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# **ZEBRA S4M™ PRINTER SPECIFICATIONS**

Specifications are provided for reference and are based on printer tests using Zebra® brand ribbons and labels. Results may vary in actual application settings or when using other than recommended Zebra supplies. Zebra recommends always qualifying any application with thorough testing.

## **Standard Features**

- 203 dpi print resolution (8 dots/mm)
- Thin film printhead with E<sup>3</sup>™ Element Energy Equalizer
- Direct thermal printing of bar codes, text, and graphics
- ZPL® or ZPL II® programming language, selectable through software or front panel
- XML-Enabled printing—allows XML communications from today's enterprise systems for bar code label printing.
- 32 bit high speed processor
- 8MB DRAM memory
- 4MB Flash memory (2 MB User Available)
- Parallel, USB 1.1 and RS-232 Serial Ports
- Transmissive and reflective sensing technology
- Sleek personality / durable metal design:
  - ⇒ Metal media cover with enlarged clear window: easy to view supplies
  - ⇒ Die-cast print mechanism with head open lock withstands general wear & tear and facilitates media loading.
- Standard LCD control panel: Back-lit, 2 line, 14 characters w/ full menu to change set-up options

## **Optional Features**

- Thermal Transfer Ribbon Handling System
- Printhead 300 dpi (12 dots/mm) (ZPL Only)
- A front mount, passive peel option, w/ no take-up spindle
- Factory installed full-width guillotine knife cutter and catch tray, operates under software control cutting labels individually or in strips (not compatible with peel option)
- Factory Installed 64 MB (61MB user available) Flash Memory option
- Additional scalable and smooth bitmapped fonts available
- ZebraNet b/g PrintServer- supports advanced wireless securities through an internal integrated radio card.
- ZebraNet® Wireless Plus Print Server—provides an internally integrated 802.11b/g wireless option and supports Motorola (Symbol) and Cisco® radio cards.
- ZebraNet Internal Wireless Plus print server - Supports advanced wireless securities through integrated, internal, theft-resistant radio card. Discontinued
- Internal and External ZebraNet® 10/100 Print Server option —supports 10Base-T, 100Base-TX, and fast Ethernet 10/100 auto-switching networks and enables the use of ZebraLink Webview and Alert features.
- External ZebraNet® PrintServer II option – provides cost effective Ethernet connectivity to 10Base-T networks and enables the use of ZebraLink Web View and Alert features. Discontinued

- Keyboard Display Unit (KDU Plus™) option – Enter variable data and retrieve stored forms for standalone applications (requires null modem adapter with DB9 serial cable.
- Real-Time Clock (RTC) –date/time for standalone applications
- APL-I™ firmware – allows a 203 dpi (8 dots /mm) Zebra printer to parse and print IPL code intended for an Intermec® 3400D, or 88XX printer. (With APL-I firmware installed, ZPL programming language is not recognized, and ZPL specific features are not available.) Available through Development Services.
- APL-D™ firmware – allows 203 dpi (8 dots /mm) Zebra printer to parse and print DPL code intended for a Datamax® Prodigy Plus, Prodigy, or Allegro printers. (With APL-D firmware installed, ZPL programming language is not recognized, and ZPL specific features are not available.) Available through Development Services.

## **ZebraLink™ Solutions**

### **Software**

**ZebraDesigner™ Pro** – An intuitive, easy-to-use software program for creating complex label designs (option).

**ZebraDesigner™** – Offers basic features for simple label design

**ZebraDesigner™ for XML** – Easy-to-use label design software that enables printing on XML-Enabled printers.

**Zebra Designer™ Label Design Software** for use with the SAP® Business Suite family of business applications.

**ZebraNet™ Bridge Enterprise** – Centrally manage Zebra printers from a single PC screen anywhere on your global network.

**ZebraNet™ Utilities v 7.0** – Provides enhanced printing, conversion, and administration capabilities; message management; and more.

**Zebra Universal Driver** – A printer driver compatible with Windows for use with the SAP® Business Suite family of business applications 98SE/NT/2000/XP/2003.

**ZebraDesigner Driver™** – A powerful printer driver compatible with Windows 98SE/NT/2000/XP/2003 and Windows Vista.

**ZBI 2.0™** is an optional, powerful programming language that lets printers run stand-alone applications, connect to peripherals, & much more.

