



## **Zebra®** RW Series Mobile Printers

# User Guide



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  - Canadian STD RSS-210
  - EN60950: 2000 Safety Standard
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### Cautions, Important, and Note



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**Caution • Warns you of the potential for electrostatic discharge.**

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**Caution • Warns you of a potential electric shock situation.**

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**Caution • Warns you of a situation where excessive heat could cause a burn**

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**Caution • Advises you that failure to take or avoid a specific action could result in physical harm to you.**

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**Caution • Advises you that failure to take or avoid a specific action could result in physical harm to the hardware.**

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**Important • Advises you of information that is essential to complete a task.**

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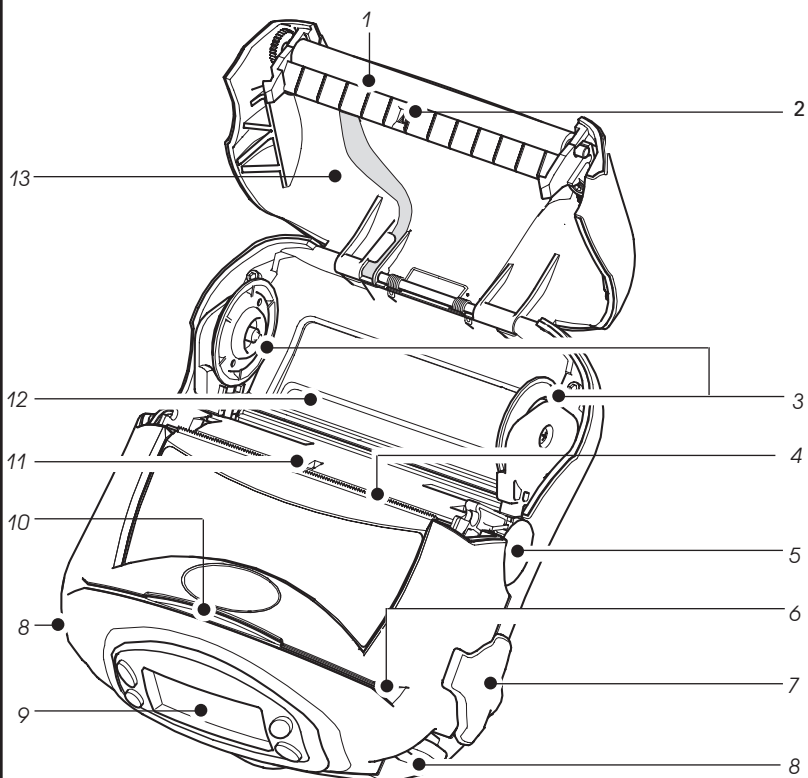


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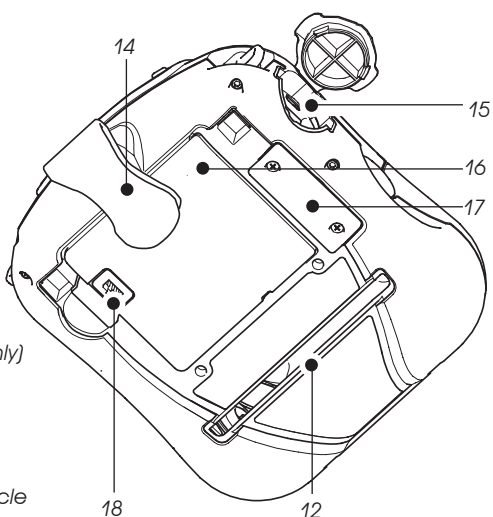
**Note • Indicates neutral or positive information that emphasizes or supplements important points of the main text.**

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**Figure 1: RW 420 Overview**

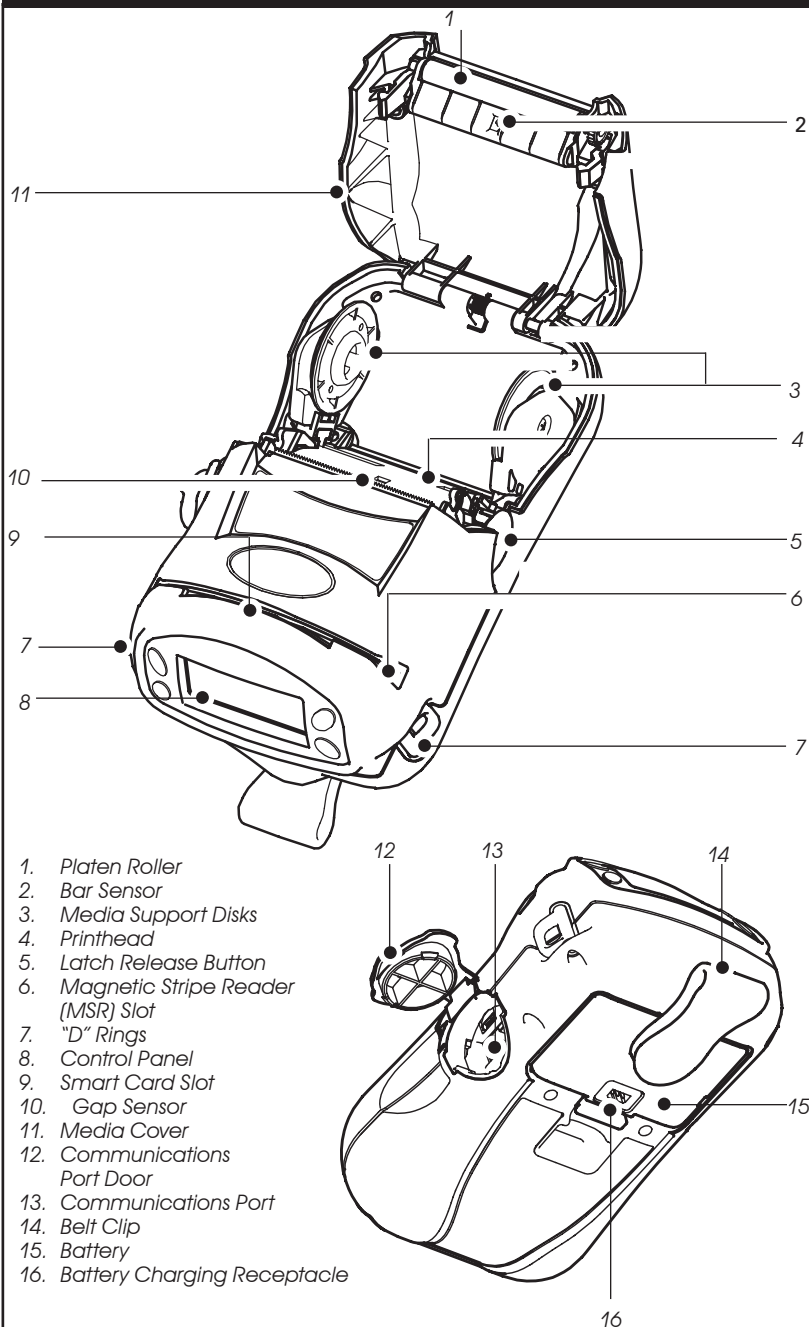


1. Platen Roller
2. Bar Sensor
3. Media Support Disks
4. Printhead
5. Latch Release Button
6. Magnetic Stripe Reader (MSR) Slot
7. Communications Port Door
8. "D" Rings
9. Control Panel
10. Smart Card Slot
11. Gap Sensor
12. Bottom Media Feed Slot (external media models only)
13. Media Cover
14. Belt Clip
15. Communications Port
16. Battery
17. Docking Connector Cover
18. Battery Charging Receptacle





**Figure 2: RW 220 Overview**



## Introduction to the RW Series

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Thank you for choosing one of our Zebra RW series Mobile Printers. It is one of a series of rugged printers that are sure to become productive and efficient additions to your workplace thanks to their innovative design. Because the RW series is made by Zebra Technologies, you're assured of world-class support for all of your bar code printers, software, and supplies.

- This User's Guide gives you the information you'll need to operate and maintain your RW 220 or RW 420 printer.
- The RW series printers use the CPCL programming language. To create and print receipts and labels using the CPCL language, refer to our Label Vista™ label creation program or the Mobile Printing Systems CPCL Programming Manual which are both available on our Web site at: <http://www.zebra.com>.
- RW series printers software includes interpreters for the ZPL II® programming language (up to Version 30.8.4) and the EPL programming language. Manuals for the ZPL and EPL label design programming languages are also available on our Web site. Refer to Appendix "E" of this manual for more information on accessing and downloading manuals and other user information.

## 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 return 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.

# Getting Ready to Print

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## Battery Safety

The Battery Packs used on Zebra Mobile Printers contain a great deal of energy and can cause personal injury or start a fire if used improperly or carelessly. Please observe the following safety practices:



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**Caution • 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.**

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**Caution • Batteries can explode or catch fire if improperly charged or exposed to high temperatures or fire. Do not disassemble, crush or expose batteries to water.**

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**Caution • 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.**

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**Read carefully and always observe the safety guidelines for Li-Ion batteries provided with each Battery Pack.**

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## Charger Safety



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**Do not place the LI72-4 Quad Charger in locations where liquids or metallic objects may be dropped into the charging bays.**

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**Use care in locating either the LI 72 Single Charger or the LI 72-4 Quad Charger. Do not block the ventilating slots on the top and bottom covers. Ensure that the Charger is plugged into a power source which won't accidentally be turned off if you will be charging batteries overnight.**

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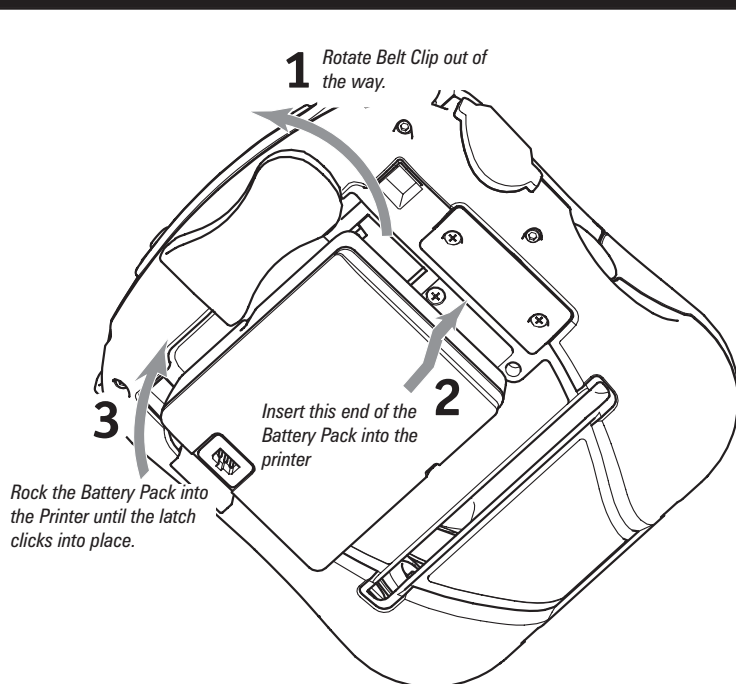
**Required Regulatory Text for Argentina**

**Only certified adaptors with the following electrical characteristics shall be used. The use of different adaptors could damage the device, present hazards to the user and declare the correspondent guaranty void.**

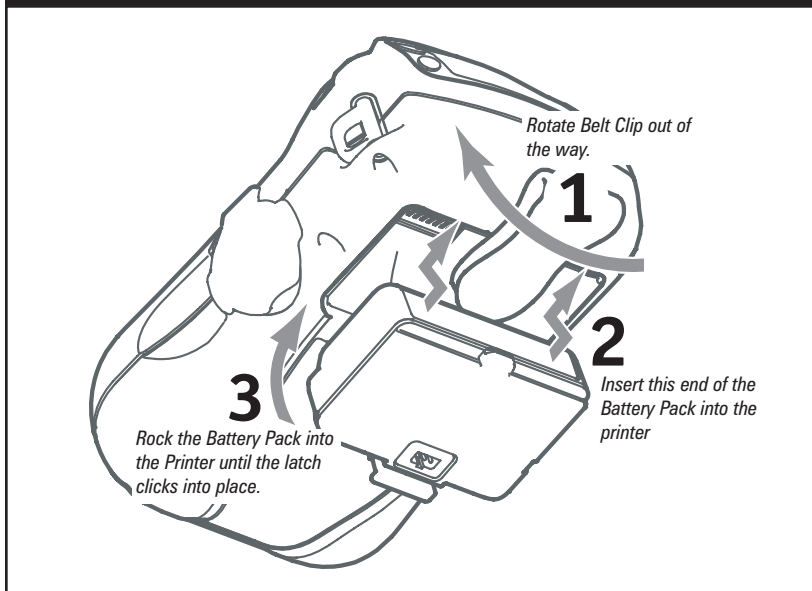
**LI 72:     Input ratings: 100-240 VAC 50/60Hz 200mA., Class 2  
          Output ratings: 8.4 VDC, 800 mA**

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**Figure 3: Installing the RW 420 Battery**



**Figure 4: Installing the RW 220 Battery**



## Installing RW Series Batteries

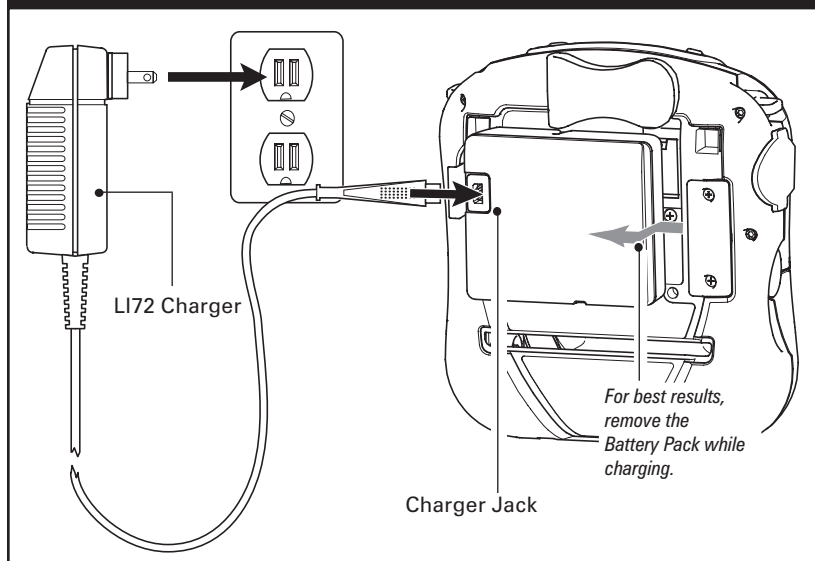


**Important • Batteries are shipped uncharged. Remove protective shrink-wrap and labels from new battery packs prior to use.**

1. Rotate the Belt Clip to allow access to the Battery compartment. This is an optional step on the RW 220.
2. Insert the battery into the printer as shown in Figure 3 or 4,
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, indicating the battery is not fully charged (see "Charging the Battery" below and "Operator Controls.")

