressure is sufficient for normal operation of the instrument. When this indicator is off the software will not allow instrument operation and an error will be shown in the software when trying to label a plate.

Pressure Sensor Adjust: This adjustor changes the air pressure detection threshold.

5 Blow Adjust

6 CCW Speed Adjust

CW Speed Adjust

8 Extend Speed Adjust

Retract Speed Adjust

## Using the MP2 when integrated with another system

The Scinomix Sci-Print MP2 is a single process microplate labeler that may be used as part of an integration system. Typically it is integrated with an automated sample handling instrument. The adjustable platform on the MP2 plate labeler allows for printing on microtiter plates or deep well blocks, and labels can be applied on any side of a plate.

Once the label stocks and label text layouts are defined, the printing and applying of labels is carried out under the control of the master instrument's control application. Plates are moved in and out of the Sci-Print MP2 automatically using the controlling instrument's arm. In an integrated system, label data is sent to the MP2 through communication with the controlling instrument.

# Chapter 2. Startup for MP2 Operating with an Integration System

## **Connecting the Sci-Print MP2**

**Air** Connect the air on the back side of the instrument by pushing the blue air line into the air input. Test the connection by pulling on the air line; if you feel resistance, the air line is properly connected. (To remove the air line, gently push on the white outer ring of the air input and pull on the air line). The other end of the air line should be connected to the air source. Ensure that the air is turned on by moving the blue air switch to the horizontal "ON" position (the air switch is located on the right side of the machine, near the bottom of the label applicator arm). Check that the air pressure is sufficient by noting the pressure on the pressure gauge on the right side of the MP2. Adjust the pressure as needed using the regulator on the back panel of the MP2 controller. *Note: The air pressure gauge measures pressure in Megapascals (MPa), see Appendix for conversion to Pounds per Square Inch.* 

**Power** There is one 24V power cord for the printer and an external AC/DC 24V converter for the base unit that plugs into the jack on the base.

**RS232** Connect the RS232 cable to the port on the back of the MP2, and then connect the other end to the computer. If the computer you are using does not have a serial port, you will need to use a serial-USB adaptor.

## **Starting the Sci-Print MP2**

First check the following items

- Your computer is connected to the MP2 using RS232
- The MP2 has an air supply attached
- The MP2 power button is on

When the MP2 is powered on and ready, make sure that all other integrated instrumentation is on.

## Using the Sci-Print MP2 User Interface for Setup and Diagnostics

As previously mentioned, when the Sci-Print MP2 is used within an integrated laboratory automation system, it operates under the control of that third-party system. However, the MP2 user interface must be used to configure plate type, define the label stock and text, and can also be accessed for troubleshooting purposes.

When the MP2 is integrated with a third-party instrument, the controlling instrument's user interface will include a link to the MP2 interface. The Driver Utilities screen is then brought up. From this screen, the user selects the configuration menu at the top of the screen to create new label stocks and label layouts (Described in Chapter 3). The diagnostics menu is accessed to view logs and see the status of various inputs and outputs of the instrument.

## **Plate Configuration Screen**

From the configuration menu at the top of the screen, select "Plate configuration" to open the menu:



Click "New" to create a new plate, then enter a plate name and description (plate description is optional).

Set Pickup Angle: This is the angle of the plate when it is placed or picked from a robotic arm. Begin by clicking on the "Home" button, then use the jog buttons to move the stage clockwise or counterclockwise as needed.

*Print Height*: This is the height of the plate where the label is applied. It can be adjusted up and down as needed for different plate types

*Pickup Height*: This is the height of the plate when it is placed or picked by a robotic arm. Begin by clicking on the "Home" button, then use the jog buttons to move the stage up or down as needed.

When a plate has been created or edited to the desired specifications, click "OK" to save the plate data.

## **Printing Utilities Screen**

Sci-Print MP2 Diagno:	stics (Simulate)			
Configuration •	Diagnostics •			Help
Printing Utilities Print Options Available Labels Sample Label	Plate Definition Names	Lest Default Te 3 Fiel Fiel	xt kd 1 123456 kd 2 1	
Print And App Print Options	eld 1 E	Printer		
Ready		Cancel		
				Update

The Printing Utilities tab shown here is used to set up the various printer settings.

The user selects the plate to be used in the run from the dropdown menu of Available Plates 1.

