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# **CX200 WINDOWS DRIVER**

## INTRODUCTION

The CX200 Print Driver for Windows 3.1/95/NT lets you print labels using virtually any Windows 3.1, Windows 95 or Windows NT application program. The driver is loaded like any other Windows printer and is located in the Windrive directory on the CD-ROM. After the driver is installed, you can send data to the CX200 just like any other printer on your system: simply specify CX200 in the Print dialog box of your Windows application. Printer configuration is managed using the Advanced dialog box. To print bar codes, you must first define a bar code font using the Barcodes dialog box.

Using the CX200 Print Driver, you can:

- Print to the CX200 from any Windows 3.1 or Windows 95 application program
- Print bar codes using the CX200 bar code fonts
- Change the CX200 Printer Configuration
- Calibrate the CX200 for various types of media
- Print Test and Printer Status labels

### CONFIGURATION

The CX200 oprinters are different from other SATO models in that they do not use DIP switches for printer configuration. Instead, all printer configuration is done via software commands. The parameters that can be configured are:

- Sensor Calibration
- Protocol Codes
- Print Darkness Range
- Sensor Type
- RS232 Parameters

Because there are no DIP switches to indicate the current printer settings, a Test Label can be printed that lists the active settings in the printer. This Test Label lists all of the information a user needs to ascertain the printer configuration. Test Labels can be printed out by sending a command via software (see page 93 of the CX200 Programming Guide) or by using the FEED and On-LINE/Off-Line Indicator buttons on the control panel (see page 7 of the CX200 User's Guide).

The CX200 comes from the factory set up to provide the optimum print quality with the SATO media supplied. When using the parallel cable supplied, you should not have to change any of the settings to print excellent quality labels.

#### WINDOWS PRINT DRIVER

Windows Printer Drivers for the CX200 are provided in the Windrive directory on the CX200 Distribution CD-ROM shipped with each printer. They can be loaded using the *Add New Printer Wizard* found in the Windows 95 *Control Panel* and selecting the *Have Disk* check box when you are asked for the printer manufacturer and model. Enter X:\Windrive (where X is the CD-ROM drive disignation) in the *Install from Disk* dialog box. If you are installing the CX200 in Windows 3.1, enter X:\Windrive in the *Install Unlisted or Updated Printer:Install Driver* dialog box. Please refer to your Windows manuals for instructions for adding a new printer.

Once the CX200 Windows Print Driver is installed, the CX200 can be selected from the *File:Print* dialog box of the Windows application. A dialog box similar to the one below will be opened.

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This box allows you to set the basic operating characterics of the CX200. Two additional Dialog boxes can be selected using the *Advanced* and *Barcodes* selection buttons.

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This Dialog Box allows you to set the print configuration of the printer.

**Print Mode** - Selects the use of either *Direct* thermal media or thermal *Transfer* media using a ribbon. If you have a CX200DT Direct Thermal printer, selecting *Transfer* will have no effect as the printer always defaults to the direct thermal setting.

**Sensor Type** - Selects the type of sensing used for indexing the labels. The choices are *Gap* for die cut labels with a gap between them, *Bar* for labels with an Eye-Mark bar printed on the reverse side of the liner and *None* for the use of continuous media.

**Backfeed** - Enables the label backfeed. When *Backfeed* is enabled, the printer will print a label and feed it out to the tear-off/cut position. Before the next label is printed, it will retract the label to the first print position.

Note: When Backfeed is enabled, the printer thruput will be drastically reduced since the printer must stop and retract before each label is printed. It is recommended that this selection be made only if single labels are to be printed and manually taken by the operator.

**Darkness Fine Adjustment** - This adjustment select the amount of heat used to develop the image on direct thermal media or transfer the ink from the ribbon in the thermal transfer mode. The middle (or 50%) position is set up to provide the optmium results when using the SATO media supplied with the printer. When using other media, it may be necessary to adjust this setting to get acceptable print quality.

Note: The human-eye is not well suited to gauging the quality level of bar codes. It is recommended that you use a bar code verifier to ensure that you are printing usable bar code symbols. **Media Adjustment** - This adjustment uses the print dot history to adjust the heat used to image the first print line. It can be used to optimize the print quality of rotated bar codes. The middle (or 50%) position is set up to provide the optimum results when using the SATO media supplied with the printer. When using other media, it may be necessary to adjust this setting to get acceptable print quality.