**Figure 5: LI 72 Single Charger**

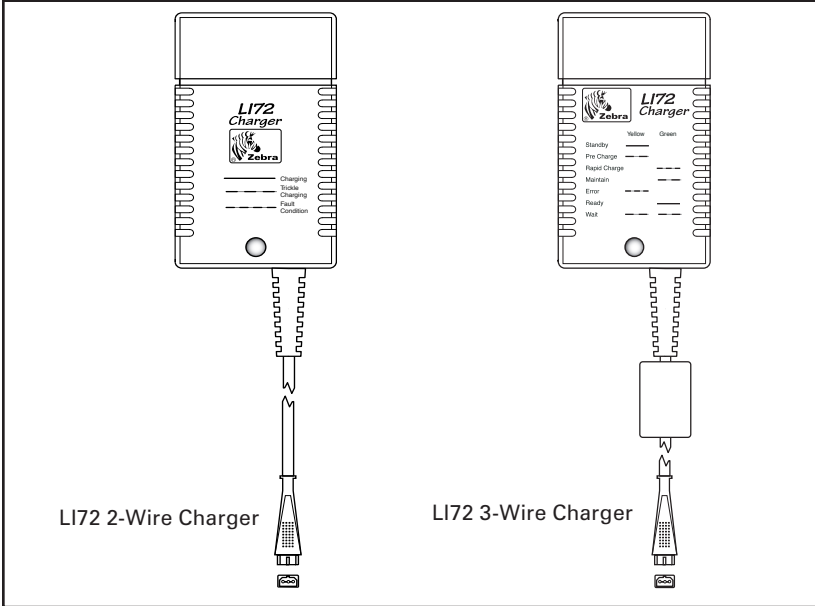


## Charging the Battery

The LI72 is a wall mounted fast charger with universal 110 to 230, 50-60 Hz. VAC input. Multiple A.C. plug configurations comply with most international standards. This charger is intended for use with the RW series printers which are equipped with Lithium Ion (Li-Ion) batteries.

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**Figure 6: LI 72 Single Charger Types**



The LI 72 is supplied in two variations: a two wire version and a three-wire version per Figure 6. The three-wire version offers more intelligent charging features and will gradually replace the two-wire version as production is ramped-up.

Both of the LI72 models will charge a battery pack as fast as its charge level will allow, and then switch over to a maintenance charge to keep the charge at its maximum.

#### **Charging Battery Packs with the Two-Wire Version**

Plug the LI72 into the appropriate A.C. wall receptacle, then insert the charge cable into the battery pack charger jack.

The charge indicator LED will indicate the status of the charger as follows:

Indicator	Charger Function	Charger Status
Steady	Charging.	Battery Pack is undergoing a fast charge
Slow Flashing (1 HZ)	Maintain	Battery is ready for use
Rapid Flashing (4 Hz)	Error	The battery may have an internal short, or its charge monitoring circuitry may be malfunctioning. The battery pack should not be used any further.



***Do not charge batteries with the two-wire LI72 model while printing. Attempting to print while charging can result in improperly charged batteries.***



***Once the battery has charged, do not leave the two-wire charger plugged into the printer. Leaving the charger plugged into the printer for a prolonged period of time could cause damage to the printer.***

### Charging Battery Packs with the Three-Wire Version

Plug the LI72 into the appropriate A.C. wall receptacle, then insert the charge cable into the battery pack charger jack.

The yellow/green charge indicator LED will indicate the status of the charger as per the following table.



***Do not charge batteries with the three-wire LI72 model while printing. Attempting to print while charging can result in improperly charged batteries***

Indicator	Charger Function	Charger Status
Steady yellow indicator	Standby	AC power on; no battery being charged
Slow (1 Hz) flashing yellow indicator	Pre-Charge	Charger is applying trickle charge current (5% of maximum) to bring a cold battery temperature up to 0°C before starting a full charge cycle
Fast (4 Hz) flashing green indicator	Rapid Charge	Charger is applying the maximum charge rate to the battery
Slow (1 Hz) flashing green indicator	Maintain	Charger is in trickle charge mode(10% of nominal cahрге value).
Fast (4 Hz) flashing yellow indicator	Error	The battery may have an internal short, or its charge monitoring circuitry may be malfunctioning. The battery pack should not be used any further.
Steady green indicator	Ready	No charge is being applied to the battery
Slow (1 Hz) flashing alternate yellow and green indicator	Wait	Battery temperature is too hot. Charging will not begin until battery temperature reaches 45°C.

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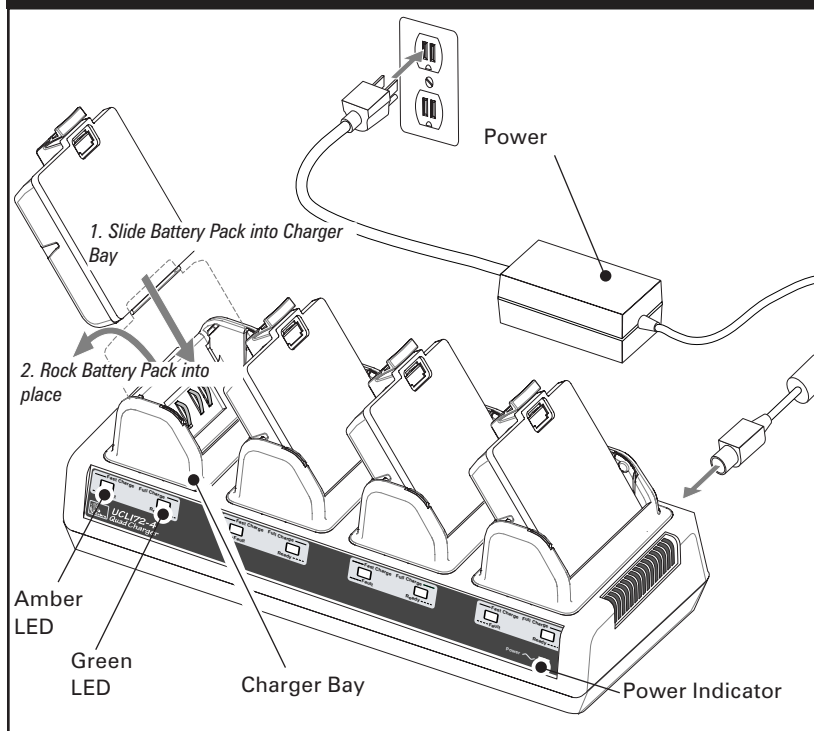
**Charging will cease three (3) hours after the charger has entered the "Maintain" mode.**

## Model UCLI72-4 Quad Charger

The UCLI72-4 Quad Charger is designed to charge up to four RW Series 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 7, 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

**Figure 7: UCLI72-4 Quad Charger**





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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 following table:

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



**Important • 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. Always dispose of batteries in a proper manner. Refer to Appendix D**

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#### LI 72-4 Charger Cycle Times :

	RW 420	RW 220
Battery 80% Charged	2.5 Hrs	1.25 Hrs.
Battery Fully Charged	5 Hrs.	2.5 Hrs.



**Note • Charge times are for completely discharged batteries.**

Partially discharged Battery Packs will take less time than listed in the chart to reach a fully charged state. Once Battery Packs have reached 80% of their charge capacity they may be used, but it is recommended that you allow the batteries to reach a full charge to maintain maximum battery life.

The UCLI72-4 Quad Charger's safety features will stop charging a battery after six hours regardless of its charge state.

## Loading the Media

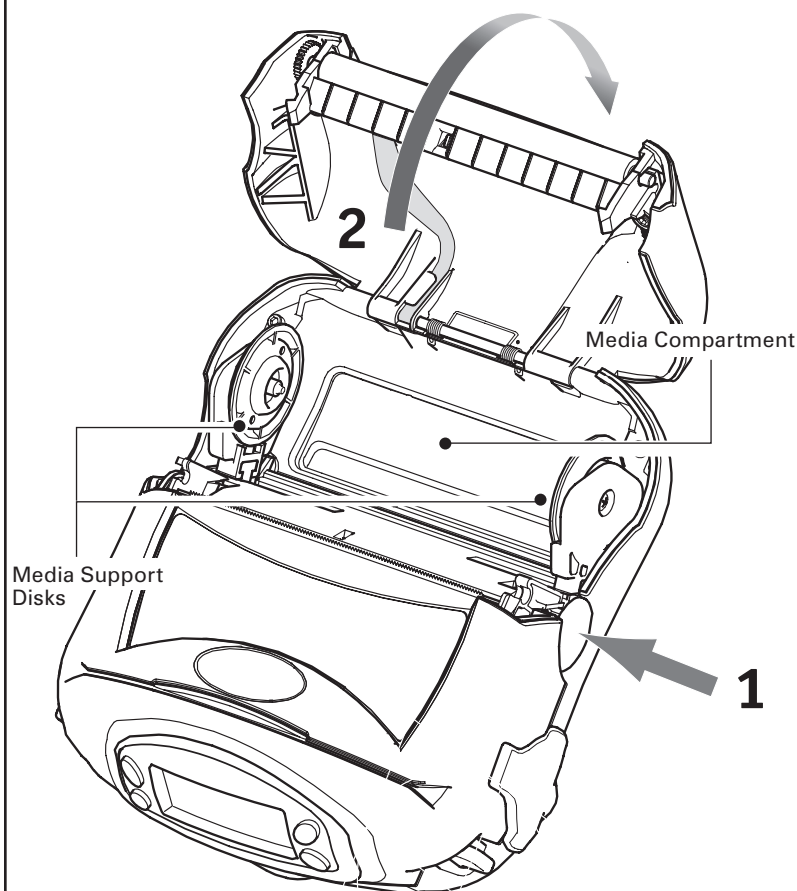
The RW series printers are designed to print either continuous (journal) media or label stock.

### Loading Media Procedure

1. Open the printer: Refer to Figure 8.
  - Press the latch release button on the side of the printer as shown at “1” below. The media cover will open automatically
  - Rotate the Media Cover back completely as shown at “2”, exposing the media compartment and the adjustable media supports.

**Figure 8: Opening the Printer**

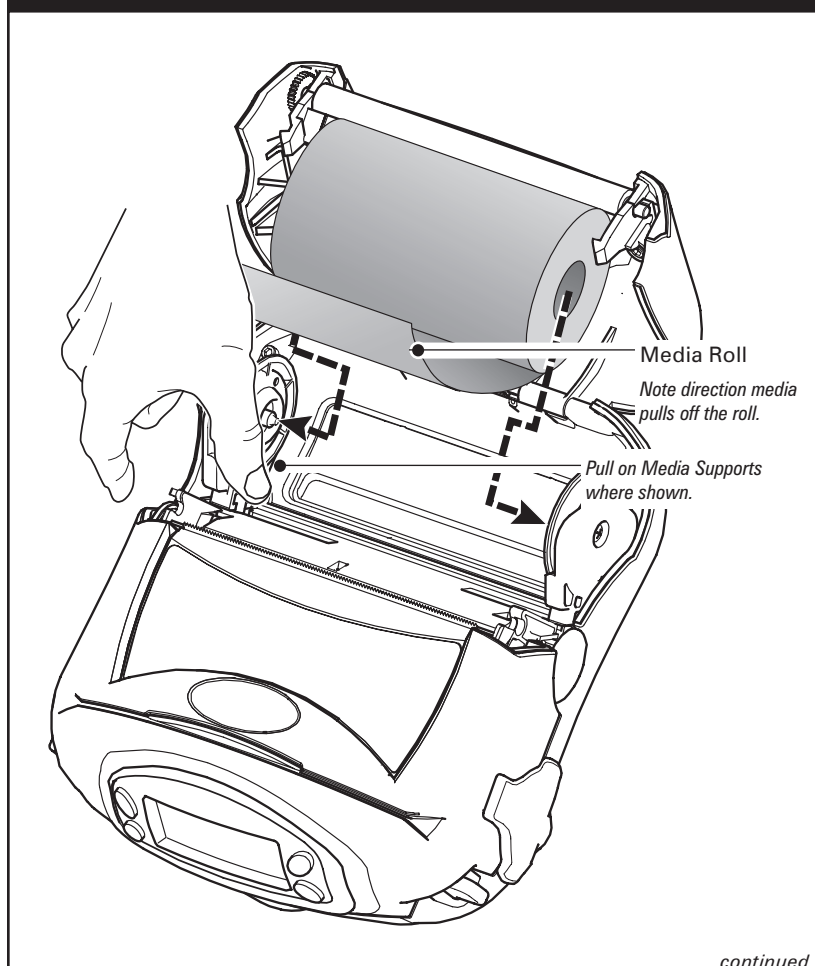
*RW 420 printer shown.*



## Loading Media From An Internal Supply

- Refer to Figure 9. Pull the media supports apart as shown. Insert the roll of media between them, and let the media supports close. Ensure that the media pulls off the core in the direction shown in Figure 9. The supports will adjust themselves to the width of the media, and the roll of media should be able to spin freely on the supports.

**Figure 9: Loading Media from an Internal Supply**



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## Loading Media From An External Supply



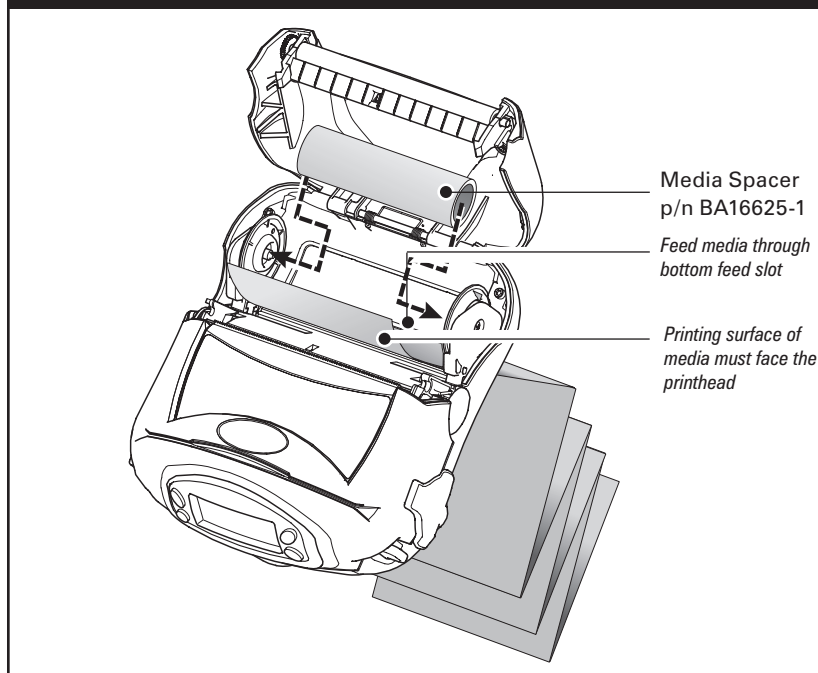
**Note • Only the RW 420 supports an external media supply.**

Refer to Figure 10. The RW 420 configured with the External Media option has a loading slot in the rear of the media compartment allowing you to use standard 4 in. (101.6 mm) wide fanfold 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.

Zebra offers a series of vehicle cradles for the RW 420 (P/Ns AK17463-003 and AK17463-004) which incorporate provisions for installation of an external media supply bin.

