



TH230

Thermal Printer

**User Manual** 

We would like to know your opinion on this publication.

Please send us a copy of this page if you have any constructive criticism on:

- the contents
- the layout
- the product

We would like to thank you in advance for your comments.
With kind regards,

Wincor Nixdorf International GmbH Documentation, RD PD1 Wernerwerkdamm 16 D-13629 Berlin

Fax: (+4930) 5017 1 075

email: retail.documentation@wincor-nixdorf.com

Your opinion:

# TH230

Thermal Printer

User Manual



Edition August 2006

# BEETLE™ is a registered trademark of Wincor Nixdorf International GmbH Copyright© Wincor Nixdorf International GmbH, 2006

The reproduction, transmission or use of this document or its contents is not permitted without express authority.

Offenders will be liable for damages.

All rights, including rights created by patent grant or registration of a utility model or design, are reserved.

Delivery subject to availability; technical modifications possible.

## **Contents**

Manufacturer's Certification Tested Safety FCC-Class A Declaration Warranty	
General Safety Information Safety instructions Caution:	3
Overview Operator Panel FEED POWER PAPER ERROR OPEN On/off switch	
Maintenance of the TH230 Print head/Rubber Roller Cleaning	<b>10</b>
Paper Roll Exchange	12
Paper near end Sensor Adjustment	14
Connecting the TH230 Connector variants	<b>1</b> 5
Self test printout	17
Recycling the TH230	19
Technical Data Paper Specification Print area	<b>20</b> 21 22

### Manufacturer's Certification



The device complies with the requirements of the EEC directive 89/336/EEC with regard to 'Electromagnetic compatibility'. Therefore, you will find the CE mark on the device or packaging.

### **Tested Safety**



The TH230 has been provided with the symbol for "Tested Safety".



In addition, the TH230 has received the UL symbol and cUL symbol.

#### **FCC-Class A Declaration**

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful inter-ference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense. Modifications not authorized by the manufacturer may void users authority to operate this device. This class A digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Cet appareil numerique de la classe A est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

2

### Warranty

Wincor Nixdorf generally guarantees a limited warranty engagement for 12 months beginning with the date of delivery. This warranty egagement covers all those damages which occur despite a normal use of the product.

Damages because of

- improper or insufficient maintenance,
- improper use of the product or unauthorized modifications of the product,
- inadequate location or surroundings will not be covered by the warranty.

All parts of the product which are subject to wear and tear are not included in the warranty engagement.

## **General Safety Information**

Before installing and using the printer, please read the following items carefully.

### Safety instructions



Do not touch the cutter and tear bar of the printer.



The print head is a thermal element and it is at high temperature during printing or just after operation, therefore please do not touch it and its peripherals for safety reasons.



The thermal head is an ESD-sensitive device. To prevent damage, do not touch either its printing part or connecting parts.

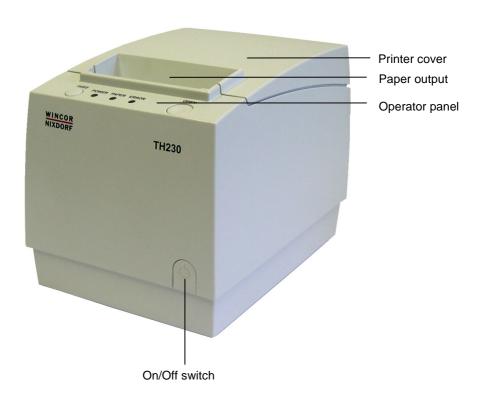
#### Caution:

- Install the printer on a flat and stable place.
- Reserve adequate space around the printer so that convenient operation and maintenance can be performed.
- Keep the printer away from water source.
- Do not use or store the printer in a place exposed to heat of fire, moisture, serious pollution and direct sunlight.
- Do not place the printer on a place exposed to vibration or impact.
- No dew condensation is allowed to the printer. In case of such condensation, do not turn on the power until it has completely gone away.
- Connect the DC adapter to an appropriate grounding outlet.
   Avoid sharing a single electrical with large power motors and other devices that may cause the fluctuation in voltage.

