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Raster Command Reference TD-2020/2120N/2130N TD-2030A/2125N/2125NWB/2135N/2135NWB Version 1.01

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Introduction

This material provides the necessary information for directly controlling the Brother printer TD-XXXX (where "XXXX" is the model name).

This information is provided assuming that the user has full understanding of the operating system being used and basic mastery of USB and networks in a developer's environment.

Details concerning the USB interface are not described in this material. If a USB interface is being used, refer to "<u>Appendix A: USB Specifications</u>" to prepare the interface.

Read the model names that appear in the screens in this manual as the name of your printer.

About Raster Commands

Using raster commands an TD-XXXX printer (where "XXXX" is the model name) can be used to print without using our printer driver.

This operation is useful in the following situations.

- When printing from an operating system other than Windows (Example: When printing from a Linux computer or mobile terminal)
- When adding print functions to an existing system

In addition, printing can be performed with advanced settings.

In this material, "raster" refers to binary bitmap data (collection of dots).

Refer to this material to print by sending initialization commands and control codes together with raster data to the TD-XXXX printer (hereafter, referred to as "printer").

This manual describes the procedure for adding these codes and sending the data.

1. Printing Using Raster Commands

The printing procedure is described below. For detailed flow charts, refer to "<u>5. Flow Charts</u>". For details on each command, refer to "<u>4. Printing Command Details</u>".



(1) Open the USB/serial/network port

Open the USB/serial/network port in the operating environment. The procedure for opening the USB/serial/network port is not described in this material.

The network port can be used with the TD-2120N/2130N/2125N/2125NWB/2135N/2135NWB.

(2) Confirm the printer status sent from the printer

The "status information request" command is sent to the printer, the status information received from the printer is analyzed, and then the status of the printer is determined. For details on the "status information request" command and on the definitions of "status", refer to "Status

information request" in "<u>4. Printing Command Details</u>".

(3) Send the print data

If the status analysis confirms that media compatible with the print data is loaded into the printer and that no error has occurred, the print data is sent.

The structure of the print data is explained in the next section, "2. Print Data".

Note:

No command can be sent to the printer after the print data is transmitted and until the completion of printing is confirmed.

Even the "status information request" command cannot be sent during printing.

- (4) Print the data
- (5) Confirm that printing is completed

When printing is completed, the status is received from the printer.

If this status is analyzed to confirm that printing is completed, printing one page is considered finished. If the print job has multiple pages, (2) through (4) are repeated.

(6) Close the USB/serial/network port

After all printing is finished, close the USB/serial/network port.

Note:

In order to print at high speed when a USB port is used to send uncompressed raster data, the Brother TD-XXXX starts printing when it starts to receive print data, instead of waiting for a print command (concurrent printing).

For the processing flow, for example when managing errors, refer to "5. Flow Charts".

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2. Print Data

2.1 Print data overview

The print data is constructed of the following: (1) initialization commands, (2) control codes, (3) raster data, and (4) print commands. If the print job consists of multiple pages, (2) through (4) are repeated.

(1) Initialization commands

Specified only once at the beginning of the job.

Sequence	Command Name	Description/Example
1	Invalidate	Sends a 200-byte invalidate command, and then resets the printer to the receiving state.
2	Initialize	Initializes for printing. 1Bh, 40h (Fixed)

(2) Control codes

Added at the beginning of each page and sent for each page.

Sequence	Command Name	Description/Example
1	Switch dynamic command mode	Switches the printer to raster mode. 1Bh, 69h, 61h, 01h
2	Additional media information command	Updates the media information for the printer. 1Bh, 69h, 55h, 77h, 01h, 127 bytes of media information Note If the media information is the same as when printing was last performed, it is unnecessary to send the additional media information command.
3	Print information command	Sets the print information for the printer. For 58-mm-wide continuous length tape on the 300 dpi model: 1Bh, 69h, 7Ah, C6h, 0Ah, 3Ah, 00h, 0Ah, 01h, 00h, 00h, 00h, 00h
4	Various mode settings	When the peeler function is enabled: 1Bh,69h,4Dh,10h
5	Specify margin amount	Specifies the amount of the margins. For 3 mm margins on the 300 dpi model: 1Bh, 69h , 64h, 23h, 00h
6	Select compression mode	Selects the compression mode for raster graphics. To send the data compressed to TIFF format: 4Dh, 02h

(3) Raster data

Repeated for each page in the print job.

Sequence	Command Name	Description/Example
-	Raster graphics transfer	Sends a raster line that contains data with pixels set to "ON".
-	Zero raster graphics	Sends a raster line with all pixels set to "0". (Valid only when TIFF is selected as the compression mode) 5Ah (Fixed)

(4) Print commands

Specified at the end of the page.

