FOREWORD

This manual contains installation and operation information for the P310i Series card printers manufactured by Zebra Technologies Corporation, Camarillo, California.

RETURN MATERIALS AUTHORIZATION

Before returning any equipment to Zebra Technologies Corporation for in-warranty or out-of-warranty repair, contact Repair Administration for a Return Materials Authorization (RMA) number. Repack the equipment in the original packing material and mark the RMA number clearly on the outside. Ship the equipment, freight prepaid, to the address listed below:

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Printers
All Zebra Card Printers are warranted against defects in material or workmanship for twelve (12) months from the purchase date. Proof of purchase or shipment date is required to validate the warranty period. The warranty becomes void if the equipment is modified, improperly installed or used, damaged by accident or neglect, or if any parts are improperly installed or replaced by the user.

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Since printhead wear is part of normal operation, the original printhead is covered by a twelve (12) month warranty. Warranty period begins on purchase date.

To qualify for this warranty, the printhead must be returned to the factory or to an authorized service center. Customers are not required to purchase Zebra supplies (media and/or ribbons) for warranty qualification. However, if it is determined that the use of other manufacturer supplies has caused any defect in the printhead for which a warranty claim is made, the user is responsible for Zebra’s labor and material charges required to repair the defect. The warranty becomes void if the printhead is physically worn or damaged; also if it is determined that failure to follow the preventive maintenance schedule listed in the User’s Guide has causes defect in the thermal printhead for which a warranty claim is made.

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Model: P310
conforms to the following specification:
FCC Part 15, Subpart A, Section 15.107(a) and Section 15.109(a) Class B digital device-Testing in process

This equipment is being tested for compliance with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference’s by one or more of the following measures:
Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver.
Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

The user may find the following booklet, prepared by the Federal Communications Commission, helpful:
How to identify and resolve Radio/TV Interference Problems. This booklet is available from the U.S. Government printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, Stock No. 004-000-00345-4.
Use of a shielded cable is required to comply within Class B limits of Part 15 of FCC Rules.
Pursuant to Part 15.21 of the FCC Rules, any changes or modifications to this equipment not expressly approved by Zebra may cause, harmful interference and void the FCC authorization to operate this equipment.

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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Zebra P310i Plastic Card Printer.

These printers produce cards ideal for personalized identification, access control, visitor, membership, promotion and luggage card, badges and tags.

This manual guides you to an efficient start up and operation of your new Card Printer.

P310i PRINTER MODELS

Zebra's Product Numbers tell the story:

Here is a quick review of Zebra's Card Printer Series numbering and lettering system to help you.

Zebra’s P310i Plastic Card Printer Series employ Dye Sublimination and Resin Thermal Transfer Technologies. Model numbers include identifiers that specify options and items in the Ship-Away kits.

Ship-Away kit

P310i X - X X X X X - X DO

Printer Type:  
I = RFID  
C = Color  
F = Monochrome

Smart Card:  
O = No  
E = Yes

Magnetic Encoder:  
O = No  
M = Yes

Magnetic Encoder Options:  
O = No  
1 = Stripe down HICO  
2 = Stripe Down LOCO  
3 = Stripe Up HICO  
4 = Stripe Up LOCO

Memory:  
O = Standard

Interface:  
P = Parallel (DB - 25 Male)  
S = Serial (DB - 25 Female)  
U = USB/Parallel  
R = USB/Serial

DO = Documentation CD & Driver Wizard

Power Cord:  
I = International (120 / 220)  
U = UK
ICONS Throughout this manual, different icons highlight important information, as follows:

- **Important general information**

- **Mechanical hazard**, such as one associated with moving parts, capable of resulting in equipment damage or personal injury.

- **Electrical hazard**, such as an exposed voltage point, capable of causing electrical shock and personal injury.

- **An area where electrostatic discharge (ESD) can cause component damage. Use a grounding wrist band.**

- **Elevated temperature hazard**, capable of producing a burn.

