

### **D4 SERIES Printer**

### **User's Manual**

D4 250 / D4 350





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# **1** Introduction

Thank you for purchasing a ARGOX D4 printer. This manual provides information about how to set up and operate your printer, load the media and solve common problems.

### **1.1 Features**

- Various Connectivity Options USB, Ethernet, RS-232
- **Easy Operation** One-button design for easy control
- Fast Print Speed Max 6 inches/sec
- Wireless LAN Connection Build a Wireless LAN printing environment with Bluetooth

External Memory The extra USB port allows you to use a USB flash drive for storage

# **1.2 Unpacking**

Make sure all of the following items are included in your package.



When you receive the printer, open the package immediately and inspect for shipping damage. If you discover any damage, contact the shipping company and file a claim. ARGOX is not responsible for any damage incurred during shipping. Save all package materials for the shipping company to inspect.

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**Note** If any item is missing, please contact your local dealer.

# **1.3 Understand your printer**

### **1.3.1** Perspective view



### 1.3.2 Back view





**Caution** The areas indicated by the ellipse have sharp edges. To avoid injury, be careful not to touch them when handling the printer.



**Caution** To avoid injury, be careful not to trap your fingers in the Paper Slot while opening or closing the Top Cover.

### 1.3.3 Interior view



**Warning** The printhead becomes very hot during printing. Do not touch the printhead or touch around it directly after printing. By doing so you may get burnt.

# **1.4 Printer lights**

There are two LED lights that show the status of your printer.

### 1.4.1 Status lights

Status lights help you check printer's condition. The following tables show the blinking speed of status lights and the conditions they indicate.

LED image	Blinking Speed	Blinking Interval
	Lightening	Always on
	Slow	0.8 Seconds
	Fast	0.2 Second
LED image	Blinking Pattern description	

	Alternate blinking.
:	Blinking at the same time.

Blinking pattern	LED 2	LED 1	Description	
:	Green	Green	The printer is ready to print.	
	Green	Green	In pause.	
	Green	Green	The printer	is transmitting data.
	Green	Green	TPH high temperature.	
	Green	Green	The printer is writing data to the flash or USB memory. The USB memory is being initialized.	
			Paper jam.	
	Amber	Amber	The media is Paper end.	s out when the print data sent to the printer.
	Red	Red	H/W Error	The printhead is broken. Communication error (RS-232C). Cutter error (with optional cutter). The RTC battery is low. (If the printer has a built-in RTC)
	Red	Red	Command Error	An EEPROM for backup cannot be read or written properly. A command has been fetched from an odd address. Word data has been accessed from a place other than the boundary of the word data. Long word data has been accessed from a place other than the boundary of the long word data. Command error.

Red	Red	Top Cover Open	The print module is opened when the printer is turned on. Cover (Thermal Head) open error during printing.
Red	Red	USB R/W Error	Flash ROM on the CPU board error or USB memory error.An erase error has occurred when formatting the USB memory.Unable to save files due to insufficient USB memory.

#### 1.4.2 System mode

The system mode consists of status light color combinations. It contains a list of commands for you to select and run.

To enter the system mode and run the command, do the following:

- 1. Turn off the printer.
- 2. Press and hold the **FEED** button, and turn on the printer.
- 3. Both status lights glow solid amber for a few seconds. Next, they turn to green shortly, and then turn to other colors.
- When status lights show the color combination you need, release the FEED button immediately.
- 5. Press the **FEED** button to run the command.

LED 2	LED 1	Command
Red	Green	Transmissive Sensor Calibration (Section 3.1)
Amber	Green	Reflective Sensor Calibration (Section 3.1)
Red	Red	Resetting Your Printer (Section 3.3)
Amber	Red	Reserved
Green	Red	Disable Checking RTC Battery Charge
Red	Amber	Reserved
Green	Amber	Self Test ( <u>Section 3.2</u> )

The following table is the command list of the system mode.

# 2 Get started

This chapter describes how to set up your printer.



**Caution** Do not use your printer in areas exposed to splashing water or any other liquid.



**Caution** Do not drop your printer, or place it in an area subject to humidity, vibration or shock.

## 2.1 Attach the power cord

- 1. Make sure the power switch is set to the **OFF** position.
- 2. Insert the power supply's connector into the printer power jack.
- 3. Insert the AC power cord into the power supply.
- 4. Plug the other end of the AC power cord into the wall socket.

**Important** Use only power supplies listed in the user instructions.





**Warning** Do not plug the AC power cord with wet hands, or operate the printer and the power supply in an area where they may get wet. Serious injury may result from these actions!

# 2.2 Turn on/off your printer

When your printer is connected to a host (a computer), it is good to turn on the printer before turning on the host, and turn off the host before turning off the printer.

#### 2.2.1 Turn on your printer

 To turn on your printer, turn on the **Power Switch** as below. The "I" is the **ON** position.



2. Both status lights glow solid amber for a few seconds, and then LED 2 goes out, while LED 1 turns to solid green.



**Note** If you connect the printer to the internet or insert a USB drive before turning on the printer, it will take longer for the printer to enter the online mode (LED 1 glows solid green) after you turn it on.