Other print options shown <sup>2</sup> include:

Available Labels: Select the desired label from the dropdown menu

Verify Barcode- This option will verify that the printed barcode matches the data provided in Field 1. The retry count specifies how many times to attempt this validation.

Direction Checkboxes- The MP2 can apply labels to any and all sides of a plate. The "direction" of the printing is shown graphically, with the "North" side facing the printer. Click on the desired directions to enable printing on that side.

Entering text into the Default Text Fields <sup>3</sup> and then clicking the "Update" button will display the label preview. More information about this is found in Chapter 3: Label Design.

## **Device Configuration Screen**

Click on the Configuration menu to access the Device Configuration screen:



*Set Safe Move Position-* In some instances, a safe height position must be set so that the stage movement of the MP2 does not interfere with other integrated instruments. Begin by homing the stage, then jog the stage as needed.

*Set North Position Offset*- This is the angle at which the stage is set to optimize the application of the label on the plate by the tamper. This angle will be close to zero. Begin by homing the stage (enable the "Home with no offset" checkbox), then jog the stage clockwise or counterclockwise until the tamp head

is level with the plate on the stage. The angles of the other three sides are taught automatically after the North side is taught. Once this angle is taught it should rarely need to be reset.

Scan Barcode Validation Angle- This is the distance in degrees that the stage rotates to access the barcode scanner. For standard MP2 instruments, this setting is approximately 30 degrees.

IP2 Utilities screen		
Sci-Print MP2 Diagnostics (Simulate)		
Configuration • Diagno	stics ·	Help -
Pla Printing Utilities Device U MP2 Device Actions Extend Rotate to Stage Stage Pickup Position Stage safe position	te Definition Names test  ilifies  Retract  Rotate to Printer  Stage print Position Home Stage	
Move Stage	Stage Position Printer 0.00	
Tamp n Apply		

MD2 114:1:4:

The following is a list of device actions and the corresponding action:

Extend- The tamper arm extends outward from the printer to the stage

*Retract*- The tamper arm retracts inward from the stage to the printer

Rotate to Stage- The tamper apparatus swings upward from the printer to the stage

Rotate to Printer- The tamper apparatus swings downward from the stage to the printer

Home Stage- The MP2 stage moves to the home position

*Stage Pickup Position*- The stage of the MP2 is moved to the plate pickup position as set on the plate configuration screen

*Stage Safe Position*- The stage of the MP2 is moved to the safe position as set on the device configuration screen

*Stage Print Position-* The stage of the MP2 is moved to the print position as set on the plate configuration screen

*Move Stage*- This action will move the stage to the direction specified. The Stage Position box will display the angle of the stage in degrees, with North at 0°, East at 90°, South at 180°, and West at 270°.

*Get Barcode*- The stage will rotate to the scan position and scan the barcode. The barcode text is displayed in the box.

Tamp and Apply- The tamper will apply a label to a plate on the stage

## **Chapter 3. Label Design**

### **Overview**

The MP2 can be set up to run print jobs on a variety of user-named label stocks. Each is set up to support best print quality based on size, material, stiffness, and adhesion. A label editor is provided to enter the properties of a label stock.

## **Defining Label Stock**

To use the label editor, go to the configuration menu on the Main Screen, then select "Label Stock"

Configuration •	Diagnostics •
Label Stock	
Label Docur	nents

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The Label Stock Editor Screen will be displayed:

ి Label Stock Config	uration (Simulate)	)				
Label Stock Nam	1e PlateLabelstock	:		- New C	opy Delete	e
Properties						
Total Length	6.35	mm	Left Margin	0	mm	
Printable Length	6.35	mm	Peel Off	4.5	mm	
Width	50.8	mm	Speed	Medium	*	
Span	10	mm	Heat	0		
Top Margin	-2	mm				
						]
Label Sample						
						_
						Refresh
					ОК	Cancel

This screen allows the user to define the physical characteristics of the label being used, including the length of the label, the width of the label, and the span of the label (i.e. the distance from the leading edge of one label to the leading edge of the next label). For most microplates, the label size is set at  $\frac{1}{2}$  length and 2" width. The margins, peel off speed and distance, and heat settings can also be adjusted. Once any desired changes are made, Click OK to save or Cancel to cancel without saving. You can also create a new label, copy an existing label, and delete an existing label from the Label Stock Editor screen. See the image below for label measurement definitions:



## **Defining Label Text and Print Layout**

To use the Label Document editor, go to the configuration menu on the Main Screen and Select "Label Documents"



The Label Document Configuration screen will open and display the label used most recently U. Use the drop down menu to select another document, or use the New, Copy, or Delete buttons to create, copy, or delete label documents, respectively.



