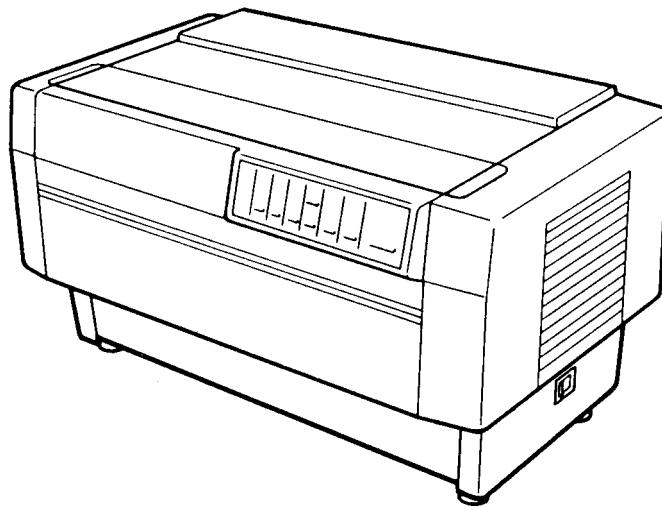


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# PREFACE

This manual describes functions, theory of electrical and mechanical operations, maintenance, and repair of DFX-5000+.

The instructions and procedures included herein are intended for the experience repair technician, and attention should be given to the precautions on the preceding page. The chapters are organized as follows:

## CHAPTER 1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Provides a general product overview, lists specifications, and illustrates the main components of the printer.

## CHAPTER 2. OPERATING PRINCIPLES

Describes the theory of printer operation.

## CHAPTER 3. DISASSEMBLY AND ASSEMBLY

Includes a step-by-step guide for product disassembly and assembly.

## CHAPTER 4. ADJUSTMENTS

Includes a step-by-step guide for adjustment.

## CHAPTER 5. TROUBLESHOOTING

Provides Epson-approved techniques for adjustment.

## CHAPTER 6. MAINTENANCE AND LUBRICATION

Describes preventive maintenance techniques and lists Lubricants and adhesives required to service the equipment.

## APPENDIX

Describes connector pin assignments, circuit diagrams, circuit board component layout and exploded diagram.

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# CHAPTER 1 Product Description

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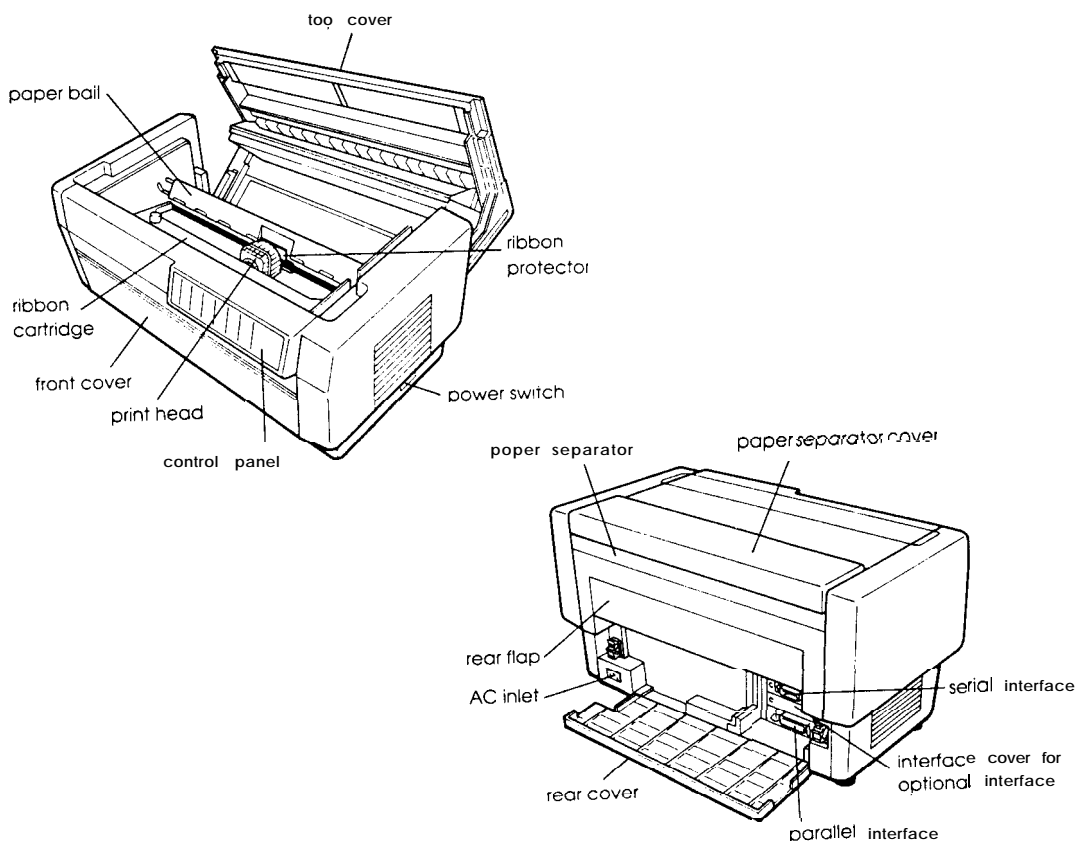