### 2.2.2 Turn off your printer

- 1. Make sure LED 2 is off and LED 1 is solid green before turning off the printer.
- To turn off your printer, turn off the Power Switch as below. The "O" is the OFF position.





**Caution** Do not turn off your printer during data transmission.

## 2.3 Load media

There are various types and sizes for the media roll. Load the applicable media to satisfy your need.

#### 2.3.1 Prepare media

The inside wound and outside wound media roll can be loaded into the printer the same way. In case the media roll is dirty during shipping, handling or storage, remove the outside length of the media. It helps avoid dragging adhesive and dirty media between the printhead and platen roller.



#### 2.3.2 Place a media roll

1. Open the top cover of the printer.



2. Press the holder lock on the **Media Roll Holders** to slide them outward, and place the media roll between the holders. Make sure the print side is up, and the media roll is clamped tightly by the holders.

**Note** The default core holder is set for 1-inch inside diameter (ID). To install a 1.5-inch ID media roll, use your hand or a coin to loosen two thumbscrews on both holders, flip the core holders horizontally and secure them back.



3. Pull the media until it reaches out of the printer. Thread the media under the media guides.

**Caution** Do not ship or bring the printer while it holds a label roll.



4. Close the top cover.



### 2.3.3 Test media feed

1. Turn on the printer, and press the **FEED** button to feed a label.



2. Flip the media and tear it along the edge of the top cover.



# 2.4 Media types

Your printer supports various media types, including non-continuous media, continuous media, and fanfold media. The following table provides details about them.

Media Type	Looks Like	Description
Non-Continuous Media		Non-continuous media is the typical media for bar code printing. Labels and tags are made of various materials, such as paper, fabric or cardstock, and are separated by gaps, holes, notches or black marks. Many labels are self-adhesive with liners, while some are linerless.

Media Type	Looks Like	Description
Fanfold Media		Fanfold media is in continuous form, but it can
		be used as non-continuous media, because its
		labels are separated by folds. Some fanfold
		media also has black marks or liners.

## 2.5 Media sensing

D4 printers offer two types of media sensor: transmissive and reflective. They are used for detecting specific media types.

#### 2.5.1 Transmissive sensor

The transmissive sensor is fixed and placed near the center of the printhead. It is used for detecting gaps across the entire width of the label.



### 2.5.2 Reflective sensor

The reflective sensor is movable within the entire width of the media. It detects gaps, notches and black marks not located at the center of the media.



Flip the media so the black-mark side is facing down to align with the



# **3** Printer operation

This chapter provides information about printer operation.

### 3.1 Printing Media Calibration &

### Configuration

You will want the printer to work properly before starting your print jobs. To do this, you need to calibrate the media sensor. Printers provide transmissive and reflective sensor calibration. Take the following steps to use them.

- Make sure the media is properly loaded, the print module is closed, and the printer's power switch is set to the **OFF** position.
- 2. Press and hold the **FEED** button, and turn on the printer.
- 3. Both status lights glow solid amber for a few seconds. Next, they turn to green shortly, and then turn to other colors. Do one of the following to select the sensor:
- If you want to calibrate the transmissive sensor, when LED 2 turns to red and LED 1 turns to green, release the **FEED** button immediately.
- If you want to calibrate the reflective sensor, when LED 2 turns to amber and LED 1 turns to green, release the **FEED** button immediately.
- 4. Press the **FEED** button. The media calibration is complete after the printer feeds 3-4 labels and stops.

## 3.2 Selftest

The printer can run a self test to print a configuration label, which helps you understand current settings of the printer.

- 1. Turn off the printer.
- 2. Press and hold the **FEED** button, and turn on the printer.
- Both status lights glow solid amber for a few seconds. Next, they turn to green shortly, and then turn to other colors. When LED 2 turns to green and LED 1 turns to amber, release the FEED button.
- 4. Press the **FEED** button to print a configuration label.

Your configuration label should look like this:

LABEL PRINTER WITH FIRMWARE D4-250-V01.00 20170119 PPLB STANDARD RAM : 32M BYTES AVAILABLE RAM : 3678K BYTES FLASH TYPE : ON BOARD 16M BYTES AVAILABLE FLASH : 7266K BYTES NO. OF DL SOFT FONTS(FLASH) : NO. OF DL SOFT FONTS(RAM) : Ø 0 NO. OF DL SOFT FONTS(HOST) 0 H. POSITION ADJUST .: 001A SEE-THRU SENSOR REF: 00D5 SEE: 0125 MAX LABEL HEIGHT: 39 INCHES PRINT WIDTH: 812 DOTS LAB LEN(TOP TO TOP): 82mm SPEED: 5 IPS DARKNESS: 8 DIRECT THERMAL PRINT LENGTH: 0M CUT COUNT:0 RS232: 9600, 8, N, 1P, XON/XOFF CODE PAGE : English (437) MEDIA : NON-CONTINUOÙS BACKFEED ENABLED CUTTER DISABLED PEELER DISABLED CUTTER/PEELER OFFSET: 0 <+-0.01mm> IP ADDRESS: 0.0.0.0 SUBNET MASK: 0.0.0.0 GATEWAY: 0.0.0.0 MAC ADDRESS: 00-00-00-00-00-00 DHCP: ENABLED DHCP CLIENT ID: FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF FFFFFFFFFFFFFFF DHCP HOST NAME: SNMP: ENABLED SOCKET COMM .: ENABLED SOCKET PORT: 9100 IPV6 MODE: MANUAL IPV6 TYPE: NONE IPV6 ADDRESS: 0000:0000:0000:0000: 0000:0000:0000:0000 LINK LOCAL 0000:0000:0000:0000:0000: : 0000:0000:0000:0000 PRODUCT SN: 0000000002 USB SN: 00000000001 CG ENABLED ot(0,0)<0.1dot,0.01mm> rm(0,0) < 1+ 0-, 0.01 mm >sm(0,0) < 1+ 0-, 0.01 mm >rv(246,154,91)<0.01v><P> sv(299,222,76)<0.01v><P> rso(0)<0.01mm> sso(0)<0.01mm> This is internal font 1. 0123456789 ABCabcXyz This is internal font 2. 0123456789 ABCabcXyz This is internal font 3. 0123456789 ABCabcXyz This is internal font 4. 0123456789 ABCXYZ **[S** T 