2 Choose the type of label stock to be used using the drop down menu of the Stock Definition Field

To add text fields, click on the "add" button. The maximum number of print fields is 10. Text can be printed in a variety of ways. For *Fixed Text*, click the Fixed Text radio button and enter the desired text. This data will always be printed on the label and does not change (an example of fixed text might be a company name to be printed on every label). Click on the *Current Date* button to print the date, selecting a month/day/year format from the dropdown menu. Print data that is sent through commands from the controlling instrumentation to the MP2 is simulated by clicking the *Prompt* button and adding a representation of the text to be printed in the corresponding box.

Select the positioning of the text on the label by entering numeric values in the Left and Top Margin fields of the Position field. Note that once the text has been displayed on the label preview screen, the user can click on the text and drag and drop to the desired location, which will automatically set the left and top margin values. (For the standard MP2, the text cannot be angled; this value is always zero). Click the "Refresh" button at any time to update the layout of the label.

Select the size and format of the barcode if the data is to be displayed as a barcode as shown in the example screen above. When the option to display a field as text is enabled, the "Barcode Style" field is replaced with a "Text Style" field as shown below.

CText Sty	le			
Font Sc	alableSwiss7	21 💉	Height	5 mm
🔲 Bold	🔲 Italic	📃 Unde	erline	

Make any changes to the font as necessary.

When the label document is complete, click "OK" to save or "Cancel" to cancel the label document.

## **Checking Label Text and Layout for integrated instruments**

A good way to test the suitability of your label text and layout is to use the label editing capabilities displayed on the Printing Utilities screen:

ೆ Sci-Print MP2 Diagnostics (Simulate)			
Configuration • Diagnostics •			Help •
Printing Utilities Device Utilities			
MP2 Print Options	Default Text		
Available Labels	Field 1	123456	
Sample Label 💙	Field 2	1	
Print And Apply			
Print Options			
Raise Stage			
Verify Barcode S 🗌 💠 N MP2			
Validate Field 1			
Rote Count 1 No of Outloa 1			
Ready			
			Update
Label Preview			
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Because the actual label text is coming from the controlling instrument, text from prompted fields shown on the Label Preview is merely sample text coming from the "Prompt" fields set up in the label designer. The sample text is listed in the Default Text Fields. To check the suitability of your text you should input data that is representative of the data that will ultimately be printed on your labels, then click "Update". You may find that longer strings of data will run off the label, requiring you to make the font smaller or change the orientation. This is especially important when printing barcodes because a barcode reader will not be able to read any labels in which the barcode has run off the end.

## **Chapter 4. Sci-Print MP2 Integration Interface**

The driver provided by Scinomix for the Sci-Print MP2 is a Microsoft .dot net assembly using the version 3.5 of the .dot net framework.

The following is made available to facilitate the operation of the device by use of these low level calls. Each call is made using any applicable parameters and returns a value depending upon the success or failure of the operation.

## Sci-Print MP2 Device Driver API (version 1.2.2)

## Properties

AdminMode	Description: Sets the driver in admin mode enabling addition driver options
	Type: Boolean
AutoSequenceInfo	Description: Scinomix.Common.SciPrintMP2.Helpers.SequenceBuilder
	Type: Class Object
BarcodeScanAngle	Description: Plate angle for barcode scanner to scan label (default 0 degrees)
	Type: Single
CurrentComPort	Description: the comport name set in initialize method Type: String
NorthFaceTeachAngle	Description: Plate angle for printing to the north side (default 0 degrees)
	Type: Single
NumberOfRetries	Description: Num re-print attempts integer (default 1)
	Type: Integer