## 1.1 GENERAL FEATURES

The DFX-5000+ is a 9-pin, serial, dot matrix printer with a maximum speed of 560 characters per second (cps). It is designed for business use and provides high-speed, high-volume printing and continuous-sheet handling. The main features of the printer are:

- ❑ Maximum printing speeds:
  - 560 cps (high-speed draft mode)
  - 504 cps (draft elite mode)
  - 420 cps (draft pica mode)
- ❑ Advanced paper handling:
  - 10 inches per second (ips) paper feeding
  - Paper jam detection
  - Paper width detection
  - Front and rear two-way push tractors
  - Automatic paper back-out and loading from another paper path and paper park
  - Automatic platen gap adjustment for paper thickness
  - Automatic tear off
  - Paper memory function
  - Automatic paper path changing
- ❑ Eight-bit parallel interface and RS-232C serial interface standard
- ❑ Epson ESC/P-83 (ESC/P version 83) printer driver (compatible with the FX-870/1170 and DFX-5000)
- ❑ 9 character tables in the standard version  
21 character tables in the NLSP (National Language Support) version
- ❑ Upgraded data handling:
  - 20KB input buffer
  - Automatic interface selection
  - Type B optional I/F cards

The figure below shows the DFX-5000+.



**Figure 1-1. Exterior View of the DFX-5000+**

Table 1-1. Options and Consumables

| <i>Model</i> | <i>Description</i>  |
|--------------|---|
| #8309        | Pull tractor unit   |
| #8766        | Ribbon cartridge  |
| #8767        | Ribbon pack   |
| C82305*      | Serial I/Fcard, simple serial interface** (SSi), inch screw |
| C82306*      | Serial I/F card, SSI, mm screw                              |
| C82307'      | 32KB intelligent serial I/F card (inch screw)               |
| C82308*      | 32KB intelligent serial I/F card (mm screw)                 |
| C82310*      | 32KB intelligent parallel I/F card                          |
| C82312*      | LocalTalk I/F card  |
| C82313*      | 32KB IEEE-488 I/F card                                      |
| C82314*      | Coax I/F card   |
| C82315*      | Twinax I/F card   |
| C82324*      | Ethernet I/Fcard  |

\*The digit indicated by an asterisk (\*) varies by country.

● \*A simple serial interface card has no CPU; the printer processes the data from the card.

## 1.2 SPECIFICATIONS

This section provides detailed information about the DFX-5000+.

### 1.2.1 Printer Capabilities

Printing method: Serial impact dot matrix  
 Pin configuration: 9 wires  
 Pin diameter: 0.29 mm (0.01 inches)

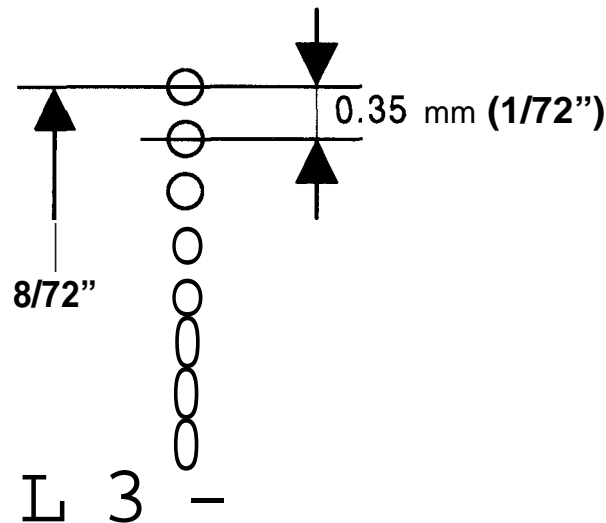


Figure 1-2. Pin Configuration

Dot matrix:

9 x 7 (high-speed draft mode)  
 9 x 9 (draft **mode**)  
 18x 23 (NLQ mode)

Printing direction:

Text mode

Bidirectional with logic seeking  
 (Unidirectional mode can be selected using the ESC U command.)