### 3.3 Reset your printer

By resetting your printer, you can return your printer to the state it was in when you receive it. This can help you solve some problems caused by settings changed during the printing.

Do the following to reset your printer:

- 1. Turn off the printer.
- 2. Press and hold the FEED button, and turn on the printer.
- Both status lights glow solid amber for a few seconds. Next, they turn to green shortly, and then turn to other colors. When both lights turn to red, release the FEED button immediately.
- Press and hold the FEED button for 3 seconds and release it. Both status lights blink red three times, and turn to solid amber for a few seconds. After the printer is reset, LED 2 goes out while LED 1 turns to solid green.



**mportant** In step 4, if you do not hold the **FEED** button long enough, LED 2 will blink amber three times while LED 1 goes out. It means the printer is not reset.

### **3.4 Communications**

#### 3.4.1 Interfaces and Requirements

This printer comes with USB type A and type B interfaces, a nine-pin Electronics Industries Association (EIA) RS-232 serial data interface and an Ethernet module.

#### USB Interface Requirements

The Universal Serial Bus (USB) interface is compatible with your existing PC hardware. The USB's "plug and play" design makes installation easy. Multiple printers can share a single USB port/hub. The different usage of type A and B as below.

USB type A	USB Flash drive, USB keyboard or USB Scanner.
USB type B	PC to set printer.

#### Serial (RS-232) Port

The required cable must have a nine-pin "D" type male connector on one end, which is plugged into serial port located on the back of the printer. The other end of the cable connects to a serial port on the host computer. For technical and pin-out information, please refer to <u>RS-232C</u> in this manual.

#### Ethernet Module Status Indicators

The indicators with two different colors help users understand status of Ethernet:

LED Status	Γ	Description
Both Off	No Ethernet link detected.	
Blinking	The printer waits for printer ready.	
	It will take about few so	econds to be ready.
Green	Speed LED	On: 100 Mbps link
		Off: 10 Mbps link
		On: link up
Amber	Link/Activity LED	Off: link down
		Blinking: activity

### 3.5 Driver installation

The bundled printer driver can be applied to all applications under Windows XP/ Vista/ Windows 7/ Windows 8/ Windows 10, supporting 32-bit/ 64-bit operation systems. With this driver you can operate any popular Windows software applications including Argox Bartender UL label editing software or MS Word, etc., to print to this printer.

We strongly recommend that you use the Seagull Driver Wizard instead of the Microsoft Windows Add Printer Wizard when installing and updating your Drivers by Seagull.

(Even though the "Add Printer Wizard" is from Microsoft, it too easily performs a number of tasks incorrectly when updating existing drivers. It also badly handles the situation where a printer driver is already in use by a Windows application.)

Drivers can be downloaded from Argox website

# 3.5.1 Installing a Plug and Play printer driver (for USB only)

- Turn off the printer. Plug the power cable into the power socket on the wall, and then connect the other end of the cable to printer's power socket. Connect the USB cable to the USB port on the printer and on the PC.
- Run the driver from Argox website. On the prompt, Windows Printer Driver, select "I accept..." and click "Next".

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License Agreement Please read the following license agreement c	arefully.	<b>ĔĂĠŃĹ</b>	L
WINDOWS PRIN LICENSE AND LIMIT	N SIZTER AN TRA STAR	2	^
Seagull Scientific, Inc. ("Seagull") grants you a accompanying Windows Printer Driver(s) and Software"), subject to the following provision: selection of the Seagull Software to achieve y installation, use, and results obtained from the	related documentation ( s. You assume full resp our intended results, ar	"Seagull onsibility for the	
Both the software and the related material are Title to and all rights and interests in the Seagu whatever media, are and shall remain the pror	Il Software, wherever	resident and on	Ļ
I accept the terms in the license agreement			
-	ement		

 Assign the directory to keep Seagull driver, (for example: C:\Seagull) and click "Next".

