

OMR Programmer's Guide





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Machine data	
Machine type	FPi 2025
Serial number	
OMR code	OMR-2
FP code level (OMR-2)	Low Level

Customer service settings for OMR-2

Commands	Command	Active
	Start Inserting Parity Safety	
Code length	characters	
Line spacing	mm	inch

pt

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Preface



1	Preface	
		The present guide describes the rules for programming OMR marks in order to process documents in FPi 2000 Inserting machines.
		You will not always have access to all commands described here in your machine. For further information please refer to chapter 4 "Basic read code structure".
What i	s OMR?	OMR - Optical Mark Recognition is an additional function for document processing in accordance with barcodes printed directly on the documents. In the FPi 2000 display this function is referred to as OMR.
		FPi 2025 machines from our FPi 2000 Inserting machines series can optionally be fitted with this function.
Target	group	This guide is aimed at programmers who are responsible for preparing documents for OMR processing on FPi 2000 Inserting machines.
Operat	tor Manual	If you need further information on the use of the inserting machine, please refer to the appropriate operator manual.
		This manual describes all actions by the operator for job programming, loading the machine and processing with and without the OMR function.
	\bigwedge	Warning! Risk of injury! Please refer to the safety instructions in the operator manual if you are performing tests on the machine.
Furthe assista	r documents and ince	<u>Test material</u> is available from Francotyp-Postalia. This enables you to check the machine's optical reading features.
		Check cards enable quick checking of the read codes.
		The <u>Service Manual</u> describes the settings that the Service technician must undertake.
Terms		At the end of this guide there is a "Small OMR Lexicon" which explains some important technical terms.

Useful information for processing with the machine

2 Useful information for processing with the machine

Rules for processing with OMR-2

Read code on documents	The read code must be printed in the same position on all documents that are to be processed together in a job.
	The code must be always of the same length, i.e. the same number of marks including spacers for marks which are not present. The code length is set for the machine by the FP customer service.
	The first sheet of a set is always the address carrier. It bears the address that is to appear in the address window of the envelope.
	If the code includes marks for parity checking, these checks will be per- formed on every sheet of the set.
	The last sheet will carry marks for further processing (folding and/or in- serting). If the set comprises only a single sheet, this is taken to be the "last" sheet.
Supplements	Supplements do not carry read codes.
	Supplements can be fed into every set by means of appropriate job set- tings.
Collating and further processing	The machine first passes the set (document and any supplements) as a complete entity into the collating area.
	The mark for further processing identifies the set as being complete; the set is transferred to the folding/inserting unit.

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Useful information for processing with the machine



Configuration levels

Configuration of an FPi 2000 for processing documents with the OMR function occurs at four levels:

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Ε.	Dong	gle for	Low Level	
Ļ	Cust	omer-	specific settings in the service mode	(FP customer service)
	Activation of the requested commands from the command set		vation of the requested commands from the command se	t
		Cod	e length	
	1	Line	spacing of marks	
	Ļ	Sett	ngs during programming	Programmer
			Distance of start mark from top of sheet (read window)	
			Lateral position of read window	
		Ľ.	Heed the specific service setting conditions (command set, line spacing)	
		4	Job settings and machine configuration	Operator
			Activate the OMR function	
			Set up read window (distance of start mark from	top of sheet)
			Maximum number of sheets	
			Read head position	
			Envelope settings	
			Form settings for supplements	
			Fold settings	
			Activate double feed control (as required)	
i	You ca	n note	your special configuration settings on the second jacket	page.

Useful information for processing with the machine

Job settings

Documents	Documents with OMR marks can be only fed via feeder 3 (top feeder). Heed the correct sequence when loading the machine. The feeder should always hold complete sets.
	 The following read parameters are stored in the job: Activation of the read codes for documents (OMR on/off) Start mark position (margin from top edge of sheet) Maximum number of sheets per set.
Supplements	During job programming it is determined from which of the available feeders any supplements will be appended. The selected supplements are appended to each set.

Machine configuration

	Before starting to program the OMR code marks, you should have avail- able the following information regarding the machine configuration (see also the second jacket page of this guide).
OMR code	Francotyp-Postalia FPi 2000 Inserting machines are supplied with OMR-2 code (FE8 one track code) as standard.
Level dongle	Releasing the OMR-2 code occurs with a level dongle. The low level is available for the FPi 2000.
Command set	The required commands require activation by a Service technician in service mode. The number of commands actually used can be less than the number of commands available.
	For further information please refer to chapter 5 "Description of the FPi 2000 OMR code".

