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Introduction

The Datacard Printer Drivers for Windows® 95 and 98 provide users with the ability to print from those Microsoft® Windows operating systems to the Datacard 150i, 280, 285, and 450 Series card printers. The capabilities of these printers are listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Supported Printer Capabilities

Printer	Capabilities
150i	Emboss Indent Encode magnetic stripes Topping
280	Emboss Indent Encode magnetic stripes Print graphics Topping
285	Encode magnetic stripes Print graphics
450	Emboss Indent Encode magnetic stripes Topping

This driver allows for rotation of both barcodes and printed text but not for rotation of embossed text.

What's in this Manual

This manual contains the following information:

Introduction. This chapter provides information about system requirements and limitations.

Installing the Printer Driver. This chapter provides installation information and procedures for both the printer driver and the printer.

Printer Fonts. This chapter includes information about fonts that are available using the printer driver for Windows 95 and 98.

Printing in a Windows Environment. This chapter tells how to get information and procedures for pausing, resuming, and deleting print jobs.

Troubleshooting. This chapter includes information and procedures for solving printing problems.

Related Documents

If you need additional information about the printer your system uses, refer to one of the documents listed below:

Manual	Manual Part Number	CD-ROM Library Part Number
Datacard 150i Card Personalization System CPX Protocol/Setup Manual	526637-001	539170-001
Datacard 150i Card Personalization System Administrator's Guide	526638-001	
280/285 Card Personalization System CRT Operator's Manual	539017-001	539039-001
280/285 Card Personalization System Keyboard Option Operator's Manual	539018-001	
280/285 Card Personalization System Maintenance Manual	539019-001	
Datacard CPX Communications Protocol Manual	526473-001	
28x Magnetic Stripe Option Installation and Technical Reference Manual	526583-001	
Datacard 450 Operator's Guide	526141-001	NA

System Requirements

The minimum system requirements for installing and using the printer driver for Windows 95 or 98 are:

- Microsoft Windows 95 or 98
- An computer that meets the Windows minimum requirements
- One of the following:
 - A 150i printer with the following firmware:

Mainboard: 556228-501 Rev. A or above

• A 2xx printer with the following firmware:

Mainboard: 596006-501 Rev. H or above Graphics: 596199-50x Rev. A or above

A 450 printer with the following firmware:

Mainboard: 590752-501 Rev. D or above

Refer to the operator's manual for procedures to determine the printer's firmware level.

Printer Driver Limitations

The Datacard printer driver for Windows 95 or 98 does *not* support:

- Two-sided badge printing using the Datacard QuikWorks software
- Encapsulated postscript (.eps) files
- Microsoft Windows 3.1 and NT (see separate driver for Windows NT and 2000)
- NTT (or J) encoding
- Smart card personalization
- Barcode generation: your Windows application must generate the barcode and pass it to the driver for printing
- "Indent" fonts do not display in WYSIWYG (what-you-see-is-what-you-get)
- Encryption capability as required by Visa
- The 150i password for the production of major brands of financial cards (Visa, MasterCard, etc.)
- Any magnetic stripe encoding schemes other than IATA, ABA, or TTS
- Network printing: because of the complex nature of networking, Datacard does not provide Help Desk technical support for the printer driver in networked applications

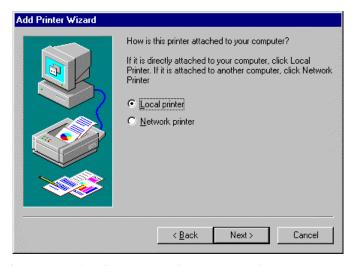
Embossing Limitations

Cards pass through the embosser in landscape orientation and the embossing wheels print characters horizontally. Therefore, embossing must be limited to landscape orientation.

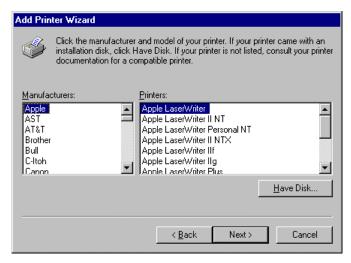
Installing the Printer Driver

The Datacard printer driver for Windows 95 or 98 creates CPX ports. CPX ports are virtual ports that use your existing COM ports to communicate with your Datacard printer. No additional hardware is needed. Setting up an additional port in this way tells Windows to use a software component (called a Port Monitor) for printing to your Datacard printer.