	npacked to the directory listed below. To unpa	
ther type in the new istallation Directory:	path or click Browse to select a different directo	Browse
	Space required on drive:	42.9 MB
	Space available on selected drive:	102.7 GB

4. Click "Finish".

Windows Printer Drivers			×
Installation Information	_	<b>SE</b>	<b>AGULL</b>
Follow the instructions below to install the s	oftware.		
- Instructions			
After the drivers are unpacked, install them	using the Drive	r Wizard.	
- Options			
Run Driver Wizard after unpacking driv	ers		
Read installation instructions (contained		Instructions.html"	1
L	-		
		10000	1
	< Back	Finish	Cancel
5. Select Install printer drivers and Click "Next"
Seagull Driver Wizard

Seagull Driver Wizard	×
1 An	Welcome to the Seagull Driver Wizard
	This wizard helps you install and remove printer drivers.
	What would you like to do?
	Install printer drivers     Upgrade printer drivers
	O Remove printer drivers
	Please save all work and close all applications before proceeding. This process may require Windows to be restarted.
	< Back Next > Cancel

6. On the Seagull Driver Wizard prompt, select the first radio button to "Install a driver for a Plug and Play printer" Then click "Next."

Plug and Play Printer Detection New Plug and Play printers are an	utomatically detected for	installation.	Ś
<ul> <li>Select the printer driver to install.</li> <li>Install a driver for a Plug and Pla</li> </ul>	av printer		
Printer Model Argox D4-250 PPLB	Port USB001		
O Install a driver for another print	er		
	< Back	Next >	Cancel

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7. Enter Printer name (i.e. Argox D4-250 PPLB) and select "do not share this printer",

#### and click "Next"

inter a name for	this printer.	
Printer name:	Argox D4-250 PPLB	
Use this printe	er as the default printer	
	or not you want to share this printer with other network users. When	ı
haring, you must	t provide a share name.	ı
	t provide a share name.	ו

8. Check all the data on the showing screen, if it is correct, click "Finish".

Completing	the Seagu	ull Driver V	Wizard
A new printer will	be installed us	ing the following	settings:
Name: Share name: Port: Default: Manufacturer: Model:	Argox D4-2 <not share<br="">USB001 Yes Argox Argox D4-2</not>	d>	
To begin the drive	er installation p < Back	Finish	sh. Cancel

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9. After the related files have been copied to your system, click "Finish".

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< Back	Finish	Cancel

10. After driver installation is complete, click "Close". The driver should now be installed.

Seagull Driver Wizard



# 3.5.2 Installing a Printer Driver (for other interfaces except USB)

- Turn off the printer. Plug the power cable into the power socket on the wall, and then connect the other end of the cable to printer's power socket. Connect the Parallel cable, Serial cable, or Ethernet cable to the proper port on the printer and on your computer.
- Run the driver from Argox website. On the prompt, Windows Printer Driver, select "I accept..."and click "Next".



3. Assign the directory to keep Seagull driver, (for example: C:\Seagull) and click

"Next".

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Please select the dire	ctory to unpack the software.	
	npacked to the directory listed below. To unpa	
ather type in the new j	bath or click Browse to select a different direct	ory.
Installation Directory:	C:\Seagull	Browse
	Space required on drive:	42.9 MB
	Space available on selected drive:	110.3 GB
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4. Click "Finish".

Vindows Printer Drivers	
Installation Information	SEAGUL
Follow the instructions below to install the software.	
Instructions	
After the drivers are unpacked, install them using the Driver Wiz	ard.
Options	
Run Driver Wizard after unpacking drivers	
Read installation instructions (contained in "Installation_Instru	uctions.html')
< Back	Finish Cancel

5. Select Install printer drivers and Click "Next"



6. Make sure printer is connected to PC, select "Other" and click "Next":

The printer should be connected bef	ore continuing installation.	
How is this printer going to be attached?		
OUSB		
O Network (Ethernet or WiFi)		
OBluetooth		
• Other (such as Parallel or Serial)		
Instructions:		~
1. Connect your printer to the PC.		
<ol> <li>Connect your printer to the PC.</li> <li>Turn the printer on.</li> </ol>		
<ol> <li>Connect your printer to the PC.</li> <li>Turn the printer on.</li> </ol>		

7. Select model & emulation - the following examples are based on model D4-250

PPLB:

pecify the model of your	printer.	
Manufacturer	Printer Model	^
AMT Datasouth	Argox D4-250 PPLA	
Argox	Argox D4-250 PPLB	
SATO	Argox D4-250 PPLZ	
	Argox D4-350 PPLA	
	Argox D4-350 PPLB	
	Argox D4-350 PPLZ	~
ource: C:\Seag <mark>u</mark> ll		Browse

8. Select the port of the printer and click "Next".

Specify Port			d
	o connect a printer to the c	omputer.	
Specify the port tha not listed below, cre	t you are using. If you are ate a new port.	connecting using TCP	/IP or another port type
Port	Туре		^
LPT1:	Parallel Port		
COM1:	Serial Port (9600:8N1)		
COM2:	Serial Port (9600:8N1)		
FILE:	Local Port		
USB001	USB ????????		
PORTPROMPT:	Local Port		~
		Create Port	Configure Port

9. Enter Printer name (i.e. Argox D4-250 PPLB) and select "do not share this printer",

#### and click "Next".

Enter a name for t	this printer.
Printer name:	Argox D4-250 PPLB
I lise this printe	r as the default printer
_	or not you want to share this printer with other network users. When
Specify whether o	or not you want to share this printer with other network users. When t provide a share name.
Specify whether o sharing, you must	or not you want to share this printer with other network users. When t provide a share name.