Specification: Documents, number and processing of sheets



3 Specification: Documents, number and processing of sheets

This section describes typical further processing options recommended by Francotyp-Postalia for the FPi 2000 Inserting machines with OMR functionality.

The following specifications are proven:

Letter fold/ For insertion of DIN A4 formats into C6 long envelopes, use double folddouble parallel fold ing as letter fold. Single fold For insertion of DIN A4 formats into C5 envelopes, use the single fold type. Inserting only Unfolded envelope sized material: All sheets of the set can be inserted (envelope sized) into the intended envelopes without folding. The minimum length of documents with OMR marks is 115 mm. i Supplements to be fed from feeders 1 and 2 must have a minimum length of 90 mm. Further variants (e.g. Z folding) are technically practicable. Please contact us if you have special requirements.

Maximum number of sheets per set

	The maximum number of sheets that can be processed in a set is de- termined by various aspects (fold capacity, collating area capacity, postal tariff bands, reliability aspects).
Maximum number of sheets	5 (subject to technical restrictions)
	The specification relates to 80 g/m ² paper. The number refers to the entire set, <u>including</u> supplements.
Job settings	This "Max. sheets" parameter is held in the "OMR 2" menu. If the values are exceeded, the machine will interrupt processing. The operator must remove the defective set and re-start the machine.

4 Basic read code structure

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This section describes the basic structure of the read code in the sequence the commands are read by the read head.

OMR-2 code command set (low level)

The following table gives a summary of the overall set of commands / functions.

Command	Function
Start	Read code start
Inserting	Quit collating \rightarrow Folding/inserting
Parity check	Completeness check of marks
Safety check	Read direction check

The scope of available commands/functions depends on which commands were activated in the service mode.

Explanation of graphical symbols

This guide uses the following symbols:





Description of the minimum code (basic commands)

The minimum code comprises two commands: START and INSERT.

The FP service technician can set the minimum code by deactivating additional commands on any machine, using service mode.

StartThe "Start" command begins the read activity. This mark must be print-
ed on every sheet. The distance of this mark from the top edge of the
sheet must be set in the job settings of the machine.

Inserting If there is no mark printed in this line of code, the sheet in question will be collated. If the mark is set, the sheets collated so far will be folded / inserted, including any supplements.

Note: The INSERT command also marks the end of the document in the paper stack.

- START (always print mark in the first code line)
- ACCUMULATE (do not print mark in the second code line)
- INSERT (print mark in the second code line)



The minimum code

Additional OMR-2 code marks

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All code marks that are printed in addition to the minimum code are here referred to as "Additional marks". They are part of the read code.

Additional marks control the read code completeness and monitor reading as such. They are available as activated by the FP customer service in the service mode.



Caution!

If the customer requests the Service technician not to activate additional commands on the machine, then the respective additional marks are deactivated. The other marks in the read code are displaced upwards, i.e. the code length is reduced.

Parity check

The parity check allows the read code to be checked:

Under the OMR-2 code used here, the number of marks on each sheet must be even.

The parity mark must therefore always be printed when the number of other marks is odd, in which case the parity mark will round up the number of marks to "even".



Additional mark for checking that the PARITY is "even" Complete command set



Additional mark for checking that the PARITY is "even" Safety check not activated



Safety check

The safety mark increases the read reliability. The machine will issue an error message if the safety mark is not detected.

The safety mark is part of the read code and is placed as the last mark on each sheet.



Example: Read head does not read all the marks (sheet fed in askew)

Description of the FPi 2000 OMR code

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The FPi 2000 inserting machine uses the following basic commands:

START + INSERT as well as the additional marks PARITY + SAFETY.





This code (OMR-2/low level) is the same for all Francotyp-Postalia machines and allows to be run on all FPi machines.

The maximum code length is 4.

All commands activated



Example 1, all commands activated: Code length: 4 (= maximum) Always print the START mark Collate sheet Print PARITY mark only if odd number of marks present Always print the SAFETY mark

1 command deactivated



Example 2, PARITY command deactivated, Code length = 3Always print the START mark Collate sheet SAFETY mark gone one position up, print always,

Description of the FPi 2000 OMR code



Comprehensive example



2. Supplements are in feeder 2.

Description of the FPi 2000 OMR code

Some notes on the read code and machine settings:

- All commands are activated. The code length is 4 marks.
- Feeding of supplements from feeder 2 is controlled via the job settings. They are added to each set as "fixed supplements".
- The parity mark is always printed when the number of marks needs to be made up to "even".
- The safety mark is used to monitor the reading.