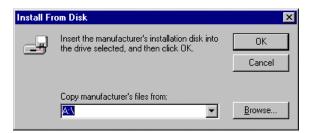
- 1. From the Windows Start button, choose **Settings** and then **Printers**. The Printers dialog box appears.
- 2. Double-click the **Add Printer** icon. The Add Printer Wizard dialog box appears.
- 3. Click the **Next** button.
- 4. If the computer is on a network, the following dialog box appears. Select **Local printer** and then click the **Next** button.



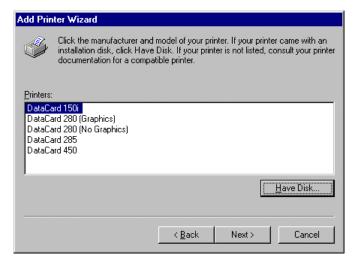
5. Click the **Have Disk** button on the next window.



6. Insert the driver disk or CD into the appropriate drive on your computer. Enter the drive identifier, and then click the **OK** button.

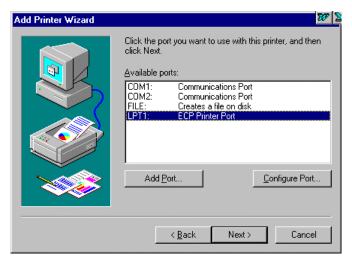


7. Select the description of your Datacard printer from the Printers list and click the **Next** button.



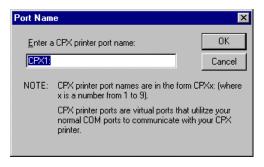
After several seconds, the driver files will be on your system. You must now configure the driver so it knows which port the printer is connected to.

8. Click the **Add Port** button.



The Port Name dialog box appears.

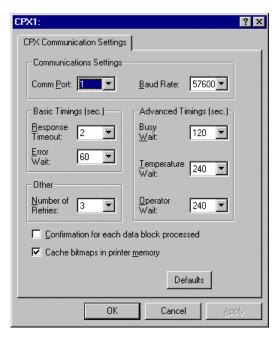
9. Type the name of the CPX Port, and then click **OK**.



The CPXx: dialog box appears.

10. Select the baud rate appropriate for your printer. Baud rates set at the factory are:

Printer	Default Baud Rate	Recommended
150i	9600	
280 and 285	9600	57600; 19200 if less than a Pentium
450	19200	



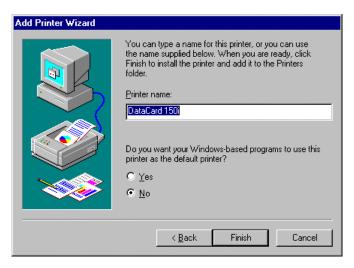
If you select Confirmation for each data block processed, the operator must acknowledge the following message before the printer will continue to the next record. Card-by-card confirmation will reduce throughput.



If you select Cache bitmaps in printer memory, the speed of printing can increase significantly when you use Printer type fonts and print the same bitmap (for example, a logo) on several consecutive cards.

Other settings are optional. Datacard recommends that only authorized Datacard service representatives alter the remaining settings.

- 11. Click the **OK** button.
- 12. Click the **Next** button.
- 13. If you want, type a user friendly name for the printer. In most cases, the default name is sufficient.



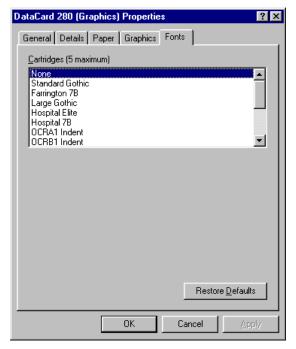
- 14. Select whether you want Windows to use your Datacard printer as the default printer. In most cases you should select **No**.
- 15. Click the **Finish** button. Windows completes the installation of your printer. Go on to the next procedure, Selecting Embossing and Indent Fonts.