- **Keep Card Printer clean by minimizing cover open time.**
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Your P310i printer ships in a carton and protective anti-static bag. Keep all packing material in case you need to move or re-ship the printer.

While unpacking, inspect the carton to ensure that no damage occurred during shipping.

Please ensure that you have a clean and nearly dust free environment for proper operation and storage of the printer.
In addition to user documentation, make sure the following items are included with your P310/i printer:

- CARD CARTRIDGE
- POWER CABLE
- CARD OUTPUT HOPPER
- INTERFACE CABLE
- CLEANING KIT
- CD Rom with driver Wizard & user’s manual
- CARD CLEANING CARTRIDGE

If any items are missing, please contact your dealer.

To reorder, please refer to Appendix C of this manual.
Your P310i printer has three Status indicators and a panel button on the front and power switch on the rear:

**INDICATORS** (green, amber & red) signal printer activity by illuminating or flashing, as follows:

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This is a push button to operate the printer for:

- **CLEAN ERROR**
- **CLEANING PROCESS**
  - SEE CHAPTER 4
- **TEST CARD**
  - SEE CHAPTER 2
The following will guide you through the installation of your P310i Printer.

**CAUTION:** Limit AC power supplied to the P310i to 110 ~ 230 volts, 60 ~ 50 Hertz, for an associated 800 ~ 400 milliamps. Limit excess current draw to 16 amps or less, using an associated circuit breaker or other such device. Never operate the printer in a location where operator, computer, or printer can get wet. Personal injury could result. The electrical security of the printer is based on the reliability of the mains power source.

1. Place the printer in a location that allows easy access to all sides. The printer should never be operated while resting on its side or upside down.

2. Place the printer's power switch in the OFF (0) position.

3. Insert the power cable into the printer power socket and attach to grounded electrical socket of the proper voltage and type.

4. Attach interface cable to printer and computer and then secure.

5. Switch power on.

**CAUTION:** Intermittent or unpredictable operation may occur from unsecured connectors. If damaged, the power cable must be replaced by an exact equivalent.
OPERATION

The following shows the features found on your P310i Printer.

PLEASE NOTE: Any blue items inside the printer can be operated by the user.

STANDARD FEATURES
1. Print Head
2. Print Head Unlock Lever
3. Manual Holder
4. Card Output Hopper
5. Status Indicators
6. Panel Button
7. Card Cleaning Cartridge
8. Card Cartridge
9. Card Thickness Control

OPTIONAL FEATURES
A. Magnetic Encoding Station
B. Smart Card Contact Station
“i Series” Printers requires the use of “i Series” ribbons for full color printing. The Resin Thermal Transfer and Dye Sublimation ribbons for P310i only are specifically designed for your P310i Printer. For optimum performance and printer life (Print Head), use True Colors ribbons.

DO NOT TOUCH the print head or the electronic components on the print head carriage. Discharges of electrostatic energy that accumulates on the surface of the human body or other surfaces can damage the print head and other electronic components used in the device.

1. Remove ribbon from packaging.

2. Open cover and press down on the print head unlock lever to open the print head carriage. The print head carriage will pop open.

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3. Load ribbon onto the supply spindle (under print head carriage) and empty core (with tape attached) onto the take-up spindle flange side in. Make sure the ribbon comes off of the top of the supply spindle and feeds to the top of the take-up spindle.

4. Push down on the Print Head Lock Lever until an audible 'click' signals the locked-down position.

5. Close Cover.

Please note that the ribbon automatically synchronizes whenever the print head lock down occurs. The ribbon is simultaneously identified and the according parameters are automatically sent to the driver.
LOADING CARDS

To help you load, print, and collect cards, the P310i is equipped with the following items:

A - CARD CARTRIDGE
For loading cards.