Comprehensive example

Arrangement of marks and print quality



3 Arrangement of marks and print quality

The present chapter describes how the read codes must be arranged and gives hints on the optimum print quality.



You can also use our FP test material in order to assess the print quality of marks on your documents.

Position, printable areas, and spacing

Print position

The print position must be identical on all sheets.

The distance of the first mark from the top edge of the sheet is by default set to 100 mm (3.9 inches). The operator must set this variable, depending on the documents to be processed, to the value actually required.

Recommendation:

Print the marks at about the same level as the address field. Experience shows this position will minimize the effect on other characters.

Printable areas

- Maintain the following minimum distance from the sheet edge in feed direction:
 - 15 mm from the top
 - 30 mm from the bottom
 - 4.2 mm from the sides



Printable and print-free areas of the document

Arrangement of marks and print quality

Mark length

Start + Insert (minimum code)

Example: Code marks for The length of marks is made up of the code length, the line spacing selected, and the upper and lower free spaces.

There must be <u>unprinted areas</u> of 8.5 mm (2 lines = 1/3 inch) before the first mark and after the last mark.



Spacing in paper feed direction

The line spacing can be set between 2.54 mm and 6.3 mm. (1/10 to 1/4 inch). The FP customer service sets it in the service mode.

Recommendation:

We recommend a line spacing of 4.2 mm = 1/6 inch = 12 pt. We offer test material and check cards for this line spacing, so that you can easily check the printed marks.

Mark width, number of characters and font size

Example: Code marks for Start + Insert

Line spacing



Margins transversely to paper feed direction

The <u>minimum width</u> of the code marks is seven characters. From left to right it is made up of:

- two empty spaces (about 4.2 mm; 1/6 inch)
- three printed characters for marks (6.3 mm = 1/4 inch)
- two empty spaces (about 4.2 mm; 1/6 inch)

The <u>font size</u> is 12 pt (Pica). We recommend that you use the underscore (_) <u>character</u> as mark.

Arrangement of marks and print quality



Print quality

Mark	Code marks should be printed in black.
	Matrix printers must be set to "Near Letter Quality" (NLQ) to attain an optimum print density (over-striking).
	The density of all code marks on a sheet must be the same. This means you need to monitor the quality of the printer ribbon or toner.
Background	Heed the background in the mark area. The read head could read shad- ed areas on the document, background graphics or a logo / printed area on the back of the sheet that shine through as a mark.
	 Note: There are two systems of units for font size: the Pica Point System, which is common on European personal computers;
	abbreviation: "pt" $12 \text{ pt} = 4.2332 \text{ mm} = 1/6 \text{ inch.}$
	 The Didot Point System; abbreviation: "p" 12 p = 4.5113 mm

Test on the machine

4 Test on the machine

To learn how to use the machine and how to set it up, we recommend that you first perform a test using FP test material.

Safety tip



Warning! Risk of injury! Please refer to the safety instructions in the Operator Manual if you are performing tests on the machine.



Job programming and operation are comprehensively covered in the Operator Manual.

Test material

The test documents refer to the example given in the present guide. The following paper formats are available: DIN A4 and Letter (in English only).

Each set of test documents comes with a summary of the individual sheets, an explanation of the commands used and the necessary machine settings.

The test material matches the recommendations given in this guide, and uses a underscore as the mark, with a font size of 12 pt and a line spacing of exactly 12 pt.

To check test material that you have printed yourself, and your own documents, you can use our check cards.

Notes on printing the test material

- In the print window, check the paper size.
- Deactivate all check boxes for scaling, zoom in, zoom out when printing test material.
- Deactivate all features such as "Sorted printing", "Reverse pages", ...