Sequence	Command Name	Description/Example
-	Print command	Specifies at the end of a page that is not the last page. 0Ch(Fixed)
-	Print command with feeding	Specifies at the end of the last page. 1Ah (Fixed)

2.2 Sample (analyzing the print data of the test page)

The print data created by the printer driver is described here.

As an example, we will check the print data created when the **[Print Test Page]** button in the printer Properties dialog box is clicked to print the test page.

Since the print data differs depending on the print settings of the printer, refer to this procedure and try creating print data with various print settings.

Furthermore, this procedure is for the Windows[®] 7 operating environment. A similar procedure can be performed if you are using a different operating system.



Printer Properties



2.2.1 Preparation

Install the two listed below.

- Printer driver of the Brother TD-XXXX
- · Binary file editor

The data that we will analyze in this sample is a binary file.

Therefore, use a binary file editor to display and check the contents of the binary file.

2.2.2 Checking the print data

The procedure for checking the print data is provided below.

- Step 1: Change the port of the printer to "FILE:".
- Step 2: Print the desired item (in this case, the test page), and then specify the file name.
- Step 3: Open the created file in the binary file editor to check it.

Step 1: Change the port of the printer to "FILE:".

Open the **Printers and Faxes** folder, and then right-click the printer (in this case, RJ-4030) to display the Properties dialog box. In the Properties dialog box, click the **[Ports]** tab, select the **"FILE:**" check box, and then click the **[Apply]** button.

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[Ports] tab of the printer Properties dialog box

Step 2: Print the item (in this case, the test page), and then specify the file name.

For this sample, print the test page with the "Use Peeler Function" check box selected in the "Option" group box.

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Default settings immediately after installation of the printer driver

When the test page is printed with the printer, a dialog box appears so that the file name can be specified. (Refer to the illustration below.)

After a file name is typed in and the **[OK]** button is clicked, the printer driver creates the print data and saves it in a file with the specified name.

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Dialog box for specifying the file name

Step 3: Open the print data in the binary file editor.

Open the saved file in the binary file editor. The rows of numbers that appear are the print data. (Refer to the illustration below.)

The print data is constructed of the following: (1) initialization commands, (2) control codes, (3) raster data and (4) print commands, which were described in "<u>2.1 Print data overview</u>". For details on the print data, refer to "<u>2.2.3 Explanation of print data for the test page</u>".



Print data

2.2.3 Explanation of print data for the test page

The print data for the test page outputted in the previous section is described below.

The following illustration shows the print data created in section "2.2.1 Preparation" opened in the binary file editor.

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Print data

Descriptions for the numbers in the print data on the previous page are provided in the following table. For details on each command, refer to "<u>4. Printing Command Details</u>".

No.	Command Name	Description
1	Invalidate	A 200-byte invalidate command is sent.
2	Initialize	The "initialize" command is sent.
3	Switch dynamic command mode	The printer is switched to raster mode. Send this command before sending raster data to the printer.
4	Job ID setting commands	Internal specification commands Since this is a command for outputting with the commercial version driver, it is unnecessary for the user to send this command.
5	Additional media information command	Additional media information on the media size is sent. This is the command for "2.0" \times 1.0" (51 mm \times 26 mm)".
6	Print information command	Media size information for the print data is sent. This is the command for "2.0" × 1.0" (51 mm × 26 mm)" die-cut labels.
7	Various mode settings (1Bh+69h+4Dh+00H)	This is a command for specifying a mode. In this case, the peeler function is enabled.
8	Specify margin amount	Since a margin amount cannot be specified with die-cut labels, this command is sent with a margin amount of 0.
9	Select compression mode	TIFF compression mode is selected.
10	Raster data	Raster data continues.
11	Print command with feeding	Since one page will be printed, this is sent at the end of the first page.

2.3 Page data details

2.3.1 Resolution

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Resolution	Height-to-Width Proportion
Priority on print speed 203 dpi high, 203 dpi wide	1:1
Priority on print quality 203 dpi high, 203 dpi wide	1:1

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Resolution	Height-to-Width Proportion
Priority on print speed 300 dpi high, 300 dpi wide	1:1
Priority on print quality 300 dpi high, 300 dpi wide	1:1

2.3.2 Page size

(a) Continuous length tape



- 3 Print area width (maximum printing width) 5 Width offset
- 4 Print area length
- 6 Length offset