1. Install Card Cartridge by hooking onto printer as shown and clicking down.

2. Install cards into Cartridge.*

3. Close Cartridge.

DO NOT bend cards or touch print surfaces as this can reduce print quality. The surface of the cards must remain clean and dust free. Always store cards in an enclosed container. Ideally, use cards as soon as possible. If cards stick together, carefully shuffle them.

* See Chapter 6, Technical Specifications, for card requirements and capacities.
**B - INSTALL CARD CLEANING CARTRIDGE**

This item is used to clean the cards entering the printer.

1. Remove Card Cleaning Cartridge from packaging. Peel protective wrapper from adhesive roller.

2. Open Printer cover and remove the yellow reminder tape from the location for the Cleaning Cartridge.

3. Make sure the arrow on top of the assembly is facing toward the rear of the printer. Hook assembly into slot on printer and rotate down. Ensure the assembly locks in place.
C - CARD THICKNESS CONTROL LEVER

This item is operated by the user to prevent more than one card feeding into the printer at the same time and causing a jam.

Open Cover, and adjust lever to correct position. Repeat for different card thickness. (Factory setting is for 30mil (0.762mm) card thickness. See diagram below:

Card Thickness:
A - 60mil (1.524mm) to 50mil (1.27mm)
B - 40mil (1.016mm)
C - 30mil (0.762mm)
D - 20mil (0.508mm)
E* - Less than 20 mil (0.508mm)

* Start at lowest position and move lever up to match card thickness.
For other card thickness, start lever at lowest position and move up until cards feed.

D - CARD OUTPUT HOPPER
For collecting printing cards.

Install Card Output Hopper onto printer by hooking over bottom edge of card exit aperture.
FEEDING ONE CARD AT A TIME

A Manual Feed Slot is available on the size of the Card Input Hopper for feeding single cards. Cleaning Cards are fed manually through this slot. The Card Cartridge must be empty for manual card feeding to work properly.

For one-at-a-time printing, feed cards through slots on side of Feeder.

Do not feed more than one card at a time.

REMOVING CARD CARTRIDGE

Remove the Card Cartridge prior to packaging the printer shipment.

To remove, pull hook back, and lift hopper out.
PRINTING A TEST CARD

With ribbon and cards loaded, your P310i printer is ready to print. To check the operation of the printer you should print a test card.

1. Place the printer’s power switch in the OFF (O) position.
2. While pressing the panel button, switch printer on. Green indicator will show.
3. Keep pressing panel button until green indicator starts flashing.
4. Release panel button and a test card will print after a few seconds.

This is an example of the test card.
PRINTING A SAMPLE CARD

Printing with the P310i Printer requires the Windows Printer Driver, your card design/issuing Windows software or printer command level programming through the printer interface.

The P310i Card Printer can be used with any Windows 95/98, Windows NT 4.0 or 2000 software application program, using the drivers provided with the printer.

This section contains information on the printing of a sample card in color (using the 5-panel color ribbon YMCKO) for P310i and the Windows Printer Driver.

BEFORE installing updated printer driver versions, always delete the existing printer driver version from your computer.
To install the P310i Printer Driver Automatically on all Operating Systems, Use the Zebra Install Wizard

To ensure the accuracy of driver installation, it is recommended that you use the Zebra Install Wizard that is provided with your documentation CD.

The Wizard will:

a • Check to see which operating system you are using

b • Delete previous version of the driver and clean up any necessary Registry entries

c • From the main menu of your documentation CD, select your desired language and then select “DRIVERS” from the subsequent menu. The Install Wizard will walk you through the appropriate steps.

On NT systems, ensure that you have administrative privileges to perform this installation or contact your IT department.
Set Printer Driver Options:

The P310i Printer screen appears. Change the options as follows:

On the Printer tab configure the magnetic encoder feature. If your printer is equipped with a magnetic Encoder Option, select With Magnetic Encoder option.

On the Card tab select card orientation:
Landscape or portrait - Select “Landscape”.

For P310i: with i Series ribbon, the ribbon, the printer will automatically detect which ribbon is installed and configure the Windows driver accordingly.