- 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 me-

**Figure 10: Loading Media from an External Supply**



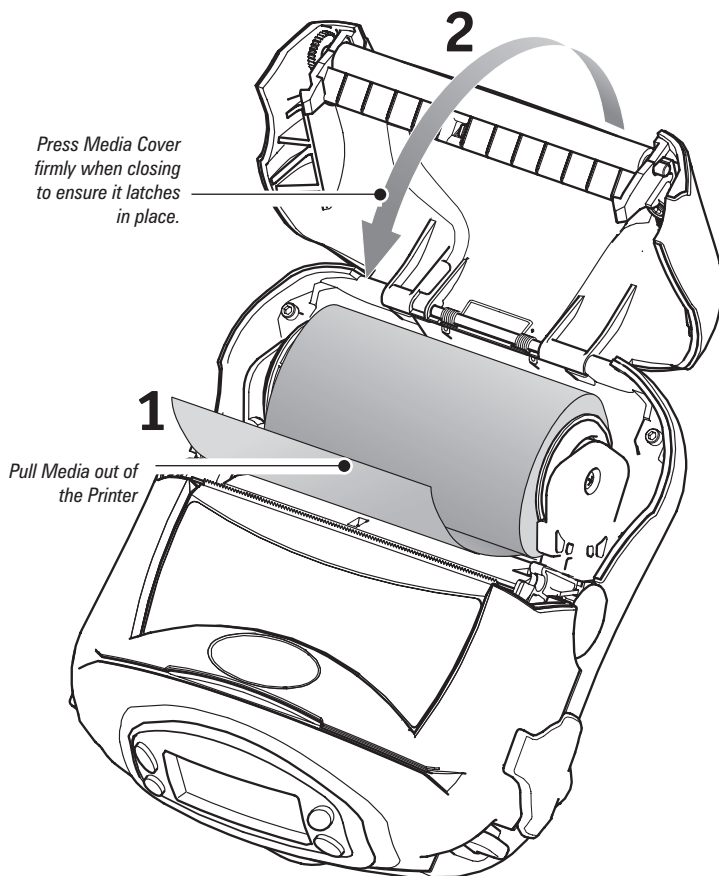
dia guides and up through the media compartment as shown. Make sure the side of the media you will be printing on faces the printhead.

4. Close the Media Cover: Refer to Figure 11.

- Pull the media out of the printer as shown at "1."
- Close the media cover as shown at "2", ensuring that it latches securely into place.
- Turn the printer on or press the Feed button if the printer is already on.

The printer will advance a short strip of media and will then be ready for printing.

**Figure 11: Closing the Media Cover**



# Operator Controls

## Control Panel

The control panel has buttons for the power on/off and media feed functions and a display for providing information regarding printer functions. Two keys provide 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 12: LCD Control Panel**

**Feed Button**

*Press to advance the media one blank label or a software determined length of journal media.*

**Scroll Button**

*Press to scroll through the menu choices on the LCD.*

**Printer Status Icons**

*Indicates the status of several printer functions*

**Power Button**

*Press to turn unit on. Press again to turn unit off*

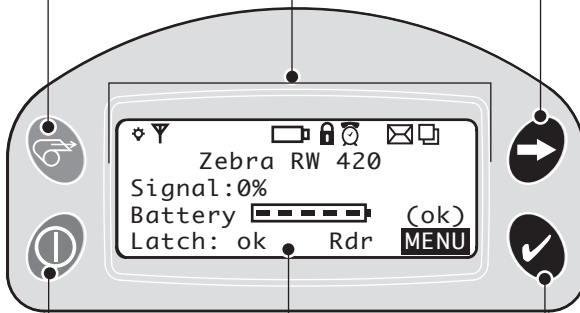
**Select Button**

*Press to select a menu choice on the LCD.*

**LCD**


*See LCD Functions Table for an overview of menu options*


*NOTE: LCD menu options are under specific application control. Not all options may be available in your printer's application.*





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


 Indicates a Bluetooth connection is established. A flashing icon indicates data transmission. This icon is functional only with RW series printers with a Bluetooth wireless option installed.


 Indicates that the printer is associated with a wireless Local Area Network (LAN) using an 802.11x compliant radio. This icon is functional only with RW series printers with a WLAN wireless option installed.

 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 normal printing activity.

 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.

## **Programmable LCD Settings**

In addition to the status icons, the LCD on the control panel can display many of the printer's settings and functions as text as determined by the printer's application. 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 tables on the following pages for a partial set of printer features that can be programmed to display on the LCD.

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.

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Extended LCD Functions <sup>1</sup>		
Function	Default setting	Scroll & Select Options
Sensor Type	Bar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bar</li> <li>• Gap</li> </ul>
Baud Rate	19200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9600</li> <li>• 19200</li> <li>• 32400</li> <li>• 57600</li> <li>• 115200</li> </ul>
Data Bits	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7</li> <li>• 8</li> </ul>
Parity	N (none)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E (Even)</li> <li>• N (None)</li> <li>• O (Odd)</li> </ul>
LCD Contrast	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase (15max.)</li> <li>• Decrease (15 max.)</li> </ul>
No-activity Timeout	120 sec.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrease (0 min.)<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Increase (120 max.)</li> </ul>
Flip Screen	Off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Off</li> <li>• On (The 4 text lines of display will be flipped 180 ° when the printer is in the Cradle Location of icons will remain unchanged.)</li> </ul>
Audio Volume	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 – Low</li> <li>• 2 – Medium</li> <li>• 3 - High</li> </ul>
Media Type	Journal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Label</li> <li>• Journal</li> </ul>
LCD Backlight <sup>3</sup>	Momentary On	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Momentary On w/ time delay</li> <li>• Off</li> </ul>
Factory Reset (Resets all to factory set values)	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No</li> <li>• Yes</li> </ul>

**NOTE:**

- <sup>1</sup> LCD menu options are under specific application control. Not all options may be available In your printer's application.
- <sup>2</sup> A No-activity timeout value of "0" means the printer will remain on until powered off by the operator.
- <sup>3</sup> LCD Backlight turns on when any key other than FEED is pressed



Display Functions Not Accessible from the Keypad <sup>1</sup>		
Function	Default setting	Scroll & Select Options
WLAN ID <sup>2</sup>	Factory Set Value	N/A
Tear-off Position (Top of Form)	00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase (max. = +10)</li> <li>• Decrease (min. = -120)</li> </ul>
Network & RF Settings		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All protocols On</li> <li>• Protocols On or Off individually</li> </ul>
Bridge Mode	Off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Off</li> <li>• On</li> </ul>
DTR/VBUS-Power Off	Off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On</li> <li>• Off</li> </ul>
Present-at	000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase (max. = +120)</li> <li>• Decrease (min. = 000)</li> </ul>
Bluetooth parameters	n/a	Displays current Bluetooth operating parameters
802.11b WLAN parameters	n/a	Displays current 802.11b operating parameters
Media Type	Journal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Journal</li> <li>• Label</li> </ul>
Smart Card or MSR Card Reader Status <sup>3</sup>	Off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Off</li> <li>• Display "RDR"</li> </ul>

**NOTES:**

- 1 The parameters in this table will appear on the display but can be set only by using a PC running Zebra's Label Vista label creation program and a data cable link to the printer.
- 2 Can be adjusted from the factory default using a PC running Zebra's Label Vista label creation program and a data cable link to the printer.
- 3 Card reader status is under application control, and is not user selectable.

## Verify the Printer Is Working

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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 ensure all elements of the printhead 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 discussion on how to use the configuration label as a diagnostic tool.)

## Connecting the Printer

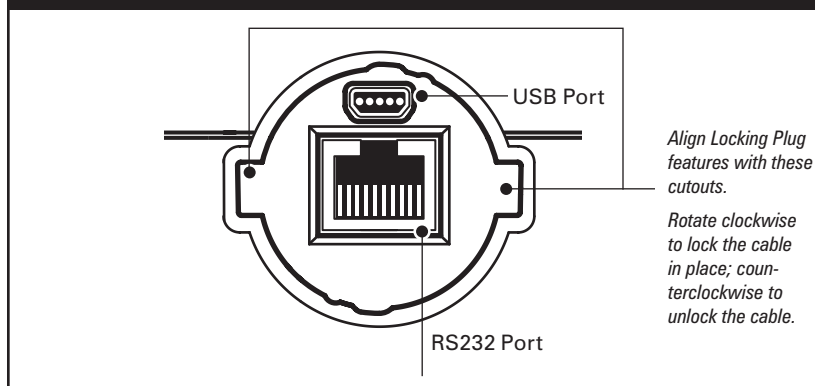
The printer must establish communications with a host terminal which sends the data to be printed. Communications occur in three basic ways:

- By a cable between the printer and its host terminal using either RS232C or USB protocols
- By means of a Bluetooth short-range radio frequency link
- By means of a wireless LAN (Local Area Network) per 802.11b specifications

### Cable Communications

**Caution • The printer should be turned off before connecting or disconnecting the communications cable.**

**Figure 13: Communications Port**



### Serial (RS232C)



**Note • All RW series printers can communicate by cable; the specific cable supplied with your printer will vary with the host terminal.**

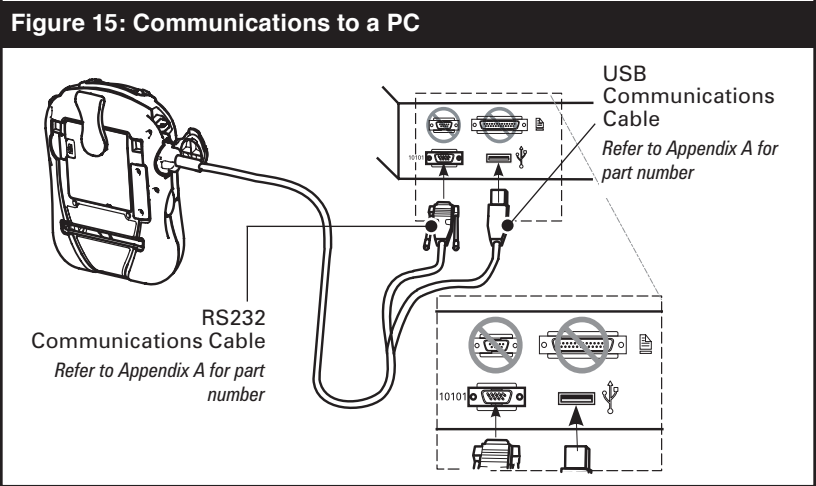
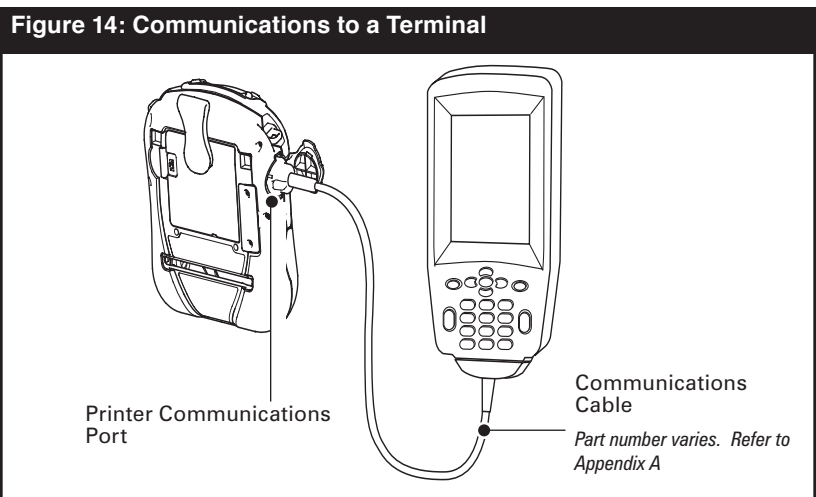
The 10-pin modular connector on your communications cable plugs into the serial (RS232C) communications port on the side of the printer. Plug the connector into the RS232C port and ensure the locking device has clicked into position. Then press the Locking Plug into the opening around the connector, aligning its locking features with the cutouts on the printer case. Turn the Locking Plug clockwise one-quarter turn to secure it in place.

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The other end of the cable must be plugged into the host terminal as shown in Figure 15, or to a serial port on a computer as shown in Figure 15. Communications between the terminal and the printer are controlled by the applications running on the terminal and the printer.

**USB**

RW series Printers also can communicate by cable via the USB protocol. The USB port is a USB Mini-AB type connector located directly above the 10-pin modular connector used for RS232C communications. (Refer to Figure 13)



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The RW series is configured with the USB Open HCI interface driver allowing it to communicate with Windows® based devices. USB drivers are included in the Zebra Universal Driver which can be downloaded from [www.zebra.com](http://www.zebra.com). Other terminals or communications devices may require the installation of special drivers to use the USB connection. Consult your Zebra reseller or the factory for further details.

## **Wireless Communications**

### **Wireless Communications with Bluetooth®**

“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.

### **Bluetooth Networking Overview**

Each Bluetooth enabled RW series printer has a unique Bluetooth Device Address (BDA) loaded into its radio module when manufactured.

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 RW series printer will normally act as a slave creating a miniature network with the terminal sometimes referred to as a “piconet.”

For the most part, communications using Bluetooth are initiated and processed without any operator intervention.

RW 420 printers can be equipped with both a Bluetooth and an 802.11b radio, allowing communications with both Bluetooth enabled devices and a Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) (see discussion below).

### **Wireless Local Area Network Overview**

RW series printers can be equipped with several radio options which use the industry standard 802.11 WLAN protocol.

- RW series printers with a Compact Flash (CF) ra-

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dio module can be identified by the FCC ID number "I28MD-RW4137" and other regulatory information on the serial number label on the back of the unit.

- RW series printers with a Zebra Value Radio, 802.11b can be identified by the FCC ID number "I28MD-ZLAN11B" and other regulatory information on the serial number label on the back of the unit.
- RW series Wireless Network Printers with the Zebra 802.11b/g WLAN radio module can be identified by the text "Wireless Network Printer" and FCC ID: *I28MD-ZLAN11G* on the serial number label on the back of the printer.
- RW 420 printers with both an 802.11b WLAN radio and a Bluetooth radio running in the same unit are considered to be dual radio devices. At present only one dual radio configuration is offered, for RW 420 only, with Bluetooth radio FCC ID "I28MD-BTC2TY3" and 802.11b Compact flash radio FCC ID "I28MD-RW4137". The FCC ID numbers and other regulatory information for both radios are located on the serial number label on the back of the RW 420.

Printers so equipped allow wireless communication as a node within a WLAN and its wireless capabilities allow communications from any point within the WLAN's perimeter. Printers equipped with the dual Bluetooth/802.11b WLAN radio configuration can be linked to both a WLAN and a Bluetooth network simultaneously.

Methods of establishing communications to RW series printers will vary with each LAN application. General information on establishing WLAN communications can be found in either the "CPCL Programmers Manual" or the "Quick Start Guide for Mobile Wireless Printers" both available at [www.zebra.com](http://www.zebra.com). 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 Zebra's Web site at [www.zebra.com](http://www.zebra.com).

## Setting Up the Software

RW series printers use Zebra's CPCL Programming language which was designed for mobile printing applications. CPCL is

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fully described in the "CPCL Programmers Manual", available on-line at [www.zebra.com](http://www.zebra.com).

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 CPCL language. Label Vista is available on-line from [www.zebra.com](http://www.zebra.com).

RW series printers support an interpreter for ZPL II®, or EPL programming languages. If you plan to use ZPL II or EPL, refer to the appropriate Programming Guides available on-line from *[Zebra's Web site](http://www.zebra.com)*. If you choose to use a third party label preparation system, follow the installation instructions included in the package.

# Radio Regulatory Information

## Bluetooth RW -ZBR3 Radio (RW 220 and RW 420)



**Caution • Exposure to Radio Frequency Radiation.**

**The radiated output power of this internal Bluetooth radio is far below the FCC radio frequency exposure limits. The internal Bluetooth radio operates within guidelines found in radio frequency safety standards and recommendations. Do not use the printer in an unauthorized manner.**



**Note • The following section only applies when the RW-ZBR3 Bluetooth Radio (FCC ID: I28MD-BTC2TY3) is installed in an RW series printer. Unless specified elsewhere in this manual, the antenna used for this transmitter must not be co-located or must not operate in conjunction with any other antenna.**

## European Regulatory Information for the RW-ZBR3 Bluetooth Radio

This device is intended for use in all EU and EFTA member states.