Test on the machine



Recommended test procedure

Step	Please refer to
 Programming a job with OMR settings: in the "OMR 1" menu: Choose Read ON Enter the OMR position (distance of first character from top of sheet, in mm) Specify maximum number of sheets per set Save job 	Operator Manual chapter "Optical Mark Recognition (optional)"
Recommendation: Select the job settings without mois- tening the envelope flap. This allows you to quickly check the processing quality.	Operator Manual, chapter "Adjustments for envelope feed- ing"
2. Align the read head and the paper guides.	Operator Manual, chapters "Adjustments for document feeding", "Adjustments for envelope feeding", "Optical Mark Recognition (optional)"
3. Call up the job that was programmed as above.	Operator Manual, chapter "Other job"
 4. Call up the JOB INFO menu. The display will show the feeders in which material must be placed: Documents with OMR marks in the feeder 3 (top feeder) Insert supplements in the feeders if needed Note: Place document stack in the feeder with addresses facing upward, headers to the front and first sheet facing upward. 	Operator Manual, chapter "Job Info"
 5. Check mechanical settings Read head position Side guides in the feeders Stops in the collator Separation in the respective feeders as necessary. 	Operator Manual, section "Machine operation"
6. Start the job, and stop it again after a few cycles.	Operator Manual, chapter "Display"

Test on the machine

Step	Please refer to
7. Check the processing result. Make corrections.	OMR-specific errors are listed in this guide. For a complete list of error messages, refer to the Operator Manual.
8. Repeat these steps as necessary until processing is stable and generates the desired result.	
Note: Do not forget (where necessary) to activate envelope closing before starting routine processing.	

Further documents and assistance

Operator Manual	The operator manual describes all operator actions for loading the ma- chine and processing documents.
	 You will also find: Safety tips Tips for errors with a complete list of error codes, and A description of how to program jobs.
Quick Start Guide	 The Quick Start Guide provides a concise overview of: How to prepare the machine for operation (unpacking, removing packing material, fitting feeder hoppers, fit- ting catch basket) Quick start (connection, filling of water tank, loading documents/supplements/ envelopes in feeders, starting).
Brochure	 The brochure also provides information on: Specification of processable material Fold and insertion capacity of the machine.
Service Manual	All necessary settings and tests for the OMR function, which are under- taken by the FP customer service through the service menu of the in- serting machine are described in the Service Manual.
Test material	Test material is available from Francotyp-Postalia. This enables you to check the machine's optical reading features.
	The sample documents are available as Adobe Acrobat files and as copied sets.
Check card	A check card is available for quick checking of the read codes.

Tips for malfunctions and errors



5 Tips for malfunctions and errors

Caution! For error codes with the message "Technical error", note the error code and power cycle the machine. If the error recurs, call the customer service.

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In case of an error the display shows the error code, an error description, and suggestions on how to eliminate the error. Error codes of OMR-related errors are easily identified by their 3:xxx numbers.

OMR error codes

Error c	ode 3:112	Troubleshooting
F	Reading error.	The reading window is activated after the document that contains OMR info has passed the reading head. Adjust the reading
F	Remove documents.	window parameters.
	Vrong window position.	
Error c	ode 3:114	Troubleshooting

Suspected set.	This error is issued after a previous reading error and the reading
Remove suspected set.	of an insert mark. It is very likely that the reading error probably occurred during the processing of the current set, causing this set
Suspected set after error.	and the next set being not complete.

Erro	r code 3:120	Troubleshooting
	Reading error.	Less marks have been detected than based on the applied reading code. The set can be removed from the collator, but this is
	Reset & start to finish set.	not strictly necessary. After a restart the rest of the set is
6	Not enough marks.	processed and error 3:114 (suspected set) is issued.

Error	code 3:121	Troubleshooting
	Reading error.	More than one paper flow-related commands (accumulate, insert, divert or stop mark) have been detected. The set can be removed
	Remove documents	from the collator, but this is not strictly necessary. After a restart
0	Multiple basic commands	the rest of the set is processed and error 3:114 (suspected set) is issued.

Tips for malfunctions and errors

Error	r code 3:122	Troubleshooting	
	Reading error.	No mark defining the paper flow (accumulate, insert, divert or stop mark) has been detected. The set can be removed from the	
	Reset & start to finish set.	collator, but this is not strictly necessary. After a restart the rest of	
0	No basic command.	the set is processed and error 3:114 (suspected set) is issued.	
Error	r code 3:126	Troubleshooting	
	Reading error.	The parity of the processed code appears to be not correct. After	
=	Reset & start to finish set.	(suspected set) is issued.	
0	Wrong parity in code.		
Error	r code 3:127	Troubleshooting	
	Reading error.	This error code is displayed if a mark is found at a position where	
=	Reset & start to finish set.	conflicting with other marks). The set can be removed from the	
0	Undefined mark found.	collator, but this is not strictly necessary. After a restart the rest of the set is processed and error 3:114 (suspected set) is issued.	
Error	r code 3:128	Troubleshooting	
	Reading error.	This error message occurs if the position of a mark has shifted in	
	Reset & start to finish set.	defined as a percentage of the line distance around a line halfway	
0	Wrong mark distance.	between two successive lines. After a restart the rest of the set processed and error 3:114 (suspected set) is issued.	
Error	r code 3:129	Troubleshooting	
	Reading error.	This error code is displayed if more reading code marks have	
	Remove documents.	reading code. After a restart the rest of the set is processed and error 3:114 (suspected set) is issued.	
0	Too many marks.		