Selecting Embossing and Indent Fonts

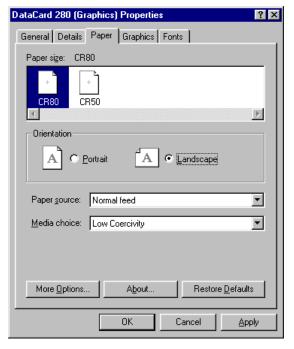
The information that follows explains how to identify to your Windows 95 application program which fonts are resident in your Datacard printer and how to complete the software settings. For a complete explanation of printer fonts, see Printer Fonts.

Use the following procedure to select the printer fonts and complete the software settings

- 1. In the Printers window, select your Datacard printer. Then from the File menu, select **Properties**. The Properties dialog box for your printer appears.
- 2. Click the **Fonts** tab. From the list of fonts available for your printer, select those that are actually installed in your printer.



- **1** You may select up to five fonts.
- 3. For all printers, select the **Paper** tab.



- 4. For the 280, 285, and 450 printers, in the Page size area select the card size you are using. The printer driver refers to the card size as the paper size. Select a logical page size to restrict the printing and embossing to legal areas. If your Windows application does not use page sizes, you must manually position your information in the allowable print area. Be sure to allow a margin of at least 0.200 inch to the centerline of text for normal text, and a top margin of 0.35 inch for embossing fonts.
 - The printer drivers for Windows 95 and 98 support either CR50 *or* CR80. Your printer is factory set to support one or the other. (The 150i supports only CR80.)
- 5. For all printers, in the Orientation area, select **Landscape**.
 - **1** Both orientations allow graphics and embossing. However, cards pass through the embosser in landscape orientation and the embossing wheels print characters horizontally. Therefore, embossing should be limited to landscape orientation.
- 6. For all printers, select **Normal feed** as the Paper source. The "Pause feed" and "Pre-Embossed Card" options, when present, require the user to respond to a message displayed on the printer after each card is printed.
- 7. For the 150i printer only, for the media choice, select the coercivity setting appropriate for your card stock.
- 8. For the 150i, 280, and 450 printers, click the **More Options** button. The Paper -- More Options dialog box appears. Select **Topper Enabled** to apply topping to embossed text. (**Note:** The 150i is designed to apply topping to the lower half of a CR80 card only. The topper must be disabled to emboss on the upper areas of the card.)

- 9. Click **OK** to close the dialog box.
- 10. Click **OK** on the Properties dialog box to save your settings. Go on to the printer configuration options procedure for your printer.

Setting 150i Printer Configuration Options

The following procedure tells how to change the 150i printer configuration to work with the printer driver. The instructions begin with the printer powered off.

- 1. Power ON the 150i. When "150i/CPX" is displayed, immediately press the # key.
 - The # key must be pressed before the machine enters the Ready mode to access the Setup Menu.
 - The printer scrolls through the Setup Menu as you press the # key. Within an option, press 0 to scroll through the choices available. When the appropriate choice is displayed, press the # key to accept the choice and move on to the next option.
- 2. Make the following selections:

Baud = 9600
Parity = None
Bits = 8
Monitor = No
TestCard = (appropriate setting)
Save Changes = Yes

After Save Changes = Yes is accepted, the printer will reset. Allow it to go to Ready mode.

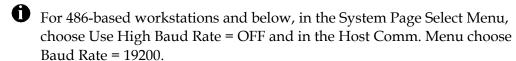
Setting 28x Printer Configuration Options

The following procedure tells how to change the 28x printer configuration to work with the printer driver for Windows 95 or 98. The instructions begin at the main menu of the printer's display window.

Setting Customer Engineer Configuration Options

- 1. At the Datacard 28x printer front panel, press **Esc** to go to the Main Menu.
- 2. Press **F3** to choose Set Up.
- 3. Select **F3** to choose Customer Engineer.
- 4. When prompted for an access code, press **F2** and then **F1**.
- 5. Press **F1** to choose the configuration menu.
- 6. Verify and set the configuration options identified below. Use the function keys (F1, F2, and F3) to scroll through menus, select a menu, select menu options, and save options.