10. Check all the data on the showing screen, if it is correct, click "Finish".

Seagull Driver Wizard	Completing	the Seagull Driver Wizard	×
	A new printer will t	e installed using the following settings:	
	Name:	Argox D4-250 PPLB	
	Share name:	<not shared=""></not>	
	Port:	LPT1:	
	Default:	Yes	
	Manufacturer:	Argox	
	Model:	Argox D4-250 PPLB	
	To begin the drive	r installation process, dick Finish.	
		< Back Finish Cancel	

11. After the related files have been copied to your system, click "Finish".

Seagull Driver Wizard			×
Installing Drivers Please wait while your system is updated.			Ś
Installing printer 'Argox D4-250 PPLB'			
	< Back	Finish	Cancel

12. After driver installation is complete, click "Close". The driver should now be installed.

Seagull Driver Wizard	_	×
	Seagull Driver Wizard Completed Successfully The following operations were completed successfully:	
	Installed printer 'Argox D4-250 PPLB'.	< >
	Install Another Printer Cl	ose

# **4** Maintenance

This chapter describes routine cleaning procedure.

### 4.1 Cleaning

To maintain print quality and prolong the printer's life, you need to perform some routine maintenance. Daily maintenance should be done for high volume printing, and weekly for low volume printing.



**Caution** Always turn off the printer before cleaning.

### 4.1.1 Printhead

It is essential to keep printhead clean if you want the best print quality. We strongly recommend that you clean the printhead when you load a new media roll. If the printer is operated in critical environment, or the print quality declines, you need to clean the printhead more frequently.

Keep in mind these things before you clean:

- Keep the water away in case of corrosion on heating elements.
- If you just finish printing, wait until the printhead cools down.
- Do not touch the printhead with bare hands or hard objects.

Cleaning steps:

- 1. Moisten a soft cloth or a cotton swab with ethyl alcohol.
- Gently wipe the printhead in one direction. That is, wipe it only from left to right or vice versa. Do not wipe back-and-forth, in case dust or dirt attaches to the printhead again.





**Important** Printhead warranty becomes void if printhead's serial number is removed, altered, defected, or made illegible, under every circumstance.

### 4.1.2 Media housing

Use a soft cloth to clean the dust, dirt or debris built up on the **Media Roll Holders**, **Media Guides** and media path.

- 1. Moisten a soft cloth with ethyl alcohol.
- 2. Wipe the Media Roll Holders to clean dust.
- 3. Wipe the **Media Guides** to clean dust and dirt.
- 4. Wipe the media path to clean paper debris.



### 4.1.3 Sensor

Media sensors may not be able to detect the media correctly if it becomes dirty.

- 1. Moisten a soft cloth or a cotton swab with absolute ethyl alcohol.
- 2. Gently brush sensors to remove the dust away.
- 3. Use a dry cloth to clean the residue.



### 4.1.4 Platen roller

The platen roller is also important for print quality. Dirty platen roller may damage the printhead. Clean the platen roller right away if the adhesive, dirt or dust accumulates on it.

- 1. Moisten a soft cloth with absolute ethyl alcohol.
- 2. Gently wipe the platen roller to remove the dust and adhesive.



# **5** Troubleshooting

This chapter provides the information about printer problems and solutions.

### 5.1 Printer issues

#### The printer won't turn on

- Did you attach the AC power cord?
- Make sure the power supply's connector is inserted into the printer power jack.
- Check the power connection from the wall socket to the printer. Test the power cord and the socket with other electrical devices.
- Disconnect the printer from the wall socket, and connect it again.

#### The printer turns itself off

- Turn on the printer again.
- Make sure the power supply's connector and the power cord are properly plugged.
- Make sure the power supply and the power cord are not damaged.
- Use the applicable power supply.
- If the printer keeps turning itself off, check the socket and make sure it has enough power for the printer.

#### The printer does not feed the media out

- The media is not loaded correctly. See Section 2.3, "Loading Media" to reload the media.
- If there is a paper jam, clear it.

### 5.2 Media issues

#### The media is out

Load a new media roll.

#### The paper is jammed

- Open the printer and clear the jammed paper.
- Make sure the paper is held properly by the **Media Guides**.

#### The printing position is not correct

- Did you use the correct media type for printing?
- The media is not loaded correctly. See Section 2.3, "Loading Media" to reload the media.
- The media sensor needs to be calibrated. See Section 3.1, "Media Sensor Calibration" to calibrate the sensor.
- The media sensor is dirty. Clean the media sensor.

#### Nothing is printed

- The media is not loaded correctly. See Section 2.3, "Loading Media" to reload the media.
- The print data might not be sent successfully. Make sure the interface is set correctly in the printer driver, and send the print data again.