203dpi × 203dpi

ID	Tape Size	Designation	1	2	3	4	5	6
438	57 mm	57 mm 2.25"	57.2 mm 457 dots	> <u>2.3.4.</u>	54.1 mm 432 dots	> <u>2.3.4.</u>	1.5 mm 12 dots	> <u>2.3.3.</u>
426	58 mm	58 mm 2.28"	58.0 mm 464 dots	> <u>2.3.4.</u>	55.1 mm 440 dots	> <u>2.3.4.</u>	1.5 mm 12 dots	> <u>2.3.3.</u>

300dpi × 300dpi

ID	Tape Size	Designation	1	2	3	4	5	6
438	57 mm	57 mm 2.25"	57.2 mm 675 dots	> <u>2.3.4.</u>	54.0 mm 638 dots	> <u>2.3.4.</u>	1.5 mm 18 dots	> <u>2.3.3.</u>
426	58 mm	58 mm 2.28"	58.0 mm 685 dots	> <u>2.3.4.</u>	54.9 mm 648 dots	> <u>2.3.4.</u>	1.5 mm 18 dots	> <u>2.3.3.</u>

(b) Die-cut labels



Number 1 Width

3 Print area width (maximum printing width)5 Width offset

2 Length4 Print area length6 Length offset

203dpi	× 203dp	i
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ID	Label Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
422	RD 51 mm x 26 mm	50.8 mm	25.6 mm	47.8 mm	19.6 mm	1.5 mm	3.0 mm
	RD 2.0" x 1.0"	406 dots	205 dots	382 dots	157 dots	12 dots	24 dots
431	RD 30 mm x 30 mm	30.0 mm	30.0 mm	27.0 mm	24.0 mm	1.5 mm	3.0 mm
	RD 1.1" x 1.1"	240 dots	240 dots	216 dots	192 dots	12 dots	24 dots
432	RD 40 mm x 40 mm	40.0 mm	40.0 mm	37.0 mm	34.0 mm	1.5 mm	3.0 mm
	RD 1.5" x 1.5"	320 dots	320 dots	296 dots	272 dots	12 dots	24 dots
433	RD 40 mm x 50 mm	40.0 mm	50.0 mm	37.0 mm	44.0 mm	1.5 mm	3.0 mm
	RD 1.5" x 1.9"	320 dots	400 dots	296 dots	352 dots	12 dots	24 dots
434	RD 40 mm x 60 mm	40.0 mm	60.0 mm	37.0 mm	54.1 mm	1.5 mm	3.0 mm
	RD 1.5" x 2.3"	320 dots	480dots	296 dots	432 dots	12 dots	24 dots
435	RD 50 mm ×30 mm	50.0 mm	30.0mm	47.0 mm	24.0mm	1.5 mm	3.0 mm
	RD 1.9" × 1.1"	400 dots	240 dots	376 dots	192 dots	12dots	24 dots
437	RD 60 mm ×60 mm	60.0mm	60.0mm	56.1 mm	54.1mm	2.0 mm	3.0 mm
	RD 2.3" × 2.3"	480 dots	480 dots	448 dots	432 dots	16 dots	24 dots

ID	Label Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
422	RD 51 mm x 26 mm	50.8 mm	25.6 mm	47.8 mm	19.6 mm	1.5 mm	3.0 mm
	RD 2.0" x 1.0"	600 dots	302 dots	564 dots	231 dots	18 dots	35 dots
431	RD 30 mm x 30 mm	30.0 mm	30.0 mm	26.9 mm	24.0 mm	1.5 mm	3.0 mm
	RD 1.1" x 1.1"	354 dots	354 dots	318 dots	283 dots	18 dots	35 dots
432	RD 40 mm x 40 mm	40.0 mm	40.0 mm	36.9 mm	34.0 mm	1.5 mm	3.0 mm
	RD 1.5" x 1.5"	472 dots	472 dots	436 dots	401 dots	18 dots	35 dots
433	RD 40 mm x 50 mm	40.0 mm	50.0 mm	36.9 mm	43.9 mm	1.5 mm	3.0 mm
	RD 1.5" x 1.9"	472 dots	591 dots	436 dots	519 dots	18 dots	35 dots
434	RD 40 mm x 60 mm	40.0 mm	60.0 mm	36.9 mm	54.0 mm	1.5 mm	3.0 mm
	RD 1.5" x 2.3"	472 dots	709dots	436 dots	638 dots	18 dots	35 dots
435	RD 50 mm ×30 mm	50.0 mm	30.0mm	46.9 mm	24.0mm	1.5 mm	3.0 mm
	RD 1.9" × 1.1"	591 dots	354 dots	554 dots	283 dots	18dots	35 dots
437	RD 60 mm ×60 mm	60.0mm	60.0mm	55.9 mm	54.0mm	2.0 mm	3.0 mm
	RD 2.3" × 2.3"	709 dots	709 dots	660 dots	638 dots	24 dots	35 dots

300dpi × 300dpi

2.3.3 Feed amount

The feed amount (left and right margins) is defined below.