Configure Menu option	Value to select or enter
System Page Select	System Page Menu
	Page = CPX Format
	Use High Baud Rate = On
	Baud Rate Menu
	Baud = 57600
	NAK Busy Used = On
	Send Pause Status = On
Host Comm.	Data Bits and Parity Menu
	Parity = 8 bit None
	Ignore Transmit Error = On
	Use Comm. Translation Table = Off
Check Card Limits Error	Card Limits Error = On



7. Press **Esc** twice to return to the Set Up Menu.

Setting Supervisor Configuration Options

- 1. Press **F2** to choose **Supervisor**.
- 2. When prompted for an access code, press **F1** and **F2**.
- 3. Verify and set the configuration options identified below. Use the function keys (F1, F2, and F3) to scroll through menus, select a menu, select menu options, and save options.

Setup Menu option	Value to select or enter
Power Up Online	Power Up Online = On
Options Control Table	Option = 1 (PRT-OFF, GFX-T0)
	Select Match Trigger Used
	Match = None
	Magstripe Current Adjust
	Cur = (appropriate status) (if applicable)
	Magstripe Erase Rejects
	Rej = Std No Erase (if applicable)
	Set Topper = On (if applicable)
	Printer = Off
	Host = None (If applicable)
	Convert to Graphics Table
	Used = None
	Allow Graphics Printing = Yes
	Always Print Logo/Fixed Fields = No
	Graphics Print Ignore Embossing = No
	Graphics Template[0-3] = 0
	Graphics Darkness Adjustments
	Type = Std Default

4. Press **Esc** twice to return to Online Ready.

Setting 450 Printer Configuration Options

The information that follows explains how to change the 450 printer configuration to work with the printer driver for Windows 95 or 98.

Disabling Auto Remake

- 1. Press the **READY** button. The message, "Operator Setup Press Option Key" appears.
- 2. Press the **OPTION** button eight times. The current Auto Remake setting appears.
- 3. If necessary, press the **ENTER** button to set Auto Remake to **Off**.
- 4. Press the **READY** button.

Setting Communication Parameters

- 1. Press the **READY** button. The message, "Operator Setup Press Option Key" appears.
- 2. While pressing and holding the **READY** button, press the **EXIT** button two times and the **OPTION** button two times, and then release the **READY** button. The message *Cust. Eng. Setup Press Option Key* appears.
- 3. Press the **OPTION** button two times.
- 4. Press the **ENTER** button. The current Baud Rate setting appears.
- 5. If necessary, press the **ENTER** button until 9600 is displayed.
 - The printer scrolls through the Customer Engineer Setup options as you press the **OPTION** button. To back up to an earlier option, press and hold the **READY** button, and then press the **OPTION** button.
- 6. Press the **OPTION** button. The current Parity setting appears.
- 7. If necessary, press the **ENTER** button until *None* is displayed.
- 8. Press the **OPTION** button. The current Bits/Char setting appears.
- 9. If necessary, press the **ENTER** button until 8 is displayed.
- 10. Press the **OPTION** button. The current Stop Bits setting appears.
- 11. If necessary, press the **ENTER** button until 1 is displayed.
- 12. Press the **OPTION** button. The current Parity Err Actn setting appears.
- 13. If necessary, press the **ENTER** button until *Halt* is displayed.
- 14. Press the **OPTION** button. The current Input End of Line setting appears.

- 15. If necessary, press the **ENTER** button until *CR* is displayed.
- 16. Press the **OPTION** button. The current Buffered Mode setting appears.
- 17. If necessary, press the **ENTER** button until *Off* is displayed.
- 18. Press the **OPTION** button. The current Data Conversion setting appears.
- 19. If necessary, press the **ENTER** button until ## is displayed.
- 20. Press the **OPTION** button. The current Protocol setting appears.
- 21. If necessary, press the **ENTER** button until *CPX Special* is displayed.
 - If you cycle through the choices and CPX Special is not one of them, the operating system EPROM must be upgraded.
- 22. Press the **READY** button.
- 23. Power off the printer, and then power it on.

Printer Fonts

The printer driver for Windows 95 and 98 uses two types of fonts: text and pseudo. Refer to the tables on the pages that follow for specific fonts that are available.

text fonts

Text fonts are the "flat" fonts printed on a card. They are available on the 280 with graphics and the 285. Text fonts come in two varieties: TrueType and Printer.