In the Ribbon tab, go to Black Panel area and select Text Only. This option allows the text printing using the Black Resin Panel from the Color Ribbon.

Close the Zebra P310i Printer Properties screen.

Now that you have loaded media and set up the printer driver, the P310i Printer is ready to print.
Printing a sample card:
Follow the steps to print your first card

Go to the Microsoft Word Software.

If the printer was not selected as the default printer, go to the File menu and Select Printer and choose Zebra P310i Card Printer in the printer names list. Then Close the print dialog box.

Come back to File menu and choose Page Setup.

Select Paper Size tab and in Paper Size choose Card. Then select the orientation: "landscape".

Go to Margins tab, put the Top, Bottom, Left and Right margins with O values.

Press OK to close Page Setup window.

The card appears on the screen.

Design a card with both black and colored text and with colored pictures (see example below).

SAMPLE CARD
M. CHRIS JONES
SALES DIRECTOR

Build the World with us!
Http://@artworld.com

Once you are ready to print, go to File and point Print

The printer will feed in a card and start printing (the data download time will vary depending on the complexity of the card design and the processing speed of your computer).

Once the printing job is achieved the card is ejected from the printer.
Cleaning

PROTECT YOUR FACTORY WARRANTY!
The recommended maintenance procedures must be performed to maintain your factory warranty. Other than the recommended cleaning procedures described in this manual, allow only Zebra authorized technicians to service the P310i Printer. NEVER loosen, tighten, adjust, or bend, etc. a part or cable inside the printer. NEVER use a shop air compressor to remove particles in the printer.
CLEANING SYSTEM

Your P310i Printer includes a simple cleaning system using the Pre-Saturated Cleaning Cards provided. The regular use of these cards will clean and maintain important parts of your printer: including the Print Head, and Transport Rollers and Magnetic Encoder Station (optional feature).

WHEN TO CLEAN
When the amber & red indicators flash.
(Every 1000 cards* approx.)
* Using 5-panel color ribbon (YMCKO).
(Every 5000 cards* approx.)
* Using monochrome ribbon.
*Optional factory setting.

HOW TO CLEAN

1. Leave power on.
Open Cover and release Print Head Bracket to remove ribbon.
Close Print Head.
Close Cover. Remove cards from Card Cartridge.

2. Insert one Pre-Saturated Cleaning Card (provided) through slot on the side of the Card Cartridge.

3. Press the Panel Button for a few seconds. The card will feed into printer and carry out the cleaning process. Repeat the process with a new Cleaning Card if necessary.

Note: For cleaning prior to the WHEN TO CLEAN signal, press the Panel Button for 3 seconds to start the cleaning process (Repeat first steps 1 & 2 above).

Although the amber and red indicators will keep flashing until the cleaning process has been performed, the printer will continue to operate.
A cleaning using the Cleaning Cards usually suffices. However, a separate Print Head cleaning using swabs can remove more stubborn deposits when print anomalies persist. To avoid deposits, only use foam-tipped swabs.

1. Turn power OFF. Raise Print Head and remove the Ribbon.

2. Clean Print Head by moving alcohol-moistened swab tip side-to-side across Print Head elements. Only use moderate force. (To reorder swabs see Appendix C).

3. Turn power ON. Allow two minutes for the print head components to dry before resume printing.

Never use a sharp object to scrape deposits from the print head. Permanent damage will result.
Your P310i Printer also has a Card Cleaning Cartridge. This item cleans the cards entering the printer. To ensure print quality, the cleaning roller requires periodic replacements.

**WHEN TO MAINTAIN**
Replace the cleaning cartridge roller each time you install a new ribbon. A cleaning roller is included with every True Colors ribbons.
*If a cleaning card will be run, use the Cleaning Card before replacing adhesive Cleaning Roller.