203dpi × 203dpi

Туре	Minimum Margin Setting	Maximum Margin Setting		
Continuous length tape	3 mm 0.12" 24 dots	127 mm 5" 1015 dots		
Die-cut labels	The length offset indicated in "(b) Die-cut labels" of " <u>2.3.2 Page size</u> is used. However, set "0" as the value of the "specify margin amount" command.			

300dpi × 300dpi

Туре	Minimum Margin Setting	Maximum Margin Setting	
Continuous length tape	3 mm 0.12" 35 dots	127 mm 5" 1500 dots	
Die-cut labels	The length offset indicated in "(b) Die-cut labels" of " <u>2.3.2 Page size</u> is used. However, set "0" as the value of the "specify margin amount" command.		

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2.3.4 Maximum and minimum lengths

The maximum and minimum lengths are defined below.

203dpi × 203dpi

Туре	Minimum Length	Maximum Length
Continuous length tape	12 mm 0.47" 96 dots	1000 mm 39.37" 7992 dots
Die-cut labels	Fixed	Fixed

300dpi × 300dpi

Туре	Minimum Length	Maximum Length
Continuous length tape	12 mm 0.47" 142 dots	1000 mm 39.37" 11811 dots
Die-cut labels	Fixed	Fixed

2.3.5 Raster line

As shown below, the parts with data to be printed are converted with "raster graphics transfer", and the parts with no data are converted with "zero raster graphics". On the actual tape, margins (feed) are added specified with "various mode settings" at the beginning and the end.



The following shows the relationship between the raster graphics parameters and the pixels.

MSB LSB	MSB LSB	MSB LSB	MSB LSB
1 st B	2 nd B	3 rd B	4 th B

Total number of pins:

TD-2020/2120N/2125N/2125NWB 448 pins / TD-2030A/2130N/2135N/2135NWB 672 pins



Continuous length tape:

TD-2020/2120N/2125N/2125NWB

Tape Size	Number of Pins for Left Margin	Number of Print Area Pins	Number of Pins for Right Margin	Number of Bytes for Raster Graphics Transfer
57 mm	8	432	8	56
58 mm	4	440	4	56

TD-2030A/2130N/2135N/2135NWB

Tape Size	Number of Pins for Left Margin	Number of Print Area Pins	Number of Pins for Right Margin	Number of Bytes for Raster Graphics Transfer
57 mm	17	638	17	84
58 mm	12	648	12	84

Die-cut labels:

TD-2020/2120N/2125N/2125NWB

Label Size	Number of Pins for Left Margin	Number of Print Area Pins	Number of Pins for Right Margin	Number of Bytes for Raster Graphics Transfer
51 mm x 26 mm	33	382	33	56
30 mm x 30 mm	116	216	116	56
40 mm x 40 mm	76	296	76	56
40 mm x 50 mm	76	296	76	56
40 mm x 60 mm	76	296	76	56
50 mm x 30mm	36	376	36	56
60mm x 60mm	0	448	0	56

TD-2030A/2130N/2135N/2135NWB

Label Size	Number of Pins for Left Margin	Number of Print Area Pins	Number of Pins for Right Margin	Number of Bytes for Raster Graphics Transfer
51 mm x 26 mm	54	564	54	84
30 mm x 30 mm	177	318	177	84
40 mm x 40 mm	118	436	118	84
40 mm x 50 mm	118	436	118	84
40 mm x 60 mm	118	436	118	84
50 mm x 30mm	59	554	59	84
60 mm x 60mm	6	660	6	84

3. Print Command List

ASCII Code	Binary Code	Description
NULL	00	Invalidate
ESC @	1B 40	Initialize
ESC iS	1B 69 53	Status information request
ESC i a	1B 69 61	Switch dynamic command mode
ESC i U w 1	1B 69 55 77 01	Additional media information command
ESC i z	1B 69 7A	Print information command
ESC i M	1B 69 4D	Various mode settings
ESC i d	1B 69 64	Specify margin amount (feed amount)
М	4D	Select compression mode
g	67	Raster graphics transfer
Z	5A	Zero raster graphics
FF	0C	Print command
Control-Z	1A	Print command with feeding

4. Printing Command Details

NULL Invalidate

ASCII:	NULL	
Hexadecimal:	00	

Description

- Skipped
- If data transmission is to be stopped midway, send the "initialize" command after sending the "invalidate" command for the appropriate number of bytes to return to the receiving state, where the print buffer is cleared.

