## Desktop Thermal Printer User's Manual

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#### LP2722, TLP2722, LP2742, TLP2742 and TLP3742 Thermal Printers



		n Council ective	Compliance to Standards	
	89/336/EEC	EMC Directive	EN55022-A 1995	RF Emissions control
	92/31/EE	EMC Directive	EN50082-1 1992	Immunity to Electromag- netic Disturbances

#### FCC - DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY:



Models: LP2722, TLP2722, LP2742, TLP2742 and TLP3742 conform to the following specification:

FCC Part 15, Subpart B, Section 15.107(a) and Section 15.109(a) Class B digital device

#### **Supplemental Information:**

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following Two Conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

#### Industry Canada Notice:

This device complies with Industry Canada ICS-003 class B requirements.

Cet equipement est conforme a l'ICS-003 classe B de la norm Industrielle Canadian

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#### General Cautions and Warnings

This page describes general safety and maintenance warnings and cautions for the printer and are referenced throughout the manual.

#### Warning - Shock Hazard





The printer should never be operated in a location where it can get wet. Personal injury could result.

#### Warning - Static Discharge



The discharge of electrostatic energy that accumulates on the surface of the human body or other surfaces can damage or destroy the print head or electronic components used in this device. DO NOT TOUCH the print head or the electronic components under the print head assembly.

#### Caution - Printer Setup & Handling



- 1)When installing or modifying the printer setup or configuration, <u>ALWAYS TURN POWER OFF Before</u>:
  - A) Connecting any cables.
  - B) Performing any cleaning or maintenance operations.
  - C) Moving the printer.

#### Media Warning



Always use high quality approved labels and tags. If adhesive backed labels are used that DO NOT lay flat on the backing liner, the exposed edges may stick to the label guides and rollers inside the printer, causing the label to peel off from the liner and jam the printer.

#### Media Reload Hint



If you should run out of labels while printing, DO NOT turn the power switch OFF (0) while reloading or data loss may occur. The printer will automatically resume printing when a new label or ribbon roll is loaded.

#### Print Quality Tip



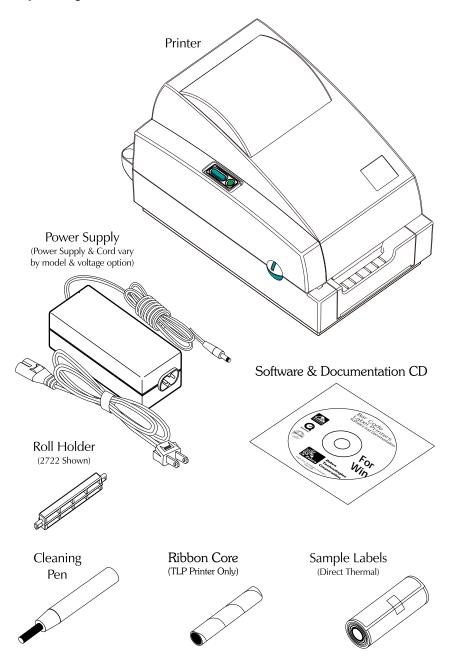
Print density (darkness) is affected by the heat energy (density setting) applied and by the print speed. Changing both Print Speed and Density may be required to achieve the desired results.

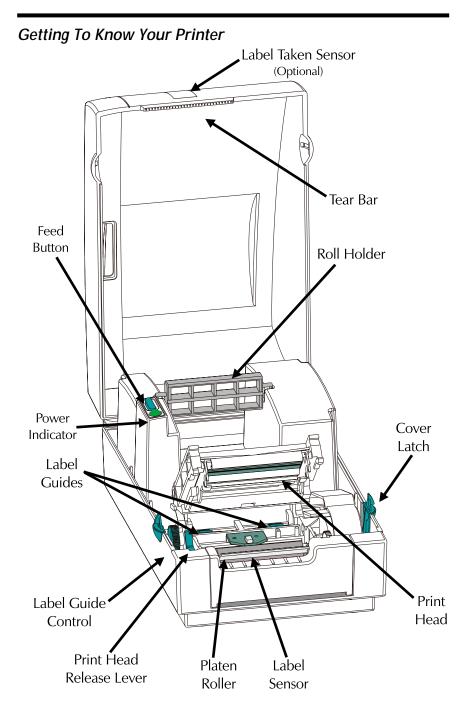
## 1 Installation and Operation

This section provides information on the installation and operation of the printer.