**HOW TO MAINTAIN**
1. Open Cover and locate Cleaning Cartridge.
2. Gently remove by rotating up and away from printer.

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3. Remove Cleaning Roller from Cartridge and discard.

4. Install new Cleaning Roller into Cartridge*. To avoid contamination, always hold the Cleaning Roller assembly by the ends.

5. Carefully peel off wrapper from new Cleaning Roller while in Cartridge.

6. To replace Cartridge into printer:
   Make sure the arrow on top of the assembly is facing toward the rear of the printer. Hook assembly into slot on printer and rotate down. Ensure the assembly locks in place.

   DO NOT touch the roller surface that contacts the card.

7. Close Cover.

* See Appendix C for replacement Cleaning Rollers.

Although the amber and red indicators will keep flashing until maintenance has been performed, the printer will continue to operate.
The following offers causes or solutions to symptoms related to improper operation. Check this table when experiencing any loss of operation or print quality. Note that the LEDs appear white for ON, dark for OFF, and circled with radial lines for FLASHING.

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| **AMBER INDICATOR ILLUMINATES** | 1. Check for Cards in Cards Cartridge.  
2. Check Card Thickness Control setting.  
3. Press the Panel Button for 1 second. The printing job will restart. |
| Alert: cards  
The printer stops and an error comes up in the Windows application program. |
| **AMBER INDICATOR FLASHES** | 1. Check ribbon.  
2. Load new ribbon.  
3. Ribbon will automatically synchronize and printing will restart with new card |
| Alert: ribbon  
The printer stops and an error comes up in the Windows application program. |
### Troubleshooting

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| **RED INDICATOR ILLUMINATES** | 1. Check Print Head Bracket is closed.  
2. Check if you are using correct card type (see Technical Specifications).  
3. Check Card Thickness Control Lever is properly adjusted for correct card thickness (see Chapter 2 - Loading Cards)  
4. If two cards are fed into printer at same time: - Open cover & remove Card Cleaning Cartridge, empty feeder, pull jammed cards out. Replace Card Cleaning Cartridge.  
- remove cards from Card Cartridge, shuffle them and replace.  
5. Check ribbon is loaded correctly inside printer.  
6. Check command. |
| **RED INDICATOR FLASHES** | 1. Check that you are using correct magnetic card type (for low or high coercivity encoding).  
2. Verify Command Syntax.  
3. Call technical support. |
| **AMBER & RED INDICATORS FLASH** | 1. Printer cleaning required (see Chapter 4 - Cleaning) |
| **ALL INDICATORS FLASH** | 1. Printing will restart automatically after a few seconds. |
| **NO INDICATOR ILLUMINATES** | 1. Make sure power cord is plugged in properly at both ends.  
2. Call technical support. |

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   - remove cards from Card Cartridge, shuffle them and replace.
5. Check ribbon is loaded correctly inside printer.
6. Check command.

### Cleaning Alert:
The printer needs cleaning

### Magnetic Encoder Alert:
The printer ejects card and stops

### Power Cord:
The power switch is ON
**Ribbon Errors:** Check that the print ribbon has not 'run out'. Lock and then unlock the print head assembly; this resynchronizes the ribbon automatically. When using a color ribbon, it should advance automatically so that the leading edge of the Yellow panel is beneath the print head. Ensure that the correct ribbon type has been specified in the Windows driver.

**Card Feed & Mechanical Errors:** Ensure that the card thickness adjustment has been set-up correctly to allow one card to feed.

**Magnetic Encoding Errors:** Check that the cards are inserted correctly in the printer. Ensure that the cards are low or high coercivity as required, and are set-up correctly in the printer driver (Appendix A).

