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DC Monitron User Manual For Version D 3.17C

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Overview

This manual covers the Monitron version that controls a DC Servomotor and contains a Baldor 'TFM' drive control. The Monitron is an upgrade for either an Impresstik Monitor or Unitron Control Box. The entire front panel and control board is replaced providing a more reliable and fully featured controller. If an older type incandescent label gap sensor was used this must be upgraded to a 24 volt fork type sensor. Apart from this, it is simply a matter of plugging the upgraded box into the old position and learning the new controls. All of the adjustments are made with three pushbuttons on the front panel. There is a two line by twenty-character LCD display for viewing the settings. Settings can also be adjusted via a serial port if this option is installed.

Menu Structure

InStep	2 Ver	D 3.17	
By In	ndustr	onics	

This is the opening screen. If Enter is pressed and held during this screen, the controller will display the initialisation menu. Refer to the end of this section for details.

If Enter is not pressed the following menu is displayed after a ten second delay:

Level One Menus



The Label Counter is displayed here. This shows the total number of labels dispensed since turn on or the last count reset. Pressing Enter will reset the label count. As at version 3.17 the count is lost when the Monitron is powered down. Pressing the down arrow displays the following screen:



The Air Blast Time setting is displayed here. This menu sets the air blast time in milliseconds. The air blast is for machines with an air box attachment. The air blast time occurs after the product sensor is activated and before the label starts to move. On non-airbox machines this setting may also be used to delay application of the label. Pressing the down arrow displays the following screen:



The run speed of the DC servomotor is set here. 0 is zero speed and 255 is maximum speed. The uppermost adjustment on the front of the TFM drive control card can be used to change the maximum speed. Pressing the down arrow displays the following screen:



Pressing Enter cycles between "Enabled" and "Disabled". This menu is provided to allow for re-enabling after an ignored fault of to disable so that the product sensor is ignored or the drive roller can be turned by hand.



Pressing the down arrow rolls around to the "Label Counter" menu. Pressing Enter takes you to level two menus and displays the following screen:

Level Two Menus

Manual	L Dispe	ense	3
Press	Enter	to	Start

Pressing Enter starts a labelling cycle. Pressing the down arrow displays the following screen:



The Printer menu is shown here. Pressing Enter cycles between Disabled and Enabled. Use the "Option Menu" to select the type of printer fitted and the "Option2 Menu" to select the type of printer fault signal. Pressing the down arrow displays the following screen:

Missing	Label	Length
	5	

If a label is dispensed and a gap sensor input is not detected before the time set here the labeller will disable, show "Labeller error" and turn on the Bussed Fault Output. A value of 0 allows infinite length, 1 = 0.07 sec, 2 = 0.14 sec, 3 = 0.28 sec, 4 = 0.56 sec, 5 = 1.12 sec, 6 = 2.25 sec, 7 = 4.5 sec and 8 = 9 seconds. Pressing the down arrow displays the following screen:



The time that the servomotor brakes for is set here. The setting should be such that it is sufficiently long enough to bring the web to a complete stop but not so long as to allow any speed drift to effect the stopping position. Pressing the down arrow displays the following screen:



Pressing the down arrow displays the "Level Three Menus" selection screen further below. Pressing Enter takes you into the Library sub-menu and displays the following screen:

Save	to	Library	No.
		0	

This is the first menu in the library sub-menu. Pressing Enter allows you to select the library number to save to with the arrow keys. After selecting, pressing Enter saves all of the data from the current data memory and displays the "Library Functions" menu. (There is no library number zero, it is provided to allow a way to "escape" without saving.) Pressing the down arrow displays the following screen:



This is the second menu in the library sub-menu. Pressing Enter allows you to select the library number to read from. After selecting, pressing Enter reads the library and saves it to the current data memory. If after pressing Enter, the "Library Functions" menu is not displayed, the data in the selected menu was invalid. Select another library number or select 0 to escape from this menu. Pressing the down arrow displays the "Library Functions" menu.



Pressing Enter takes you to level three menus and displays the "Force Brake" menu. Pressing the down arrow displays the following screen:



Pressing Enter takes you to level one menus and displays the "Label Counter" menu. Pressing the down arrow displays the "Manual Dispense" menu.