Tips for malfunctions and errors



Error code 3:134	Troubleshooting
 Too many sheets. Remove documents. Set size exceeded. 	The maximum set size is specified in the OMR settings menu. The maximum size is 5, including insets (i.e. selective feeds). Suppose this maximum is X. If sheet X is processed and an accumulation mark has been read or the insert mark has been read and selective feeds must be added to the set, this error is issued. Remove the paper from the collator, reset and press the Start/ Stop key to restart the process.
Error code 3:135	Troubleshooting
Error code 3:135	Troubleshooting This is a follow-up of error 3:134. The rest of the oversized set is collated. After this is done, error 3:135 is issued. If the maximum
Error code 3:135 Final set part. Remove documents.	Troubleshooting This is a follow-up of error 3:134. The rest of the oversized set is collated. After this is done, error 3:135 is issued. If the maximum set size is exceeded for the second time, error 3:134 is issued



Further information regarding treatment of errors can be found in operator manual and in the Service Manual for the machine.

6 Small OMR Lexicon

In the present guide a job's components are called as follows:

Document	Consists of address carrier and, if applicable, subsequent sheets; <u>all</u> sheets bear OMR marks
Supplement	Attachment to the document, e.g. advertisement, card or reply envelope; Supplements do <u>not</u> bear any OMR marks
Set	Consists of a document (with OMR marks) and, if applicable, supplements (without OMR marks)
Important terms for optical m	ark recognition on FPi series Inserting machines
Additional mark	All marks that control machine functions over and above the basic com- mands "Start" and "Insert" or serve to control the read safety.
Basic commands	Commands "Start" and "Insert" which are represented by combinations of two marks.
Code	Sum of marks for expressing a single control command or sequence of commands.
Code length	Number of marks (including spaces for marks that are not set), which must be the same on all sheets. The FP customer service sets it in the service mode.
Collating	All sheets of a document and any supplements are firstly collated as a set in the collation area of the machine. The full set will be further processed (e.g. folded and inserted).
Fixed supplement	Attachment to a document attached to each set via the job settings.
Level	Designates the compilation of individual commands from the overall command set for a particular code. The level installed on a machine determines the level at which the processing can be controlled.
Level, available on the FPi 2000	Low Level: Basic commands Start and Insert and Parity and Safety check
Level dongle	Memory chip releasing OMR-2 mark reading at the respective I level.
Minimum code	See \checkmark Basic commands. Also called minimum code in some documents.
OMR	OMR - <u>O</u> ptical <u>Mark Recognition</u> Control of document processing using barcode marks on documents.
OMR mark	Designation used here for a code character (mark dash on the document to be read).

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OMR-2	Particular OMR code, which is used as standard for the FPi series In- serting machines from Francotyp-Postalia. The descriptions in the present guide refer to this code.
Parity check	A check mark. It allows monitoring that the correct number of marks have been printed and recognized. (The FPi 2000 uses an even number of marks.)
Read code	Commands for document control are encoded as barcode marks and are printed directly on to the document in the specified area. Barcode marks are printed on to all sheets of the document in accordance with the chosen code.
Read feeder	The feeder from which the document with the address field and the OMR marks is supplied. For the FPi 2000: feeder 3 (top feeder).
Read window	Area of code marks including the necessary clear space. To compen- sate for possible positioning tolerances in the marks, the machine opens the window at a particular distance before the start mark and does not close it immediately after the last character. The position of the read window is determined within the job by setting the distance of the first character from the top edge of the sheet.
Safety mark	A control mark that is placed at the end of the read code. This allows monitoring that <u>all</u> characters are written in the read direction and have been captured by the read head.
Selective supplement	Attachment to a document, which under the control of OMR marks is at- tached only to selected sets. This function is <u>not</u> available for the FPi 2000.

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Service Please contact our Support Center when you have questions regarding OMR code programming or special processing tasks not covered in the present guide.

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