#### The print quality is poor

- The printhead is dirty. Clean the printhead.
- The platen roller is dirty. Clean the platen roller.
- Adjust the print darkness, or lower the print speed.
- The media is incompatible for the printer. Use ARGOX-approved media roll instead.

### 5.3 Other issues

#### There are broken lines in the printed label

The printhead is dirty. Clean the printhead.

#### An error occurred when writing data to the USB memory

- Did you insert the USB drive?
- Make sure the USB drive is plugged tightly into the port.
- The USB drive might be broken. Replace it with another one.

# The printer is unable to save files due to insufficient USB memory

 Delete the files on your USB drive to free some space, or replace your USB drive with an empty one.

#### The printhead temperature is extremely high

The printhead temperature is controlled by the printer. If it is extremely high, the printer will stop printing automatically, until the printhead is cool down. After that, the printer will resume printing automatically, if there is any unfinished print job.

#### The printhead is broken

• Contact your local dealer for assistance.

# **6** Specifications

This chapter provides specifications for the printer. Specifications are subject to change without notice.

### 6.1 Printer

Model	D4-250	D4-350			
Print method	Direct Thermal				
Resolution	203 dpi (8 dots/mm) 300 dpi (12 dot				
Media Alignment	Centered				
Operation Mode	Standard: Continuous mode, Tear-off mode				
Operation would	Optional: Cutter mode, Peeler mode				
	Media Sensor: Gap Sensor ( <sup>-</sup>	Transmissive, Fixed)			
Sensor	Sensor (F	Reflective, Movable)			
	Head Open Switch				
Print Speed	2, 3, 4, 5, 6 inches/sec (50.8, 76.2, 101.6, 127, 152.4 mm/sec) 2 &3 ips for peel off mode	2, 3, 4 inches/sec (50.8, 76.2, 101.6 mm/sec) 2 &3 ips for peel off mode			
Print Darkness	Darkness level – PPLB: SD 0 ~ 30 Default – PPLB: SD 8				
Max Printable Area	Max. 100" Max. 50"				
Print Ratio	Average print ratio within 15 % or less (whole print layout area) Full width with 1 mm pitch is required				
Interface	USB (Type A and Type B), Ethernet				
<b>Optional Interface</b>	RS-232C, Centronics (SPP Mode), Wireless LAN, Bluetooth				
Programming Language	PPLA+PPLB+PPLZ				
Accessories	Peeler, Full Cutter, Partial Cutter, R	TC, External Media Stand			
	Standard Memory (Flash ROM): 16 MB				
On-Board Memory	Standard Memory (Flasl	h ROM): 16 MB			

	Standard Memory (SDRAM): 32 MB
External Memory	USB: Max 16 GB
Panel	2 LED, 1 Button
LED	1 <sup>st</sup> LED: Red and Green (Various Combinations: Amber) 2 <sup>nd</sup> LED: Red and Green (Various Combinations: Amber)
Agency Listing	CE, FCC, UL/cULus

# 6.2 Media

Properties	Description
Media Size	Continuous Mode
	Length: 8 mm ~ 997 mm
	Width: 22.4 mm ~ 115 mm (including liner 25.4 ~ 118 mm)
	Tear-Off Mode
	Length: 30 mm ~ 997 mm
	Width: 22.4 mm ~ 115 mm (including liner 25.4 ~ 118 mm)
	Peel-Off Mode
	Length: 35 mm ~ 150.4 mm
	Width: 22.4 mm ~ 115 mm (including liner 25.4 ~ 118 mm)
	Cut Mode
	Length: 35 mm ~ 993 mm
	Width: 22.4 mm ~ 115 mm (including liner 25.4 ~ 118 mm)
	Max Roll Diameter Size: 127 mm (5 inches)
	Max Roll Diameter Size for External Media Stand: 203.2 mm (8
	inches)
Media Type	Direct Thermal Label
	Direct Thermal Tag
	Roll Paper (Inside Wound or Outside Wound)
	Fanfold Paper

# 6.3 Fonts, Barcodes, and Graphics

# **Specification**

The specifications of fonts, bar codes and graphics depends on the printer emulation. The emulations PPLA, PPLB, and PPLZ are printer programming languages, through which the host can communicate with your printer.

#### **Printer Programming Language PPLA**

Programming Language	PPLA
	9 fonts with different point size
Internal fonts	6 fonts with ASD smooth font.
	Courier font with different symbol sets.
Symbol sets	Courier font symbol set: Roman-8, ECMA-94, PC, PC-A,
(Code pages)	PC-B, Legal, and PC437 (Greek), Russian.
Soft fonts	Downloadable soft fonts by Print Tool
Font size	1x1 to 24x24 times
Character rotation	0, 90, 180, 270 degree, 4 direction rotation
Graphics	PCX, BMP, IMG, GDI and HEX format files
	Code 39、UPC-A、UPC-E、Code 128 subset A/B/C、
	EAN-13、EAN-8、HBIC、Codabar、Plessey、UPC2、
	UPC5、Code 93、Postnet、UCC/EAN-128、,
1D Barcodes	UCC/EAN-128 K-MART、UCC/EAN-128 Random weight、
ID Balcoues	Telepen、FIM、Interleaved 2 of 5 (Standard/with
	modulo 10 checksum/ with human readable check
	digit/ with modulo 10 checksum & shipping bearer
	bars) 🕔 GS1 Data bar (RSS)
2D Parcodos	MaxiCode、PDF417、Data Matrix (ECC 200 only) 、QR
2D Barcodes	code、 Composite Codes、 Aztec