**ZBI-Developer™** programming utility makes it dramatically easier for programmers to create and test complex ZBI 2.0 programs and distribute them to the printer.

### **Networking Options**

ZebraNet® Wireless Plus Print Server

ZebraNet® Internal Wireless Plus Print Server

ZebraNet® 10/100 Print Server (internal or external)

ZebraNet® PrintServer II (external)

## Firmware

**ZPL II®** – Universal language for Zebra printers. Simplifies label formatting and enables format compatibility with existing systems that run Zebra printers.

- **Global Printing** - Unicode™ compliant for fast multi-language, on-demand thermal printing right out of the box. (V50.14.X or later).
- **Web View** – Connect and control Zebra bar code printers via the printer's Web interface using a common Web browser.
- **Alert** – Printers equipped with ZebraNet print servers provide alerts via any email-enabled, wired, or wireless device to minimize downtime.

**EPL2™** – Eltron Programming Language is an optional firmware version that provides backwards compatibility with many desktop printers as well as the Zebra 2746e Thermal Transfer Printer.

**APL™** – Zebra's Alternative Programming Language allows integration into mixed printer environments without re-programming formats. Available through Development Services.

**XML-Enabled printing** –direct connect integration for bar code label printing, eliminates license fees and printer server hardware and lowers customization and programming costs. .

## Printing Specifications

- 203 dpi resolution (8 dots/mm)
  - Dot size (W x L):  
0.0049" x 0.0049" (0.125mm x 0.125mm)
- 300 dpi resolution (12 dots/mm)
  - Dot size (W x L):  
0.0033" x 0.0039" (0.084mm x 0.099mm)
- First dot location measured from inside media backing edge:  
0.10" ±.04" (2.5mm, not to exceed -.5mm +1.0mm)
- Maximum print width: 4.09" (104mm)
- Maximum continuous media print length:

203 dpi	300 dpi
157"	73"
3988mm	1854mm

- Media registration tolerance:
  - Vertical  $\leq \pm 0.039"$  ( $\pm 1.0$ mm) on non-continuous media
  - Horizontal  $\leq \pm 0.039"$  ( $\pm 1.0$ mm) within a roll of media
- Programmable print speeds:
  - 203 dpi models = 2.0" (51mm) through 6" (152 mm) per second in 1" increments
  - 300 dpi model = 2.0" (51mm) through 6" (152mm) per second in 1" increments

## Media Specifications

- Maximum non-continuous label length: 39" (991mm)
- Media type: continuous, die-cut, tags, black-mark
- Media web width (label and liner):  
0.75" (19.4mm) to 4.50" (114mm)
- Minimum label length:
  - Tear-off mode: 0.7" (17.8mm)
  - Peel mode: 0.5" (12.7mm)
  - Cutter mode: 1.0" (25.4mm)
- Media thickness (label and liner):  
0.003" (0.076mm) to 0.010" (0.25mm)
- Maximum media roll size:
  - 8.0" (203mm) O.D. on a 3" (76mm) I.D. core
  - 6.0" (152mm) O.D. on a 1" (25mm) I.D. core
- Maximum fan-fold pack size:  
8.0"L (203mm) x 4.5"W (114mm) x 6.2"H (157mm)
- Gap and notch sensing standards:
  - Inter-label gap: 2 - 4mm, preferably 3mm
  - Sensing notch: 0.25"W (6mm) x 0.12"L (3mm)
  - Sensing hole: 0.125" (3mm) diameter
  - \* Note: Notch & Hole Position centered from 0.15" to 2.25" from media inner edge
- Fixed transmissive sensor location: 7/16" from media inner edge
- Black mark sensing standards:
  - Black mark length (parallel to inside media edge):  
0.098" - 0.453" (2.5mm - 11.5mm)
  - Black mark width (perpendicular to inside media edge):  
 $\geq 0.37"$  ( $\geq 9.5$ mm)
  - Black mark location: within 0.040" (1mm) of inside media edge
  - Black mark density: > 1.0 Optical Density Units (ODU)
  - Maximum media density: 0.5 ODU