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PrinterQueue	Description: Scinomix.Common.SciPrintMP2.PrinterQueue
	Type: Class Object
SimulateMode	Description: Device in simulate mode Com0 was used
	Type: Boolean
Methods	
AddtoPrintQueue	Description: Adds a print queue item to the print queue
	Parameters: Scinomix.Common.SciPrintMP2.PrinterQueueItem Returns: on Success, False on Fail
CancelPrintJob	Description: Cancel the current Print Job
	Parameters: none
	Returns: True on Success, False on Fail
CheckInit	Description: Checks if device initialized
	Parameters: none
	Returns: True on Success, False on Fail
ClearDrintError	Description: Clears any errors on the Printer
	Parameters: none
	Returns: True on Success, False on Fail
ClearQueue	Description: Clears printer queue
	Parameters: none
	Returns: True on Success, False on Fail

GetLabelFieldCount Description: Gets the number of fields defined on a label document Parameters: Label document name String Returns: Integer

GetLabelFieldListDescription: Gets the number of fields defined on a label documentParameters: Label document name StringReturns: List (Of String) list of available field names per label

GetLabelListDescription: Gets the number of Fields defined on a Label DocumentParameters: noneReturns: List (Of String) list of available labels names

GetLastError Description: Gets the error number and Sets the Error message Parameters: Error message String [ByRef] Returns: MPErrorCodes

GetPlateListDescription: Gets list of defined platesParameters: noneReturns: List (Of String) list of available plate definition names

GetPrintQueueItem Description: Returns a new printer queue item
Parameters: none
Returns: Scinomix.Common.SciPrintMP2.PrinterQueueItem

GetSerialNo Description: Returns the device serial Number Parameters: none

## Returns: String

GetStageAngle	Description: Gets the current stage angle in degrees			
	Parameters: none			
	Returns: Single			
GetStageHeight	Description: Gets the current stage height in mm			
	Parameters: none			
	Returns: Single (value increases in downward direction)			
GetVersion	Description: Gets the device firmware version			
	Parameters: none			
	Returns: String			
HomeAll	Description: Sets device in ready state			
	Parameters: none			
	Returns: True on Success, False on Fail			
HomeStage	Description: sets device plate stage in ready state			
	Parameters: none			
	Returns: True on Success, False on Fail			
Initialize	Description: Initializes device*			
Indalize				
	Use 'comU' to place device in Simulation mode			
	Parameters: comport Name String (e.g. 'com1')			
	Returns: True on Success, False on Fail			

# \*All other functions will be available after initialize method has been called and return successfully

MoveStageVertical	Description: Moves stage to new height
	Parameters: Position (mm) Single (value decreases in downward direction)
	Returns: True on Success, False on Fail
PrintAndApply	Description: Prints an item in the queue
	Parameters: Scinomix.Common.SciPrintMP2.PrinterQueueItem Returns: True on Success, False on Fail
PrintQueue	Description: Loops through the print queue and prints all items in the queue
	Parameters: none
	Returns: True on Success, False on Fail
PrintReady	Description: Gets whether the printer is ready to run
	Parameters: none
	Returns: True on Success, False if printer not ready
ReadBarcode	Description: Turns on barcode reader and returns barcode Read Parameters <i>side</i> [Enum] Scinomix.Common.SidePosition
	Returns: Barcode String
RotateStage	Description: Rotates the plate stage
	Parameters: angle Single
	Returns: True on Success, False on Fail

SetPlateType Description: Sets the current plate definition to use Parameters: Plate definition name String Returns: True on Success, False on Fail

ShowAssignAutoNumber Description: Shows user interface for auto number settings

Parameters: none

Returns: True on Success, False on Fail

ShowDeviceConfig Description: Shows user interface for device configurations Parameters: none Returns: none

ShowDriver Description: Displays driver user interface Parameters: none Returns: none

ShowLabelEdit Description: Shows user interface for label designer Parameters: none Returns: none

ShowPlateConfig Description: Shows user interface for plate configurations Parameters: (Optional) Plate definition name String Returns: none

ShowPrimeLabel Description: Shows user interface for priming label Parameters: none Returns: none ShowStockEdit Description: Shows user interface for label stock editing Parameters: none Returns: none