- The Windows operating system provides TrueType fonts, which are similar
 to graphics. The 280 with graphics and the 285 printers can use all the
 TrueType fonts. When you display a list of fonts in your Windows
 application, a T_T icon precedes all TrueType fonts.
- The printers provide **Printer** fonts. The fonts are similar, and in some cases nearly identical, to the TrueType fonts. The purpose of providing printer-resident fonts is to improve printing speed, although systems with very fast computers may be able to print cards using TrueType fonts as fast or faster than cards using printer fonts. When you display a list of fonts in your Windows application, a printer icon precedes all printer fonts. When using printer fonts, the screen image may not match the printed output.

pseudo fonts

Pseudo fonts enable embossing, indent, and magnetic stripe encoding capabilities. Most Windows applications do not have a built-in method for embossing or encoding; however, font selection capabilities are usually available. The printer drivers for Windows 95 and 98 use font selection as a method for identifying an encoding format (track 1-IATA, track 2-ABA, track 3-TTS) or an embossing style.

• Font selections must match the printer settings and hardware configuration.

The text fonts shown in Table 2 are available in point sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 24, and 36.

Table 2: Text Fonts

Printer Font Name	Char	racteristics
AvantGarde-Book	San serif	proportional
AvantGarde-Demi	San serif	proportional
Bookman-Demi	Serif	proportional
Bookman-LightItalic	Serif	proportional
Bookman-Light	Serif	proportional
Bookman-DemiItalic	Serif	proportional
Courier	Serif	monospace
Courier-Bold	Serif	monospace
Helvetica	San serif	proportional
Helvetica-Bold	San serif	proportional
NewCenturySchlbk-Roman	Serif	proportional
NewCenturySchlbk-Bold	Serif	proportional
NewCenturySchlbk-Italic	Serif	proportional
NewCenturySchlbk-BoldItalic	Serif	proportional
Palatino-Roman	Serif	proportional
Palatino-Bold	Serif	proportional
Palatino-Italic	Serif	proportional
Palatino-BoldItalic	Serif	proportional
Σψμβολ (Symbol)	Decorative	proportional
Times Roman	Serif	proportional
Times-Bold	Serif	proportional
Times-Italic	Serif	proportional
Times-BoldItalic	Serif	proportional
ZapfChancery-MediumItalic	Script	proportional
※۞□❖❖ઃ■ ※ ◎◆▼▲ (ZapfDingbat)	Decorative	proportional

Embossing and Indent Type

The Datacard 150i, 280, and 450 printers support the embossing and indent type sets listed in Table 3.

The printer uses an area on all sides to hold the card during embossing. If you try to place embossed text in this area, an error occurs and the embossed font will not print. If a character isn't available in the printer/embosser, that character is ignored.

Table 3: Embossing and Indent Type by Printer

Туре	150i	2xx	450
Farrington 7B	X	X	X
Standard Gothic	X	X	X
Large Gothic		Х	X
Hospital Elite		Х	Х
Hospital 7B		Х	X
OCRA1 Indent		Х	Х
OCRB1 Indent	Х	Х	Х
OCRB4 Emboss		Х	X
OCRB4 Indent		Х	Х
6mm Gothic		Х	Х
MasterCard Indent	Х	Х	Х
Electron Indent	Х	Х	
Standard Gothic (Cyrillic)	Х	X	
Standard Gothic CP 850	Х		
Standard Gothic CP 852	Х		

¹ The most common type sets ordered are Farrington 7B and Standard Gothic.

Magnetic Stripe Encoding

Datacard printers support the Magnetic Stripe tracks listed in Table 4.