The printer is a low cost, desktop thermal bar code printer. LP models are direct thermal. TLP modes are thermal transfer and direct thermal printers. This family of printers is specifically designed for printing labels, tags or continuous receipts (with or without bar codes) from a DOS $^{\text{TM}}$ , Windows $^{\text{TM}}$ or ASCII-based compatible computer.

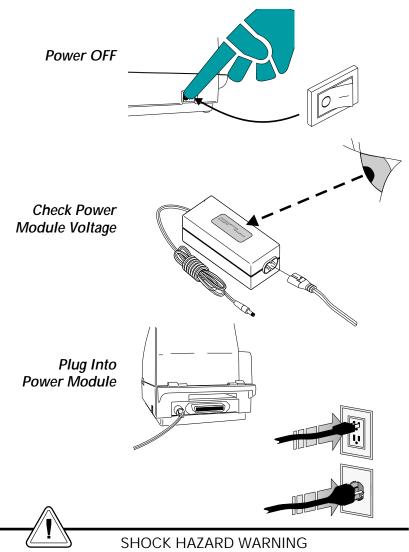
## **Unpacking Your Printer**





**Installation** The following steps will guide you through the installation of the printer, media and software.

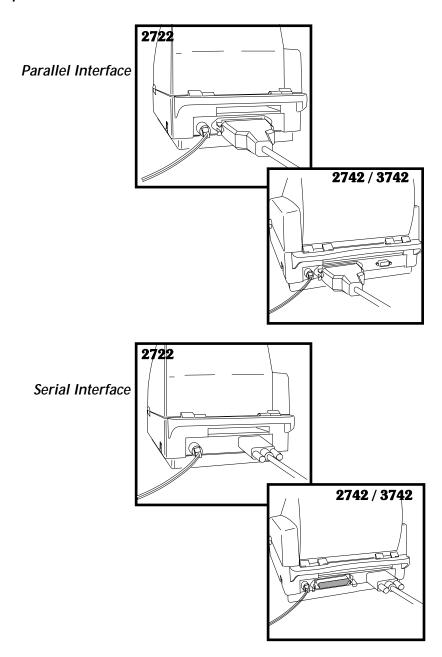
Step 0 - Attach Power



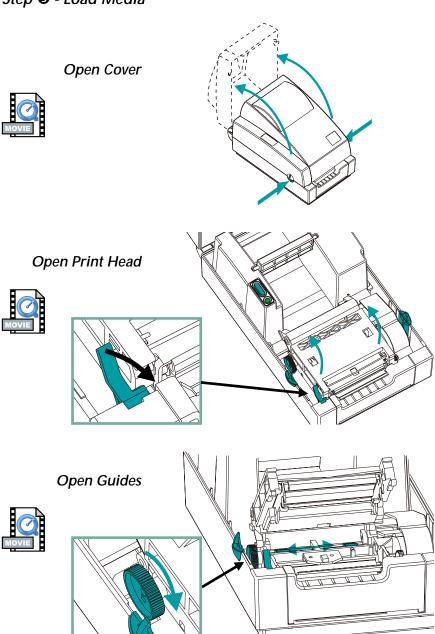
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Step 2 - Attach Interface Cable



## Step **3** - Load Media

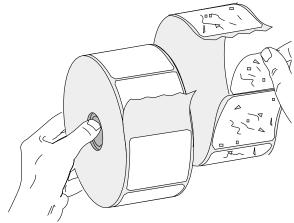


# Printer

Before You Load You must remove the outside length of media Media in the (that is, one, full revolution of labels and any liner). When you remove this part of the media, you remove the oils, dust, and adhesives that contaminate it. Tape or adhesive holds the loose end and the outside length of media becomes contaminated when handled or stored.