#### Enumerations

Public Enum PrintQueueState

Init

Errored

Printed

End Enum

Public Enum SidePosition

North

East

South

West

End Enum

#### Public Enum MPErrorCodes

Unknown = -1

Not\_Initialized = 2

UnHandled\_Exception = 99

No\_Air\_Pressure = 100

 $No_Error = 199$ 

No\_Printer\_Communication = 200  $Printer_Error = 201$ Invalid\_Printer\_Response = 203  $Printer_OffLine = 204$ Printer\_General\_Error = 205 Printer\_System\_Error = 206 Printer\_Applicator\_Error\_Upper\_Position = 207 Printer\_Applicator\_Error\_Lower\_Position = 208 Printer\_Applicator\_Error\_Vacuum\_Plate\_Empty = 209 Printer\_Applicator\_Error\_Label\_Not\_Deposited = 210 Printer\_Applicator\_Error\_Host\_Stop\_Error = 211 Printer\_Applicator\_Error\_Relective\_Sensor\_Blocked = 212 Printer\_Protocol\_Error = 213 Printer\_Memory\_Card\_Error = 214 Printer Print head Open Error = 215 Printer\_No\_Label\_Found\_Error = 216 Printer\_End\_Of\_Ribbon\_Error = 217 Printer\_Illegal\_Heating\_Voltage\_Error = 218 Printer\_Cutter\_Jammed\_Error = 218 Printer\_Out\_Of\_Memory\_Error = 219 Printer\_Out\_Of\_Paper\_Error = 220 Printer\_Ribbon\_Saver\_Malfunction = 221 Printer Input Buffer Overflow Error = 222 Printer\_Printhead\_Too\_Hot\_Error = 223 Printer\_External\_IO\_Error = 224 Printer\_Printhead\_Damaged\_Error = 225 Printer\_Unable\_To\_Parse\_Status\_Error = 226

Response\_Timeout = 227 Not\_Valid\_Label = 300 Not\_Valid\_Label\_Stock = 301 Not\_Valid\_Label\_Data = 302 No\_Communication = 404 Device\_Error = 405 No\_Motor\_Communication = 500 Motor\_Time\_Out = 501 Motor\_Status\_Error = 502

### End Enum

#### **Events**

Public Event Printed As EventHandler

Printed Event (Sender as object, e as event arguments)

Value = CType(sender, SidePosition)

Public Event DeviceErrored As EventHandler

DeviceErrored(Sender as object, e as event arguments)

Error = sender.ToString

Public Event InitializeComplete As EventHandler

InitializeComplete(Sender as object, e as event arguments)

Public Event HomeComplete As EventHandler

HomeComplete(Sender as object, e as event arguments)

Public Event MoveStageComplete As EventHandler

MoveStageComplete(Sender as object, e as event arguments)

## **Internal Class Objects**

 PrinterQueue
 Description: Holds label data (PrinterQueueItem) for up to 4 sides of a plate

 Type: List (of PrinterQueueItems)

PrinterQueueItem Description: Label data for a single side of a plate

## Properties

AutoSequenceData	Description: Format of auto sequence number
	Type: String
Errormsg	Description: List of Error Messages
	Type: List (Of String)
LabelDocumentFields	Description: List of fields name's and data
	Type: Dictionary (Of String, String)
LabelDocumentName	Description: Label Document Name
	Type: String
LabelQueueSide	Description: Side of Plate as Enum [key in List]

Type: SidePosition

PlateName	Description: Name of Plate eg. "Plate 1"
	Type: String
ScanRetryCount	Description: No of times to scan barcode Validate and Reprint
	Type:Integer
State	Description: Current Print Side State
	Type: PrintQueueState
ValidateBarcode	Description: Validate "Field 1" printed Data
	Type: Boolean

Methods	
InitItem	Description: Initiates item to Ready State
	Parameters: none
	Returns: none
Validate	Description: Validates current data for side on plate
	Parameters: ValidateAll Boolean
	Returns: True on Success, False on Fail
	*Use ErrorMsg property on failure

ResetErrorsDescription: Resets all errors in print queue itemParameters: none

## SequenceBuilder

## **Properties**

LeadingZeros	Description: Format of Leading Zeros
	Type: String
PostFix	Description: String on end at Sequence
	Type: String
PostFixDelimeter	Description: Delimiter string on end at Sequence
	Type: String
PreFix	Description: String at begin of Sequence
	Type:String
PrefixDelimeter	Description: Delimiter string on Begining at Sequence
	Type:String
SequenceIncrementAmt	Description: Amount to Increment Sequence by
	Type:Integer

StartSequence	Description: Start Number to Increment From
	Type:Integer
UseLeadingZero	Description: use Leading Zeros in Sequence uses Leadingzeros Format
	Type:Boolean

