Welcome

Version 8.x of the ZDesigner Windows printer driver offers a new improved user interface in 20+ languages with new features to drive Zebra printers running Link-OS and the ZPL printer command language.  

Our version 5.x driver is still available and will continue to support new and legacy Zebra printers using the EPL and CPCL command languages.

Supported Operating Systems

This driver is supported on the following Microsoft 32-bit and 64-bit desktop operating systems:
- Windows 7
- Windows 8.1
- Windows 10
- Windows Server 2012 R2
- Windows Server 2016
- Windows Server 2019

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Installation

It's recommended you use the Printer Installation Wizard included in the distribution to install the printer driver.

NOTE: your user account must have the necessary permissions to install a driver otherwise contact your system administrator for further assistance.

Installation using the Printer Installation Wizard:
1. If necessary, extract the driver files noting the location of the files.
2. Run the PrnInst.exe application (Printer Installation Wizard).
3. Click the Install Printer Driver option and follow the prompts in the wizard.

**Supported Printers**

The following Zebra printers are supported in this version:

- iMZ220 (ZPL)
- iMZ320 (ZPL)
- QLn220 (ZPL)
- QLn320 (ZPL)
- QLn420 (ZPL)
- ZD120 203dpi
- ZD220-203dpi ZPL
- ZD230-203dpi ZPL
- ZD410-203dpi ZPL
- ZD410-300dpi ZPL
- ZD411-203dpi ZPL
- ZD411-300dpi ZPL
- ZD420-203dpi ZPL
- ZD420-300dpi ZPL
- ZD421-203dpi ZPL
- ZD421-300dpi ZPL
- ZD500-203dpi ZPL
- ZD500-300dpi ZPL
- ZD500R-203dpi ZPL
- ZD500R-300dpi ZPL
- ZD510-300dpi ZPL
- ZD511-300dpi ZPL
- ZD611-203dpi ZPL
- ZD611-300dpi ZPL
- ZD611R-203dpi ZPL
- ZD611R-300dpi ZPL
- ZD620-203dpi ZPL
- ZD620-300dpi ZPL
- ZD621-203dpi ZPL
- ZD621-300dpi ZPL
- ZD621R-203dpi ZPL
- ZD621R-300dpi ZPL
- ZD888-203dpi ZPL
- ZQ310 (ZPL)
- ZQ320 (ZPL)
- ZQS10 (ZPL)
- ZQS11 (ZPL)
- ZQS11R (ZPL)
- ZQS20 (ZPL)
- ZQS21 (ZPL)
- ZQS21R (ZPL)
- ZQ610 (ZPL)
- ZQ620 (ZPL)
- ZQ630 (ZPL)
- ZQ630R (ZPL)
Tips & Advice

1. The passthrough feature may not work correctly when using one or more specific characters in the starting sequence. The characters - < and > are known to be problematic due to the way some Windows applications pass data to the driver. Other characters not listed may also not work. To resolve the issue, change the start sequence characters. E.g. STARTOFZPLSEQUENCE
Differences between ZDesigner v5.x and v8.x

1. The v8 driver supports Zebra printers running Link-OS and the ZPL printer command language. The v5 driver continues to support new and legacy Zebra printers using the EPL and CPCL command languages.

2. The number of copies option is no longer supported in v8 and instead is controlled in the application.

3. The unprintable area options are no longer supported in v8. Upgrading a v5 driver to v8 will result in the label image printing at the same position.

4. The ‘use printer settings’ option is no longer supported in v8. Instead, the v8 driver has improved functionality where the user has control of individual settings.

5. The ‘Safe graphics printing’ option is no longer supported in v8. This option affected the data stream when using the ZebraDesigner label design application. The printed label image is not affected.

6. The ‘use printer tag type’ RFID option is no longer supported in v8. In v5, it controlled the first parameter of the ^RS command which is no longer required for Link-OS printers.

7. The Font & Graphic downloader application is no longer distributed with the v8 driver. Instead, font download functionality is part of the printer driver UI.

8. The Command Font parsed text option (for prefix and suffix) has changed in v8. The following internal parameters are no longer supported:
   - `{xExp}` x expansion of font.
   - `{yExp}` y expansion of font.
   - `{PageWidth}` Width of the current page in dots.
   - `{PageHeight}` Height of the current page in dots.
   - `{Orientation}` Page orientation.
   - `{Quantity}` Quantity of pages to be printed.
   - `{PageNum}` Number of the current page.

9. The 'Use font height' option for barcode fonts is no longer supported in v8. In v8, users can define the height of the barcode and this height is used for the barcode font.

10. In v8, the Import and Export of printer driver settings has been moved to the Driver Settings tab and is no longer available in the document settings dialog.

11. The Status Monitor application is no longer distributed with the v8 driver but shall continue to be distributed with the v5 driver. It can be used with the v8 driver.

Change Log

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<td>24 Feb 2020</td>
<td>8.2.0.18003</td>
<td>- Added a button on the Driver Settings &gt; Fonts tab to reload all fonts.</td>
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<td>- Store file to printer function now supports adding the CISDFCRC16 header.</td>
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- Corrected an issue where some internal printer fonts didn't display correctly in Word 2016.
- Improved driver installation using the network discovery process.
- Continuous and non-continuous media types can now have different minimum height values.
- Corrected an issue with the ^RFW command when using RFID and XML in ZebraDesigner for Developers.
- Updated the Passthrough topic in the help documentation.
- Enabled the options to specify cut n labels or after batch when using the Linerless Cut operation modes.
- Added the following printer models:
  - ZD411
  - ZD421
  - ZD611
  - ZD611R
  - ZD621
  - ZD621R

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<td>8.1.0.17602</td>
<td>Added support for the ZebraDesigner for Developers edition.</td>
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<td>When exporting templates from ZebraDesigner 3 applications the ^FN commands now starts at 1 instead of 0 to ensure the associated prompts are displayed in various applications.</td>
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<td>Added an option to specify the aspect ratio (square or rectangular) in the Barcode Settings section for the Datamatrix barcode font.</td>
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<td>The Direct print (^GF) graphic option is now supported.</td>
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<td>Corrected placement of RFID commands. They are now after all other label elements.</td>
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<td>Corrected the ZD120 print width from 10.1 cm to 10.4 cm.</td>
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<td>22 Jun 2019</td>
<td>8.0.0.16033</td>
<td>Initial release of the version 8 driver platform.</td>
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Software Updates

ZDesigner printer drivers are frequently updated and modified to take advantage of new developments. Updated drivers will be available on our website:
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