## Ribbon Specifications (Thermal Transfer Option Only)

- Ribbon width: 1.57" (40mm) to 4.33" (110mm)
- Standard Lengths: 984' (300m) or 1476' (450m)
- Maximum ribbon roll size:  
3.2" (81.3mm) O.D. on a 1.0" (25.4mm) I.D. core
- Ribbon wound ink-side out

## Standard Printer Fonts (ZPL firmware Only)

Fonts A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and GS are expandable up to 10 times, height and width independently. However, fonts E and H (OCR-A and OCR-B) are not considered "in-spec" when expanded. The scalable smooth font 0 (CG Triumvirate™ Bold Condensed) is expandable on a dot-by-dot basis, height and width independent, while maintaining smooth edges. Maximum character size depends on available memory.

IBM Code Page 850 international character sets are available in the fonts A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and 0 through software control.

Font	Matrix			Type*	Character Size					
					Inches			Millimeters		
	Height	Width	Inter-character Gap		Height	Width	Char/inch	Height	Width	Char/mm
A	9	5	1	U-L-D	0.044	0.029	33.90	1.13	0.75	1.33
B	11	7	2	U	0.054	0.044	22.60	1.38	1.13	0.89
C,D	18	10	2	U-L-D	0.088	0.059	16.95	2.25	1.50	0.67
E	28	15	5	OCR-B	0.138	0.098	10.17	3.50	2.50	0.40
F	26	13	3	U-L-D	0.128	0.079	12.71	3.25	2.00	0.50
G	60	40	8	U-L-D	0.295	0.236	4.24	7.50	6.00	0.17
H	21	13	6	OCR-A	0.103	0.093	10.71	2.63	2.38	0.42
GS	24	24	0	SYMBOL	0.118	0.118	8.48	3.00	3.00	0.33
P	20	18	N/A	U-L-D	.098	.089	N/A	2.49	2.26	N/A
Q	28	24	N/A	U-L-D	.138	.118	N/A	3.51	2.99	N/A
R	35	31	N/A	U-L-D	.172	.153	N/A	4.37	3.89	N/A
S	40	35	N/A	U-L-D	.197	.172	N/A	5.00	4.37	N/A
T	48	42	N/A	U-L-D	.236	.207	N/A	5.99	5.26	N/A
U	59	53	N/A	U-L-D	.290	.261	N/A	7.37	6.63	N/A
V	80	71	N/A	U-L-D	.394	.349	N/A	10.0	8.86	N/A
0	Default: 15 x 12			U-L-D	Scalable					
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Font Matrices for 8 dot/mm (203 DPI) Print heads

Font	Matrix			Type*	Character Size					
	Height	Width	Inter-character Gap		Inches			Millimeters		
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A	9	5	1	U-L-D	.030	0.020	50.00	0.76	0.51	1.97
B	11	7	2	U	.037	0.030	33.33	0.93	0.76	1.31
C,D	18	10	2	U-L-D	.060	0.040	25.00	1.53	1.02	0.98
E	41	20	6	OCR-B	.137	0.087	11.54	3.47	2.20	0.45
F	26	13	3	U-L-D	.087	0.053	18.75	2.20	1.36	0.74
G	60	40	8	U-L-D	.200	0.160	6.25	5.08	4.07	0.25
H	30	19	9	OCR-A	.100	0.093	10.71	2.54	2.37	0.42
GS	24	24	0	SYMBOL	.080	0.080	12.50	2.03	2.03	0.49
P	20	18	N/A	U-L-D	.098	.089	N/A	2.49	2.26	N/A
Q	28	24	N/A	U-L-D	.138	.118	N/A	3.51	2.99	N/A
R	35	31	N/A	U-L-D	.172	.153	N/A	4.37	3.89	N/A
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T	48	42	N/A	U-L-D	.236	.207	N/A	5.99	5.26	N/A
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Font Matrices for 12 dot/mm (300 DPI) Print heads

## Bar Code Symbolologies & Specifications

(ZPL Only, Other Firmware Languages may vary)