Level Three Menus

Force	Brake	
	Off	

The brake can be forced on and off here. Forcing the brake on allows adjustment of zero speed via the lowest adjustment on the front of the TFM drive control card. Irrespective of where this setting is left, it will be corrected during the first dispense cycle. Pressing the down arrow displays the following screen:

Inputat	DCDCDETC
inputs.	00000000
	00000000

This is the third menu in level three. The input status is displayed here. A value of 1 indicates the input is on, 0 is off. The letters above the value indicate what the input is used for.

- P-Product Sensor
- G Gap Sensor
- D Disable Input (Fault In)
- S Servo OK
- $P-Printer \; OK$
- E End of Reel Input
- J Jig In / Product Gate Input
- C Colour Sensor

The display is not live, pressing Enter updates the display. Pressing the down arrow displays the following screen:

Outputs: XFABJSEC 00000000

The output status is displayed here. A value of 1 indicates the output is on, 0 is off. The letters above the value indicate what the output is used for.

- X Spare
- F Fault Output
- A Air Assist Output
- B Air Blast Output
- J Jig Solenoid Output
- S Feedscrew Enable Output
- E Servo Enable / Stepper Boost Output
- C Coder (Printer) Output

The display is not live, pressing Enter updates the display.

Pressing the down arrow displays the following screen:



The option status is displayed here. A value of 1 indicates the option is on, 0 is off. The letters above the value indicate what the input is used for.

G – Gate Signal Required

- S Servo Mode (Not Stepper). On for speed compensation and servo enable. Off for stepper drives.
- G SIG drive compensation. Must select servo mode above as well!
- E Enable at Power On
- C Moving Type Coder e.g. inkjet (0 = Stationary Type e.g. stamping hot foil)

421 – Serial Address Select (Set bits to total to desired address, all off = 8)

Pressing Enter takes you into edit mode. The display counts up and down in binary. Pressing the down arrow displays the following screen:

Option2: ????BSPF 00000000

The second option status menu is displayed here. A value of 1 indicates the option is on, 0 is off. The letters above the value indicate what the input is used for.

B - Stepper Boost. When on changes the servo enable output function to a stepper drive boost.

S – Servo OK input polarity. When on here the Servo OK input is off = OK. Can be used when no servo ok signal is available. (i.e. in a Monitron)

P - Printer Fault polarity. When the printer is enabled in level 2 the Printer Fault input becomes active. The level that causes labelling to be stopped is entered here. 0 = on, 1 = off.

F – Fixed Pull Mode. This is different from InStep I fixed pull mode, it is triggered by the product scanner.

The analogue output option status is displayed here. The settings are only relevant if the Analogue Output Option Board has been fitted. A value of 1 indicates the option is on, 0 is off. The letters above the value indicate what the input is used for.

G – Guarding closed input monitored.

I – Infeed Low Sensor monitored.

O - Outfeed High Sensor monitored.

? – Spare.

V - Vacuum Belt Speed Adjustment enabled.

C – Conveyor Speed Adjustment enabled.

F – Feedscrew Speed Adjustment enabled. (Used for "Motor Speed" on a DC Monitron)

When the speed adjustments are disabled they are shutdown and the menu screens removed.

Refer to the Analogue Output Option Board manual for further details.

Pressing Enter takes you into edit mode. The display counts up and down in binary.

Pressing the down arrow displays the following screen:

Level Two Menus

Pressing Enter takes you to level two menus and displays the "Manual Dispense" menu. Pressing the down arrow displays the following screen:

Level One Menus

Pressing Enter takes you to level one menus and displays the "Label Counter" menu. Pressing the down arrow rolls around and displays the Acceleration menu.

Fault Screens

The following screens appear when the fault occurs. If the fault is rectified the screen can be cleared and the labeller re-enabled by pressing Enter. If you would like to review your settings without resetting, the first press of either arrow key will bring back the menu that was present before the fault occurred. You can then move around the menus as usual. Afterwards, you can re-enable the labelling by using the "Labelling Enable" menu in Level 1.

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Labeller Error!
Press Enter to Reset
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This screen indicates that the motor has moved too far in its search for the gap sensor activation. It is usually caused by a wrongly setup gap sensor or slipping drive rollers. It can always be reset immediately. Refer to the "Missing Label Length" menu in level two for adjustment.

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Printer Error!
Press Enter to Reset
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Whenever the printer is enabled the printer fault signal is also enabled. The sense of the input is controlled by a bit in option port 2 or by the 'D' command. If no printer fault signal is available it should be set to off = OK (default). The fault signal must be removed to reset.