## **Interface Application**

Scinomix will provide a sample basic integration application (shown below) with the MP2 for use by the end-users' development groups. Source code for this application will also be provided with the instrument.

om Port : Com0 In	itialize	Touch	Screen Mode
Home All Home	Show Driver	Label Designer	Stock Designer
late Selection			
Plate Definitions	· · · ·		
Add to Queue		14	
Label Names	·	Ë	
Add to Queue Ba	rcode Scan Retry Count	S 🗖 🛄 🗖 N	MP2
□ Verify Barcode Ag	ainst Data in Field 1	E	
Field 1	Field 5	Field 9	
Field 2	Field 6	Field 10	
Field 3	Field 7		
Field 4	Field 8		
Clear Queue			Print Queu

## **Chapter 5. Maintenance**

## **Overview**

The MP2 has been designed for high-throughput usage and requires minimal maintenance. However, proper periodic maintenance is important to ensure optimal performance. Powering down the instrument is recommended daily.

## **Printer**

This section will cover general maintenance tasks. (For detailed information about the printer, refer to the CAB manual that was provided with your instrument)

#### Loading Labels from a Roll

Refer to the picture below and the corresponding instructions. The white arrows indicate the direction of the barcode labels



- 1. Unlock the label holder on the label source spool <sup>1</sup> and pull up to remove.
- 2. Turn the green lever on the print head counterclockwise to open the print head<sup>2</sup>. Pull back the clamp at the bottom of the print roller<sup>5</sup>.
- 3. Load the labels on the label source spool with the label side facing up so that the labels will make contact with the print head.
- 4. Thread the labels under the axis pin<sup>3</sup> and up through the label sensor<sup>4</sup>. The labels should be between the print head and the print roller

- 5. Continue to thread the labels around the peel plate<sup>6</sup>, behind the label blowing mechanism, and around the bottom of the roller. Place the end of the label strips in one of the slots on the label rewind spool<sup>7</sup> and turn counterclockwise until the labels are loaded. While holding the label rewind spool, turn the green screw on the top counterclockwise until it is tight.
- 6. Turn the green lever on the print head clockwise to close the print head, close the clamp on the bottom of the print roller, and replace the label holder on the label source spool.

#### **Loading Ribbon**

Refer to the picture below and the corresponding instructions. The arrows indicate the direction of the barcode ribbon.



- 1. Place a ribbon roll on the ribbon source spool so that the ink side of the ribbon will make contact with the labels. Note that with some ribbon materials it may be difficult to tell which side contains ink. Pressing something sticky on each side of the ribbon to see which side yields ink can be helpful.
- 2. While holding the ribbon source spool, turn the green screw on the top of the spool counterclockwise until it is tight.
- 3. Turn the green lever on the print head counterclockwise to open the print head
- 4. Thread the ribbon down from the ribbon source spool and around the print head so that the ribbon will make contact the labels.

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- 5. Attach the end of the ribbon to the cardboard insert (a barcode label works well) and press on to the ribbon rewind spool as seen in the picture. While holding the ribbon rewind spool, turn the green screw on the top counterclockwise until tight. Then turn the entire spool counterclockwise until the ribbon is fully threaded.
- 6. Turn the green lever on the print head clockwise to close the print head.

#### **Cleaning the Print Head**

Every time the printer ribbon is changed, the print head should be cleaned. While the print head is open, wipe down the inner surfaces with an alcohol wipe. This will minimize smudging from excess ribbon ink.

#### **Cleaning the Peel Plate**

Over time, the peel plate and surrounding areas may build up label adhesive residue, causing labels to stick to the peel plate. To access the peel plate, turn off air to the instrument by turning the blue air switch clockwise to the vertical position. Use the hexagonal key provided to unscrew the peel plate. Remove any labels that might be stuck to the peel plate and thoroughly clean the plate with an appropriate solvent.

## **Sensor Adjustments**

Refer to the picture below :



**Vacuum Sensor Adjustment** To correctly adjust this setting, swing the tamp arm to the labeling position using the hardware diagnostics screen and ensure the holes in the tamp pad are all clear with no obstructions blocking them (label etc). Turn on the vacuum valve and place a label or small piece of paper on the tamp pad to block all of the vacuum holes (it should remain on the tamp head with the vacuum turned on). If the vacuum detection threshold sensor indicator is illuminated turn the adjuster screw counterclockwise until the indicator turns off. Slowly turn the adjuster screw clockwise until the indicator turns off. Slowly turn the adjuster screw clockwise until the indicator turns off the vacuum valve on. With no label on the tamp pad the vacuum detection threshold sensor indicator should remain off. Place a label on the tamp head to fully cover the vacuum holes and it should turn. Note: because of hysteresis in the sensor the indicator will not always turn off when the label is removed with the vacuum valve still turned on. Repeat this procedure if necessary.