- Bar code modulus "X" dimension:
  - Picket fence (non-rotated) orientation:
    - 203 dpi = 4.9 mil to 49 mil
    - 300 dpi = 3.3 mil to 33 mil
  - Ladder (rotated) orientation:
    - 203 dpi = 4.9 mil to 49 mil
    - 300 dpi = 3.9 mil to 39 mil
- Bar code ratios – 2:1, 7:3, 5:2, & 3:1
- Aztec
- Codabar (supports ratios of 2:1 to 3:1)
- CODABLOCK
- Code 11
- Code 39 (supports ratios of 2:1 to 3:1)
- Code 49 (2-D)
- Code 93
- Code 128 (subsets A, B, C, and UCC case C codes)
- Data Matrix
- EAN-8, EAN-13, EAN extensions
- Interleaved 2 of 5 (supports ratios 2:1 to 3:1, modulus 10 check digit)
- Planet Code
- ISBT-128
- Logmars
- MaxiCode (2-D)
- PDF417 (2-D)
- Micro PDF (2-D)
- Plessy
- Postnet
- QR-Code
- MSI
- Standard 2 of 5
- Industrial 2 of 5
- UPC-A, UPC-E, UPC extensions
- RSS

## Zebra Programming Language (ZPL®/ZPL II®)

- Compatible with mainframe, mini, and PC hosts
- Downloadable objects include graphics, scalable and bitmap fonts, label templates and formats
- Data compression
- Automatic memory allocation for format while printing
- Automatic serialization of fields
- Format inversion (white on black)
- Mirror-image printing
- Four position field rotation (0°, 90°, 180°, 270°)
- Slew command
- Programmable label quantities with print, pause, cut control
- Status messages to host upon request

## Eltron Programming Language (EPL2™)

- Compatible with mainframe, mini, and PC hosts
- Four position field rotation (0°, 90°, 180°, 270°)
- Variable field support (00 to 99)
- Counter support (up to 10)
- Variable field addition and subtraction
- Status reporting
- Form storage
- Metered print odometer

## Communications Specifications

- USB 1.1
- High-speed serial interfaces
  - RS-232C, with DB9F connector
  - Configurable baud rate (600 – 115,200kb), parity, and data bits. Stop bits at 1 or 2.
  - Software (XON/XOFF), hardware (DTR/DSR, or RTS/CTS) communication handshake protocols
- Bi-directional parallel interface
- ZebraNet® Wireless Plus Print Server – 802.11b/g-compliant wireless print server.
- ZebraNet® Internal Wireless Plus Print Server – 802.11b/g-compliant wireless print server.
- ZebraNet® 10/100 Print Server - Ethernet network print server (10BASE-T, 100BASE-TX)
- ZebraNet® Print Server II - Ethernet network print server (10BASE-T)

## Electrical Specifications

- Auto-detectable 90-264VAC, 47-63 Hz
- Agency approvals: IEC 60950, EN 55022 Class B, EN55024, EN 61000-3-2, EN 61000-3-3, cULus,
- Product Markings: CE Marking, FCC-B, ICES-003, VCCI, C-Tick, NOM, S-Mark, CCC, GOST-R, BSMI, ZIK, MIC, SABS,SASO

## Physical Specifications

- **Height:** 11.7" (295 mm)
- **Width:** 10.7" (272mm)
- **Depth:** 18.8" (477mm)
- **Weight:** 27.2 lbs (12.4 kg)
- **Shipping Weight:** 33.5 lbs (15.2 kg)

## Environmental Specifications

- Operating environment:
  - Thermal transfer = 40° to 104°F (5° to 40°C)
  - Thermal direct = 32° to 104°F (0° to 40°C)
  - 20% to 85% non-condensing R.H.
- Storage/Transportation environment:
  - 40° to 140°F (-40° to 60°C)
  - 5% to 85% non-condensing R.H.

## Preventative Maintenance

Zebra recommends cleaning the printer on a regular basis using standard Zebra printer parts and cleaning supplies. Consult your *User's Guide* for further details.

- **Cleaning:**

The exterior is cleaned with a lint-free cloth, and if necessary, a mild detergent solution or desktop cleaner. Interior components (print head, platen roller, media sensor, peel bar, ribbon and media paths) are cleaned with alcohol or blown air to remove any particles.
- **Lubrication:**

All mechanical parts are self-lubricating and do not require additional lubrication.
- **Print Registration:**

Media registration and minimum label length are affected by media type and width, ribbon type and print speed. Performance improves as these factors are optimized. Zebra recommends always qualifying any application with thorough testing.

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