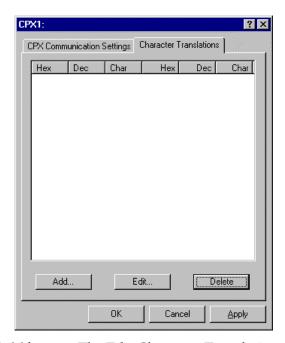
Table 4: Magnetic Stripe Tracks

Magnetic Stripe Style	Encoding Font	Track #	Maximum Length	Character Set
	IATA (210 BPI)	1	76	alphanumeric ISO standard characters (64 characters)
3 Track	ABA (75 BPI)	2	37	numeric and special characters ., :, ;, <, =, > (16 characters)
	TTS (210 BPI)	3	104	numeric and special characters ., :, :, <, =, > (64 characters)
2 Track	IATA (210 BPI)	1	76	alphanumeric ISO standard characters
	ABA (75 BPI)	2	37	numeric and special characters ., :, ;, <, =, >

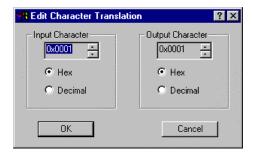
Translating Characters

If you use special characters (for example, accent marks for some languages, the Visa V), you will need to translate the characters sent by your Windows application to the corresponding positions on the embossing wheels.

1. Select the **Character Translations** tab of the CPXx: properties sheet. (If necessary, from the Windows 95 Start button, select **Settings** and then **Printers**. Select your Datacard printer from the list of printers, and then click the right mouse button and select **Properties**. Select the **Details** tab, and then the **Port Settings** button.)

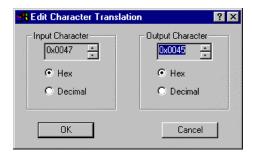


2. Click the **Add** button. The Edit Character Translation dialog box appears.

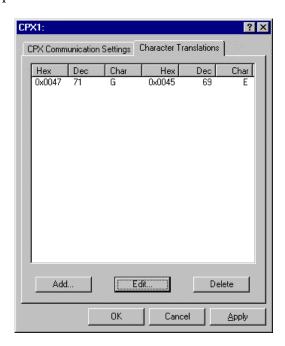


- 3. In the Input Character area, select **Hex** to work with hexadecimal values or **Decimal** to work with decimal values.
- 4. Click the arrows until the character value you want to translate appears.

- For exact values to enter, refer to your country's code page in the Windows Resource Kit, available from Microsoft Corporation. Decimal values 00 through 31 (hexadecimal values 00 through 1F) are non-printing control codes.
- 5. In the Output Character area, select **Hex** to work with hexadecimal values or **Decimal** to work with decimal values.
- 6. Click the arrows until the character value you want to translate to appears.



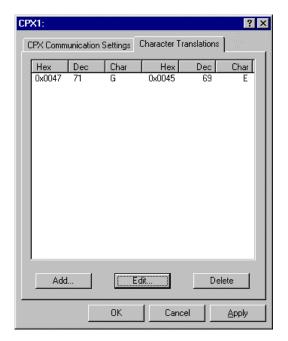
7. Click **OK**. The Edit Character Translation dialog box closes and the values you entered appear in the character list.



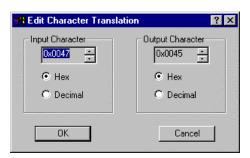
- The output character displayed will not be correct for your system, because the printer driver for Windows 95 has no way of knowing what punches and dies you've loaded in your print wheel.
- 8. Repeat steps 2 through 7 for additional character translations.
- 9. Click **OK** to save your changes and return to the printer Properties dialog box. Click **OK** to close the printer Properties dialog box.

Changing a Character Translation

 Select the Character Translations tab of the CPXx: properties sheet. (If necessary, from the Windows Start button, select Settings and then Printers. Select your Datacard printer from the list of printers, and then click the right mouse button and select Properties. Select the Details tab, and then the Port Settings button.)



- 2. In the characters list, select the row you want to change.
- 3. Click the **Edit** button. The Edit Character Translation dialog box appears.

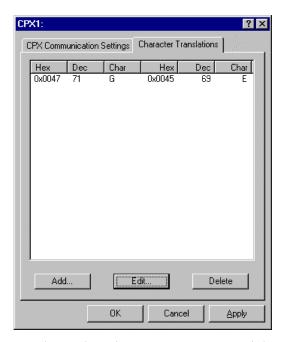


- 4. In the Input Character area, select **Hex** to work with hexadecimal values or **Decimal** to work with decimal values.
- 5. Click the arrows until the character value you want to translate appears.
- 6. In the Output Character area, select **Hex** to work with hexadecimal values or **Decimal** to work with decimal values.
- 7. Click the arrows until the character value you want to translate to appears.
- 8. Click **OK**. The Edit Character Translation dialog box closes and the values you entered appear in the character list.
- 9. Repeat steps 2 through 8 for additional character translation changes.