\_\_\_\_\_

- Disconnect the DC adapter when the printer is not used for a long time.
- Don't spill water or other materials on the printer. If this happens, turn off the power immediately.
- Do not allow the printer to start printing when there is no recording paper installed, otherwise the print head and platen roller will be damaged.
- To ensure quality print and normal lifetime, use recommended or good quality paper.
- Shut down the printer when connecting or disconnecting interfaces connectors to avoid damage to the control board.
- Set the print darkness to a lower grade as long as the print quality is acceptable. This will help to keep the print head durable.
- The printer should only be disassembled or repaired by a technician, who is certified by Wincor Nixdorf.
- Operate the printer only with power supplies and cables approved by Wincor Nixdorf
- Keep this manual safe and at hand for ready reference.

## **Overview**



### **Operator Panel**



#### **FEED**

If you push this button once and release it, the printer feeds paper for one line (1/6 inch).

If you push this button and hold it down, the printer feeds the paper as long as the button is not released.

The button can be locked by the application software and then will be without function.

#### **POWER**

All LED off: power is not stable

Green POWER LED on: power is stable

Green POWER LED blinking: printing speed may be low (\*) if necessary contact your technical support

(\*) The printer will run with the lowest power value (48W) if a non current power supply unit from Wincor Nixdorf or an external power supply unit without automatic current identification is used.

With a suitable power supply unit type the maximal power value can be defined with the configuration menu from 48 Watt up to 90 Watt.

#### **PAPER**

Yellow PAPER LED off: Paper is properly inserted.

Yellow PAPER LED on: Paper roll near end.

Yellow PAPER and red ERROR on: Paper end is reached.

#### **ERROR**

Red ERROR LED off: normal condition

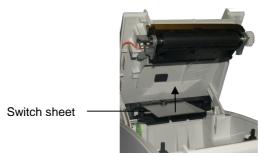
Red ERROR LED on: not ready for operating. Printer cover is not closed or in combination with Yellow PAPER LED on, paper end is reached Red ERROR LED blinking: an error occurs. Switch the printer off and on again. In case of no success contact your technical support.

#### LED overview

	POWER	PAPER	ERROR	Meaning
	green	yellow	red	
	off	off	off	No power
Operation	on			Power on
	blinking			If necessary call for
				technical support
		off		Paper properly inserted
Paper		on		Paper near end
		on	on	Paper end
Error			blinking	If necessary call for
				technical support
			on	Cover not closed

#### **OPEN**

Press this button to unlock and open the cover. Thereby the switch sheet flaps into an upright cover position



#### ! If an error occurs do not open the cover with force

Open the printer cover only if the cutter is in its home position. Otherwise the cutter or the cover may be damaged.

Putting the cutter to the home position: Lift the printer and turn the green handwheel at the bottom of the printer towards the printer front side as far as it will go.



### On/off switch

Pressing this button will switch the printer on or off.

To switch off the printer press the button for at least one second.

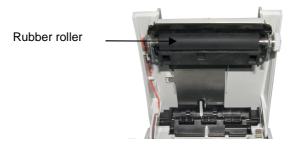


The button can be locked by the application software and then will be without function.

### **Maintenance of the TH230**

### Print head/Rubber Roller Cleaning

Clean the print head and the rubber roller at least every three months. In case of an intensive use of the printer clean both items more often to guarantee a stable print quality.



Print head

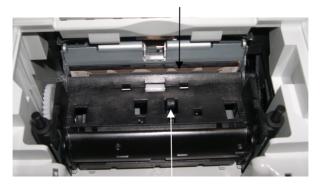


Open the printer cover and remove the paper-roll; the rubber roller and the print head mechanism are then visible.

#### Let the print head cool down before cleaning it.

Clean print head and rubber roller with a soft lint-free cloth moistened with pure Isopropyl alcohol (e.g. ISOPADS which can be ordered at Wincor Nixdorf, spare part number 6197 000 2228).