### Printer Programming Language PPLB

rogramming Language	PPLB	
Internal fonts	5 fonts with different point size	
	8 bits code page : 437, 850, 852, 860, 863, 865, 857, 861,	
	862, 855, 866, 737, 851, 869, 1252, 1250	
Symbol cots	1251, 1253, 1254, 1255	
Symbol sets (Code pages)	7 bits code page: USA, BRITISH, GERMAN,	
(code pages)	FRENCH, DANISH, ITALIAN,	
	SPANISH, SWEDISH and	
	SWISS	
Soft fonts	Downloadable soft fonts by Print Tool	
Font size	1x1 to 24x24 times	
Character rotation	0, 90, 180, 270 degree, 4 direction rotation	
Graphics	PCX , Binary Raster, BMP and GDI	
	Code 39、UPC-A、UPC-E、Matrix 2 of 5、UPC-Interleaved 2 of	
	5、	
	Code 39 with check sum digit $\smallsetminus$ Code 93 $\smallsetminus$ EAN-13 $\smallsetminus$ EAN-8	
	(Standard, 2 /5digit add-on) 、 Codabar、 Postnet、 Code12	
	subset A/B/C、	
1D Barcodes	Code 128 UCC (shipping container code)	
ID Barcodes	Code 128 auto $\smallsetminus$ UCC/EAN code 128 (GS1-128) $\backsim$ Interleave	
	of $5{}_{\sim}$ Interleaved 2 of 5 with check sum ${}_{\sim}$ Interleaved 2 of 5	
	with human readable check digit $\ensuremath{German}$ Postcode $\ensuremath{Natr}$ Matr	
	2 of $5$ UPC Interleaved 2 of $5$ EAN-13 2/5 digit add-on UPC	
	2/5 digit add-on、UPCE 2/5 digit add-on、	
	GS1 Data bar (RSS)	
2D Barcodes	MaxiCode、PDF417、Data Matrix (ECC 200 only) 、QR code Composite Codes、Aztec	

### Printer Programming Language PPLZ

Programming Language	PPLZ
	8 (A~H) fonts with different point size.
Internal fonts	8 AGFA fonts: 7 (P~V) fonts with fixed different
Internal joints	point size (not scalable).
	1 (0) font with scaling point size.
	USA1, USA2, UK, HOLLAND,
	DENMARK/NORWAY, SWEDEN/FINLAND,
Symbol sets	GERMAN, FRANCE1, FRANCE2, ITALY,
(Code pages)	SPAIN, MISC, JAPAN, IBM850, Multibyte Asian Encodings,
	UTF-8, UTF-16 Big-Endian, UTF-16 Little-Endian, Code page
	1250, 1251, ,1252, 1253, 1254
Soft fonts	Downloadable soft fonts by Print Tool
Font size	1x1 to 10x10
Character rotation	0, 90, 180, 270 degree, 4 direction rotation
Graphics	GRF, Hex and GDI
	Code39、UPC-A、UPC-E、Postnet、Code128 subset A/B/C、
	Interleave 2 of 5
	Interleaved 2 of 5 with check sum
1D Barcodes	Interleaved 2 of 5 with human readable check digit $\hfill \ Code$
	93、 Code 39 with check sum digit、
	MSI、EAN-8、Codabar、Code 11、EAN-13、Plessey、GS1
	Data bar (RSS) $\$ Industrial 2 of 5 $\$ Standard 2 of 5 $\$ Logmars
	MaxiCode、PDF417、Data Matrix (ECC 200 only) 、QR code、
2D Barcodes	Composite Codes、Aztec

# 6.4 Wireless LAN(Option)

	Properties		Wireles	s LAN I/F
Hardware	Protocol	IEEE 802.2	11 b/g/n	
	Enabled Device	WIRELESS	PRINTER	
	Operating	-20°C ~ +8	35°C	
	Temperature			
	Destination	USA	Europ	)e
	Frequency	2412 ~ 24	62 MHz 2412	~ 2472 MHz
	(Center Channel)			
	Channel	1 ~ 11 ch	1~13	3 ch
	Spacing		5 [	MHz
	Transmission Speed/	IEEE	Transmission	Conforming to IEEE
	Modulation	802.11b	Method	802.11b DSSS method
			Channel	Depending on the country
			Data Transmission	11/5.5 Mbps: CCK
			Speed/Modulatior	a 2 Mbps: DQPSK
				1 Mbps: DBPSK
		IEEE	Transmission	Conforming to IEEE
		802.11g	Method	802.11g OFDM method
				DSSS method
			Channel	Depending on the country
			Data Transmission	54/48 Mbps: 64 QAM
			Speed/Modulatior	a 36/24 Mbps: 16 QAM
				18/12 Mbps: QPSK
				9/6 Mbps: BPSK
		IEEE	Transmission	Conforming to
		802.11n	Method	IEEE802.11n OFDM
				method
			Channel	(US)1-11ch
				(JP/DE)1-13ch
			Data Transmission	
			Speed/Modulatior	
				21.7M / 26M /28.9M /
				39M / 43.3M / 52M /
				57.8M / 58.5M / 65M /