10. Click **OK** to save your changes and return to the printer Properties dialog box. Click **OK** to close the printer Properties dialog box.

Deleting a Translated Character

 Select the Character Translations tab of the CPXx: properties sheet. (If necessary, from the Windows Start button, select Settings and then Printers. Select your Datacard printer from the list of printers, and then click the right mouse button and select Properties. Select the Details tab, and then the Port Settings button.)



- 2. In the characters list, select the row you want to delete.
- 3. Click the **Delete** button. The row is removed from the characters list.
- Click **OK** to save your changes and return to the printer Properties dialog box.
 Click **OK** to close the printer Properties dialog box.

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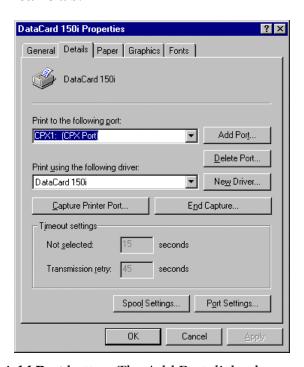
You manage print jobs on your Datacard printer in exactly the same way you manage other print jobs in Windows. See Windows help, available from the Start button menu, for information on:

- Pausing print jobs
- Restarting print jobs
- Deleting print jobs

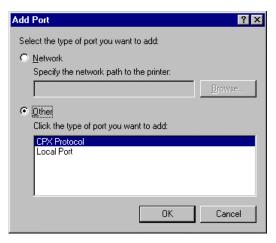
Adding CPX Ports

If you need to change the CPX port that you use to communicate with your Datacard printer, you may need to create another CPX port. The following procedure explains how to install another CPX port after the printer has been installed.

- 1. Open the Datacard printer's Properties dialog box from the Printers window or the menu in the printer's job window.
- Select the **Details** tab.

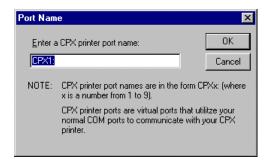


- 3. Click the **Add Port** button. The Add Port dialog box appears.
- 4. Select **Other** and then select the CPX Protocol for the type of port you want to add. Click the **OK** button.



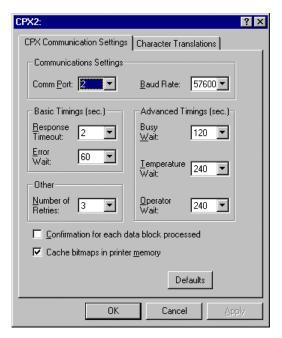
The Port Name dialog box appears.

5. Type in the name of the CPX port, and then click the **OK** button.



The CPXx: dialog box appears.

6. Verify that the baud rate is set appropriately for your printer. Other settings are optional. Datacard recommends that only authorized Datacard service representatives alter the remaining settings.

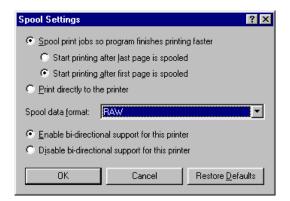


7. The new CPX port is created and assigned to your Datacard printer.

Restoring Default Spool Settings

Normally, the spool settings need not be changed. If they were changed, you can restore the default settings by clicking the **Restore Defaults** button on the Spool Settings dialog box.

- 1. Open the Datacard printer's Properties dialog box from the Printers window or the menu in the printer's job window.
- 2. Select the **Details** tab.
- 3. Click the **Spool Settings** button. The Spool Settings dialog box appears.



- 4. Click the **Restore Defaults** button.
 - If Disable bi-directional support for this printer was selected, the default setting, Enable bi-directional support for this printer, will not be restored. You must select the default setting before going on to the next step.
- 5. Click **OK** to save the default settings and close the Spool Settings dialog box.
- 6. Click **OK** to close the printer Properties dialog box.

Troubleshooting

Why do I get an error using embossed fonts?