#### Labels

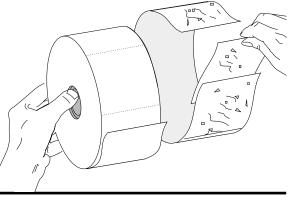
Remove all labels that are held by adhesives or tape





Tag Stock

Detach both ends of the bottom tag

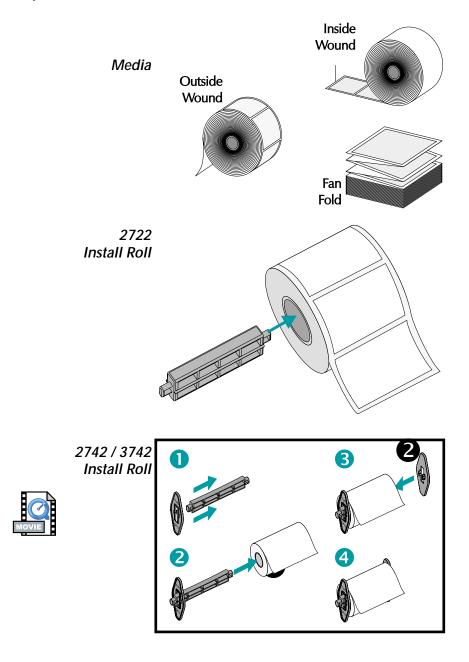




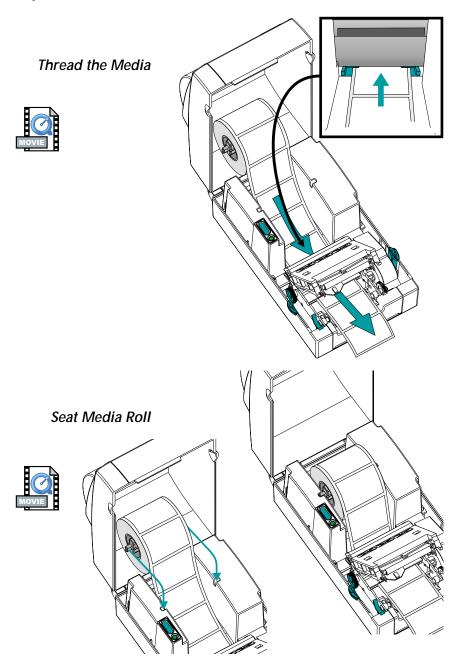
You must avoid dragging adhesive or dirty media between the print head and platen. Such an occurrence damages the print head and is not covered under your warranty. Using clean media prevents damage and reduces wear on the print head and platen.

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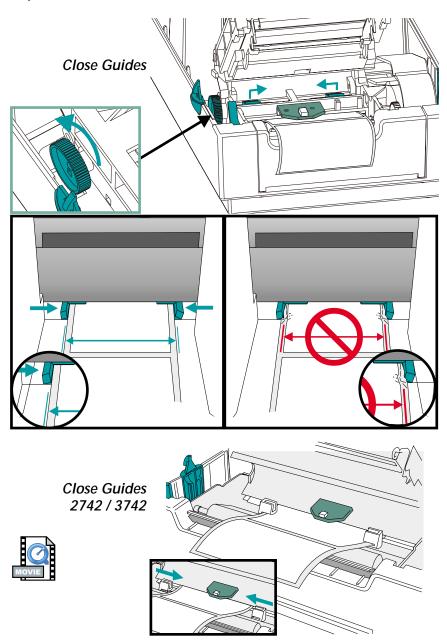
## Step 6 - Load Media (cont.)

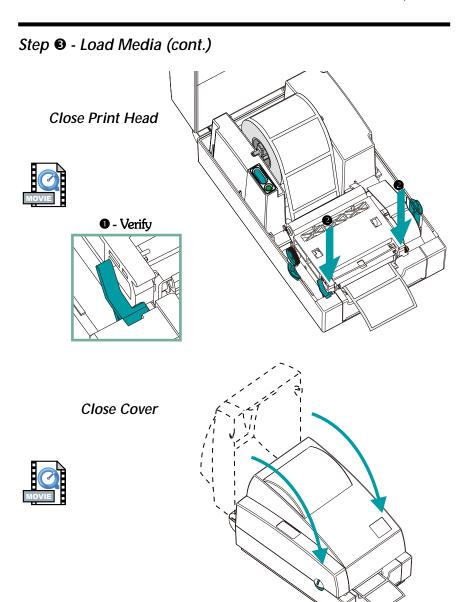


## Step **3** - Load Media (cont.)

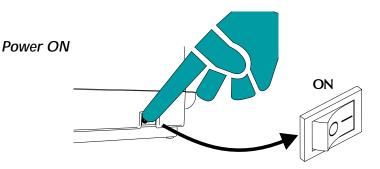


Step **©** - Load Media (cont.)

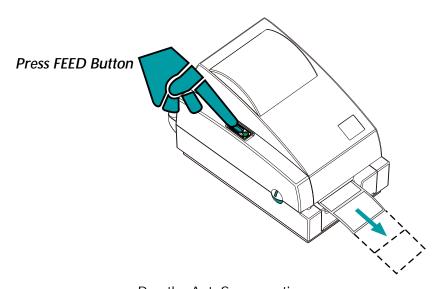




### Step 9 - Load Media (cont.)

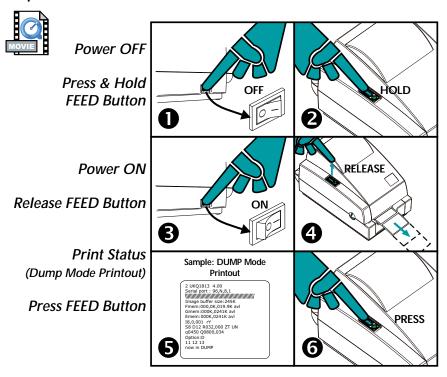


If the indicator fails to light, refer to Appendix A - Trouble Shooting.



Run the AutoSense routine.

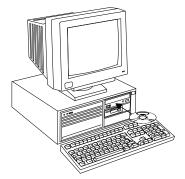
#### Step 4 - AutoSense



Step 6 - Install Software

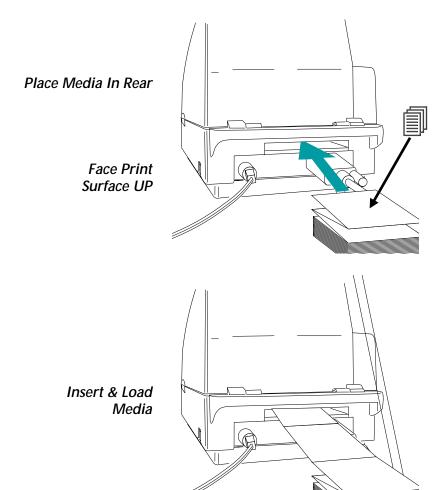
Computer ON

Insert Printer CD ROM



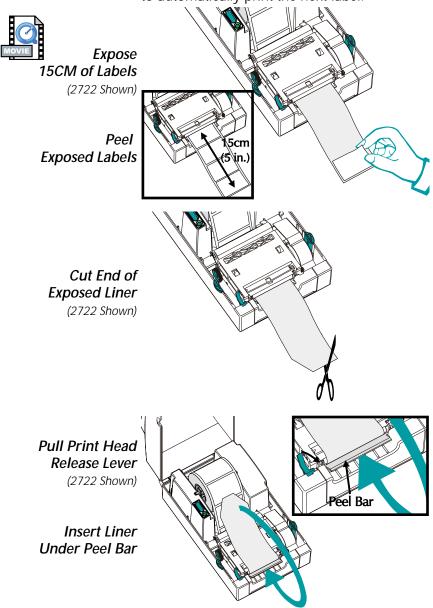
Start your computer and follow the installation instructions on the compact disc (CD).

## Using Fan-Fold Media

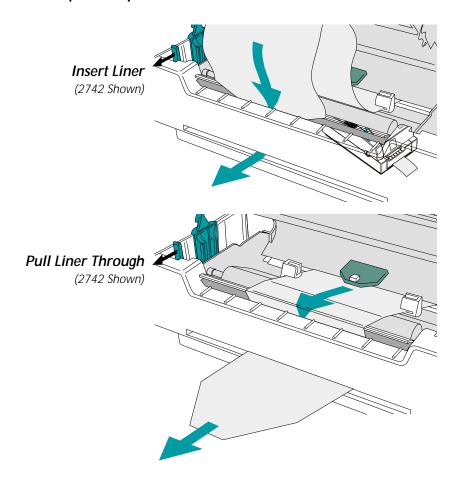


## Label Dispenser F

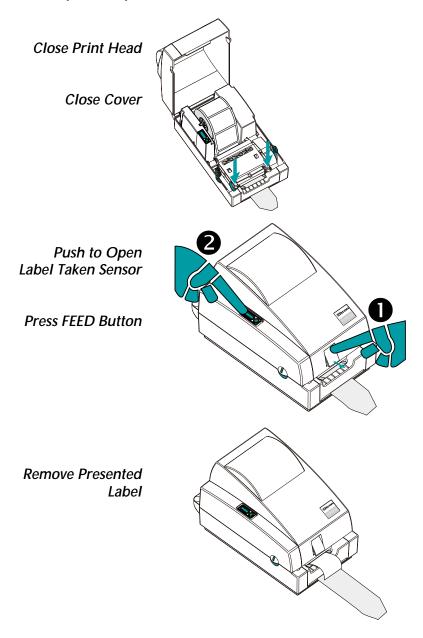
Printers with an optional label taken sensor can dispense a single peeled label. Remove the label to automatically print the next label.



## Label Dispense Option



## Label Dispense Option

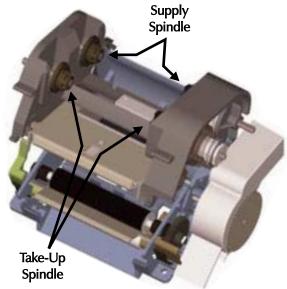


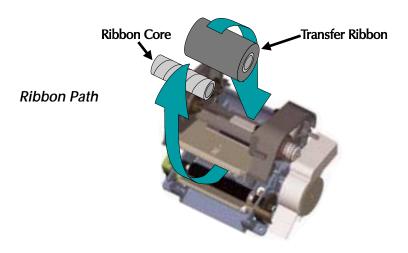
## Thermal Transfer Ribbon Loading

MOVIE

This feature is supported on TLP model printers, only.

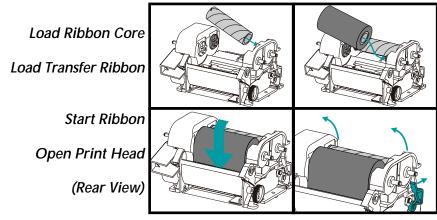
Thermal Transfer Print Head Mechanism



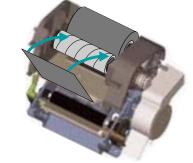


## Thermal Transfer Ribbon Loading

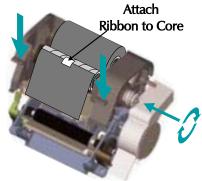
## **Open Print Head**



Pull Ribbon Around Print Head



Close



Installation and Operation

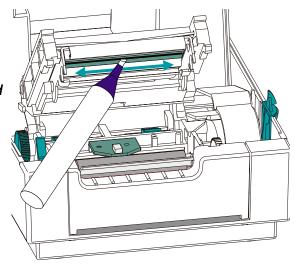
## Appendix A - Troubleshooting

Problem	Solution or Reason
POWER indicator does not light GREEN when power switch is turned to ON (1) position.	Check power connections from A.C. outlet to power supply to printer.
POWER indicator lights GREEN, but printer will not print.	Check interface cable connections from computer to printer.
Printer appears to be working (media is being fed out), but nothing is printed.	<ol> <li>Verify that the labels are the correct type (direct thermal).</li> <li>Check that the roll is loaded with the direct thermal side facing up.</li> <li>Clean the print head with cleaning pen.</li> <li>For TLP models, check that the ribbon is properly installed.</li> </ol>
Printing is faded or poor quality.	<ol> <li>Clean the print head with cleaning pen.</li> <li>Adjust print speed/darkness in software.</li> </ol>
Prints only partial label or skips a label.	<ol> <li>Perform AutoSense gap sensor adjustment on page 13.</li> <li>Label caught on print head.</li> <li>Print head is not properly latched.</li> <li>Possible software problem. Check the printer memory configuration. Refer to the EPL2 Programming manual.</li> </ol>
Printing stops and POWER indicator lights ORANGE or RED.	<ol> <li>Perform AutoSense gap sensor adjustment on page 13.</li> <li>Possible problem with label stock. Use only approved labels and tags.</li> <li>Possible label jam.</li> <li>Insufficient memory for label size. Check the printer memory configuration.</li> <li>Possible software problem. Refer to the EPL2 Programming manual.</li> </ol>

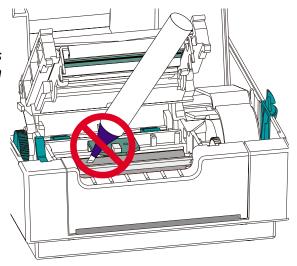
#### Printer Maintenance



Clean the Print Head



# Don't Clean Rollers with Cleaning Pen



## Configuration Settings

**Printer** The printer has flash (non-volatile) memory to store printer configuration settings. The settings are stored in flash memory and are set by programing, printer drivers or the AutoSense routine. The settings are shown on the Dump mode printout or can be reported back to the host via the serial port.

> The following are the basic settings stored in the printer:

> Print Mode - Direct (**OD**) or Thermal Transfer (**O**) Speed (S) Density (**D**) or heat applied Form (label) length and gap in dots (Q) Form (label) width in dots (q) Serial Port (Y) Margin (**R**) Buffer Mode (r)

Options: **D** Print Mode is Direct Thermal (OD)

#### Dump Mode Printout

(See the **U** command in the Programmer's manual for details)

```
2UK01813L
             V4.84
Serial port:96,N.8.1
Page Mode
Image buffer size: 0245K
Fmem: 000.0K.061.4K av1
Gmem: 000K, 0045K av1
Emem: 024K, 0045K av1
18.0.001 rY
S2 D07 R024 000 ZT UN
q432 Q832,027
Option:
04 07 11
now in DUMP
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#### Serial Interface Communication Configuration

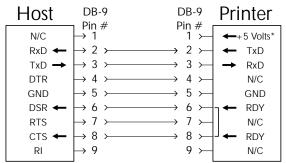
The printer's serial port is configured with the **Y** command for the printer. The printer supports interface data rates from 1200 to 38,400 baud. See the programmer's manual for details.

The printer's serial port default configuration is:

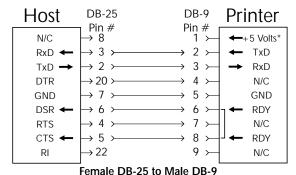
9600 baud 8 bit data 1 stop bit No parity

#### RS-232 Serial Interface Cable Wiring

The figure below displays the cable wiring required to use the printer's serial interface.



Female DB-9 to Male DB-9



\*+5 volts at 150 mA for external device (e.g. KDU or scanner)

# Cable Wiring

Parallel Interface The figure below displays the cable wiring required to use the printer's Centronics parallel interface.

HOST Pin No. Pin No.	PRINTER STROBE
	STROBE
STROBE 1 — 1 —	
DATA 0 — 2 — 2 —	DATA 0
DATA 1 - 3 - 3 -	DATA 1
DATA 2 — 4 — 4 —	DATA 2
DATA 3 — 5 — 5 —	DATA 3
DATA 4 — 6 — 6 —	DATA 4
DATA 5	DATA 5
DATA 6 — 8 — 8 —	DATA 6
DATA 7 — 9 — 9 —	DATA 7
ACK/ - 10 - 10 -	ACK/
BUSY — 11 — 11 —	BUSY
PAPER ERR. — 12 — 12 — 12 —	PAPER ERR.
READY 13	READY
INIT 14 — 14 —	INIT
ERROR/ — 15 — 15 —	ERROR/
N/A 16 16	N/A
N/A 17 17	N/A
N/A 18 18	+5V
SIG. GND — 19 — 19 —	SIG. GND
SIG. GND — 20 — 20 —	SIG. GND
SIG. GND — 21 — 21 — 21 —	SIG. GND
SIG. GND — 22 — 22 — 22 —	SIG. GND
SIG. GND — 23 — 23 —	SIG. GND
SIG. GND — 24 — 24 — 24 —	SIG. GND
SIG. GND 25 — 25 —	

Female DB-25 to Male Centronics (Cable)

<sup>+5</sup> volts at 300 mA for external device (e.g. PrintServer)