### 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 60950: 2000  
Safety of Information Technology Equipment
- EN 300 328-2 V1.4.1 (2003-04)  
Technical requirements for spread-spectrum radio equipment
- EN 301 489-1/-17 V1.4.1/1.2.1 (2002-08)  
EMC requirements for spread-spectrum radio equipment.

This device is a 2.4 GHz wireless LAN transceiver, intended for indoor home and office use in all EU and EFTA member states.



**Important Notice:**

This device is a portable RF printer intended for commercial and industrial use in all EU and EFTA member states.



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## Compact Flash (802.11b) Radio Module

The following section only applies when the CF (Compact Flash) WLAN module (With FCC ID: I28MD-RW4137) is installed in a RW series printer. The FCC ID number is on the serial number label on the back of the printer and can be read with the module installed. Other than conditions specified elsewhere in this manual, only one of the radio options can be installed in the printer at one time and the antenna used for this transmitter must not be co-located or must not operate in conjunction with any other antenna.



**Caution • Use of a RW series printer with the radio module marked with “FCC ID: I28MD-RW4137” 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.**

**RW 220 printers with this radio option have been SAR tested. The maximum SAR value measured for each model was 0.011527 W/g averaged over 1 gram.**

**RW 420 printers with this radio option have been SAR tested. The maximum SAR value measured for each model was 0.062 W/kg averaged over 1 gram.**

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### European Regulatory Information for this Radio

AT	BE	CY	CZ	DK
EE	FI	<del>FR</del>	DE	GR
HU	IE	IT	LV	LT
LU	MT	NL	PL	PT
SK	SI	ES	SE	GB

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, IS, LI, NO)

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**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.

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## 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 60950: 2000

Safety of Information Technology Equipment

- EN 300 328-2 V1.2.1 (2001-12)

Technical requirements for spread-spectrum radio equipment

- EN 301 489-17 V1.2.1 (2002-08)

EMC requirements for spread-spectrum radio equipment.

This device is a 2.4 GHz wireless LAN transceiver, intended for indoor home and office use in all EU and EFTA member states, except in France where restrictive use applies.

The use of this frequency band in France is subject to restrictions. You may only use channels 10 and 11 (2457 and 2462 MHz) on French territory, except in those French departments as listed in the table below where channels 1-13 (2412-2472 MHz) may be used. For more information see <http://www.anfr.fr/> and/or <http://www.art-telecom.fr>

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03	Allier	39	Jura	71	Saone et Loire
05	Hautes Alpes	41	Loir et Cher	72	Sarthe
08	Ardennes	42	Loire	75	Paris
09	Ariege	45	Loiret	77	Seine et Marne
10	Aube	50	Manche	78	Yvelines
11	Aude	54	Meurthe et Moselle	79	Deux Sievres
12	Aveyron	55	Meuse	82	Tarn et Garonne
16	Charente	57	Moselle	84	Vaucluse
19	Correze	58	Nievre	86	Vienne
2A	Corse Sud	59	Nord	88	Vosges
2B	Haute Corse	60	Oise	89	Yonne
21	Cote d'Or	61	Orne	90	Territoire de Belfort
24	Dordogne	63	Puy de Dome	91	Essonne
25	Doubs	64	Pyrenees Atlantique	92	Hauts de Seine
26	Drome	65	Hautes Pyrenees	93	Seine St Denis
27	Eure	66	Pyrenees Orientales	94	Val de Marne
32	Gers	67	Bas Rhin		
35	Ille et Vilaine	68	Haute Rhin		

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## Zebra Value Radio, 802.11b

The following section only applies when the Zebra Value Radio, 802.11b (with FCC ID: I28MD-ZLAN11B) is installed in a RW series printer. The FCC ID number is on the serial number label on the back of the printer and can be read with the module installed. Other than conditions specified elsewhere in this manual, only one of the radio options can be installed in the printer at one time and the antenna used for these transmitters must not be co-located or must not operate in conjunction with any other antenna.



**Caution • The radiated output power of this internal 802.11b radio is far below the FCC radio frequency exposure limits. Nevertheless, this 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 such that when the printer is worn with the back of the printer against the body and the front of the printer (where paper exits) away from the body, then the 2.5 cm distance between the antenna and the users body will be met. Do not use the printer in an unauthorized manner.**

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### European Regulatory Information for this Radio

AT	BE	CY	CZ	DK
EE	FI	<del>FR</del>	DE	GR
HU	IE	IT	LV	LT
LU	MT	NL	PL	PT
SK	SI	ES	SE	GB

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, IS, LI, NO**)

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**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.

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## 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 60950: 2000

Safety of Information Technology Equipment

- EN 300 328-2 V1.2.1 (2001-12)

Technical requirements for spread-spectrum radio equipment

- EN 301 489-17 V1.2.1 (2002-08)

EMC requirements for spread-spectrum radio equipment.

This device is a 2.4 GHz wireless LAN transceiver, intended for indoor home and office use in all EU and EFTA member states, except in France where restrictive use applies.

The use of this frequency band in France is subject to restrictions. You may only use channels 10 and 11 (2457 and 2462 MHz) on French territory, except in those French departments as listed in the table below where channels 1-13 (2412-2472 MHz) may be used. For more information see <http://www.anfr.fr/> and/or <http://www.art-telecom.fr>

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08	Ardennes	42	Loire	75	Paris
09	Ariege	45	Loiret	77	Seine et Marne
10	Aube	50	Manche	78	Yvelines
11	Aude	54	Meurthe et Moselle	79	Deux Sievres
12	Aveyron	55	Meuse	82	Tarn et Garonne
16	Charente	57	Moselle	84	Vaucluse
19	Correze	58	Nievre	86	Vienne
2A	Corse Sud	59	Nord	88	Vosges
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25	Doubs	64	Pyrenees Atlantique	92	Hauts de Seine
26	Drome	65	Hautes Pyrenees	93	Seine St Denis
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35	Ille et Vilaine	68	Haute Rhin		

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## WLAN Module Using 802.11b/g Radio

*The following section only applies when the 802.11b/g WLAN module (With FCC ID: I28MD-ZLAN11G) is installed in a RW series printer). Other than conditions specified elsewhere in this manual, only one of the radio options can be installed in the printer at one time and the antenna used for these transmitters must not be co-located or must not operate in conjunction with any other antenna.*

*RW Series models have the FCC ID number on a label on the back of the unit.*

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**Caution • Use of a RW series printer with the radio module marked with FCC ID: I28MD-ZLAN11G 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.**

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The RW 220 and RW 420 printers with this radio option have been SAR tested. The maximum SAR value measured for each model is listed below:

Model	SAR value W/Kg (1g average)
RW220	0.004
RW 420	0.004

### European Regulatory Information for this Radio

AT	BE	CY	CZ	DK
EE	FI	<del>FR</del>	DE	GR
HU	IE	IT	LV	LT
LU	MT	NL	PL	PT
SK	SI	ES	SE	GB

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, IS, LI, NO**)

**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.

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## 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:

- EN55022:1998

European Emissions Standard

- EN 60950: 2000

Safety of Information Technology Equipment

- EN 300 328-2 V1.2.1 (2001-12)

Technical requirements for spread-spectrum radio equipment

- EN 301 489-17 V1.2.1 (2002-08)

EMC requirements for spread-spectrum radio equipment.

This device is a 2.4 GHz wireless LAN transceiver, intended for indoor home and office use in all EU and EFTA member states, except in France where restrictive use applies.

The use of this frequency band in France is subject to restrictions. You may only use channels 10 and 11 (2457 and 2462 MHz) on French territory, except in those French departments as listed in the table below where channels 1-13 (2412-2472 MHz) may be used. For more information see <http://www.anfr.fr/> and/or <http://www.art-telecom.fr>

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## Compact Flash (802.11b) and Bluetooth Co-located Radio Modules

The following section only applies when the CF (Compact Flash) WLAN module (With FCC ID: I28MD-RW4137) and Bluetooth module (FCC ID: I28MD-BTC2TY3) are installed in a RW 420 printer. This co-located radio configuration has demonstrated compliance to FCC regulations. The FCC ID numbers are on the serial number label on the back of the printer and can be read with the module installed.



**Caution • Use of a RW 420 printer with the radio module marked with both “FCC ID: I28MD-RW4137” and “I28MD-BTC2TY3” 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. RW 420 printers with this radio option have been SAR tested. The maximum SAR value measured for each model was 0.28 W/kg averaged over 1 gram.**

### European Regulatory Information for the Compact Flash 802.11b Radio and Bluetooth Co-located Radio Modules

AT	BE	CY	CZ	DK
EE	FI	<del>FR</del>	DE	GR
HU	IE	IT	LV	LT
LU	MT	NL	PL	PT
SK	SI	ES	SE	GB

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, IS, LI, NO)

### Europe – EU Declaration of Conformity

	<b>Important Notice:</b> 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.
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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 60950: 2000

Safety of Information Technology Equipment

- EN 300 328-2 V1.2.1 (2001-12)

Technical requirements for spread-spectrum radio equipment

- EN 301 489-17 V1.2.1 (2002-08)

EMC requirements for spread-spectrum radio equipment.

This device is a 2.4 GHz wireless LAN transceiver, intended for indoor home and office use in all EU and EFTA member states, except in France where restrictive use applies.

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The use of this frequency band in France is subject to restrictions. You may only use channels 10 and 11 (2457 and 2462 MHz) on French territory, except in those French departments as listed in the table below where channels 1-13 (2412-2472 MHz) may be used. For more information see <http://www.anfr.fr/> and/or <http://www.art-telecom.fr>

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32	Gers	67	Bas Rhin		
35	Ille et Vilaine	68	Haute Rhin		

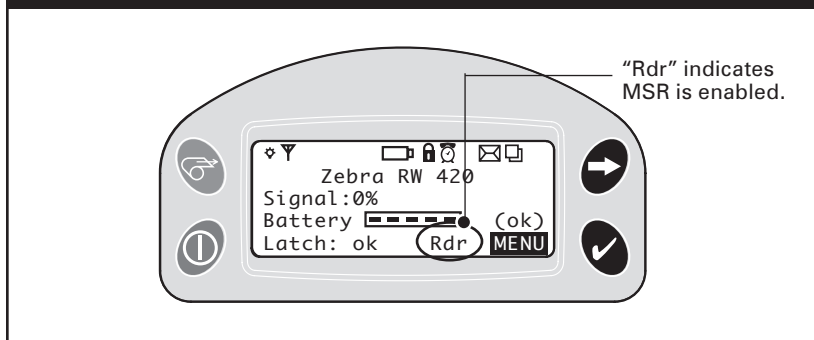


## Card Reader Options

The RW series can be equipped with optional Magnetic Stripe and Smart Card readers. The magnetic stripe card reader allows the user to swipe magnetic stripe cards such as credit cards through a slot in the printer and then read and process the data contained in the card.

In a similar manner the Smart Card reader can read the information written in the microchip embedded in Smart Cards, and process the information in the chip in a variety of ways depending on the printer's application.

**Figure 16: Magnetic Stripe Reader Status Indicator**



### Magnetic Stripe Reader

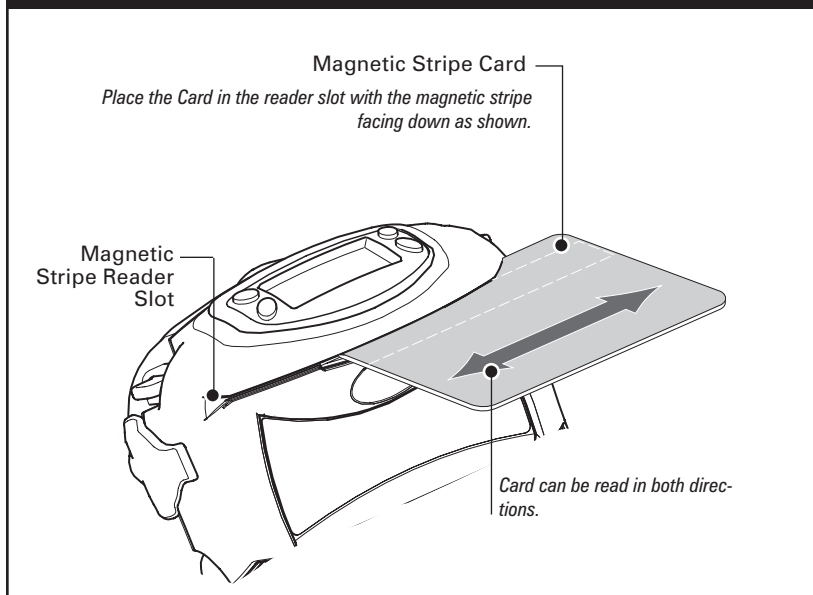
The status of the Magnetic Stripe Reader (MSR) is indicated in three possible ways:

- Reader status is displayed on the Main Menu LCD as shown in Figure 16.
- The LCD backlight flashes to indicate status (3 flashes = enabled, 2 flashes = disabled).
- Chimes indicates the reader status (3 chimes = enabled, 2 chimes = disabled).

The MSR is used as follows:

1. When the reader is enabled, place the card into the reader slot as shown. The magnetic stripe (typically on the back of the card) must face the bottom of the printer, and be inserted into the bottom of the card reader slot as shown in Figure 17.
2. Slide the card through the slot. The card will be read if slid in either direction. Depending on the application software, the printer will sound one chime when a scan is successful .
3. If the card did not read, slide it back through the slot in the opposite direction.

**Figure 17: Using the Magnetic Stripe Reader**

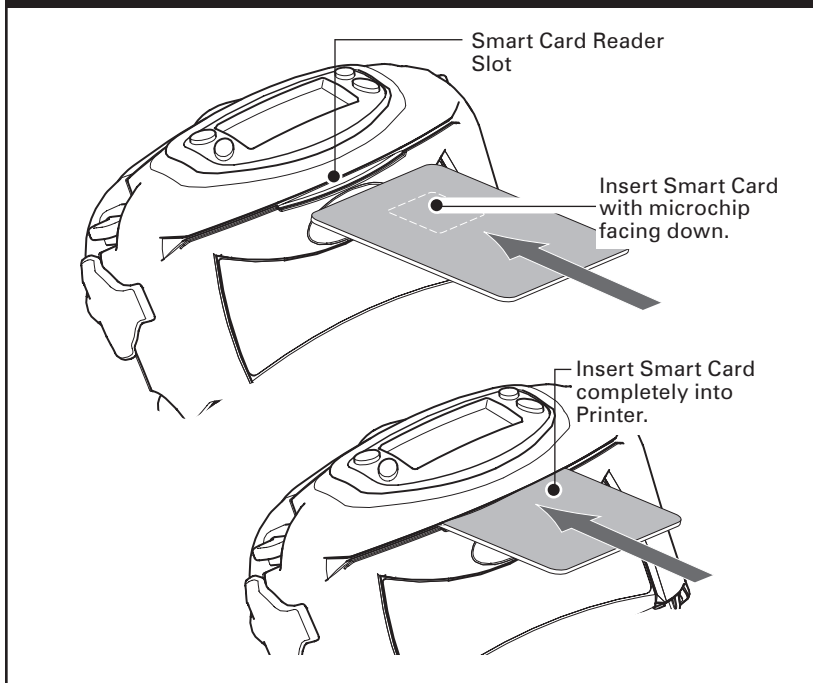


## Smart Card Reader

The optional Smart Card reader is used as follows:

1. The LCD will display "RDR" to indicate the Smart Card reader is active. (Some reader applications may flash the display backlight and/or chime three times to indicate the reader status is "ready.") At this time, the Printer is acting only as a Smart Card reader connected to the host terminal; all other printer functions are suspended.
2. Insert the card into the reader slot as shown in Figure 18. The microchip imbedded in the card must be oriented facing the bottom of the printer and must be completely inserted into the Reader Slot to scan successfully .
3. Depending on the application software, the printer will sound a chime after a successful transaction.
4. After the card has been successfully read the Printer can resume normal printing operations and the Smart Card can be removed.