ESC @ Initialize

ASCII:	ESC @
Hexadecimal:	1B 40

Description

- Initializes mode settings.
- Also used to cancel printing.

ESC i S Status information request

ASCII:	: ESC i	S
Hexadecimal:	lecimal: 1B 69	53

Description

- Send a request to the printer for status information. For details on the status, refer to the previous section.
- The size is fixed at 32 bytes.

Note

Before sending print data to the printer, this command should be sent once. Since error information is automatically sent by the printer during printing, do not send this command while printing.

For details on transmission of the status, refer to "5. Flow Charts".

Number	Offset	Size	Name	Value/Reference
1	0	1	Print head mark	Fixed at 80h
2	1	1	Size	Fixed at 20h
3	2	1	Reserved	Fixed at "B" (42h)
4	3	1	Series code	Fixed at "5" (35h)
5	4	1	Model code	TD-2020: Fixed at "3" (33h) TD-2120N: Fixed at "5"(35h) TD-2130N: Fixed at "6" (36h) TD-2030A: Fixed at "D" (44h) TD-2125N: Fixed at "E" (45h) TD-2125NWB: Fixed at "F" (46h) TD-2135N: Fixed at "G" (47h) TD-2135NWB: Fixed at "H" (48h)
6	5	1	Reserved	Fixed at "0" (30h)
7	6	1	Battery level	Refer to table (8) below.
8	7	1	Reserved	Fixed at "00h"
9	8	1	Error information 1	Refer to table (1) below.
10	9	1	Error information 2	Refer to table (2) below.
11	10	1	Media width	Refer to table (3) below.
12	11	1	Media type	Refer to table (4) below.
13	12	1	Reserved	Fixed at 00h
14	13	1	Reserved	Fixed at 00h
15	14	1	Reserved	Fixed at 3Fh
16	15	1	Mode	Value specified where the "various mode settings" command 00h if not specified
17	16	1	Reserved	Fixed at 00h
18	17	1	Media length	Refer to table (3) below.
19	18	1	Status type	Refer to table (5) below.
20	19	1	Phase type	
21	20	1	Phase number (higher order bytes)	Refer to table (6) below.
22	21	1	Phase number (lower order bytes)	
23	22	1	Notification number	Refer to table (7) below.
24	23	1	Reserved	Fixed at 00h
25	24	8	Reserved	Fixed at 00h

(1) Error information 1

Flag	Mask	Definition
Bit 0	01h	"No media" error
Bit 1	02h	"End of media" error (only for die-cut labels)
Bit 2	04h	(Not used)
Bit 3	08h	(Not used)
Bit 4	10h	Printer in use
Bit 5	20h	(Not used)
Bit 6	40h	(Not used)
Bit 7	80h	(Not used)

(2) Error information 2

Flag	Mask	Definition
Bit 0	01h	"Replace media" error (with a serial connecting) Wrong media
Bit 1	02h	(Not used)
Bit 2	04h	Communication error
Bit 3	08h	(Not used)
Bit 4	10h	"Cover open" error
Bit 5	20h	(Not used)
Bit 6	40h	Media cannot be fed (also when the media end is detected)
Bit 7	80h	System error

(3) Media width and length

The media width and length is described in millimeters. 0~255 (0 to FFh)

(a) Continuous length tape

* Media Width: The tape width is indicated in millimeters.

* Media Length: Fixed at 00h

Media	Media Width	Media Length
57 mm	57	0
58 mm	58	0

(b) Die-cut labels

* Media Width: The width of the die-cut section is indicated.

* Media Length: The length of the die-cut section is indicated.

Media	Media Width	Media Length
51 mm x 26 mm	51	26
30 mm x 30 mm	30	30
40 mm x 40 mm	40	40
40 mm x 50 mm	40	50
40 mm x 60 mm	40	60
50 mm x 30 mm	50	30
60 mm x 60 mm	60	60

(4) Media type

Media Type	Value	Description
No media	00h	Used as print information when the media type is not indicated.
Continuous length tape	4Ah	Used for both paper and film.
Die-cut labels	4Bh	Used for both paper and film.

(5) Status type

Status Type	Value	Description
Reply to status request	00h	
Printing completed	01h	
Error occurred	02h	
Exit IF mode	03h (not used)	
Turned off	04h	
Notification	05h	
Phase change	06h	
(Not used)	08h to 20h	
(Reserved)	21h to FFh	

If an error occurred during printing, the printer returns the error status.

(6) Phase type and phase number

If the phase number is not used, both are fixed at 00h.