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External Fault!
Press Enter to Reset
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This screen appears when the Fault In input is activated. This input is usually tied together with all of the other Fault In/Fault Outs on the machine so that a fault on one label head will disable all heads.

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Stepper Drive Error!
Press Enter to Reset
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This screen appears when the connected stepper drive has indicated a fault. You usually must power down the stepper drive to reset the fault. If the fault occurs often it will be necessary to open the enclosure to check the fault code indicated on the front of the stepper drive. Refer to the stepper drive manual for the fault codes meaning and its remedy. It is usually caused by a web jam up.

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End of Label Reel!
Press Enter to Reset
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This screen appears when the sensor connected to the End of Reel input is on. It is usually a sensor setup to detect a low quantity of labels on the unwind reel.

Other fault screens may appear depending on the option card fitted and which functions are enabled.

Initialisation Menu

This menu can only be entered during power up. It will automatically appear if the controller detects invalid data in the current data memory or it can be forced to appear if Enter is pressed and held during the initial screen that displays the version number information. It will appear as either of the two following screens:

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Enter Pressed
Use ^ to make choice
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or



If the up arrow is pressed, the following screen will appear:



This is the first choice in the initialisation menus. Pressing Enter causes all of the Library data to be erased then the first initialisation menu is shown again. Pressing the up arrow causes the next menu to be displayed as follows:



This is the second choice in the initialisation menus. Pressing Enter causes all of the current data to be reset to default values and then display the first menu in level one. Because of this, if you want to erase libraries and reinitialise you must erase libraries first. Pressing the up arrow causes the next menu to be displayed as follows:

Enter	Pressed
Do	Nothing

This is the third choice in the initialisation menus. Pressing Enter simply displays the first menu in level one and as the menu suggests, does nothing. If the entry into the initialisation menus was caused by invalid data you can't use this option, but must select reinitialise. Pressing the up arrow causes the first initialisation menu to be redisplayed.

Inputs

All inputs are selectable for NPN (1 to 2) or PNP (2 to 3) input devices. The function of each input follows.

PRODSENS - Product Sensor

This input initiates the labelling sequence. It starts with a transition from off to on of this input. See jumper J7 for input polarity selection. Terminal 1 on a Monitron.

GAPSENS - Gap Sensor

This is the registration input. It is normally connected to a fork sensor that detects the gap between the labels on the backing paper. The label advance starts counting with an off to on transition of this input. See jumper J8 for input polarity selection. Terminal 2 on a Monitron.

ENC - Master Encoder

This is where the encoder for the product speed is connected. The encoder is usually coupled to the conveyor or vacuum belt of the machine. See jumper J12 and J13 for input polarity selection and J11 for voltage. The pulses per rev of the encoder and its gearing to the conveyor / belt should be selected so that the rate is the same as the step rate of the motor. It is best to be on the low side of one to one if this cannot be achieved. The encoder should have an open collector 5 or 24VDC output. Terminal 16 on an ex Unitron.

IN1 – Colour Sensor (Product Sensor 2)

This input only functions in Orientation Mode. It triggers the labelling cycle just as the normal product scanner does however only after the orient part of the cycle is complete. See jumper J1 for input polarity selection. Terminal 4 on a Monitor adapter boards TB1.

IN2 – Jig In Sensor/Product Gate

This input is usually a proximity detector mounted on the orientation jig to indicate when the jig is closed. It initiates the spin up delay in orient jig mode. If option port jumper J31 is installed this input becomes the product sensor gate input. In this mode this input must be on before a product detection will start the dispense cycle. See jumper J2 for input polarity selection. Terminal 5 on a Monitor adapter boards TB1.

IN3 – End of Reel

This input is usually connected to a sensor that detects a low level of labels on the unwind reel. When this input is on labelling is disabled and the End of Reel screen is displayed. See jumper J3 for input polarity selection. Terminal 6 on a Monitor adapter boards TB1.

IN4 – Printer OK

This input is connected to the printer OK/fault output of the printer controlled by the InStep module. When the printer is enabled by the Coder Delay (D) command with an odd value this input must be on otherwise the InStep is disabled and the bussed fault output is turned on. If an even value is used in D the input must be off for printer OK. See jumper J4 for input polarity selection. Pin 2 of CON3 on a Monitor adapter Board.