**Figure 18: Using the Smart Card Reader**

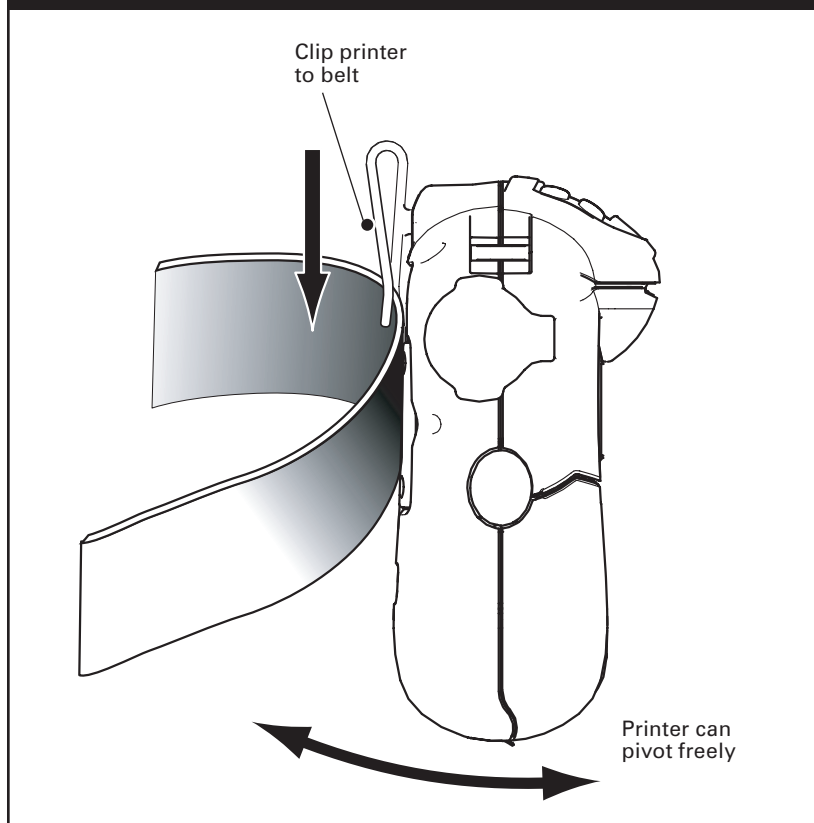


## Using the Accessories

### Belt Clip

Refer to Figure 19. All RW series printers are equipped with a belt clip as standard. 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.

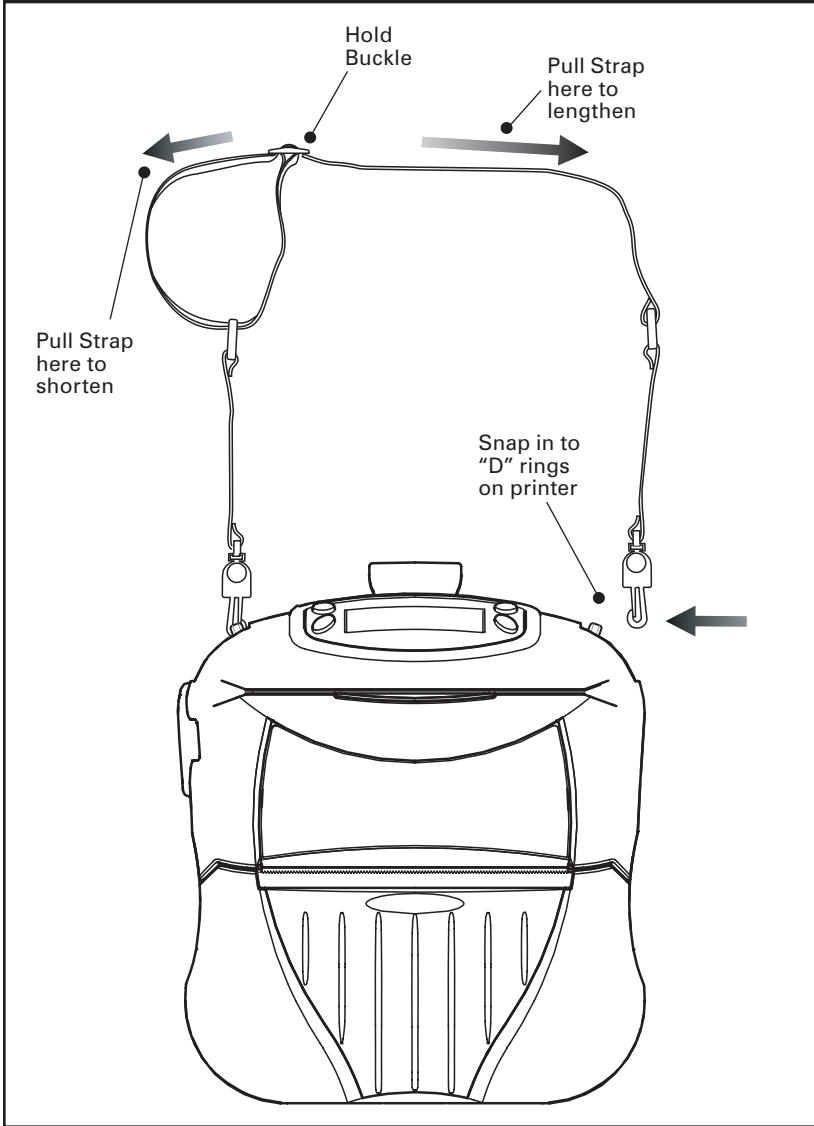
**Figure 19: Using the Belt Clip**



## Adjustable Shoulder Strap

Refer to Figure 20. 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 20: Using the Shoulder Strap**



## Cradles

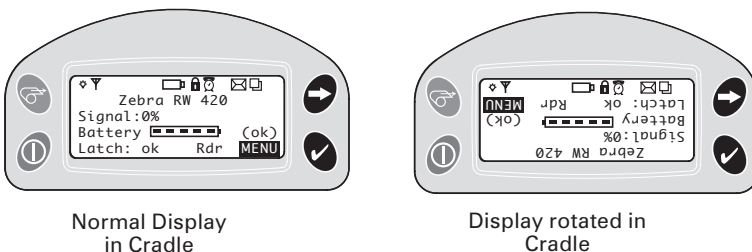
### RW 420 Vehicle Cradle

The RW 420 can be used in conjunction with a docking Cradle. When the printer is “docked” the Cradle will charge the printer’s battery and allow the printer to print, receive and transmit data as usual. The Cradle can provide power from a 12 VDC power supply either from a power take-off point in a vehicle or from an external power supply running off A.C. power. Refer to the documentation supplied with the Cradle for more information.

The RW 420 has software features which can automatically rotate the four display lines on the control panel 180° when the printer is docked. This allows for easier reading of the display when the Cradle is mounted vertically. Refer to Figure 21.

This feature is also available on the RW 220, but the command to rotate the display lines must be sent to the RW 220 when it is docked; it will not rotate the display text automatically.

**Figure 21: Display Rotated for Cradle Installation**

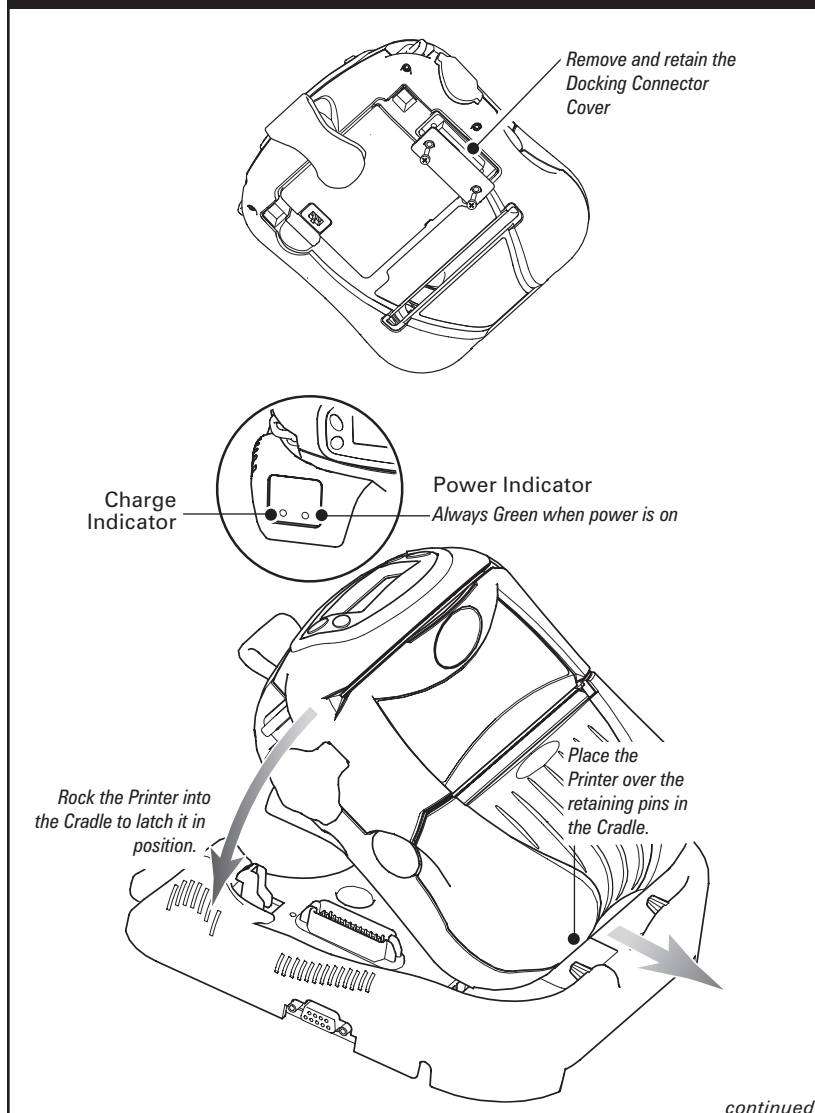


## Installing the Printer in the Cradle



**Important •** *It is recommended as a safety precaution that the adjustable shoulder strap be removed prior to docking the Printer. This precaution ensures the strap will not interfere with proper operation of the vehicle.*

**Figure 22: Installing the RW 420 into the Cradle**



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- Remove the Docking Connector Cover from the bottom of the printer, and retain it for future use. (Refer to Figure 22.)
  - Place the bottom of the printer over the two pins in the Cradle.
  - Rock the top of the Printer into the Cradle and press firmly until it latches in place.
  - Ensure the Cradle power and charge indicators are lit and turn the printer on.
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***If the charge indicator does not light up, unlatch the printer from the Vehicle Cradle, lift it clear from the Cradle and re-seat it. Refer to the Vehicle Cradle Installation Guide for more complete information on the power and charge indicators***

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You can load media (including media from an external supply) and perform cleaning operations normally when the RW 420 Printer is installed in the Cradle .



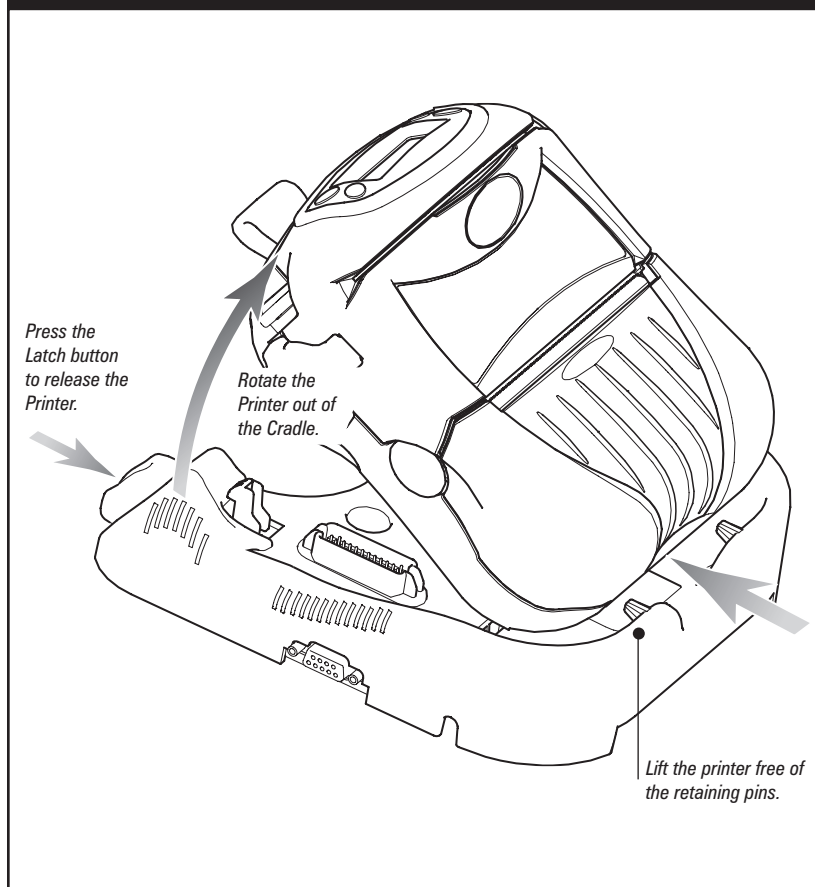
## Removing the Printer from the Cradle

Refer to Figure 23.

- Turn the Printer off.
- Push on the latch on the Cradle and rock the top of the printer away from the Cradle.
- Lift the Printer out from the Cradle.

Replace the Docking Connector Cover if you will be using the Printer for an extended period of time away from the Cradle.

**Figure 23: Removing the RW 420 from the Cradle**



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## RW 220 Vehicle Cradle

The RW 220 can be used in conjunction with a docking Cradle. When the printer is “docked” it can be powered by either its own battery or one of the RCLI series of external chargers. Refer to the documentation supplied with the Cradle for more information.

### Installing the Printer in the Cradle

Refer to Figure 24.

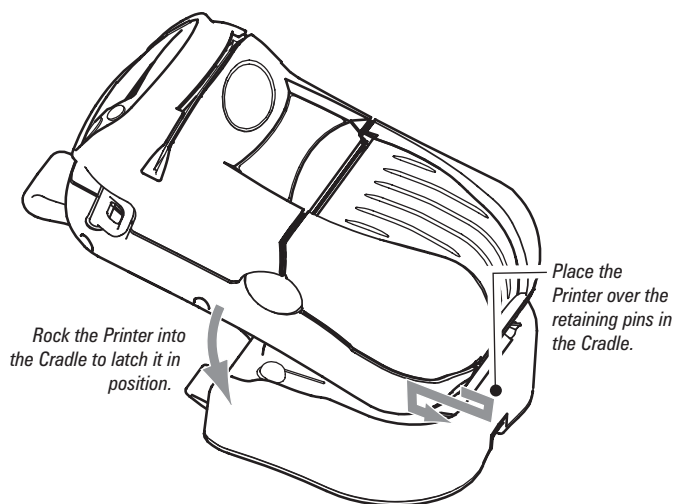


**Important • It is recommended as a safety precaution that the adjustable shoulder strap be removed prior to docking the Printer. This precaution ensures the strap will not interfere with proper operation of the vehicle.**

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- Place the bottom of the printer over the two pins in the Cradle.
- Rock the top of the Printer into the Cradle and press firmly until it latches in place.