**Cleaning Alert:** The printer has counted the number of cards printed and has automatically flagged that a cleaning routine needs to be carried out.
GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

General
- High speed printing, over 140 cards/hour edge to edge in full color (YMCKO) throughput
- High speed printing, over 1000 cards/hour throughput (K-resin ribbon)
- Small footprint
- Windows Drivers for 95/98 and NT 4.0 / 2000
- One year printer warranty
- One year (unlimited passes) print head warranty
- Powerful EPCL (Zebra Printer Program Command Language)

Colour Printing
- Color dye sublimation or monochrome thermal transfer printing
- 25 seconds per card edge to edge in full color (YMCKO)
- 4 seconds in monochrome
- 300 dpi (11.8 dots/mm) print resolution
- Edge to edge printing standard

Bar Codes
- Code 39
- Code 128 B & C with & without check digit
- 2 of 5 & 2 of 5 industrial
- UPCA
- EAN8 & EAN13
- PDF 417 2D bar code and other symbologies available (Not resident in printer)
Fonts

- True Type fonts available via Windows Driver

Cards*

- Types PVC, Composite
- Card width/length: ISO CR-80 - ISO 7810, 2.125” (54mm) by 3.375” (86mm)
- Option: Magnetic Stripe - ISO 7811
- Option: Smart Card - ISO 7816-2
- Card thickness*: 10mil (0.25mm) to 30 mil (0.75mm)

* Edge to edge printing on 20-30mil only

- Card Cartridge capacity: Up to 210 cards (10mil), up to 75 cards (30mil)
- Card Output Hopper capacity: Up to 210 cards (10 mil), up to 75 cards (30 mil)
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| • Monochrome colors: black, red, blue, green, silver, gold, white.  
| For P310i only  
| • K-resin + O: 800 cards/roll  
| • K-dye + O: 800 cards/roll  
| • YMCKO: 350 cards/roll  

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| • Clear and holographic options:  
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| - Genuine/Secure Hologram  
| - Pcard hologram  
| - Custom Hologram  

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| • Width: 11.8” (315 mm†)  
| • Depth: 7.75” (198 mm†)  
| • Height: 8.7” (220 mm†)  
| • Weight: 13.4 lbs (6.1 kg)  

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| • 110 ~ 230 Volts AC, 60 ~ 50 Hz  
| • FCC Class A, CE, UL, and CUL approved  

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| • Operating Temperature: 60 to 86°F (15 to 30°C)  
| • Operating Humidity: 20 to 65% non condensing  
| • Storage Temperature: -23 to 158°F (-5 to 70°C)  
| • Storage Humidity: 20 to 70% non condensing  
| • Ventilation: Free air  

* Thermal transfer (Resin) ribbons offer more durability than dye sublimation, with greater resistance to scratches and UV-induced fading.

Dye Sublimation printing requires dye sublimation ribbons, with either black or cyan, magenta, and yellow (plus black resin) panels.

† Measured without card output hopper.
Options

• USB port
• RS-232C serial port
• Smart Card Contact Station (30 mil cards only)
• Magnetic Encoder (30 mil cards only)
• Cleaning supplies
• Service Manual

"i Series" Printers requires the use of “i Series” ribbons for full color printing

Refer to the Appendix C for more information about Card and Ribbon Media available from Zebra Technologies Corp.
APPENDIX A - MAGNETIC CARD STRIPE ENCODER

Operation and maintenance requirements for the P310i Printer with the optional magnetic card stripe encoder. (See Chapter 2 for location). The magnetic encoder can be set for either high or low coercivity.

The magnetic encoder is a factory installed item with the read/write head positioned below the card path, available with HICO encoding or LOCO encoding.

When loading cards into the Card Cartridge, please ensure that the magnetic stripe is facing towards the printer and closest to the rear.

Also available are Printer models with the Magnetic Read/Write head positioned above the card path, with HICO encoding or LOCO encoding.

When loading cards, please ensure that there is a magnetic stripe.

Approved HICO & LOCO PVC Cards are available. (See Appendix C).