Phase State	Phase Type
Receiving state	00h
Printing state	01h

Receiving state

Phase	Value (Dec.)	Higher Order Bytes	Lower Order Bytes		
Waiting to receive	0	00h	00h		

Printing state

Phase	Value (Dec.)	Higher Order Bytes	Lower Order Bytes		
Printing	0	00h	00h		

- When the printer is turned on, it is in the receiving state. When printing begins, it changes to the "printing" phase (phase type: printing state; phase number: printing), and the printer sends that phase status to the computer. When printing has finished, the printer sends the "receiving state" phase status (phase type: receiving state; phase number: waiting to receive) to the computer. Unless an error occurs during printing, the printer sends the "printer sends
- With concurrent printing, printing starts even if a print command has not been sent from the computer in order to print at high speed. At this time, care should be taken since the "printing" and "waiting to receive" phase statuses will be sent. (Refer to "<u>5. Flow Charts</u>".)

(7) Notification number

Notification	Value
Not available	00h
Cooling (started)	03h
Cooling (finished)	04h
Waiting for peeling	05h
Finished waiting for peeling (Not used:Reserved)	06h
Printer paused	07h
Finished printer pause (Not used:Reserved)	08h

(8) Battery level

Battery Level	Value
Full	00h
Half	01h
Low	02h
Charging required	03h
AC adaptor in use	04h

ESC i a Switch dynamic command mode

ASCII:	ESC i	i ;	а	{n1}
Hexadecimal:	1B 6	69	61	{n1}

Parameters

Definitions of {n}:

- 0: ESC/P mode (default)
- 1: Raster mode (Be sure to switch to this mode.)
- 3: P-touch Template mode

Description

- Dynamically switches between the printer's command modes. A printer that receives this command operates in the specified command mode until the printer is turned off.
- The printer must be switched to raster mode before raster data is sent to it. Therefore, send this command to switch the printer to raster mode.

ESC i U Additional media information command

ASCII:	ESC) i	U	W	1	{d1d127}
Hexadecimal:	al: 1B	69	9 55	77	01	{d1d127]

Description

- Updates the media information for the printer.
- Send to the printer the commands outputted with the "Save Paper Size Commands" function of Paper Size Setup.

Note

If the media information is the same as when printing was last performed, it is unnecessary to send the additional media information command.

"Save Paper Size Commands" function of Paper Size Setup

- 1. Preparation Install the two listed below.
 - Printer driver of the Brother TD-XXXXBinary file editor.

The data outputted with the "Save Paper Size Commands" function of Paper Size Setup will be a binary file. Therefore, use a binary file editor to display and check the contents of the binary file.

Open the [Devices and Printers] window, right-click the printer, and then display the Printing Preferences dialog box. Click the [Paper Size Setup] button on the [Basic] tab to display the Paper Size Setup dialog box. (Refer to the illustration below.)

Click [Save Paper Size Commands] from the [Option] button to display a dialog box for creating a file for saving the paper size commands, and then save them in a file with the specified name.

All Paper Size Setup								
Currently Registered Paper Sizes:								
RD 51mm x 26mm	Width:	50.8 mm						
RD 40mm × 40mm	Length:	25.6 mm						
RD 40mm x 50mm RD 40mm x 60mm RD 50mm x 30mm RD 60mm x 60mm RD 57mm RD 58mm	Energy Rank:	4						
	<u>N</u> ew							
	<u>E</u> dit							
	Delete							
	Paper list							
	Import							
	Export							
ption ↓▼	Exit							

2. Open the saved file in the binary file editor. The rows of numbers that appear are the command data.(Refer to the illustration below.)

In the command data that appeared, the part marked with the red box is the additional media information command.

Of this, the 127 bytes underlined in orange are the media information. Use this when adding media information.

1B	69	61	01	đΒ	69	55	4F	10	35	35	ΛΛ	84	ΛΛ	ΩΩ	ΛΛ	.ia. <u>.</u> iU0.55
ΛĤ	ΠĤ	ΠĤ	ΠĤ	1B	69	55	77	01	3F	04	33	1A	00	37	21	īiUw.?.37!
00	7F	01	9D	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	B4	01	.~I.
ΠĤ	ΠĤ	ΠÛ	ΠÛ	ΛÛ	ΠÛ	ΠÛ	ΛÛ	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
ΩÛ	ΠĤ	ΩÛ	ΩÛ	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
<u>nn</u>	ΠĤ	ΠÛ	ΠÛ	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
00	00	00	00	00	00	35	31	6D	6D	20	78	20	32	36	6D	51mm × 26m
6D	ΠÛ	ΠÛ	ΛÛ	ΛÛ	ΛÛ	32	2F	30	22	20	78	20	31	2F	30	m2.0″×1.0
22	ΠĤ	ΩÛ	ΩÛ	ΠĤ	ΠĤ	ΠÛ	ΠĤ	F5	ΩÛ	ΠĤ	ΠĤ	18	ΠĤ	ΠĤ	ΠĤ	"
ΠĤ	ΠÛ	01	18	ΠÛ	ΠÛ	ΠÛ	00									