Visually inspect the print head. If you can still see dirt, the cleaning procedure must be repeated. You can identify the relevant and important thermal element zone by the thin line crossed by wires.



Paper end sensor

Pay attention not to damage the paper end sensor when cleaning the print head.

Do not touch the rubber roll with your fingers.

While cleaning turn the rubber roller by hand with the lateral gear wheel Make sure that the entire roller will be cleaned.

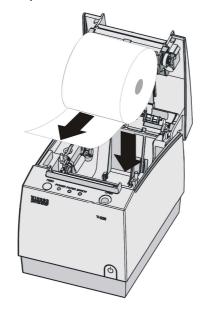
- ! Cleaning the print head not properly, may cause an early failure.
- Wait until the isopropyl alcohol is evaporated.

Insert the (new) paper-roll and close the cover. Print out a test ticket (see application handbook) and verify the printing quality (density, alignment and consistency).

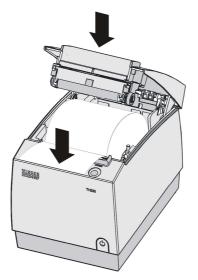
## Paper Roll Exchange

For a paper roll exchange follow the steps below:

- Open the printer cover
- Remove the (nearly) empty paper roll and any residual paper.
- If necessary clean the print head and the rubber roller.
- Unwind the outer layer (winding) of the paper roll.
- Insert the paper roll. Lay the unwinded paper over the front edge of the printer.



- Hold down the paper and close the printer cover. Press on the middle of the cover until it audibly and distinctly locks into place.



- Tear off residual paper at the tear-off edge.



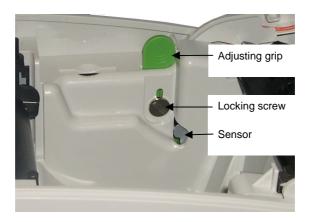
## Paper near end Sensor Adjustment

The paper end premonition is a control function. It allows to adjust a predefined amount of remaining paper on the roll.

The paper end premonition depends on the core diameter and the paper thickness of the paper roll in use.

You can adjust the remaining amount of paper yourself follow the steps below:

- Open the printer cover.
- Remove the paper roll.
- Loosen the locking screw at the inner wall of the printer for instance with the aid of a coin (do not remove the screw).



Move the adjusting grip to determine the remaining paper amount. A lower distance mark (adjustment grip downwards) will cause a lower amount of remaining paper and vice versa:

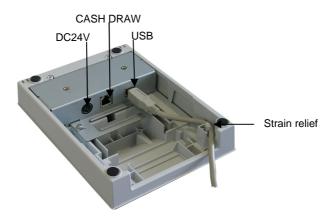
The scale reaches from 0.5mm to 12.5mm.

After determining the distance mark:

- Tighten the locking screw
- Insert the paper roll
- Close the printer cover and lock it

## **Connecting the TH230**

The connectors are located at the bottom side of the printer. The picture shows the USB/CASH DRAW/DC24V variant.



Connect the hosiden plug of the low voltage cable to the low voltage socket of the printer (DC24V). Make sure that the plug is connected tightly. Check this by slightly pulling at the low voltage cable.

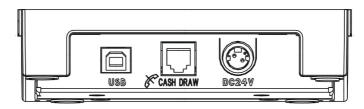
Connect the plug from the USB data cable to the USB socket at the printer and guide the cable through the strain relief.

Connect the cable from the cash drawer to the CASH DRAW socket of the printer. Inserting the plug will automatically lock it.

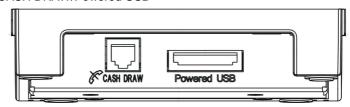
\_\_\_\_\_\_ 15

### **Connector variants**

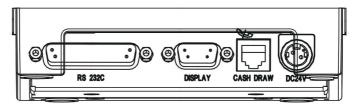
#### USB/CASH DRAW/DC24V



#### CASH DRAW/Powered USB



#### RS232/DISPLAY/CASH DRAW DC24V



# Self test printout

- 1) Turn off the printer. Press the On/Off button for at least one second.
- 2) Push the FEED button while turning on the printer.