SAMPLE ENCODING PROGRAM
Refer to Programmer’s manual (Part number 98001-001)

ONLY USE cards that comply with ISO 7810 & 7811 standards for magnetic stripe cards. The magnetic stripe must be flush to the surface of the card to work properly. Never use taped-on magnetic stripes.
MAGNETIC ENCODER CLEANING
The read/write head requires periodic cleaning to maintain errorfree encoding.

WHEN TO CLEAN
When the amber & red indicators flash.
(Every 1000 cards* approx.)
* Using 5-panel color ribbon (YMCKO).
*Optional factory setting.

HOW TO CLEAN
1. Leave power on.
   Open Cover and release Print Head Bracket to remove ribbon.
   Close Print Head.
   Close Cover. Remove cards from Card Cartridge.
2. Insert one Pre-Saturated Cleaning Card (provided) through slot on the side of the Card Cartridge.
3. Press the Panel Button for a few seconds. The card will feed into printer and carry out the cleaning process. Repeat the process with a new Cleaning Card if necessary.

Note: For cleaning prior to the WHEN TO CLEAN signal, press the Panel Button for 3 seconds to start the cleaning process (Repeat first steps 1 & 2 above).

Although the amber and red indicators will keep flashing until the cleaning process has been performed, the printer will continue to operate.

ISO STANDARD ENCODING

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<tr>
<th>Track #</th>
<th>Field Separator</th>
<th>Track density</th>
<th>Valid Characters</th>
<th>#of characters</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>^</td>
<td>210 BPI*</td>
<td>Alphanumeric (ASCII 20~95†)</td>
<td>79‡</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>=</td>
<td>75 BPI*</td>
<td>Numeric (ASCII 48~62)</td>
<td>40‡</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>=</td>
<td>210 BPI*</td>
<td>Numeric (ASCII 48~62)</td>
<td>107‡</td>
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* Bit per inch
† Except the ‘?’ character
‡ Including Start, Stop and LCR characters. Also note that these 3 characters are automatically managed by the magnetic encoder according to the ISO Standard Norms.

NOTE: Refer to the Card Printer Programmer’s Manual for complete programming information.
APPENDIX B - SMART CARD CONTACT STATION

This section contains information on the additional operations of the P310i Printers with Smart Card Contact Stations. (See Chapter 2 for location.)

INTRODUCTION

Smart Cards can have a built-in microcomputer and a battery. Card Memory can store fingerprints, voice recognition patterns, medical records and other such data. The P310i printer may be equipped with an optional contact station for programming Smart Cards (ISO 7816). This printer model responds to commands that position the cards at the contact station, where the printer connects to the contacts on the Smart Cards. All other printer operations remain the same as the standard P310i model.
MEDIA LOADING ORIENTATION

Orient the cards with the Smart Card Chip at the top of the card and facing away from the printer.

SMART CARD CONTACT STATION INTERFACE

When a command to the parallel printer interface sends a card to the Smart Card Contact Station, the printer connects the Smart Card Contact Station to the female DB-9 connector on the rear of the printer.

An attached external Smart Card Programmer can be used to program Smart Card chips.

DO NOT position printing over the Smart Card Chip.

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<tr>
<th>DB - 9 PINS</th>
<th>SMART CARD CONTACT POINTS</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>CI (VCC)</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>C6 (Vpp)</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>C2 (Reset)</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>C7 (I/O)</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>C3 (Clock)</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>C8 (RFU)</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>C4 (RFU)</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>(GND when chip is at station)</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>C5 (GND)</td>
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Refer to the Card Printer Programmer’s Manual for complete programming information.
APPENDIX C - ACCESSORIES & SUPPLIES

Please contact your Zebra-authorized dealer to place an order for accessories and supplies.