The most common error occurs when embossed fonts are not positioned correctly on a card. Embossed fonts can be placed anywhere on a card, except for the margin area, which varies by printer. If embossed text is placed in the margin area of the card, an illegal font placement error will be detected by the printer and the card will not print the embossed text. The error message will appear both on the printer and on the computer screen.

The solution is to redesign the card, moving the embossed font into the legal printable area of the card.

The 150i is designed to apply topping to the lower half of a CR80 card. The topper must be disabled to emboss on the upper areas of the card.

Embossed fonts do not print as they appear on the screen.

The problem likely is traced to the orientation you are using. Emboss fonts only print horizontally on a card in landscape orientation. If the font has been rotated in landscape orientation, the font will not print as displayed. Conversely, in portrait orientation, the embossed font must be rotated to display vertically on the card. Embossing should be limited to landscape orientation. The reason for this is the mechanical design of the printer and the wheel set.



f you are using QuikWorks and need to use embossed fonts on a card designed in portrait orientation, select the field to be embossed, select the rotate menu command three times, and then move the field to the proper place on the card.

Why don't embossed fonts appear in the font menu?

Embossed fonts are special printer fonts. For embossed fonts to appear in your application's font list, the font cartridge must be selected from the cartridge list found on the **Fonts** tab of the printer's Properties dialog box (see page 10). Determine which type sets have been installed in your printer and select them.

Applications may need to be restarted to ensure that the new fonts are recognized and updated in the menu.

Also, in the application, make sure the correct printer is selected and the Page Setup is configured properly for card size, card orientation, and margins.

Why don't magnetic stripe fonts appear in the font menu?

The magnetic stripe fonts are special printer fonts. For magnetic stripe fonts to appear in your application's font list, the Magnetic Stripe Encoder must be selected from the cartridge list found on the Fonts tab of the printer's Properties dialog box (see page 10). Applications should be restarted to ensure that the new fonts are recognized and updated in the menu.

Also, in the application, make sure the correct printer is selected and the Page Setup is configured properly for card size, card orientation, and margins.

Why do I get time-out errors?

The computer and printer have a communication protocol. If they lose contact during a print operation, a timing sequence begins and attempts are made to reconnect. If the timing sequence reaches a "time-out" state, an error occurs. (Time-out values are set in the CPXx: dialog box, available by clicking the **Port Settings** button on the **Details** tab of the printer Properties dialog box.) Depending on the reason for the time-out error (for example, loose cable connection, file missing, mismatched baud rates), the solution to fix the problem will vary. If the problems persists after your attempts to resolve it or if you experience back-to-back time-out error messages, take the following steps to resolve the problem, trying to print after each step:

- 1. Cancel the error message and start the print operation from the beginning.
- 2. Purge all print jobs and restart the application issuing the card.
- 3. Reboot the printer.
- 4. Restart Windows.

When installing the driver, the most common problem is *no* communications rather than lost communications. Verify the communications settings, including PC COMM port; verify use of the correct connections and that baud rate settings match between the printer and software, printer configuration, etc. Many times the problem lies with an improperly configured PC. You may need to contact your PC technical support representative to ensure that the PC's IRQ, DMA, BIOS, and other settings are correct.

Initial setup problems printing Graphics, Embossing or Magnetic Stripe

If you have followed the prescribed steps to select embossed fonts and/or magnetic stripe fonts and still cannot print successfully, the problem may be an incorrect setting in the printer itself. In other words, some parameter is turned off that should be turned on (for example, Graphics off or Magnetic Stripe Track XX off). The machine is set up correctly in the factory, but can be user configured and, consequently, the potential exists for incompatibility. Check technical manuals and follow prescribed steps to ensure that settings are correct.

How do I check the version of the printer driver?

From the Windows Start button, select **Settings** and then **Printers**. Select the Datacard printer from the list of printers installed. Select **File** and then **Properties**. The printer Properties dialog box appears. Select the **Paper** tab, and then click the **About** button.

My Word 97 document doesn't print.

There is an incompatibility between Microsoft Word 97 and the printer driver for Windows 95. To print a card created in Word 97, save it in Word 6 format and then send it to your Datacard printer.

Multiple copies of Word 6 documents don't print.

To print more than one copy of a card created in Microsoft Word Version 6, start a print request for each copy you want to print.



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