A service menu will be printed.



3) Press the FEED button two times shortly to select the self test. Press same button for more than one second to start the printout.



4) Press the FEED button one time shortly and one time for more than one second to end the selftest.

## **Recycling the TH230**



Environmental protection does not begin when it is time to dispose of the TH230; it begins with the manufacturer. This product was designed according to our internal norm "Environmental conscious product design and development".

The TH230 thermal printer is manufactured without the use of CFCs und CCHS and is produced mainly from reusable components and materials. The processed plastics can, for most of the parts, be recycled. Even the precious metals can be recovered, thus saving energy und costly raw materials.

Please do not stick labels onto plastic case parts. This would help us to re-use components and material.

Today, there are still some parts that cannot be used again. Wincor Nixdorf guarantees the environmentally safe disposal of these parts in a Recycling Center, which is certified pursuant to ISO 9001.

So do not simply throw your printer on the scrap heap when it has served its time, but take advantage of the environmentally smart, up-to-date recycling methods!

Please contact your competent branch or the Recycling Center Paderborn (for european countries) for information on how to return and re-use devices and disposable materials under the following email-address:

info@wincor-nixdorf.com

### **Technical Data**

Technology High-speed thermal print

Resolution 8 dots/mm (203 dpi), 640 dots/line

Printing speed one colour: 220 mm/s, two colour: 110 mm/s
Interface options USB 2.0 full speed, PoweredUSB, RS232c

Cutter Material: tempered steel

Speed full cut: < 300ms

Paper transport Forward; to use paper to full capacity after cutting:

up to 12mm backwards (approx. 3.5 lines at 7.52 lpi)

print speed

Paper near end control and paper end control

Paper cutter error message Printer cover open/closed Self test with printout

Option Paper width 57,5mm, print width =51mm = 408 dot

Housing colour light grey or black

Power supply 24 V DC

Automatic and manual capacity control:

48 - 90 Watt

Dimensions 148 x 145 x 195mm (H x W x D)
Weight approx. 2kg (w/o paper roll)
Features Simple Paper roll exchange:

Optional two colour print with special paper

(100mm/sec)

Paper near end message: adjustable by user

Statistical data:

Total number of dots

· Total line feeds

· Total number of cuts

Max. head temperature
 Paper jam counter

· Cutter error counter

· Thermistor error counter

· High voltage/low voltage error counter

· Number of firmware updates

· Power on time in hours

· Power on counter

Environmental

conditions 5° - +45° Celsius;

Humidity 5 % - 95% (not condensed)

Noise <= 55dB(A) operation

Reliability 55 Mio lines

1,5 Mio cuts with 55g/m<sup>2</sup>

150km at 12,5% print density

Graphic feature TH230 is fully graphic-compliant

## **Paper Specification**

Paper width 80mm

Paper weight  $55g/m^2 \pm 5 g/m^2$ Paper thickness 0.055mm - 0.1mm

Paper roll

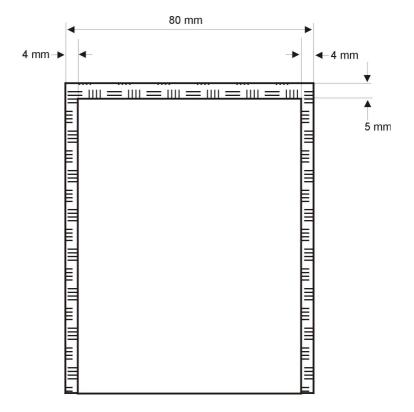
outer diameter 90mm max.
Paper length ~100m

Core size Core diameter: 10mm +2mm

wall thickness of the core: max. 2mm ± o.3mm

Print width 72mm = 576 dot

## **Print area**



Published by: Wincor Nixdorf International GmbH D- 33094 Paderborn