**Figure 24: Installing the RW 220 in the Cradle**

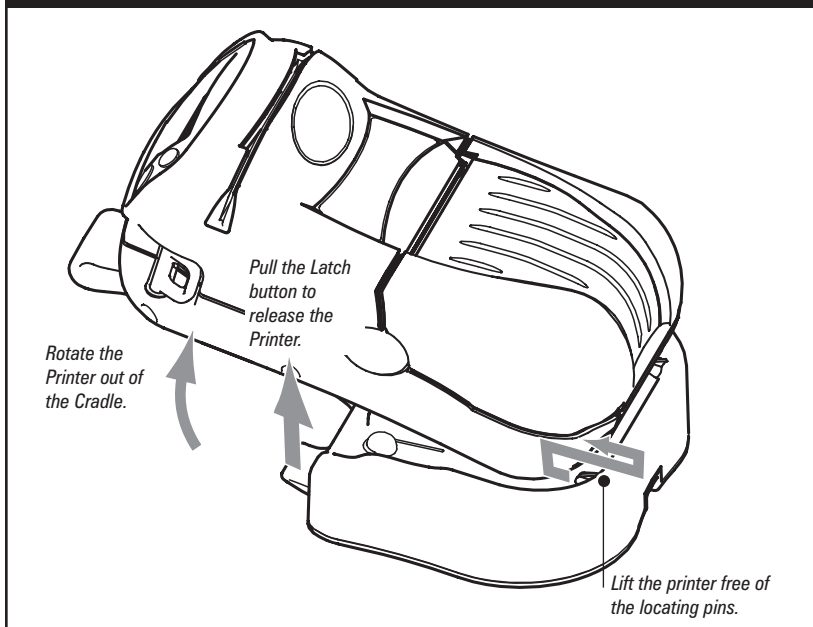


## Removing the Printer from the Cradle

Refer to Figure 25.

- Turn the Printer off.
- Pull the latch on the Cradle and rotate the printer away from the Cradle.
- Lift the Printer free of the cradle locating pins and out from the Cradle.

**Figure 25: Removing the RW 220 from the Cradle**



## Preventive Maintenance

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### Extending Battery Life

- Avoid exposing the battery to direct sunlight or temperatures over 104° F (40° C).
- Always use a Zebra charger designed specifically for Lithium-Ion batteries. Use of any other kind of charger may damage the battery.
- Use the correct media for your printing requirements. 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 preprinted label.
- Choose the correct print darkness, and print speed for your media.
- Use software handshaking (XON/XOFF) whenever possible.
- Use the LCD display backlight only when necessary. Turn it off whenever it is not needed.
- Remove the battery from the printer if it 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 and can be recharged a finite number of times before it must be replaced. Always dispose of used batteries properly. Refer to Appendix D for more information on proper battery disposal.

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***Caution • Do not print while the LI 72 Wall Charger is plugged into the unit. Unreliable battery charging can result.***

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## General Cleaning Instructions

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**Caution • Always turn the printer off before cleaning.**

**To avoid possible personal injury or damage to the printer, never insert any pointed or sharp objects into the printer.**

**Use care when working near the Tear Bar. The edges are very sharp.**

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**Caution • The printhead can become very hot after prolonged printing. Allow it to cool off before attempting any cleaning procedures.**

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**Caution • Use only cleaning agents specified in the following table. Zebra Technologies Corporation will not be responsible for damage caused by any other cleaning materials used on this printer.**

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

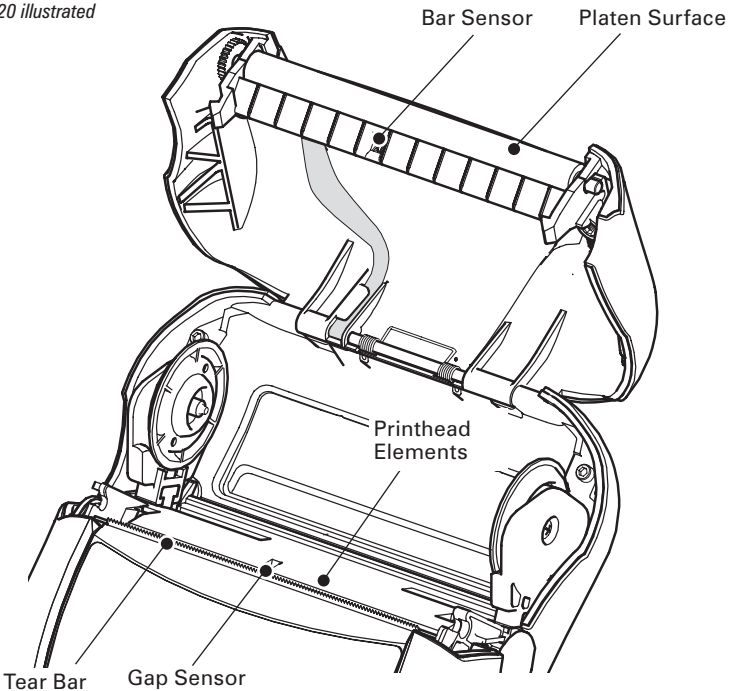
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# RW Series Cleaning

Area	Method	Interval
Printhead (Figure 26)	Use the supplied cleaning pen or 70% isopropyl alcohol on a cotton swab to clean the print elements from end to end (the print elements are located in the thin gray line on the printhead).	After every five rolls of media (or more often, if needed)
Platen Roller (Figure 26)	Rotate the platen roller and clean it thoroughly with the cleaning pen or 70% isopropyl alcohol and a cotton swab.	
Tear bar (Figure 26)	Clean thoroughly with the cleaning pen or 70% isopropyl alcohol and a cotton swab.	
Exterior	Water-dampened cloth	As needed
Interior (Figure 26)	Brush/air blow. Ensure the Bar Sensor and Gap Sensor windows are free of dust.	After every five rolls of media (or more often, if needed)

**Figure 26: Cleaning RW Series Printers**








*RW 420 illustrated*



# Troubleshooting

## LCD Control Panel Indicators

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 #
	Steady	Bluetooth Link established	n/a
	Flashing	Transmitting/Receiving via Bluetooth	n/a
	Off	No Bluetooth Link	6
	Steady	802.11x RF Link established	n/a
	Off	No 802.11x RF Link	6
	Flashing	Low Battery	3, 6, 7
	Flashing	Head latch not closed	9, 11
	Flashing	Indicates Printing activity	n/a
	Steady	data processing in process	8
	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. (Always dispose of used batteries properly. Refer to Appendix D for more information on proper battery disposal.)

### 2. Media does not feed:

- Ensure Media Cover is properly closed and latched.
- Check media supports for any binding.

### 3. Poor or faded print or flashing icon:

- Clean print head.
- Check battery and recharge or replace as necessary.
- Check quality of media.

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#### **4. *Partial/missing print:***

- Check media alignment.
- Clean print head.
- Ensure Media Cover is properly closed and latched.

#### **5. *Garbled print:***

- Check baud rate.

#### **6. *No print:***

- Check baud rate.
- Replace battery. Always dispose of used batteries properly. Refer to Appendix D for more information on proper battery disposal.
- Check cable to terminal.
- Wireless units (Bluetooth or 802.11b) only: Establish RF Link. Restore LAN associativity on 802.11b wireless units.
- Invalid label format or command structure — put printer in Communications Diagnostic (Hex Dump) Mode to diagnose problem (refer to Troubleshooting Tests section).

#### **7. *Reduced battery life***

- Check battery date code — if battery is one to two years old, short life may be due to normal aging.
- Replace battery. (Always dispose of used batteries properly. Refer to Appendix D for more information on proper battery disposal.)

#### **8. *Flashing icon:***

- No application or application corrupted: reload program.
- Flashing indicator is normal while data is being received.

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#### **9. *Flashing or icon :***

- Check that media is loaded.
- Ensure Media Cover is properly closed and latched.

#### **10. *Skips labels (only when using label stock):***

- Check media for top of form sense mark or label gap.
- Check that the maximum print field has not been exceeded on label.
- Ensure bar or gap sensor is not blocked or malfunctioning.

#### **11. *Communication Error:***

- Check media is loaded.



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- Ensure Media Cover is properly closed and latched and error indicators are off.
  - Check baud rate.
  - Replace cable to terminal.

**12. *Label Jam:***

- Open media cover.
- Apply generous amount of alcohol to printer in area of jammed label.

**13. *Blank LCD Screen***

- No application loaded or application corrupted: reload program.

**14. *Magnetic Strip Card or Smart Card Won't Read***

- Ensure the "RDR" text is displayed, indicating card reader is enabled. (Refer to the Operator Controls section.)
- Ensure card is inserted with the magnetic stripe or microchip facing in the correct direction.
- Check card for excessive wear or damage to either the magnetic strip or the microchip.

**15. *Battery Pack Is Hard to Insert***

- The battery packs for the RW and QL series printers are similar in size and shape, but not interchangeable. Verify you are using the correct battery pack. The battery pack part number for the RW 420 is AK17463-005. The battery pack part number for the RW 220 is AK18026-002.
- Verify that the shrink wrapping and the warning card protecting the battery contacts have been removed.

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## Troubleshooting Techniques

### 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.

Refer to Figures 26 through 26b for a sample configuration printout.

### Performing a Forced Shutdown

If the printer has locked up and is not responding to any operator inputs or external commands, from either a connected terminal or a linked LAN, you can perform a forced shutdown.

- If the printer software locks up during normal operation, force the printer to shut down by pressing and holding the Power Button for 3 seconds.
- If you try to turn the printer off normally and the software locks up, the printer will automatically shut itself off after a 10 second delay.
- If you try to turn the printer off and it does not respond, you can force an immediate shut down by pressing and holding the Power Button again within 10 seconds.

A forced shutdown will preserve the printer's data and settings.

### 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 above.
2. At the end of 2nd diagnostics report, the printer will print: "Press FEED key to enter DUMP mode."

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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.**

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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 Technical Support

If the printer fails to print the configuration label, or you encounter problems not covered in the Troubleshooting Guide, contact Zebra Technical Support at the locations below. You will need to supply the following information:

- Model number/type (e.g. RW 420)
- Unit serial number (14 digit number, including dashes) (Refer to Figures 27 through 27b.)
- Product Configuration Code (PCC) (15 digit number, including dashes). Refer to Appendix D for more information.

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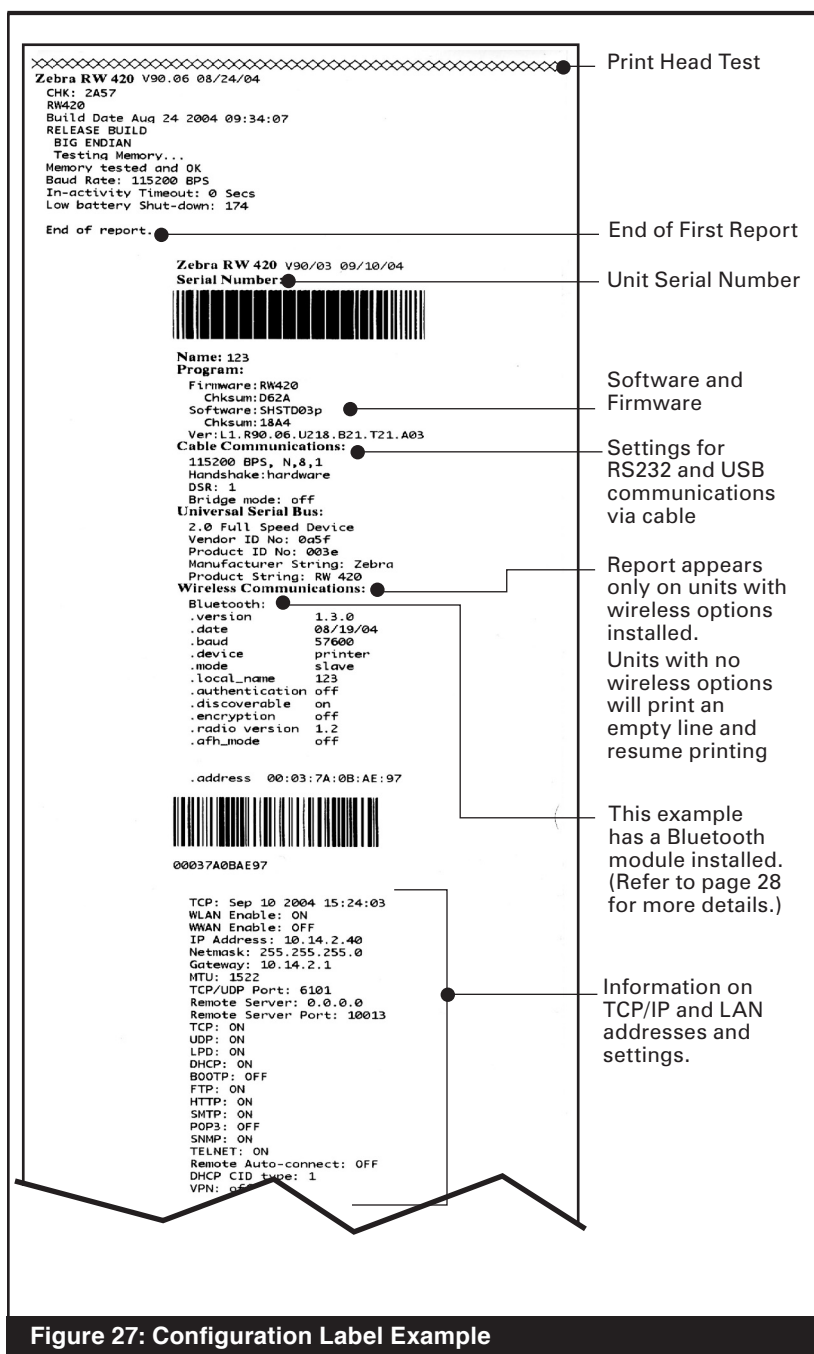
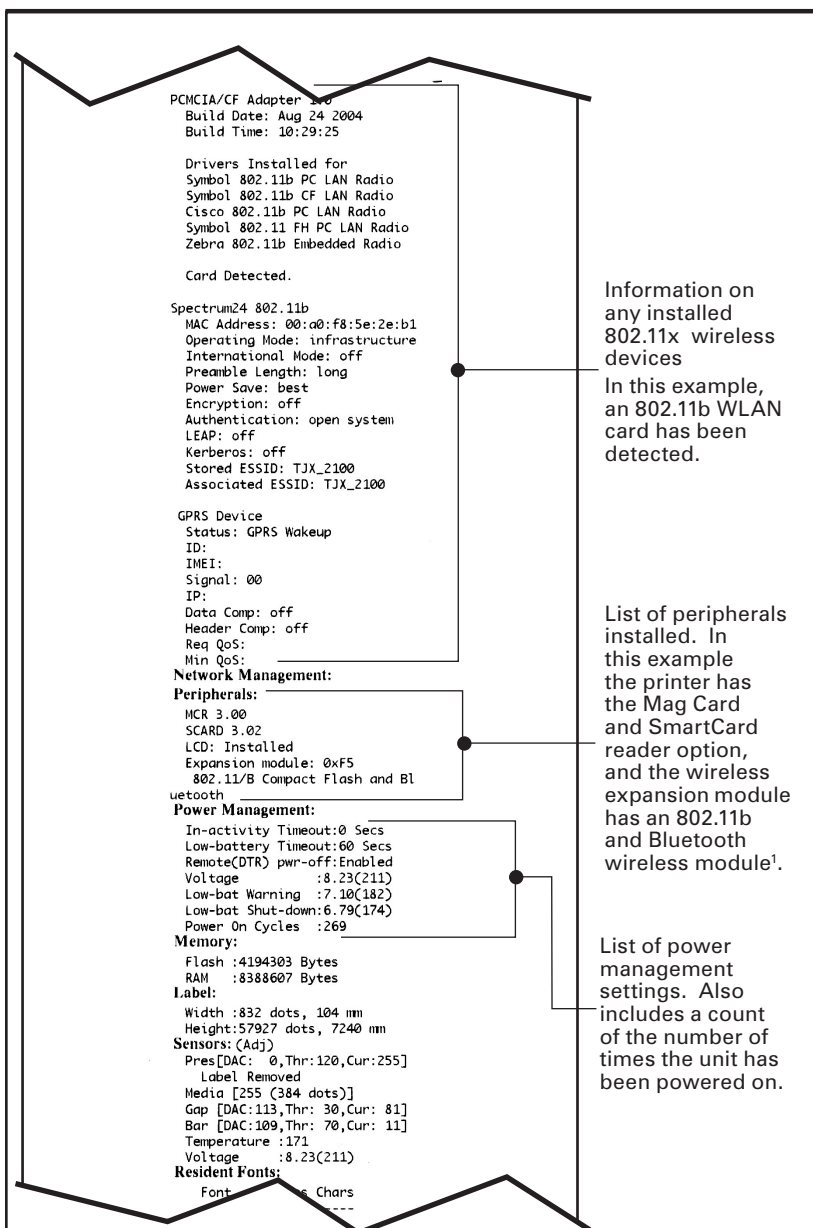