RIBBONS

The following ribbons may be used in the P310i Printer:

### Monochrome Resin Ribbons (Sold by the Roll)

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<tr>
<td>800015-401</td>
<td>Black</td>
<td>1000</td>
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<td>800015-402</td>
<td>Red</td>
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<td>800015-403</td>
<td>Green</td>
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<td>800015-406</td>
<td>Gold</td>
<td>1000</td>
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<tr>
<td>800015-407</td>
<td>Silver</td>
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<td>800015-409</td>
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<td>1000</td>
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<tr>
<td>800015-485</td>
<td>Scratch-off Grey</td>
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### Color Ribbons (Sold by the Roll)

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<td>5-Panel Color Ribbon (YMCKO)</td>
<td>200</td>
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<td>800015-540</td>
<td>5-Panel Color Ribbon (YMCKO)</td>
<td>330</td>
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<td>800015-445</td>
<td>4-Panel Color Ribbon (YMCK)</td>
<td>250</td>
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<td>4-Panel Color Ribbon (YMCK)</td>
<td>400</td>
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<td>800015-480</td>
<td>5-Panel Color Ribbon (YMCKK)</td>
<td>200</td>
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<tr>
<td>800015-470</td>
<td>3-Panel Color Ribbon (YMCK)</td>
<td>300</td>
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<tr>
<td>800015-448</td>
<td>6-Panel Color Ribbon (YMCKOK)</td>
<td>170</td>
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<td>800015-450</td>
<td>2-Panel Black Ribbon (K Dye + O)</td>
<td>500</td>
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<tr>
<td>800015-460</td>
<td>2-Panel Resin Ribbon (K Resin + O)</td>
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Note: Y = Yellow, M = Magenta, C = Cyan, K = black, O = Overlay
The following cards are optimized for use in the P310i Printers:

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<td>Card, 10 mil †</td>
<td>(5 packs of 200)</td>
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<td>104523-010</td>
<td>Card, 10 mil † adhesive back</td>
<td>(5 packs of 200)</td>
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<tr>
<td>104523-111</td>
<td>Card, 30 mil †</td>
<td>(5 packs of 100)</td>
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<tr>
<td>104523-112</td>
<td>Card, 30 mil - low coercivity Mag. Stripe</td>
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<td>Card, 30 mil - High coercivity Mag. Stripe</td>
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Premier Plus Grade (PVC composite 60/40)

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<td>104524-102</td>
<td>Card, 30 mil - low coercivity Mag. Stripe</td>
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<td>104524-103</td>
<td>Card, 30 mil - High coercivity Mag. Stripe</td>
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Notes:
10mil = 0.254mm; 30 mil = 0.762mm
10mil cards are recommended for single side printing monochrome and spot Color only.

Many other card types are also available; ask your dealer for more information.
ACCESSORIES

Accessories available for P310i Printers appear below. Always refer to the part number when placing an order:

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<td>105909-138</td>
<td>Card Printer parallel / Serial Interface Cable, ft (DB-25 male to DB-25 female)</td>
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<td>105912-024</td>
<td>Card Cartridge</td>
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<td>105912-038</td>
<td>Card Output Hopper</td>
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<td>105909-112</td>
<td>Replacement Print Head Kit</td>
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<td>105909-169</td>
<td>Premier Cleaning Kit (25 swabs, 50 cards)</td>
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<td>105912-003</td>
<td>Adhesive Cleaning Roller Kit (set of 5)</td>
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<td>105912-002</td>
<td>Cleaning Cartridge, complete</td>
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<td>104531-001</td>
<td>Cleaning Card Kit (box of 100 cards)</td>
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<td>105909-057</td>
<td>Cleaning Swab Kit (box of 25 swabs)</td>
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<td>980081-001</td>
<td>Pseries Programmer's Manual (English only)</td>
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<td>980264-001</td>
<td>P310i Maintenance Manual (English only)</td>
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<td>105576-003</td>
<td>CD ROM with Windows Driver Wizard and User's manuals in English, French, Spanish, German, Portuguese, Italian, Chinese, japanese.</td>
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<tr>
<td>806503-001</td>
<td>Card Punch (slots card for lapel clip)</td>
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<tr>
<td>104527-001</td>
<td>Lapel Clips (pack of 100 clips)</td>
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