IN5 – Drive OK

Polarity controlled by a bit in Option 2 menu. When signal active labelling is disabled and the drive error menu is displayed. Terminal 7 on a Monitor adapter boards TB1.

IN6 - Disable (Bussed Fault In)

This input disables the labelling on a transition from off to on. Even if the input is left on the unit may be re-enabled via the "E1" command. See J6 for input polarity selection. Terminal 8 on a Monitor adapter boards TB1

Outputs

All outputs are selectable for NPN or PNP however they must all be one or the other. Selection is made by changing IC9. For NPN use ULN2803A, for PNP use UDN2981A. Jumpers J9 and J10 must be set to suit. In a Monitron, the IC is PNP but the main outputs have slave transistors that provide a NPN output.

STEP – Step Signal

This output is used to drive the pulse input of the stepper or servo drive. Connected internally. Unused in a DC Monitron.

OUT1 – Coder

This output is the start trigger for a date coder etc. Option Menu selects whether the coder is of the type that prints while the web is stationary (e.g. hot stamp) or moving (e.g. ink jet). Terminal 6 on a Monitron.

OUT2 – Servo Enable/Stepper Boost

This output is connected internally to the stepper drive to control the boost function on the D550. On a DC Monitron it is the DC Servo Enable signal.

OUT3 – Feedscrew Enable/Servotron OK Output

This output is provided to enable the feedscrew. It is on whenever there are no faults and no level pauses from the high outfeed and low infeed sensors. This output becomes an OK output whenever the level control are not enabled in the Analogue setup. It is on whenever there are no faults present. The analog output option board is required for the level sensor inputs. Terminal 9 on a Monitor adapter boards TB1.

OUT4 – Jig Solenoid

This output controls the solenoid that closes the orient jig. Pin 2 of CON4 on a Monitor adapter board.

OUT5 – Air Blast

When an air blast time is entered in the menu or with the K command, this output is turned on at the end of the product delay and before the servo starts to move. Terminal 11 on a Monitron.

OUT6 - Air Assist

This output is turned on at the start of the servo moving and off at the beginning of deceleration. Terminal 9 on a Monitron.

OUT7 – Bussed Fault Out

This output is turned on when there is a labeller fault or a printer fault. Terminal 10 on a Monitor adapter boards TB1.

Connectors

Connector	Signal	Machine	Comment
Pin Number		Terminal	
1	Product Scanner	3	
2	Gap Scanner	4	Must be new 24 volt type
3	Ground	2	
4	No Connection	6	5.5 volts for old gap scanner not supported
5	Ground	5	
6	Printer	7	
7	24 Volts	1	Use for scanner power
8	No Connection		24V in a Unitron (Boost in some DC Monitor's)
9	Air Assist	9	
10	24 Volts for above	8	Special unregulated voltage in an ex Monitor
11	Air Blast	11	
12	24 Volts for above	10	Special unregulated voltage in an ex Monitor
13	No Connection		
14	No Connection		
15	No Connection		
16	Master Encoder	16	Only wired to adapter board in an ex Unitron

DC Motor Rear Panel Connector

Pin Number	Signal	Comment
А	Tachometer – Green	TFM Pin 14c and 16c
В	Tachometer – Yellow	TFM Pin 12c
С	N.C.	
D	N.C.	
E	Armature – Blue	TFM Pin 20a and 20c
F	Armature – Red	TFM Pin 22a and 22c
G	N.C.	
Н	Earth – Green/Yellow	

Adapter Board Terminal Strip TB1

Terminal Number	Signal	Description
1	Spare 1	DC Drive analogue command signal
2	Spare 2	Depends on Option Board (RS-232 RxD)
3	Spare 3	Depends on Option Board
4	IN 1	Colour Sensor (Product Sensor 2)
5	IN 2	Jig In Sensor / Product Gate
6	IN 3	Fixed Pull
7	IN 5	Servo OK
8	IN 6	Disable
9	OUT 3	Missing Label
10	OUT 7	Fault
11	ENC	Master Encoder
12	Flap Adapt	Flap Adapter (Driven by OUT4)
13	+24Vdc	
14	0V	

Note: Terminal strip not normally fitted.