**Pressure Sensor Adjustment** <sup>4</sup> To set this adjustment, set the air pressure coming into the machine to 80PSI by use of an external regulator. Turn the built in regulator all the way in so that it is

not regulating the air pressure in any way. Turn this adjuster screw clockwise until the air pressure threshold sensor indicator illuminates. Now turn the adjuster screw counterclockwise until the indicator goes off and stop turning immediately. When the external regulator is turned up the air pressure threshold sensor indicator should illuminate somewhere in the range of 80 - 85 PSI. Repeat this adjustment procedure if necessary. Once complete, readjust the internal regulator set point to 90 PSI.

Blow Adjust <sup>5</sup> As labels are printed, air is blown onto the underside of the label to blow it toward the tamp pad. The blow adjust regulates the amount of air that is blown. If too much air is blown, the labels may rotate slightly, resulting in uneven application of the labels onto plates. If too little air is applied, labels may not always be picked up by the tamp head. Turn the knob clockwise to decrease the air, and turn the knob counterclockwise to increase the air.

**CCW Speed Adjust**<sup>6</sup> This knob regulates the speed of the tamp arm as it travels from the printer to the stage (counterclockwise as you face the knob). Turn the knob clockwise to decrease the speed; turn the knob counterclockwise to increase the speed.

**CW Speed Adjust** This knob regulates the speed of the tamp arm as it travels from the stage to the printer (clockwise as you face the knob). Turn the knob clockwise to decrease the speed; turn the knob counterclockwise to increase the speed.

**Extend Speed Adjust**<sup>(8)</sup> This knob regulates the speed of the tamper as it extends to affix a label to a plate on the stage. Turn the knob clockwise to decrease the speed; turn the knob counterclockwise to increase the speed.

**Retract Speed Adjust** <sup>(2)</sup>This knob regulates the speed of the tamper as it retracts after placing a label on a plate on the stage. Turn the knob clockwise to decrease the speed; turn the knob counterclockwise to increase the speed.

## Label Alignment

The MP2 plate stage may be adjusted to apply offset labels, or to center labels that are not a standard size. Use an Allen wrench to loosen the screws on either side of the stage, then move the stage as needed (this picture shows the back screw; both screws need to be loosened before the stage will move):



#### **Tamp Pad Alignment**

The picture below shows the proper positioning of the tamp head in relation to the peel plate of the label printer. They should be very close but not touching:



# **Chapter 6. Hardware Diagnostics**

## **Overview**

This screen displays low-level hardware functions of the instrument and is not used during routine operation of the MP2. Hardware diagnostics are intended as a troubleshooting tool and should be carried out in conjunction with a Scinomix Technical Support Representative.



## **Outputs**

Displays the status of the various output actuators used to set the position of devices in the system. A red circle indicates that the output is set "On", a blank circle indicates "Off". Clicking the red circle turns

the output off, and clicking again turns the output on. You will see the associated device on the machine move in accordance with its new setting.

## Inputs

Displays the status of the various input sensors used to determine when devices reach their intended position. A green circle indicates the input is set to "On", a blank circle represents "Off". A refresh button updates their state, and a checkbox allows the system to automatically refresh on a short interval.

## **Stage Actions**

Allows the user to move the stage, both up/down and clockwise/counterclockwise

## **Printer Actions**

Allows the user to form feed, cancel a print job, or clear any errors that may have occurred during a print job.

## **Serial Communication**

Allows the user to send commands directly to the various motors and the printer and shows their response. This would normally be used only when Scinomix is setting up your machine.

## Appendix

Pounds per Square Inch (psi)	Megapascals (MPa)
60	0.41
70	0.48
80	0.55
90	0.62

Appendix 1: Conversion of psi to MPa

#### Appendix 2: Declaration of Conformity



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EN 61000-6-2: 2005

EN 61000-3-2: 2006

EN 61000-6-4: 2007

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