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**Overlays** - This selection allows you to use forms *Overlays* (see page 40 of the CX200 Programming Guide). If you select this option, you cannot use the *Expanded Print* Length feature.

**Expanded Print**- The standard label length for the CX200 is 7 inches. Selecting this option will allow you to print labels up to 14 inches long (see page 51 of the CX200 Programming Guide). If you select this option, you cannot use the *Overlays* feature.

#### IMMEDIATE

Selecting the immediate button will bring up the *Immediate Commands* Dialog Box. Immediate commands are configuration settings that are sent once to the printer and are stored in the flash memory. They remain active until another set of commands are received.

**Serial Settings** - These parameters set the serial receive parameters of the CX200. They must match the RS232 Serial settings on the COM port selected for the printer. If they do not, the printer will ignore any attempt to communicate with it. Once the desired settings are selected, the Send button will transmitt the settings immediately to the printer. The printer settings can be verified by printing a Test Label. These settings have no effect if a parallel port is used to communicate with the printer.

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**Test** - Selecting this button will print a simple test label to verify that the computer and printer are communicating properly.

**Status** - Selecting this button will print a Test Label listing the status of all of the current settings in the printer.

**Calibrate** - Selecting this button will cause the CX200 printer to perform calibration functions on the currently installed media. These functions measure the characteristics of the media used and store the results in flash memory.

Note: When calibrating the CX200TT for use with a ribbon, the ribbon must be installed in the printer before it is calibrated.

## BARCODES

The *Barcodes* selection from the SATO Printer Dialog box allows you to define a bar code font. Once a bar code font has been defined, it will show up in the *Font* drop-Down List of the application as a Printer Font under the name that you assigned when it was created. The font will appear in the application as standard text, but it is transmitted to the CX200 using the printer bar code commands rather than as a graphic bit map image. This not only speeds up the label transmission time, but also ensures that the bar code will conform to the specifications.

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**Bar Code Fonts** - This List Box lists all of the currently defined bar code fonts. They are listed in alphabetical order using the names that you assisgned when they wercreated. When selecting *Barcodes* for the first time, it will be blank until you select *New* and create a bar code font definition.

**Font Name** - This is the name you assign to this font. Remember, this name will show up in the Font List of you application, so assign a name that is easily recognizable.

**Kind** - This select the bar code type. The selections available from the drop down list are:

- EAN-8 or EAN-13
- UPC-A or UPC-E
- Interleaved 2 of 5
- Code 39

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- Code 128A, 128B or 128C
- Postnet 32, 37, or 52
- Bookland (UPC/EAN 2 or 5 digit supplements)

**Height** - This is the height of the bar code in inches or cm. For optimum reading with a hand scanner, the height of a bar code should not be less than 0.5 inches.

**Expansion** - This selects the expansion factor used to create a bar. A "1" expansion will create a narrow element one dot (0.005") wide. A "2" expansion will create a narrow element two dots (0.010") wide. It is recommended that the minimum expansion chosen is "2". Anything less may impair the readability of the bar code.

**Narrow to Wide Ratio** - Some bar codes have only two element widths, either narrow or wide. This selects the ratio used to create the wide element. If an Expansion of "2" was selected and a ration of 1 to 3, then the narrow element would be 2 dots (0.010") wide and the width of the wide element would be 6 dots (0.030"). It is recommended that a 1:3 ratio be used if possible as it will provide twice the tolerance of a 1:2 bar code. Some bar codes have more than two element widths. These bar codes are alswys printed in a 1:2 ratio and the other choices are "greyed out" (non-selectable).

**Auto Translation** - The data encoded in the bar code can be automatically printed in a human readable font. Selecting *Below* will print the data below the bar code, selecting *Above* will print the data above the bar code and *None* will not print the data in human readable format. Note that some bar code specifications specify the human readable information to be printed in certain locations. For these cases, the illegal choices are "greyed out" (non-selectable).

**Options: Descender Bars** - For UPC and EAN bar codes, *Descender* Bars can be printed at the beginning, end and middle of the bar code. These bars generally bound the human readable information. This option is not selectable for other bar codes.

**Rotation** - Any of the bar codes can be printed in any one of four rotated positions. The choices are  $0^{\circ}$ ,  $90^{\circ}$ ,  $180^{\circ}$  and  $270^{\circ}$ .