Figure 27: Configuration Label Example



1. Dual radio units as illustrated above are available only on the RW 420.

**Figure 27a: Configuration Label Example (continued)**

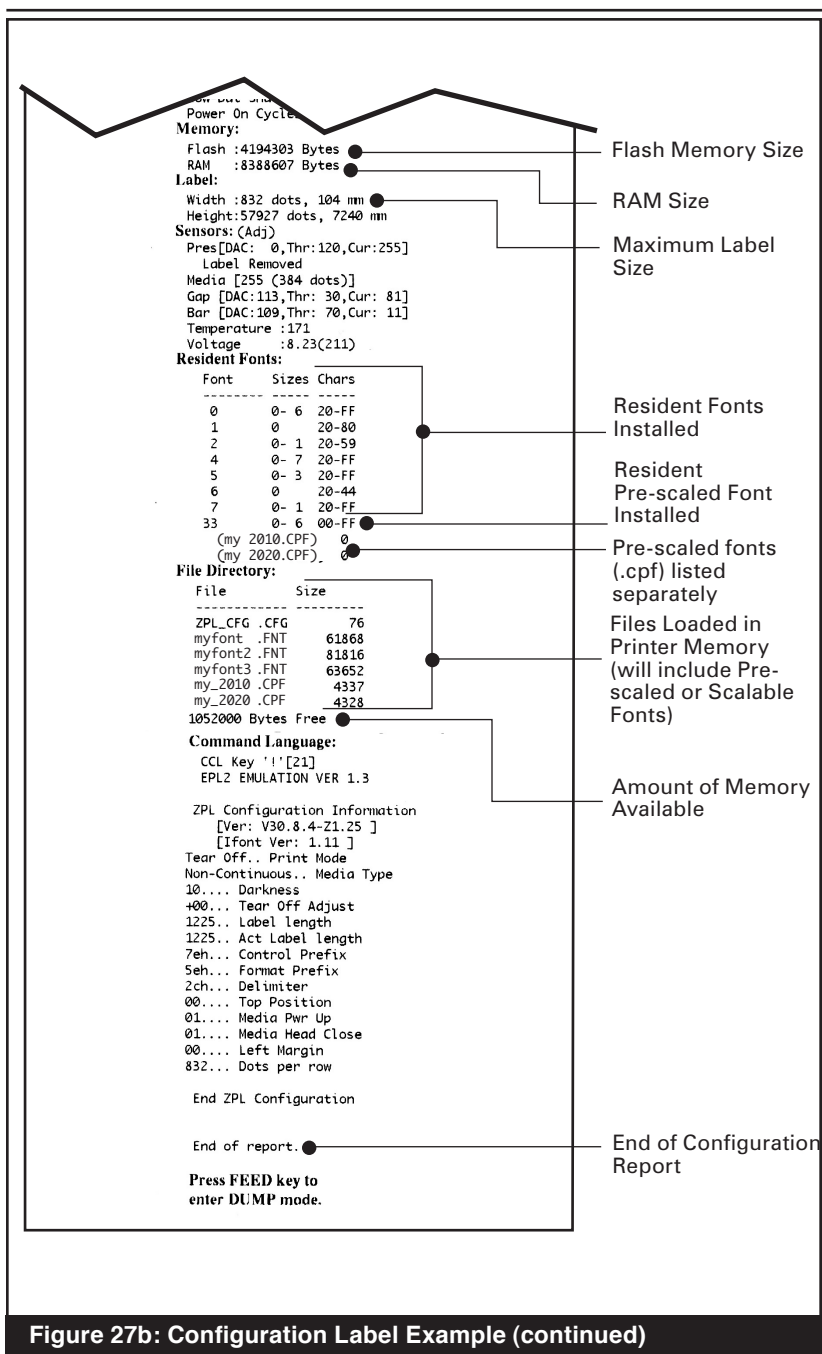


Figure 27b: Configuration Label Example (continued)

# Specifications



**Note.- Printer specifications are subject to change without notice.**

## Printing Specifications

	RW 420	RW 220
Print Width	4.09 in. [103.8 mm] max.	2.20 in [56 mm] max.
Print Speed @ 30% density	3 in. /second [76.2 mm/second]	
Distance from Print Element to Tear Edge	.20 in. [5 mm] 41 dots	
Print Head Life, calculated	1,964,160 in. (50 Km) nominal	
Print Density	203 dots/inch (8 dots/mm)	

## Memory/Communications Specifications

Flash Memory	4 MB flash (standard)
RAM Memory	8 MB RAM (standard)
Standard Communications	RS-232C serial port (RJ-45 connector) Configurable Baud rate (from 9600 to 115.2 Kbps), parity and data bits. Software (X-ON/X-OFF) or hardware (DTR/STR) communication handshake protocols.  USB 2.0 Full Speed Interface (12 Mb/s))
Optional Wireless Communications	Bluetooth compatible 2.4 GHz SRRF link  Wireless LAN capabilities comply with 802.11b protocols  Dual Bluetooth + 802.11b radios (RW 420 only)

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## Communications Ports

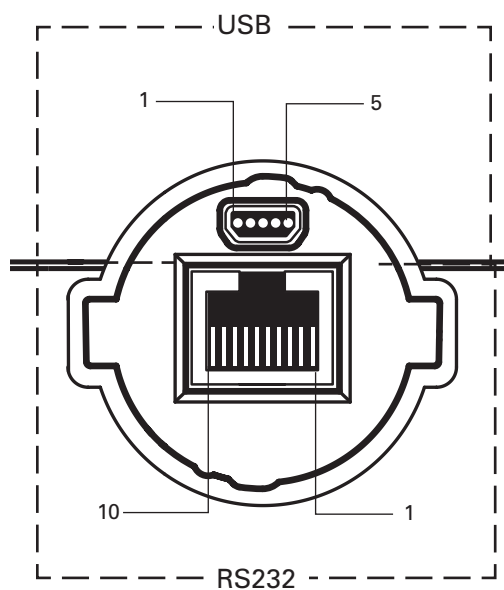
### USB

Pin#	Signal Name	Type	Description
1	VBUS	-	USB Bus Power
2	USB -	bi-directional	I/O signals
3	USB +	bi-directional	I/O signals
4	USB_ID	-	Identifies A/B connector
5	Return	-	Ground

### RS232

Pin#	Signal Name	Type	Description
1	NC	no connect	
2	NC	no connect	
3	RXD	input	Receive Data
4	TXD	output	Transmit Data
5	DTR	output	Data Terminal Ready set high when printer is on.
6	GND		Ground
7	DSR	input	Data Set Ready low to high transition turns printer on, high to low transi- tion turns printer off (if en- abled)
8	RTS	output	Request To Send set high when printer is ready to accept a command or data
9	CTS	input	Clear To Send from host
10	NC	no connect	





**Figure 28: Communication Ports**

## RW 420 Media Specifications

Media Width	2.0 in. to 4.12 in. (50.8 to 104.6 mm)
Max. continuous receipt (w/std. memory)	Continuous, dependent on installed memory
Inter-label Gap.	0.08 in. to 0.16 in. (0.12 in. preferred) (2 mm to 4 mm [3 mm preferred])
Label Thickness	.0025" to .0065" (.064 mm to .165 mm)
Max. Label Roll dia.	2.25 in. (57 mm) O.D.
Label Inner Core	.75 in. (19 mm) minimum dia; 1.38 in. (35 mm) optional setting
Black Mark Dimensions	The reflective media black marks should extend past the centerline of the roll.
Media Requirements	Minimum mark width: 1.0" (25.4 mm) perpendicular to edge of media, centered within the width of the roll. Mark length: 0.094" (2.4 mm) parallel to edge of media

## RW 220 Media Specifications

Media Width	1.0" in. to 2.37 in. [25.4 to 60.1 mm]
Max. continuous receipt (w/std. memory)	Continuous, dependent on installed memory
Inter-label Gap.	0.08 in. to 0.16 in. (0.12 in. preferred) (2 mm to 4 mm [3 mm preferred])
Label Thickness	.0025" to .0065" (.064 mm to .165 mm)
Max. Label Roll dia.	2.25 in. [57 mm] O.D.
Label Inner Core	.75 in. [19 mm] minimum dia; 1.38 in. (35 mm) optional setting
Black Mark Dimensions	The reflective media black marks should extend past the centerline of the roll.
Media Requirements	Minimum mark width: .5" (12.7 mm) perpendicular to edge of media, centered within the width of the roll. Mark length: 0.094" (2.4 mm) parallel to edge of media

Use Zebra brand direct thermal media that is outside wound. Media may be reflective (black mark) sensing, or transmissive (gap) sensing, die-cut, or continuous. RW 420 units configured with the External Media option will accept fanfold media used with an external media supply. For die-cut labels, use only full auto dies.

## Font/Bar Code Specifications

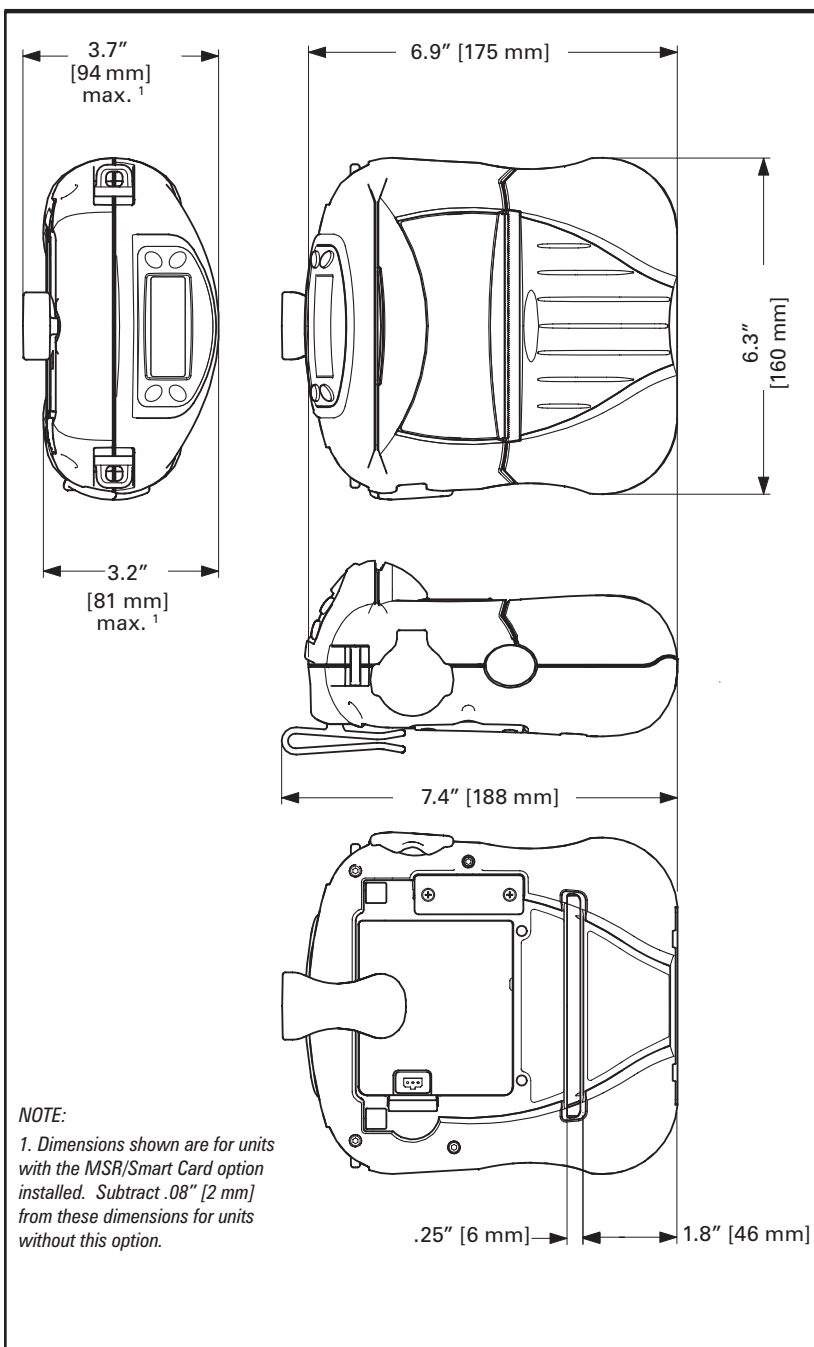
Fonts Available	<p>Standard Fonts: 25 bit-mapped fonts; 1 scalable font (CG Trimvirate Bold Condensed*)</p> <p>Downloadable optional bit-mapped &amp; scalable fonts via Label Vista software.</p> <p>Optional International character sets: Chinese 16 x 16 (trad), 16 x 16 (simplified), 24 x 24 (simplified); Japanese 16 x 16, 24 x 24; Hebrew/Arabic</p> <p>*contains UFST from Agfa Monotype Corporation</p>
Linear Bar Codes Available	<p>Codabar</p> <p>UCC/EAN 128</p> <p>UCC-128 Composite A/B/C</p> <p>Code 39</p> <p>Code 93</p> <p>EAN 8/JAN 8, 2 and 5 digit extensions</p> <p>EAN-8 Composite</p> <p>EAN 13/JAN 13, 2 and 5 digit extensions</p> <p>EAN-13 Composite</p> <p>Interleaved 2 of 5</p> <p>MSI/Plessey</p> <p>FIM/POSTNET</p> <p>UPC-A, 2 and 5 digit extensions</p> <p>UPCA Composite</p> <p>UPC E, 2 and 5 digit extensions</p> <p>UPCE Composite</p>
2-D Bar Codes Available	<p>MaxiCode</p> <p>PDF 417</p> <p>Datamatrix (using ZPL emulation)</p> <p>RSS: RSS-14 Truncated</p> <p>RSS-14 Stacked</p> <p>RSS-14 Stacked Omnidirectional</p> <p>RSS Limited</p> <p>RSS Expanded</p>
Rotation Angles	0°, 90°, 180°, and 270°