ESC i z Print information command

ASCII:	ESC	i	Z	{n1}	{n2}	{n3} {n4	} {n5}	{n6}	{n7}	{n8}	{n9}	{n10}
Hexadecimal:	1B	69	7A	{n1}	{n2}	{n3} {n4	} {n5}	{n6}	{n7}	{n8}	{n9}	{n10}

Description

- Specifies the print information.
- Definitions of {n1} through {n10}

{n1}:	Valid flag; Specifies which val	lues are valid					
	#define PI_KIND 0x02	// Media type					
	#define PI_WIDTH 0x04	// Media width					
	#define PI_LENGTH 0x08	// Media length					
	#define PI_QUALITY 0x40	// Priority given to print quality					
	#define PI_RECOVER 0x80	// Printer recovery always on					
{n2}:	Media type						
	Continuous length tape: 0Ah						
	Die-cut labels: 0Bh						
{n3}:	{n3}: Media width (mm) {n4}: Media length (mm)						
{n4}·							
().	For the media of width 51 mm	x length 26 mm, specify as n3=33h and n4=1Ah.					
{n5-n8}:	Raster number = n8*256*256	*256 + n7*256*256 + n6*256 + n5					
	If the media is not correctly	loaded into the printer when the valid flag for PI_KIND,					
	PI_WIDTH and PI_LENGTH	are set to "ON", an error status is returned (Bit 0 of "(2)					
	Error information 2" is set to "	ON".)					
{n9}:	Starting page: 0						
	Other pages: 1						
{n10}:	Fixed at 0						

ESC i M Various mode settings

ASCII:	ESC	i	М	{n1}
Hexadecimal:	1B	69	4D	{n1}

Parameters

Definitions of {n1}

The meaning of each bit in a 1-byte parameter is described below.

0 ~ 2bit: Not used

3bit: Inverted 180 Degrees 1. Rotates 180 degrees 0. Does not rotate 180 degrees

4bit: Peeler Function 1. Uses the peeler function 0. Does not use the peeler function

5 ~ 7bit:Not used

ESC i d Specify margin amount (feed amount)

ASCII:	ESC	i	d	{n1}	{n2}
Hexadecimal:	cimal: 1B	69	64	{n1}	{n2}

Description

- Specifies the amount of the margins.
- Margin amount (dots)=n1+n2*256
- With die-cut labels, the margin amount at the ends of the printed area is 0.
 - (a) Continuous length tape



(b) Die-cut labels



M Select compression mode

ASCII:	М	{n}
Hexadecimal:	4D	{n}

Parameters

Definitions of {n}

- 0 No-compression mode (Enabled)
- 1 Reserved (Disabled)
- 2 TIFF (Enabled) Normally TIFF compression with a serial connection

Description

• Selects the compression mode. Data compression is available only for data in raster graphic transfer.

[TIFF(Pack Bits)]

- 1-byte units
- If the same data is repeated, the number of data units and that 1 byte of data are specified.
 If different data is in a series, the number of data items and all of the different data are specified.
- If the same data is repeated, the number of data units is specified as the actual number minus 1, expressed as a negative number.

If different data is in a series, the number of data units is specified as the number of bytes minus 1, expressed as a positive number.

If the above process results in more than 56 bytes (TD-2020/2120N/2125N/2125NWB) or 85 bytes (TD-2030A/2130N/2135N/2135NWB) of compressed data, the data is treated as being all different. As a result, the data will be 57 bytes (TD-2020/2120N/2125N/2125NWB) or 86 bytes (TD-2030A/2130N/2135N/2135NWB), including the 1 byte that specifies the data length.

Example

1 raster of raster graphics transfer:



- a. Since "00h" is repeated for 20 bytes, 20d -> 19d -> 13h changed into a negative number is EDh. Therefore: ED 00
- b. Since "22h" is repeated for 2 bytes, 2d -> 1d -> 1h changed into a negative number is FFh. Therefore: FF 22
- c. The following 6 bytes remain unchanged. 6d -> 5d -> 5h Therefore: 05 23 BA BF A2 22 2B

Continue for the remaining number of bytes for the uncompressed data. Even if 00h continues until the end, it cannot be omitted.