	Properties		Wireless LAN I/F
			72.2M(Auto-sensing)
	Antenna		External antenna
	Aerial pow	/er	802.11b Max +15 dBm
			802.11g Max +17 dBm
			802.11n Max +17 dBm
Software	Connectio	n mode	Infrastructure, Adhoc
	Default IP	Address	192.168.1.1
	Default Su	bnet Mask	255.255.0.0
	Default ESSID		WIRELESS PRINTER
	Security		IEEE 802.11i
		Cryptograp	WEP 128 bit, TKIP (WPA), AES (WPA2)
		hy	
		Authorizati	Open Key (for WEP), PSK
	on Protocol (*) Wireless LAN		
			TCP/IP, Socket, DHCP
			Parameter Setting: Command (PC Setting Tool)
	Parameter	r Setting and	
	Status Mo	nitor	

# 6.5 Bluetooth

Properties	Bluetooth I/F
Standard	Bluetooth 2.1
Enable Device	BT PRINTER
Operating Temperature	41°F (5°C) ~ 104°F (40°C)
Storage Temperature	-4°F (-20°C) ~ 140°F (60°C)
Operating Humidity	25 ~ 85 % Non-condensing R.H
Storage Humidity	10 ~ 90 % Non-condensing R.H
Connection Form	Only one-to-one connection is
	supported.
Support Profile	Serial Port Profile (SPP)
	PIN code is supported.
Class of Radio Transmission	CLASS 2
Transmission Method	Bi-directional (Half-duplex)
Flow Control	Credit based flow control
Operating Mode	Slave Mode
Transmission Distance	10 m without obstacles *2 (360
	degrees)
SR Mode in Page/Inquiry Scanning	R1 Scan Interval 1.28 sec.
	Scan Window 22.5 msec.
RF Frequency Range	2402 ~ 2480 MHz
Nominal Output Power	+4 dBm (2.51 mW) MAX

# 6.6 Ethernet

Properties	Description	
Port	RJ-45	
Speed	10Base-T/100Base-T (Auto Detecting)	
Protocol	ARP, IP, ICMP, UDP, TCP, HTTP, DHCP,	
	Socket, LPR, IPv4, SNMPv2	
Mode	TCP Server/Client, UDP Client	
Technology	HP Auto-MDIX, Auto-Negotiation	

# 6.7 Electrical and operating

### environment

Properties	Range		
Power Supply	Voltage: AC 100 V ~ 240 V ± 10 % (full range)		
	Frequency: 50 Hz - 60 Hz ± 5 %		
Power Consumption	60W		
Temperature	Operating: 5 °C ~ 40 °C		
	Storage: -40 °C ~ 60 °C		
Humidity	Operating: 25 %RH ~ 85 %RH (non-condensing)		
	Storage: 10 %RH ~ 90 %RH (non-condensing)		

# 6.8 Physical dimension

Dimension	Size and Weight
Size	W 183.5 mm x D 225.5 mm x H 165.9 mm
Weight	Approx. 1.75kg

### 6.9 Interfaces

This section provides information about IO port specifications for the printer.

### 6.9.1 USB

There are two common USB connectors. Typically, type A is found on hosts and hubs; type B is found on devices and hubs. The figure below shows their pinouts.



Pin	Signal	Description			
1	VBUS	+5V			
2	D-	Differential data signaling pair -			
3	D+	Differential data signaling pair +			
4	Ground	Ground			

### 6.9.2 Ethernet

The Ethernet uses RJ-45 cable, which is 8P8C (8-Position 8-Contact). The figure below shows its pinout.



Pin	Signal				
1	Transmit+				
2	Transmit-				
3	Receive+				
4	Reserved				
5	Reserved				
6	Receive-				
7	Reserved				
8	Reserved				

### 6.9.3 RS-232C

The RS-232C on the printer is DB9 female. It transmits data bit by bit in asynchronous start-stop mode. The figure below shows its pinout.



Pin	Signal	Description		
1	NA	No Function		
2	TxD	Transmit		
3	RxD	Receive		
4	NA	No Function		
5	GND	Ground		
6	NA	No Function		
7	CTS	Clear to Send		
8	RTS	Request to Send		
9	NC	No Connection		

Host (DB9)			Printer (DB9)		
Signal	Description	Pin	Pin	Description	Signal
CD	Carrier Detect	1 —	1	No Function	NC
RxD	Receive	2	2	Transmit	RxD
TxD	Transmit	3 —	3	Receive	TxD
DTR	Data Terminal Ready	4	4	No Function	NC
GND	Ground	5 —	5	Ground	GND
DSR	Data Set Ready	6	6	No Function	NC
RTS	Request to Send	7	7	Clear to Send	RTS
CTS	Clear to Send	8	8	Request to Send	CTS
CI		9 —	9	No Function	NC