Configuration

InStep II Jumper Descriptions

Jumper	Description	Default
J1 to J8	These three point jumpers select the polarity of the signal required	1 to 2 jumpered
	to operate the inputs.	
	Jump 1 to 2 for sinking (NPN) type input devices.	
	Jump 2 to 3 for sourcing (PNP) type input devices.	
	J1 to J6 correspond to input 1 to 6 respectively.	
	J7 is for the product sensor input.	
	J8 is for the label sensor input.	
J9 and J10	These jumpers are set to match the type of output driver IC	2 to 3 jumpered
	installed in position IC9.	
	Jump both 1 to 2 for NPN type IC (ULN2803A)	
	Jump both 2 to 3 for PNP type IC (UDN2981A)	
	Note: jumpers must be set correctly or damage will result!	
J11	Install Jumper 11 when 5 volt encoder is used. J12/13 must be in	Not fitted
	PNP configuration when this jumper is installed!	
J12 and J13	These jumpers are set to match the polarity of the output of the	J12, 1 to 2 jumpered
	master encoder connected to terminal 11.	J13, 1 to 2 jumpered
	Jumper J12 and J13 1 to 2 for NPN output encoders.	
	Jumper J13 2 to 3 and J12/1 to J13/1 for PNP output encoders.	
J14 to J24	These jumpers set the master encoder divisor. J14 is divide by	J14 installed
	one, J14 is divide by 2 through to J24 which is divide by 1024.	
	Only one jumper in this set to be installed!	
J25	Selects the function on pin 28 on P1. Refer to option manual.	1 to 2 jumpered
J26	Selects whether to bypass the encoders optocoupler. 1 to 2 is to	1 to 2 jumpered
	use optocoupler, 2 to 3 is to bypass the optocoupler.	

Monitor Adapter Board Jumpers

Jumper	Description	Default
A,B	Jump A to provide NPN output on CON2 pin 16 for stepper boost	B jumpered
	signal. Jump B to provide PNP 14 volt output on CON2 pin 16 for	
	TFM enable, 14 volts must be brought in on CON2 pin 8.	
	Only one jumper to be installed!	
CON3	IN4. Provided to copy original PCB. Not sure what it was used	N/A
	for. Possibly gap edge select, not supported in software.	
CON4	OUT4. Flap Adapter Output. Has BD681 NPN driver.	N/A
CON5	OUT6. Air Assist Output. Often used to drive label counter.	N/A

DC Drive Jumpers

(Located just under adjustment potentiometers)

Jumper	Near Edge of Board	Away from Edge	Correct Position
Тор	Current Mode	Velocity Mode	Away from Edge
Bottom	It limit not active. I peak = 6A	It limit active. I peak = 12A	Near Edge

Note: On some drives the incorrect pin has been cut off and the link made with a solder bridge underneath!

LCD Contrast

Near the bottom corner of the InStep II PCB there is a small adjustment potentiometer to adjust the liquid crystal displays contrast. The display contrast is directly affected by the ambient temperature and as such may require adjustment in extreme temperature environments.

Number	Purpose	How to Adjust
1 – Uppermost	Tacho Voltage Scaling	Adjust to set the maximum desired motor speed when
		the speed is set to 255. CW is slower. Beware of going
		to far CCW as uncontrolled speed can occur!
2 – Second top	Velocity Loop Gain	Turn full CCW, then turn CW until very soft "grumble"
		can be heard in motor. Then back of slightly until it
		stops. (Often about 25%)
3 – Second bottom	Current Limit	Turn full clockwise for maximum current.
4 - Lowest	Offset Adjust	With "Force Brake" ON, adjust for no drift.

Baldor TFM DC Drive Adjustment Potentiometers

DC Monitron Version Update Summary

Version D 3.17 - 6/12/2002

Changes: First released version. **Fixes:** None. Additions: None.

Version D 3.17A - 25/08/2003

Changes: Changed default re-initialise Brake On Time from 200 to 50. Which is a more typical value. **Fixes:** None. Additions: None.

Version D 3.17B - 17/09/2003

Changed range of Air Blast adjustment from 0 to 255, to 0 to 8191. Changes: **Fixes:** None. Additions: None.

Version D 3.17C - 26/02/2004

Changes: None.

Fixed problem where if man dispense pushed while dispensing the cycle would re-start. **Fixes:** This is the same fix made to the Servotron at 3.22C. Refer to Servotron manual for further details. None.

Additions: