



# **PX450**

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**(Color Printer 450)**

### User's Manual

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# Section 1: Getting Started

## **THANK YOU...**

...for choosing an PX450 Color Point-of-Sale Printer. The PX450 Printer will print full color point of sale images quickly and reliably.

This User's Manual is your complete step-by-step guide to quickly and easily setting up and printing with your new Printer!

### **A. CHOOSING A GOOD LOCATION**

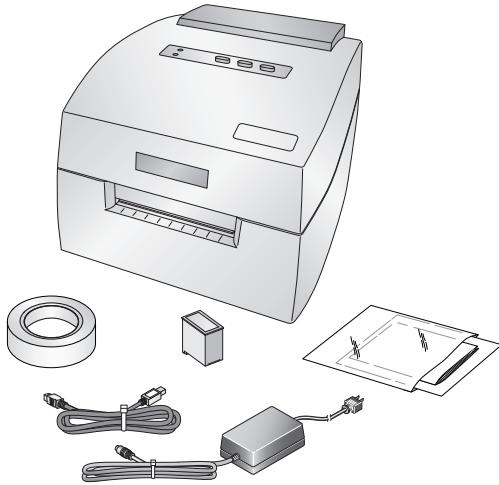
- Place the printer on a flat surface in a location with adequate air circulation to prevent internal heat build-up.
- Do not place the printer near heat sources such as radiators or air ducts, or in a place subject to direct sunlight, excessive dust, mechanical vibration or shock.
- Allow for adequate clearance in front of the printer to accommodate the printed paper stock as it is leaving the printer to avoid the possibility of binding or jamming of the media.
- Allow for adequate overhead clearance for opening the top cover to allow easy access to the media and ink cartridge.

## **B. UNPACKING AND INSPECTION**

While unpacking your printer, inspect the carton to ensure that no damage has occurred during shipping. Make sure that all supplied accessories are included with your unit. The following items should be included:

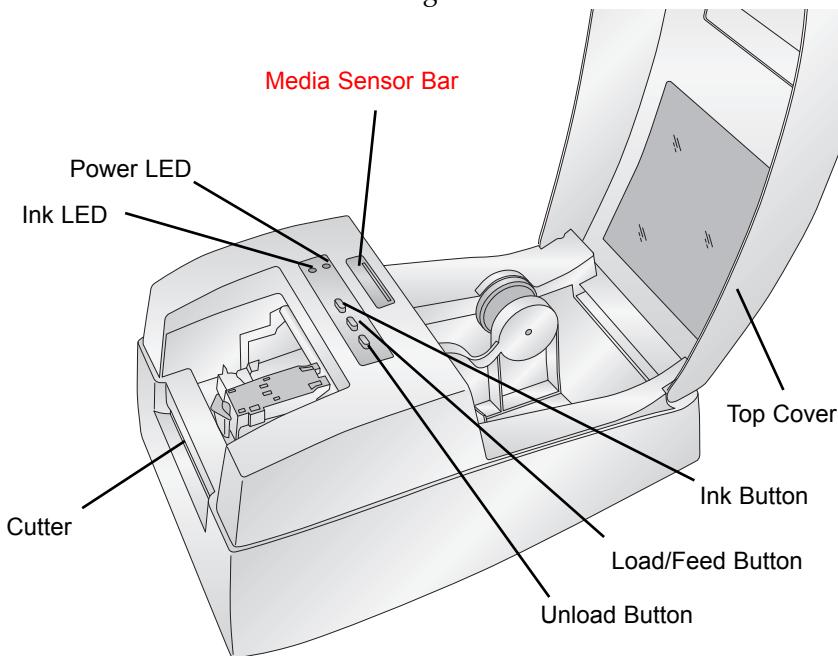
- Printer
- Power Adapter
- Separate Power Cord
- USB Cable
- Software Installer CD
- Color Ink Cartridge
- Starter roll of continuous paper stock
- Warranty Statement and Registration Card
- This manual and other printed information

Save the carton and packing materials. They will come in handy when transporting the printer.



## C. IDENTIFYING THE PARTS

This illustration shows the front of the printer with its control buttons and LED indicator lights.



The **Power LED** indicates that the printer is on and ready to receive print jobs.

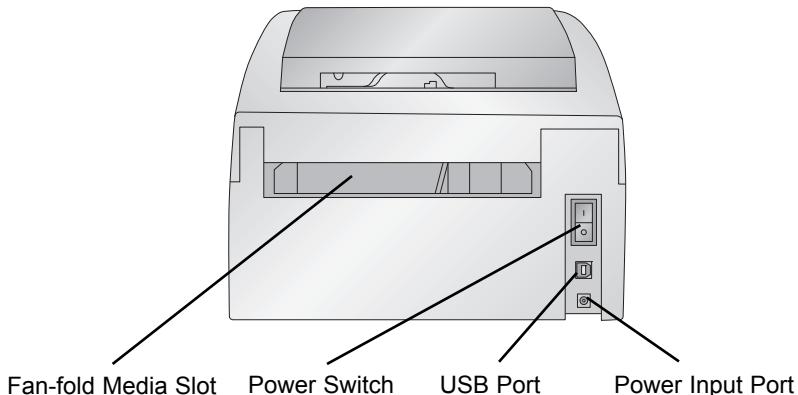
The **Ink LED** will illuminate when a cartridge has 10% or less of its ink remaining.

The **Ink Button** moves the print carriage to the center of the printer so you can easily change the cartridge.

The **Load/Feed Button** is pressed in order to load media or form feed the paper stock through the printer.

The **Unload Button** will unload the installed media by reversing it through the printer. Make sure to tear off the printed media before pressing the Unload Button.

This illustration shows the input ports and power switch found on the rear panel of the printer.



## D. COMPUTER SPECIFICATIONS

### Minimum PC Specifications

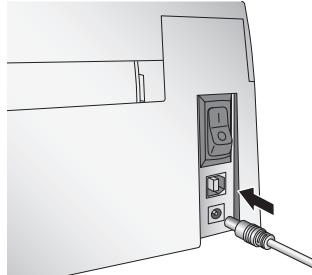
For optimal printing speed you must have a PC with the following minimum specifications:

- Pentium IV processor
- 512 MB of RAM
- 5 GB of free hard drive space

## Section 2: Hardware and Software Setup

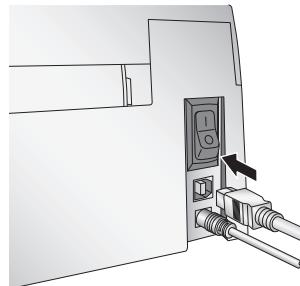
### A. CONNECTING POWER

1. Locate the Power Adapter supplied with your printer.
2. Plug the Power Adapter into the Power Input Port on the rear panel of the printer.
3. Plug the Power Cord of the adapter into an available wall outlet or surge protecting power strip. Once the Power Cord is connected, the printer can be switched on and off using the Power Switch.



### B. CONNECTING THE USB CABLE / INSTALLING THE PRINTER DRIVER

1. Place the installer CD in the computer's CD/DVD drive. Ignore any autorun/autoplay prompt that appears.
2. Connect the printer to your PC.
3. After a few moments, Windows™ will tell you it has found new hardware and is looking for software to install it.



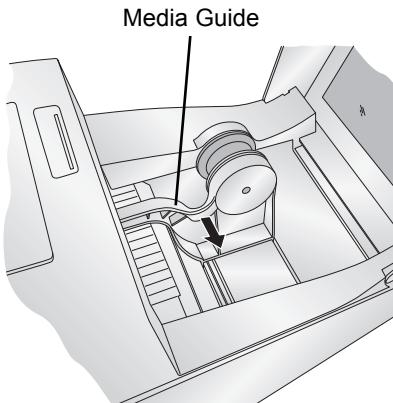


4. Select "Install the software automatically" and click **Next**. You may see a notice like the one shown here stating that the Printer has not passed Windows Logo Testing. Click **Continue Anyway** to continue installing the printer driver for your Printer.



## C. INSTALLING MEDIA

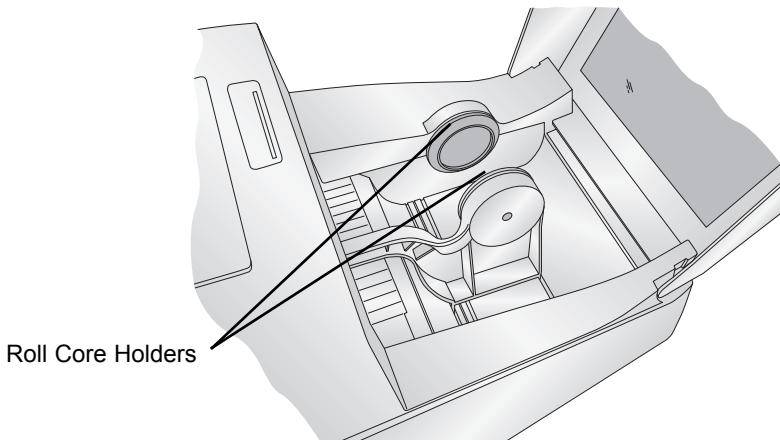
Your printer will utilize a wide variety of continuous media. Most inkjet receptive media within the provided size specifications will work in your printer. Primera carries a variety of media that has been converted and is ready for use with your printer.



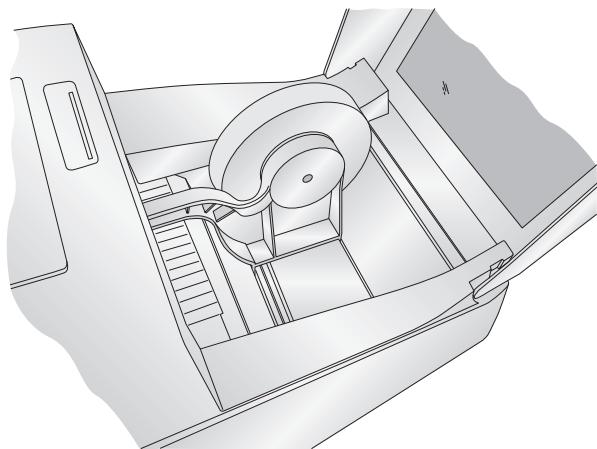
1. Open the Top Cover.
2. Pull the spring-loaded Media Guide out far enough to fit the roll of media.

**Important Note:** Using die-cut label stock is not recommended.

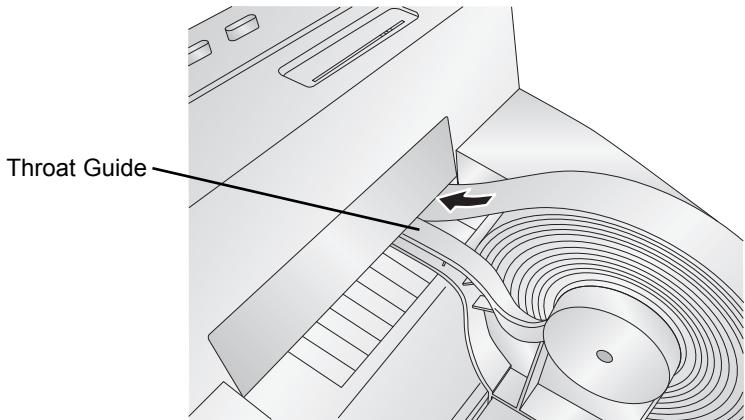
3. Remove any shipping tape from your media roll to ensure that it can unroll freely, making certain that no adhesive portion is exposed. It is important to note that any exposed adhesive surface can attach itself to the inner workings of the print mechanism and cause a media jam.



4. Place the media roll between the Roll Core Holders and release the spring-loaded Media Guide to hold the roll. The Roll Core Holders allow the roll to move freely.

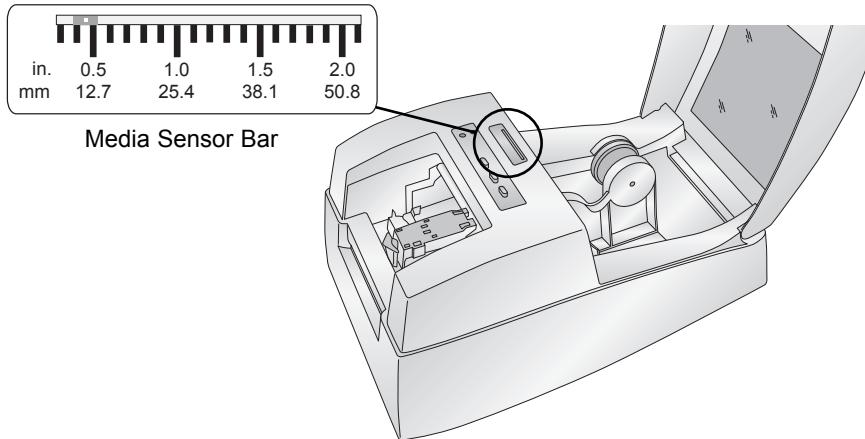


5. Place the leading edge of the media between the Throat Guide and the side of the printer.

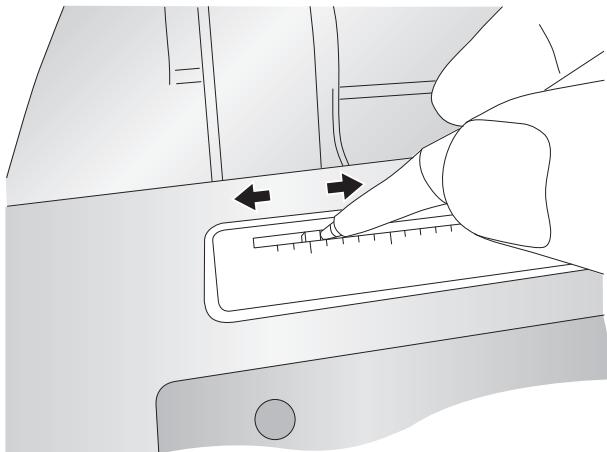


6. Feed the media further into the printer until it senses the media and automatically feeds it through the printer. If the printer fails to feed the media, press the Load/Feed Button on the front panel while continuing to guide the media into the printer.

For narrow media it may be necessary to adjust the media sensor position. The scale on the Media Sensor Bar represents the distance from the sensor to the left edge of the media. Adjust the sensor to be roughly centered on the media. The media sensor is used to automatically detect when a label is fed into the printer and to stop the printer when the media is depleted.



To adjust the sensor position, use a pen to move the slide bar to the correct position.



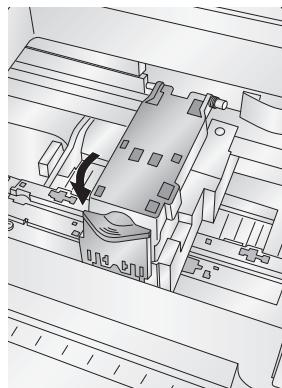
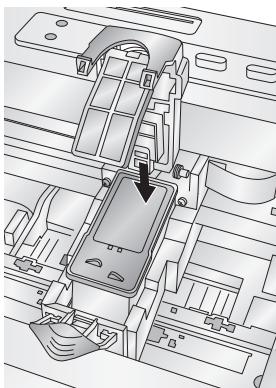
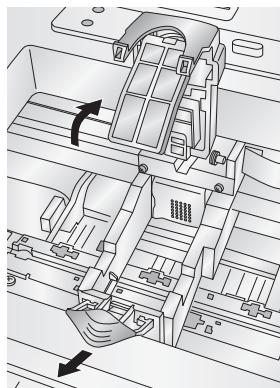
## D. INSTALLING THE INK CARTRIDGE

Your printer has a built-in ink tracking system. This system is designed to warn you if your ink cartridge is low on ink. This ensures your labels will print properly.

In order to make this system work properly, the Ink Cartridge must be changed using the procedure listed below. Failure to follow this procedure could result in inaccurate ink level tracking and could cause your **print quality** to suffer.

When you encounter a low ink condition the Ink LED will flash and a low ink warning message will automatically print. The Ink Cartridge is changed as follows:

1. Open the Top Cover of the printer.
2. Press the Ink Button to move the Cartridge Holder to the center of the print area.
3. Press the Cartridge Cover Release to open the Cartridge Holder.
4. Remove the new Ink Cartridge from its packaging. Be sure to remove the protective tape covering the copper contacts.
5. Install the Ink Cartridge copper end first.
6. Push the Cartridge Cover downward until it snaps in place.



7. Press the Ink Button again.

The Ink LED will turn off and the printer is now ready to print.

## **E. ALIGNING THE INK CARTRIDGE**

Cartridge alignment is optional and is only necessary if you would like to improve print quality. **Cartridge alignment** will align the Color Ink Cartridge for bidirectional printing and calibrate the printer to each individual cartridge. Align the cartridge via the printer settings which are described in Section 4.

For alignment you will need to have media installed that is equal to or larger than 3" (101.6mm) wide. If your stock does not meet this requirement follow the steps below:

- a. Unload your current stock by pressing the Unload Button. The printer will reverse the media so that it can be removed from the printer.
- b. Now send the alignment via the printer preferences area. It is important that you send the alignment with no media installed.
- c. Cut a 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper in half lengthwise so that it is no wider than 4.25". Push the paper into the feed area. Once the printer senses the page it will pull it into place. You must feed the test sheet of paper into the printer after the alignment print has been sent to the printer otherwise it will feed the sheet right through the printer without printing.
- d. The printer will print the alignment test and scan it into memory. Once the alignment is complete you will see a confirmation screen on your monitor. Click OK.

# Section 3: Using the Integrated Cutter

The printer has an integrated **cutter** that is designed to cut media on a continuous roll. By default the printer will automatically cut the media immediately after the image is printed. You can adjust when the cutter will cut and the cut position by accessing the settings in the Printer Preferences.

**WARNING:** *The cutter is not designed to cut through adhesive-backed media such as labels. While it will cut through most adhesive-backed media, continued use in this manner will cause premature wear on the cutter blade and excessive adhesive build-up.*

## To Find Driver Settings:

Click the Start button; choose Printers and Faxes. Right-click on the Color Label 450 icon and select Printing Preferences from the drop-down menu.

## Adjust the Following Settings:

### Output Mode:

**Do not Present.** The media does not move after the last image is printed. This means that part of the last image printed is still in the printer. The media is not cut in this mode.

**Cut after No Activity.** Use this setting to print multiple images/pages/documents consecutively and then cut after all have been printed. The time to wait before cutting can be adjusted using the Present Delay key in the **configuration** INI file. See Section 5.

**Cut Every Label** (default setting). This mode presents and cuts the printed image after every print. Use for standard one-off printing.

### **Offsets - Cut Position:**

With this setting you can fine-tune the cut position after the image prints. Increase this value to move the media further out before the cut; decrease this value to eject the stock less before the cut. The unit of measure is 0.1mm.

**Note:** Every one-hundred cuts the cutter will cut twice (one cut, one cycle) to clean the blades.

**Note:** If you are using Primera wristband stock the default Cut Position is set so that you do not cut through the adhesive portion of the stock. If you adjust the Cut Position be make sure that it is not adjusted so that it cuts through the adhesive.

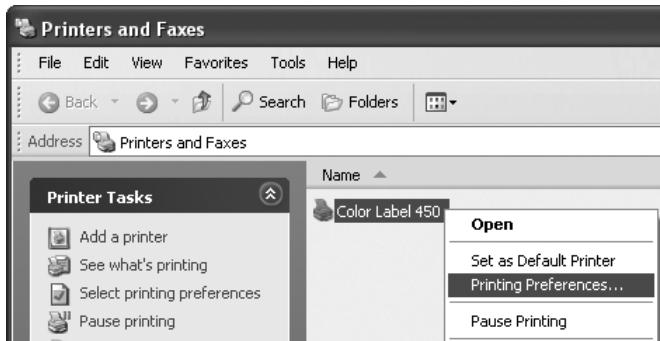
# Section 4: Printer Settings

## A. PC PRINTER DRIVER SETTINGS

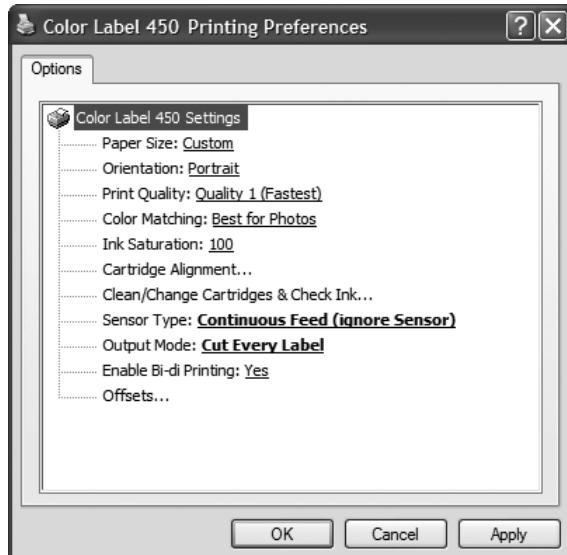
Refer to the following steps to change or verify your default printer driver preferences.

### To Find Driver Settings:

Click the Start button; choose Printers and Faxes. Right-click on the Color Label 450 icon and select Printing Preferences from the drop-down menu.



The preferences screen will appear.

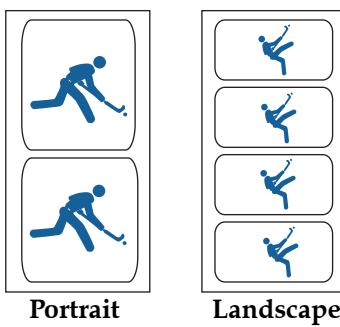


## Paper Size

This setting allows you to set the height and width of your print image in .01" or .1mm increments.

## Orientation

There are two settings for orientation, Portrait and Landscape. If your text and graphics print left to right or as shown on the screen, select portrait . If you wish your printing to rotate 90 degrees from what you see on the screen so it is printing horizontally, select landscape as your orientation. Remember, this does not automatically change the width and height of the Media.



## Print Quality

There are four levels of print quality in the driver. The lower the quality, the faster the print. Quality 1 provides the fastest print available while Quality 4 provides the best quality. It is recommended that you experiment with the different levels when designing your print image to find a good balance between print quality and print speed. Quality 1 is the default setting that is recommended for fastest printing.

## Color Matching

*Best for Graphics* mode is best used for graphical images where accurate color reproduction is not as essential. Images printed in this mode will look more vibrant because more ink is being used to produce them. However, printing images of people may produce skin tones that have a reddish tint.

**Best for Photos** mode is best used for photographic images where accurate color reproduction is essential. Images printed in this mode will look lighter than those printed in Photo mode. Skin tones especially will look more natural in this mode.

**NOTE:** *Exact color matching of the printed image to the screen may not be possible since there are factors that affect this out of the drivers control. The surface of the media reacts with the ink in the cartridge to produce the color. For this reason, when printing the same image to different types of media with different surfaces the printed output can look entirely different.*

## Ink Saturation

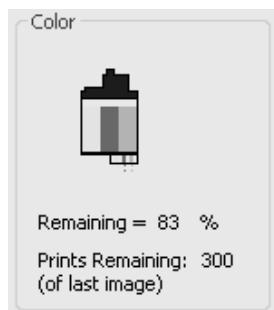
This option controls the amount of ink used when printing an image. The default setting is 100%, which will provide the most accurate color matching. If the ink is not drying fast enough or bleeding, you can decrease the Ink Saturation to lessen the amount of ink that is applied to the media.

## Cartridge Alignment

Cartridge alignment will align the Color Ink Cartridge for bidirectional printing and calibrate the printer to each individual cartridge. For best print quality it is recommended that you align the cartridge. However, cartridge alignment is not required. To align the cartridge, click on Cartridge Alignment to reveal a Properties button. Click this button to start the alignment procedure. You will be prompted to have media of 3" (101.6mm) wide or larger. If the loaded media does not meet this requirement, see Section 2E for additional instructions.

## Clean/Change Cartridge & Check Ink Levels

Click this setting to reveal a Properties button. Click Properties and you will see the color ink level as well as buttons allowing you to either clean or change your ink cartridge. If you have printed an image you will see an estimation of prints remaining of the last label.



This number can also be used to calculate total number of prints you can get from one cartridge and also ink cost per label. Use the following formula:

Prints Remaining X 100 / Percentage of Ink Remaining = Total Prints from a Full Cartridge.

In the example above  $300 \times 100 / 83 = 361$  prints from a full cartridge. Use the cost of the ink cartridge divided by the total labels from a full cartridge to receive cost per print.

### **Clean/Purge**

If it has been more than 48 hours since your last print or if your print quality has deteriorated with bands or lines it is recommended that you clean the cartridge. This is done by clicking the Clean/Purge button. The Clean Purge is performed as follows:

**Note:** *You will be prompted to load media of 4" x 4" (101.6 mm x 101.6mm) or larger, into the printer. If you have stock of this size or larger, simply click OK. If not see Section 2I for instructions on loading a test sheet to complete the purge print.*

The printer will print a purge pattern where swaths of each color are printed to clean the jets of the cartridge. A series of diagonal lines are printed in each color of the cartridge. By examining this pattern you can tell if the cartridge is firing all jets or if the cartridge is dirty and requires further cleaning. While the blocks of color may not print solidly, it is important that the diagonal lines be continuous. Repeat this process until all diagonal lines print without breaks.

### **Change Cartridge**

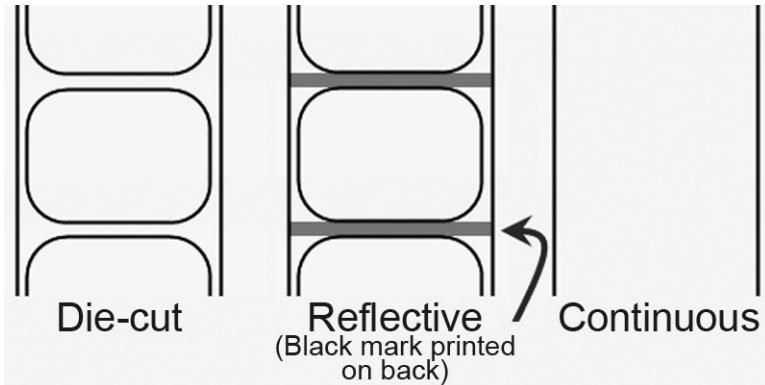
Click the Change Cartridge button to move the cartridge into position for easy access for replacement. For more information on this, see Section 2D.

## **Details/Print Counter**

Clicking on the Details button will allow you to view information about printer settings stored in the printer. There is also a Print Counter in the details window to help you count the number of prints printed since the last time it was reset. Click Reset Counter to set the counter to zero. The Restore Factory Defaults button will restore the printer settings displayed on the details window to factory calibrated defaults.

## **Sensor Type**

Sensor Type refers to the method the printer will use to detect the print starting position for each image. If you are using standard die-cut labels or Through-hole label material where holes in the stock are used for alignment purposes, use the Die-Cut/Thru-Hole setting. Use Reflective for timing mark sensing label material where a pre-printed line on the back of the media indicates the break between labels. If you have continuous stock with no die-cut, reflective mark, or holes, set the sensor type to Continuous Feed. This will turn off the media sensor during printing. This is the default setting.



**Important Note:** Die-cut media is not recommended.

## Output Mode

**Do not present.** The media does not move after the last image is printed. This means that part of the last image printed is still in the printer. The media is not cut.

**Cut after No Activity.** Use this setting to print multiple images/pages/documents consecutively and then cut after all have been printed. The time to wait before cutting can be adjusted using the Present Delay key in the [configuration](#) ini file. See Section 5.

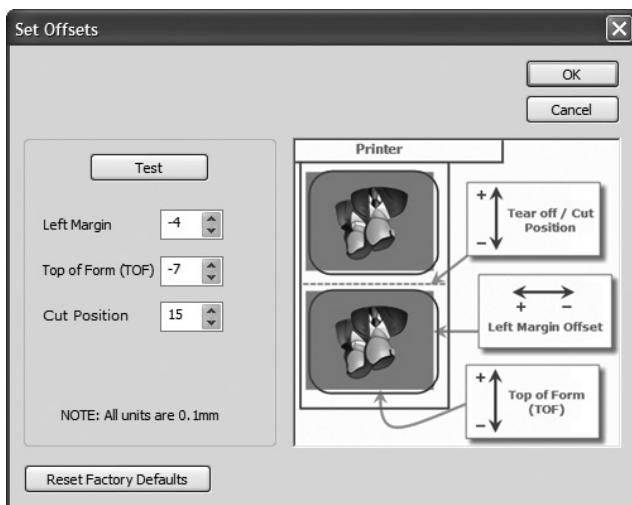
**Cut Every Label.** This mode presents and cuts the printed image after every print. Use for standard one-off printing. (default setting).

## Enable Bi-di Printing

This setting defaults to Yes for fastest printing. When enabled you will be required to perform an alignment print after a new cartridge is installed.

## Offsets

If your image is printing horizontally or vertically offset (printing on the liner or with white space left on the label) use these offset settings to adjust the position of the print on the label. Click Offsets... to reveal the properties button. Click Properties. The following screen will appear. Refer to the diagram to determine which direction to move the image, tear off position or cut position.



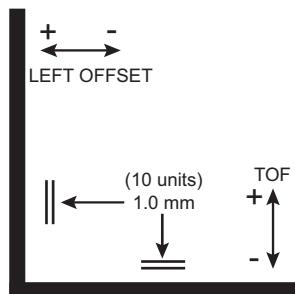
## **Left Margin Offset**

This will be factory calibrated. If fine-tuning is needed, increase this setting to move the image right on the media; decrease this setting to move the image to the left on the media. The unit of measure is 0.1mm.

## **Top of Form (TOF)**

This setting allows you to fine-tune the image starting position on your media. This will be factory calibrated. If fine tuning is needed, increase this value to move the image down on the media. Decrease this value to move the image up the media. The unit of measure is 0.1mm.

Click the Test button to send a test print to the printer that will help you adjust the TOF and Left Margin Offset. The printer will print the pattern shown. Adjust the values so that both black bars print on the label with no white space on the label and no ink on the metal plate supporting the media.



## **Cut Position**

With this setting you can fine tune the cut position after the image prints. Increase this value to move the paper further out before the cut; decrease this value to eject the media less before the cut. The unit of measure is 0.1mm.

# Section 5. Advanced Configuration Settings

When the printer driver is installed in Section 2, a **configuration** INI file is also installed. You can edit the settings in the file to control some advanced printer functions.

Configuration settings are located here:

## For Windows XP:

*C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\PTI\Drivers\Color Label 450\pt\_lp450.ini*

## For Windows Vista:

*C:\ProgramData\PTI\Drivers\Color Label 450\pt\_lp450.ini*

Many of these settings will increase or decrease the time it takes to print the media. Explanations of each are included within the ini file.

Below is copy of the relevant contents of the configuration file:

```
[settings]

;*****
; BLOOM COMPENSATION
; #Black pixels to remove
BloomComp = 2

; Override for ink capacity values (in M)
;ColorSpits = 515
ColorSpits = 463
BlackSpits = 400
PigBlackSpits = 600

; DEBUGGING
;
; turn debugging ON (1) or OFF (0) -- default is OFF if not specified
DebugOn = 0

; AMOUNT OF DEBUG INFO
; LEVEL = 0 through 6 (lower numbers give more debug info)
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; 0 = DBGLVL_ZERO
; 1 = DBGLVL_TRACE
; 2 = DBGLVL_DUMP
; 3 = DBGLVL_INFORM (default if not specified)
; 4 = DBGLVL_WARNING
; 5 = DBGLVL_ERROR
; 6 = DBGLVL_FATAL
DebugThreshold = 3

; Number of passes override
;For 600x600 NumPasses can be: 1,2,3,4,6,8,12,16
; NOTE: this only works for Quality 1
Slot1NumPassesOverride=1
Slot2NumPassesOverride=1

; Carrier speed override
; CarrierSpeed can be 0-40
;Slot1CarrierSpeed=30
;Slot2CarrierSpeed=30

; Bypass the alignment required warning?
; 0 = don't bypass the warning (DEFAULT) 1= bypass the warning
; NOTES:
;      1. This only works if cartridge setting is set to Color only or Black only
;      2. USE AT YOUR OWN RISK - BYPASSING ALIGNMENT MAY NOT PROVIDE OPTIMUM PRINT QUALITY
;         (for best print quality you should align after changing cartridges).
;      3. The warning will still show up after changing the cartridge, but you can Cancel. The
;         warning will not be given when printing.
BypassAlignWarning=1

; This value sets the delay before presenting the label after no activity
; Units are 0.1 seconds (e.g. value of 10 will cause a delay of 1 second before presenting the
; label)
; This only applies when the printer output mode is "Present after no activity"
PresentDelay = 10

; This value sets the behavior of the horizontal scan. This scan attempts to keep the left margin
; consistent
; even if the label moves horizontally.
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; 0 = disable horizontal scan  
; 1 = enable scan at the end of each print (fast but may not be as accurate - if printing is full bleed or too close to the edge of the label then it may scan at the beginning of the next label).  
; NOTE: when Output mode is set to Present or Cut then it will always scan at the beginning of the first label  
; 2 = enable scan at beginning of each print (slower but might be more accurate)  
; 255 = no change from previously used setting

HorizontalScan=1

; Extra maintenance  
; 0 = Idle Time maintenance  
; 1 = Job Start (uncap) maintenance  
; 2 = Threshold maintenance  
; 3 = POR maintenance  
; 4 = Single wipe only (no spits)  
; 5 = Install maintenance  
;  
; You can specify that extra maintenance be done at the beginning of each print with this setting  
; This can be utilized if the prints tend to be light at the beginning of the print  
;  
;ExtraMaintenance = 1

; Output mode override - for PX450  
; 0 = do not present/cut the label  
; 1 = Cut after no activity (using PresentDelay value)  
; 2 = Cut every label  
; 5 = No change in output mode (this is the default value)

OutputMode=5

:: Feed length of print after cutting  
:: Set to 1 to enable (default), 0 to disable  
:: Doing this may help when printing labels > 3 inches and when running at faster speeds (see below)

FeedAfterCut=1

:: TOF Sensor Type override  
:: You can override the value of the TOF sensor setting in the printer with this key  
:: 0 = Through Mode (e.g. Die Cut stock)

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;: 1 = Reflective Mode (e.g. Black mark on back)
;: 2 = Continous Stock (don't use sensor)
;: 255 = Use printer setting (this is default)
TOF_Sensor = 255

; Flash frequency - for LX400
; Number of times per second to blink the LED
; (starts at beginning of RIP and stops when data starts getting sent to printer)
; Purpose: indicates that data is being ripped and printer is waiting
LEDFlashFrequency=3

; //// Feed Speed control /////
;: Faster Speed set to 55
;: Slower Speed set to 35 (default)
ForwardSpeed=55
PrintSpeed=55
ReverseSpeed=55

; /// POS Applications ///
; Send an "Ink Low" Print automatically when the ink is low.
; The print will be sent after every regular print - until the ink is not low anymore
; Set to 1 to enable, 0 to disable
PrintInkLowWarning=1

; //// Show Error Messages /////
; Whether or not to show error message boxes
; 0 = don't show, 1 = show (default)
SHOW_UI=0

; //// Maintenance during Idle /////
;: CapTime = Number of seconds before the cartridge goes back home (after printing)
;: For PX450 the Default = 30 minutes = 1800
CapTime = 1800
;: PenIdleMaintainTime = Number of 1/2 seconds between maintenance while idle (and not in
home position)
;: For PX450 the Default = 2 minutes = 240
PenIdleMaintainTime = 240
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# Section 6: Troubleshooting

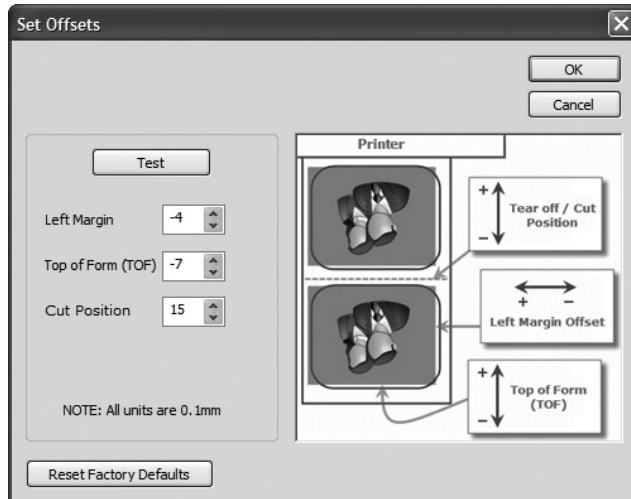
## A. SOLVING REGISTRATION PROBLEMS

### Image is Vertically Offset

When printing on media other than continuous, the PX450 decides where to start printing by detecting the start of a die-cut label, detecting a black mark on the back or detecting a thru-hole that corresponds to the start of the label.

The following items can cause the media sensor to improperly detect the start of a label:

1. **TOF Offset.** TOF stands for Top of Form and this setting allows you to fine tune the alignment of your printing on your paper stock. This will be factory calibrated. If fine tuning is needed, increase this setting to move the image down on the media; decrease this setting to move the image up on the media. The unit of measure is 0.1mm.  
To access go to Start - Control Panel - Printers and Faxes - Right click Color Label 450 - Choose Printing Preferences - Select Offsets. See image in the dialog below for a graphical example.

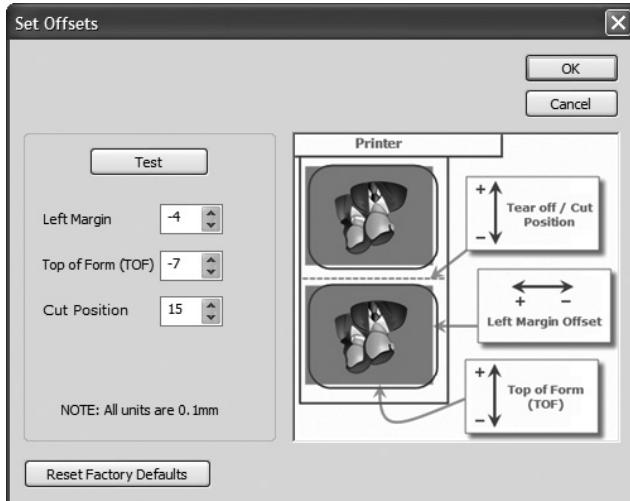


2. **Nonstandard / Non-translucent Backing Material.** If you have purchased label stock from someone other than Primera, test the unit with the label sample material that came with the unit. If it prints correctly, your paper stock may not be compatible. The media sensor needs to see the difference between a label and a backing material by seeing through the paper stock for light variations. If it can not see through the label, problems will arise. If you must use this type of backing, try paper stock that has a black mark on the back to show where the label begins. You will need to change the Sensor Type setting in the driver preferences to Reflective.
3. **Improper Label Gap Distance.** See Section 6 for label specifications.
4. **Page Size is Bigger than Paper Stock Size.** If the page size set in the driver is larger than the actual paper stock, ink will be printed on the gaps and the sensor will start looking for a gap too late. This can cause label skipping or inconsistent print starting points.
5. **Portrait / Landscape.** If the Portrait / Landscape setting does not correspond to the paper stock installed this will also cause the printer to print over the gap and onto the next label. Make sure this is set correctly.
6. **Sensor Position.** Circular, nonstandard label shapes or multiple labels across will require precise adjustment of the label sensor.

### **Image is Printing Horizontally Offset.**

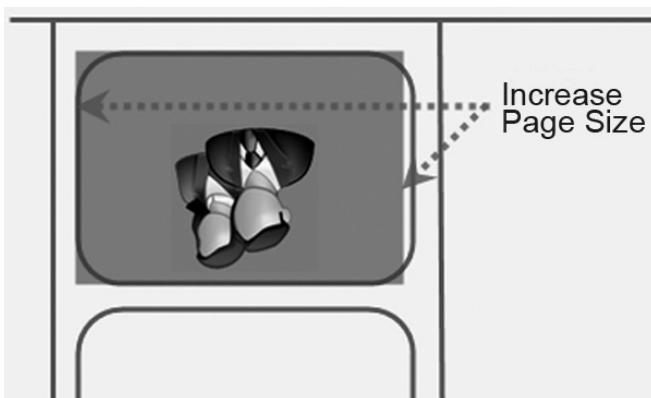
Two printer driver settings can affect this issue.

**Left Margin Offset.** This adjustment is found in the printer preferences area of the printer driver. If you see white space on the right (printer's left) side of the media and overlap on the opposite side, decrease the number. (Negative numbers are allowed.) If you see white space on the left (printers right) side of the media and overlap on the opposite side, increase the number.



**Note:** Often times a space on the right (printer's left) side indicates a margin around the media that is not being accounted for. The printer is factory calibrated for a 2mm margin. A larger margin around the media will cause a right (printer's left) side space.

**Page Size.** Often the page size is not large enough for the media. If this is the case you may see white space on the right (printer's left) side of the the media and no image over lap on the opposite side. This indicates that the page size needs to be increased. Increase the page size enough through the printer preferences to cover the media.

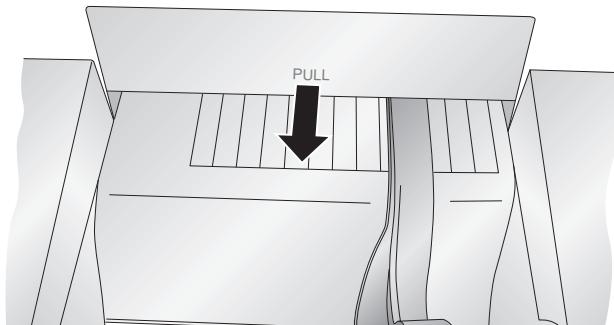


## **B. CLEARING A MEDIA JAM**

If there is a media jam in the printer mechanism, first attempt to remove the jam by opening the Top Cover and removing the jam from the printer output area.

If the jam can not be located, it is possible to remove a cover over the printer input area. Pull on the center of the cover as shown below to release the tabs on the sides.

To prevent future jams, use rubbing alcohol to remove any adhesive left in the printer feed area.



## **C. CLEANING THE PRINTER**

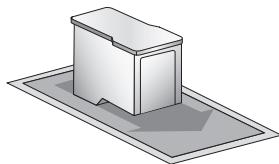
If any ink has gotten onto the printer casing itself, the case of the printer can be cleaned with an ammonia-based window cleaner and a lint-free cloth.

Over time, ink overspray may gather at the base of the printer. The printer uses a vacuum system to gather most of this ink on a series of saturation pads. Eventually, these pads may need to be replaced. Contact Tech Support to determine if pad replacement is necessary.

## **D. CLEANING THE INK CARTRIDGE**

It may be necessary to clean the ink cartridge nozzles if you notice reduced print quality, or if you suspect an cartridge nozzle has become slightly dried-out or clogged. If you are having print quality problems, follow the steps below:

1. Remove the print cartridge.
2. Moisten a lint-free cloth with water.
3. Hold the cloth against the nozzles for three seconds.  
This will "wick" some additional ink onto the damp cloth.
4. Wipe in one direction only.
5. Repeat the process.



## **E. TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

If you have difficulties in operating your Printer, the procedures in this manual and the software User's Guide should, in most cases, solve the problem. If you still have difficulty, contact the technical support number using one of the methods listed below.

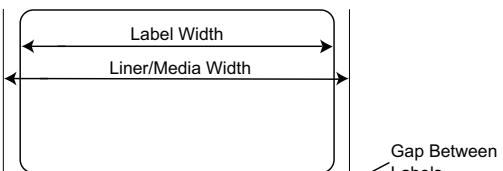
<b>Source</b>	<b>Location</b>
Primera Knowledge Base	<a href="http://www.primera.com/knowledgebase.html">www.primera.com/knowledgebase.html</a>
NiceLabel Software Help files	Open the software. Click on the <b>Help Menu - Contents</b>
Email Support	<a href="http://www.primera.com/contact_tech_support.cfm">www.primera.com/contact_tech_support.cfm</a>
Chat Support	<a href="http://www.primera.com/knowledgebase.html">www.primera.com/knowledgebase.html</a>
Phone Support	763-475-6669 (Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 6 p.m CST)

# Section 7: Media and Roll Specifications

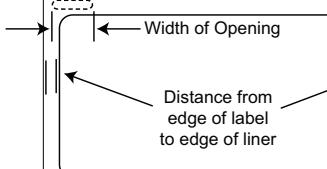
**Important Note:** Printing labels is not recommended as this printer was designed for continuous media. However, since the printer is capable of sensing labels, the following information that is specific to labels is provided with no representations regarding reliability.

## Label Sensing Methods

**Method 1:** Label Gap Sensing



**Method 2:** Thru-Hole Sensing



**Method 3:** Reflective/Black Mark Sensing  
(Black Mark must be printed on back side of label stock)



Gap Between Labels

Label Height

Black Mark Width

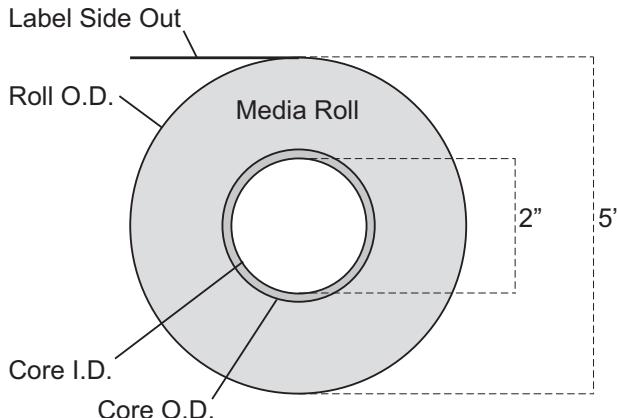
Note: See table below for Max and Min values in inches and mm..

	Max	Min
Label/Print width	4.25" (108mm)	0.75" (19mm)
Liner/Media width	4.25" (108mm)	1" (25.4mm)
Label height/length	24" (609.6mm)	0.75" (19mm)
Gap between labels	0.75" (19mm)	0.10" (2.5mm)
Width of thru-hole opening	0.5" (12.7mm)	0.375" (9.5mm)

	Max	Min
Distance from edge of media to edge of thru-hole	1.90" (48.3mm)	0.20" (5.1mm)
Reflective/Black Mark Width*	Equal to distance between labels	0.10" (2.5mm)
Max Outer Diameter (OD)	5.0" (127mm)	N/A
Inner Core Diameter (ID)	see roll specifications below	
Stock Thickness	0.006" (152 micron)	N/A
Distance from edge of label to edge of liner	Printer driver assumes 2 mm gap. However, this is adjustable via the <b>left margin offset</b> .	

\* The Reflective/Black Mark should be opaque to infrared light. The mark should be between the labels. The end of the mark should correspond with the beginning of the label.

## Roll Specifications



### Notes:

1. Label height  $\leq$ 1.5" requires a 2.00" I.D. x 3.00" O.D. core.  
Label height  $>$ 1.5" requires a 2.00" I.D. x 2.25" O.D. core.
2. Turret glue or 1/2"-wide 3M 928 double-sided removable tape must be used to attach stock to core. Removable tape must be positioned across full width of core. Other types of tape are not allowed.
3. End face of liner must align with end of core on both sides within 0.030".  
(Core width should be the same as liner width.)
4. Masking tape or equivalent may be used to secure label stock to outside of roll.

## Section 8: Technical Specifications

<b>Print Method:</b>	Inkjet
<b>Print Resolutions:</b>	4800 x 1200 dpi, 1200 x 1200 dpi, 600 x 600 dpi
<b>Ink Cartridge:</b>	#53376 Color (CMY)
<b>Colors:</b>	16.7 million
<b>Media Types:</b>	Continuous Paper Stock, Roll-fed pressure-sensitive labels, roll-fed tags
<b>Media Sensing:</b>	Moveable see-through sensor for die-cut labels and reflective for tags with black stripe sensing (not recommended)
<b>Ink Level Warning:</b>	Calculates actual number of prints remaining based upon ink usage of graphics being printed (patent-pending)
<b>Indicator Lights:</b>	Power, Ink
<b>Controls:</b>	Ink, Load/Feed, Unload
<b>Operating Systems:</b>	Windows XP/2000/Vista
<b>Data Interface:</b>	USB 1.1/USB 2.0
<b>Minimum System:</b>	Pentium® IV computer or better, 512 MB RAM, 5 GB free hard drive space, USB 1.1/2.0 port
<b>Software:</b>	Can also be used with most other popular Windows-based label design software programs
<b>Electrical Rating:</b>	12 VDC, 5.0 A
<b>Power Requirements:</b>	100-240 VAC, 50/60 Hz, 60 watts
<b>Certifications:</b>	UL, UL-C, CE, FCC Class A
<b>Weight:</b>	7 lbs.
<b>Dimensions:</b>	10.4" wide x 15.3" deep x 7.1" high (closed) 17.4" high (open)
<b>Warranty:</b>	One year, parts and labor

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