# Physical/Environmental/Electrical Specifications

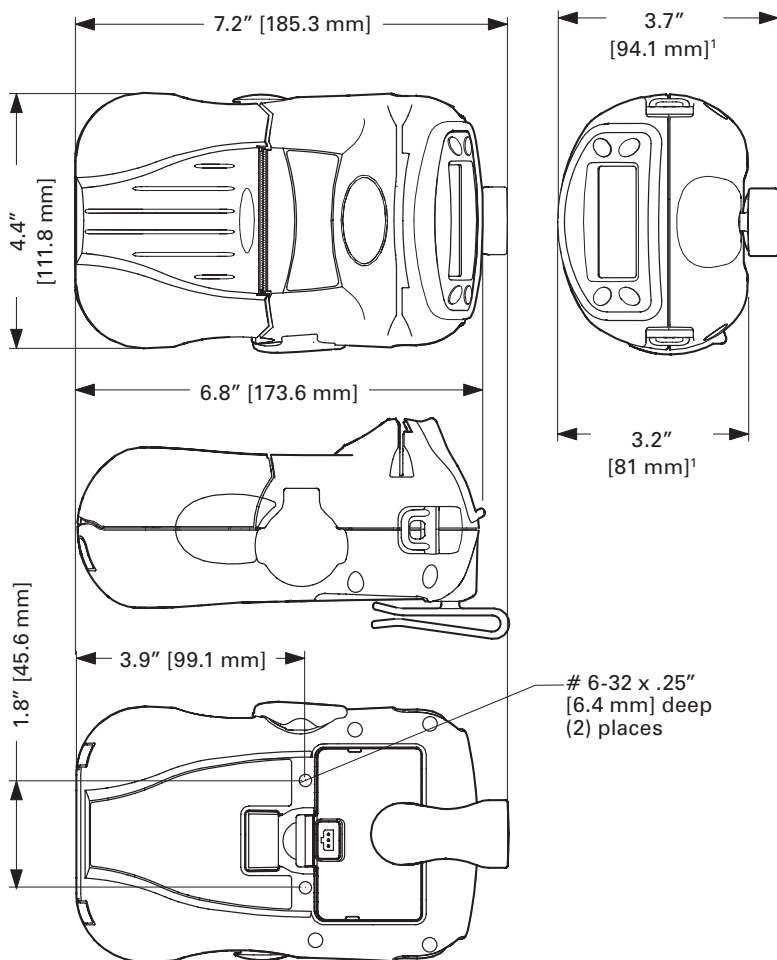
	RW 420	RW 220
Weight w/ battery, excluding media	2.0 lbs. (907 g.) <sup>1</sup>	1.45 lb.(658 g.) <sup>1</sup>
	2.15 lbs. (975 g) <sup>2</sup>	1.55 lb. (703 g) <sup>2</sup>
Operating Temperature	-4° to 131° F (-20° to 55° C)	
Charging Temperature	32° to 104°F (0° to 40° C)	
Storage Temperature	-22° to 149° F (-30° to 65° C) w/o battery	
	-4° to 113° F (-20° to 45°C) with battery	
Relative Humidity	Operating: 10% to 90% (non-condensing)	
	Storage: 10% to 90% (non-condensing)	
Battery	7.4V Lithium-Ion 4 Ahr.	7.4V Lithium-Ion 2 Ahr
Intrusion Protection (IP) Rating	54	

1. Weight is for base unit (without MCR /SmartCard option)

2. Weight is for unit with MCR/SmartCard option installed



**Figure 29: RW 420 Overall Dimensions**



**NOTE:**

1. Dimensions shown are for units with the MSR/Smart Card option installed. Subtract 0.27" [5 mm] from these dimensions for units without this option.

**Figure 30: RW 220 Overall Dimensions**

## RW Series Accessories

Description	Input Voltage
Adjustable shoulder strap	n/a
Carrying Strap	n/a
RW 420 Protective Soft Case	n/a
RW 220 Protective Soft Case	n/a
RW 420 Extra Battery Pack	n/a
RW 220 Extra Battery Pack	n/a
RW 420 Vehicle Cradle/Charger	9-30 VDC
RW 420 Vehicle Cradle/Charger w/ cigarette lighter adapter	9-30 VDC
RW 220 Vehicle Cradle w/ mounting arm	n/a
RW 220 Vehicle Cradle w/o mounting arm	n/a
Model RCLI-DC Mobile Chargers DC-DC run/charge units	12 VDC
	9-30 VDC
	30-60 VDC
	12 VDC
Model RCLI-AC Mobile Charge AC/DC run/charge unit	100-240 VAC 50/60 Hz
Model LI 72- Single Battery Charger	100-240 VAC 50/60 Hz
Model UCLI72-4 Four Battery Charger (U.S./ Japan)	100-240 VAC 50/60 Hz
Model UCLI72-4 Four Battery Charger (U.K.)	100-240 VAC 50/60 Hz
Model UCLI72-4 Four Battery Charger (Euro)	100-240 VAC 50/60 Hz
Model UCLI72-4 Four Battery Charger (Australia)	100-240 VAC 50/60 Hz

### NOTES

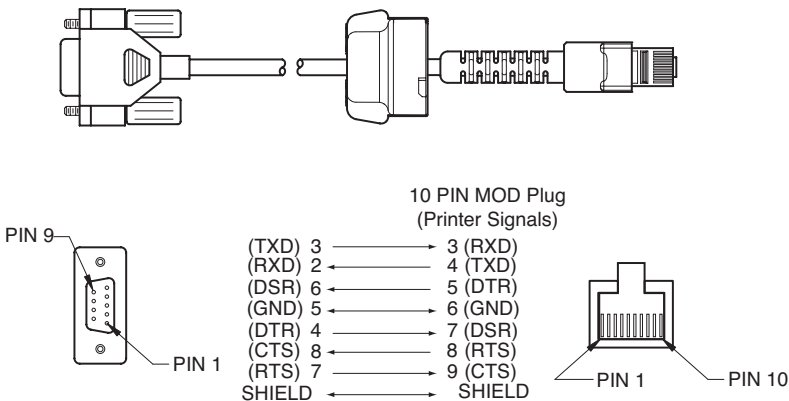
1. Part number of LI72 Single Battery Chargers will vary depending upon the intended country of use. Contact the factory or your Zebra re-seller for complete part number information.
2. CC16614-9 is the cigarette lighter adapter version of **CC16614-1**.
3. Refer to Appendix A for information on Data I/O Cables.

# Appendix A

## Interface Cables

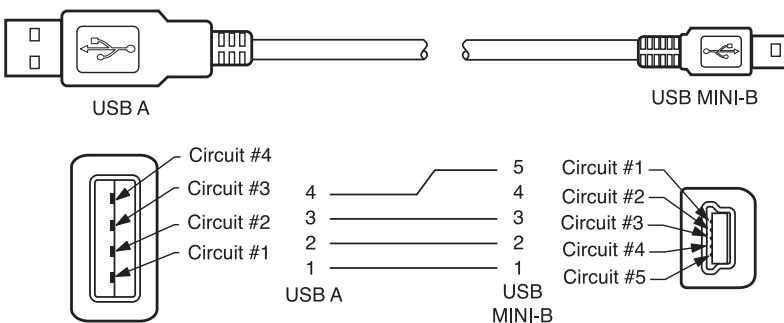
### RS232 Download Cable

Part Number BL17205-1; RW Mod Plug to 9-Pin DB PC Cable



### USB Cable

Part Number AT17010-1; USB A to USB Mini B Cable





# Appendix A

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## More Interface Cables

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***Contact the Factory or your Zebra Sales Representative for more information on interface cables to most major manufacturer's data terminals.***

***You may also visit the Zebra Web site at <http://www.zebra.com> for a listing of interface cables for all series of Zebra mobile printers***

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## **Appendix B**

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### **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 about standard or custom media contact your re-seller or Zebra Technologies Corporation at +1.866.230.9495 (U.S., Canada and Mexico) and ask to speak to a Media Sales Representative.

## **Appendix C**

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### **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

# Appendix D

## Product Support

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

- Model number/type (e.g. QL 420)
- Unit serial number (refer to figure on opposite page)
- Product Configuration Code (PCC) (refer to figure on opposite page))

For on-line product support, contact Zebra Technologies at:  
[www.zebra.com](http://www.zebra.com)

### In the Americas contact

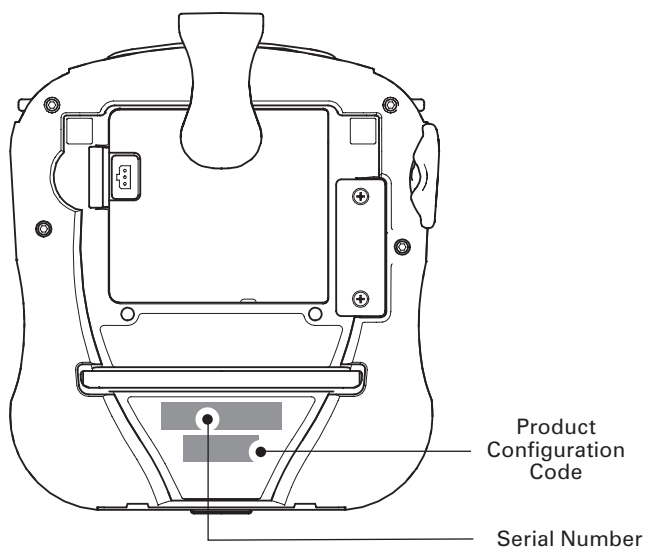
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### In Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and India contact

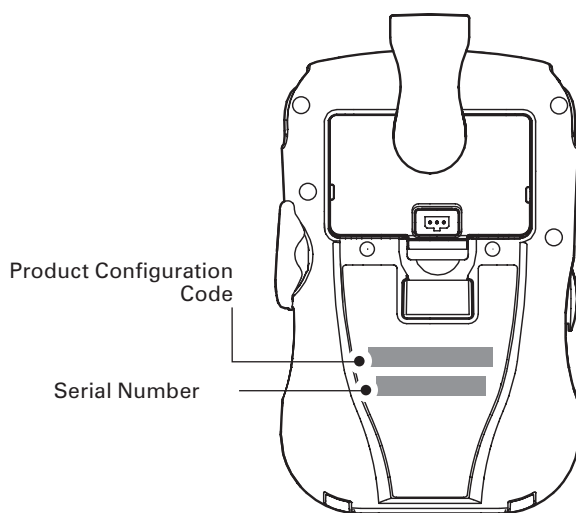
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RW 420



RW 220

## Serial and PCC Number Locations for RW Series Printers

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### Battery Disposal



The EPA certified RBRC® Battery Recycling Seal on the Lithium-Ion (Li-Ion) battery supplied with your printer indicates Zebra Technologies Corporation is voluntarily participating in an industry program to collect and recycle these batteries at the end of their useful life, when taken

out of service in the United States or Canada. The RBRC® program provides a convenient alternative to placing used Li-Ion batteries into the trash or the municipal waste stream, which may be illegal in your area.



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***When the battery is worn out, insulate the terminals with tape before disposal***

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Please call 1-800-8-BATTERY for information on Li-Ion battery recycling and disposal bans or restrictions in your area. Zebra Technologies Corporation's involvement in this program is part of our commitment to preserving our environment and conserving our natural resources.

Outside North America, please follow local battery recycling guidelines.

### Product Disposal



Do not dispose of this product in unsorted municipal waste. This product is recyclable. Please recycle according to your local standards. For more information, please see our web site at:

<http://www.zebra.com/recycle>

# Appendix E

## Using www.zebra.com

The following details using the search functions on Zebra's Web site [www.zebra.com](http://www.zebra.com) for finding specific documents .

Finding Manuals:

[http://www.zebra.com/id/zebra/na/en/index/resource\\_library/manuals.html](http://www.zebra.com/id/zebra/na/en/index/resource_library/manuals.html)

Example: Find the Mobile Printer Wireless Configuration Guide.

Perform the above step and select as a manual type "Networking Manual"

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Finding the Label Vista Download page:

[http://www.zebra.com/id/zebra/na/en/index/drivers\\_downloads.html](http://www.zebra.com/id/zebra/na/en/index/drivers_downloads.html)

At the resulting window select your printer model from the pull-down menu in the “Utilities” section.

Utility	Operating System	Compatible Printers	System Requirements	Description	Download
Bluetooth ZPR - Zebra Portable "Clip-on" Radio Software Development Kit	Windows CE, Palm OS	Cameo 2, Cameo 3, QL 220, QL 320, QL 420, Cameo 2 Plus, Cameo 2SC, Cameo 3N, Cameo 3SC, Cameo PEP	For Symbol® SPT 1700/1800 and PPT 2700/2800 handheld terminals.	The Zebra Portable Radio™ (ZPR™) "clip-on" to enable wireless communication between Bluetooth-enabled QL™ and Cameo™ printers, and Bluetooth™ handheld devices.	<a href="#">Download .exe file</a>
<b>Label Vista</b>		Cameo 2, Cameo 3, QL 220, QL 320, QL 420, RW 420, Cameo 2SC, Cameo 3N, Cameo 3SC, Cameo PEP		Label Vista™ is free software for designing labels for CPCL-compatible Zebra mobile or Comtec mobile printers.	<a href="#">Download demo</a>



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D389,178	5,113,445	5,378,882	5,589,680	6,109,801
D430,199	5,140,144	5,396,053	5,612,531	6,123,471
D433,702	5,132,709	5,396,055	5,642,666	6,147,767
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4,044,946	5,157,687	5,410,139	5,790,162	6,231,253 B1
4,360,798	5,168,148	5,410,140	5,791,796	6,261,009
4,369,361	5,168,149	5,412,198	5,806,993	6,261,013
4,387,297	5,180,904	5,415,482	5,813,343	6,267,521
4,460,120	5,229,591	5,418,812	5,816,718	6,270,072 B1
4,496,831	5,230,088	5,420,411	5,820,279	6,285,845 B1
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4,816,660	5,262,627	5,479,000	5,976,720	6,411,397 B1
4,845,350	5,267,800	5,479,002	5,978,004	6,428,227 B2
4,896,026	5,280,163	5,479,441	5,995,128	6,530,705
4,897,532	5,280,164	5,486,057	5,997,193	6,540,122
4,923,281	5,280,498	5,503,483	6,004,053	6,607,316
4,933,538	5,304,786	5,504,322	6,010,257	6,609,844
4,992,717	5,304,788	5,528,621	6,020,906	6,874,958
5,015,833	5,321,246	5,532,469	6,034,708	6,899,477
5,017,765	5,335,170	5,543,610	6,036,383	
5,021,641	5,364,133	5,545,889	6,057,870	
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