Explanation of "TIFF compression mode"

With compression, the data for the "raster graphics transfer" command is based on 56 bytes (TD-2020/2120N/2125N/2125NWB) or 84 bytes (TD-2030A/2130N/2135N/2135NWB) of the total number of pins (TD-2020/2120N/2125N/2125NWB: 448 and TD-2030A/2130N/2135N/2135NWB: 672). As shown below, with no compression, the sum of the number of offset pins and the number of pins within the print area is the byte data. However, with compression, the number of unused pins is also added to the data. In other words, with compression, this becomes 104 bytes when it is expanded by the printer, regardless of the tape width.



Pins on print head

g Raster graphics transfer

ASCII:	g	{s}	{n}	{d1}	 {dn}
Hexadecimal:	67	{s}	{n}	{d1}	 {dn}

Parameters

- {s} 00h
- {n} Number of bytes of raster data (d1 to dh)

However, use the following value if no compression is specified as the compression mode. TD-2020/2120N/2125N/2125NWB:n=56 TD-2030A/2130N/2135N/2135NWB:n=84

{d1~dn} Raster data.

<u>Z</u>	Zero ras	ster gra	ohics

ASCII: Z Hexadecimal: 5A

Description

• Fills raster line with 0 data.

FF Print command

ASCII:	FF
Hexadecimal:	00

Description

• Used as a print command at the end of pages other than the last page when multiple pages are printed.

Control-Z Print command with feeding

ASCII:	Control-Z
lexadecimal:	1A

Description

• Used as a print command at the end of the last page.

5. Flow Charts

Normally, printing is performed as buffered printing.

However, if the printer is connected via USB and uncompressed data is received, concurrent printing is performed.

Note:

Concurrent printing: Printing starts immediately after the printer receives print data.

Buffered printing: Printing starts after one page of print data is received.

5.1 Concurrent printing normal flow for USB connection



5.2 Concurrent printing error flow for USB connection (when feeding at the end of the page)



5.3 Concurrent printing error flow for USB connection (with a concurrent printing error such as end of tape)



5.4 Concurrent printing cooling flow for USB connection



5.5 Concurrent printing waiting for peeling/resumed flow for USB connection



5.6 Buffered printing normal flow for serial/USB connection



5.7 Buffered printing error flow for serial/USB connection



5.8 Buffered printing cooling flow for serial/USB connection



Computer (host) Printer Invalidate The printer is reset. Initialize The printer is If there are no initialized. problems with the printer status (media, The status of the Status information request READ etc.), the data is printer (media, etc.) transmitted. If there is is checked and a a problem, an error Status (response to status information request) response is sent. appears. **Displaying sending** Sending control codes Data received. Sending raster data Sending raster data Sending raster data Sending raster data **Displaying printing** Sending a print command (print command with feeding (1A) Printing for the last page or print command (0C) for other page) Paused and Status Phase change waiting for peeling READ (Phase change: "Printing") "Printing" received. Notification (Phase change: "Waiting for peeling") "Printing completed" Status Canceled waiting received. ("Printing completed") for peeling Phase change "Waiting to receive" received. Status (Phase change: "Waiting to receive") Finishing process for Printing 1st page printing 1st page Sending data for Printing 2nd page 2nd page Sending control codes Sending raster data Sending raster data

5.9 Buffered printing waiting for peeling/resumed flow for serial/USB connection

5.10 Buffered printing normal flow for network (standard TCP/IP port) connection

With a network connection, print data from the operating system's port monitor is sent as is. <u>The following example is for printing 2 pages.</u>



Appendix A: USB Specifications

USB specifications 1.1

Item	Description
Vendor ID	0x04F9
Product ID	TD-2020 : 0x2055 TD-2120N : 0x2057 TD-2130N : 0x2058 TD-2030A : 0x20f6 TD-2125N : 0x20f7 TD-2125NWB : 0x20f8 TD-2135N : 0x20f9 TD-2135NWB : 0x20fa
Class	Printer Mass storage
Character string for manufacturer	Character string descriptor: 0x01 0x0409: "Brother"
Character string for serial number	Character string descriptor: 0x03 0x0409: "000000001" Last twelve digits of the printer's serial number
Device speed	Full speed
Number of interfaces	1 (No alternate interfaces)
Power supply	Self-powered (As a printer class, Bus power is also set to "ON".)
End point 1	In bulk (Sends the status from the printer to the computer.) Maximum packet size: 64 bytes
End point 2	Out bulk (Sends print commands and data from the computer to the printer.) Maximum packet size: 64 bytes

Appendix B: Introducing the Brother Developer Center

Useful information for developers, such as applications, tools, SDKs as well as FAQs, are provided in the Brother Developer Center.

https://support.brother.com/g/s/es/dev/en/index.html?navi=offall