Bit image mode

Unidirectional

Built-in fonts:

Draft  
 NLQ Roman  
 NLQ Saris Serif

Table 1-2. Character Size and Pitch

| Type of Letters          | Width in mm<br>(inches) | Height in mm<br>(inches) | Pitch in mm<br>(inches) | printable Columns |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Pica (10 cpi)            | 2.12 (0.08)             | 3.1 (0.12)               | 2.54 (0.10)             | 136               |
| Elite (12 cpi)           | 1.69 (0.07)             | 3.1 (0.12)               | 2.12 (0.08)             | 163               |
| 15 cpi                   | 1.41 (0.06)             | 3.1 (0.12)               | 1.69 (0.07)             | 204               |
| Condensed (17.1 cpi)     | 1.06 (0.04)             | 3.1 (0.12)               | 1.48 (0.06)             | 233               |
| Condensed elite (20 cpi) | 0.85 (0.03)             | 3.1 (0.12)               | 1.27 (0.05)             | 272               |

Table 1-3. Printing Speeds

| Type of Letters             | Print Speed (cps) | High Duty (cps) |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| High-speed draft            | 560               | 533             |
| Draft pica 10@              | 420               | 400             |
| Draft elite 12 cpi          | 504               | 480             |
| Draft 15 cpi                | 420               | 400             |
| Draft condensed pica 17 Cpi | 360               | 343             |
| Draft emphasized pica 20cpi | 210               | 200             |
| NLQ pica                    | 84                | 80              |
| NLQ elite                   | 101               | 96              |

Input data buffer: 20KB or 0 bytes (selectable by DIP switch 2-2)  
control codes: ESC/P-83 mode

Table 1-4. Character Tables

| Character Tables               | standard Version | NLSP* Version | IBM Mode |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------|
| Italic                         | o                | 0             | x        |
| PC437 (U. S., Standard Europe) | o                | 0             | 0        |
| PC850 (Multilingual)           | o                | 0             | x        |
| PC860 (Portuguese)             | o                | 0             | x        |
| PC863 (Canadian-French)        | o                | 0             | x        |
| PC865 (Norwegian)              | o                | 0             | 0        |
| PC861 (Iceland)                | o                | 0             | x        |
| BRASCII                        | o                | 0             | x        |
| Abicornp                       | o                | 0             | x        |
| PC853(Turkish)                 | x                | o             | x        |
| PC857(Turkish)                 | x                | o             | x        |
| ISO Latin IT (Turkish)         | x                | o             | x        |
| PC437 (Greak)                  | x                | o             | x        |
| PC869 (Greek)                  | x                | o             | x        |
| ISO 8859-7 (Greek)             | x                | o             | x        |
| PC855 (Cyrillic)               | x                | o             | x        |
| PC866 (Russian)                | x                | o             | x        |
| PC852 (East Europe)            | x                | o             | x        |
| MAZOWIA (Polish)               | x                | o             | x        |
| Code MJK (Czecho, Slovak)      | x                | o             | x        |
| Bulgaria (Bulgaria)            | x                | o             | x        |

0: supported

x: Not supported

\*: Nationa/Language Support

### 1.2.2 Paper Handling Specifications

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Feeding methods:                      | Push tractor feed (front and rear)<br>Push-pull feed with the optional pull tractor (front or rear) |
| Paper size:                           |   |
| Fanfold paper                         | 101 -406 mm (4 - 16 inches) wide  |
| Single sheet paper                    | Not available   |
| Roll paper                            | Not available   |
| Line spacing:                         | 1/6- or 1/8-inch feed or programmable with a 1/216-inch minimum increment                           |
| Feeding speed<br>(1/6-inch per line): |   |
| Continuous                            | 17 ins/line (10 inches per second)  |
| Intermittent                          | 26 ins/line   |

**Note:** The feeding speed (10 ips) is reduced to 6 ips when the optional pull tractor is installed.

### 1.2.3 Paper Specifications

#### Fanfold Paper

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Quality:         | Plain paper  |
| Width:           | 101 -406 mm (4 - 16inches)                                   |
| Copy capability: |  |
| Front            | 6 sheets (1 original + 5 carbonless copies)                  |
| Rear             | 4 sheets (1 original + 3 carbonless copies)                  |
| Total thickness: |  |
| Front            | Up to 0.46 mm (0.018 inches)                                 |
| Rear             | Up to 0.30 mm (0.012 inches)                                 |
| Weight:          |  |
| Single           | 45-70 kg(14- 22 lb)  |
| Multi-part       | 35-48 kg (11 - 15 lb) x n (n ≤ 8), up to the total thickness |

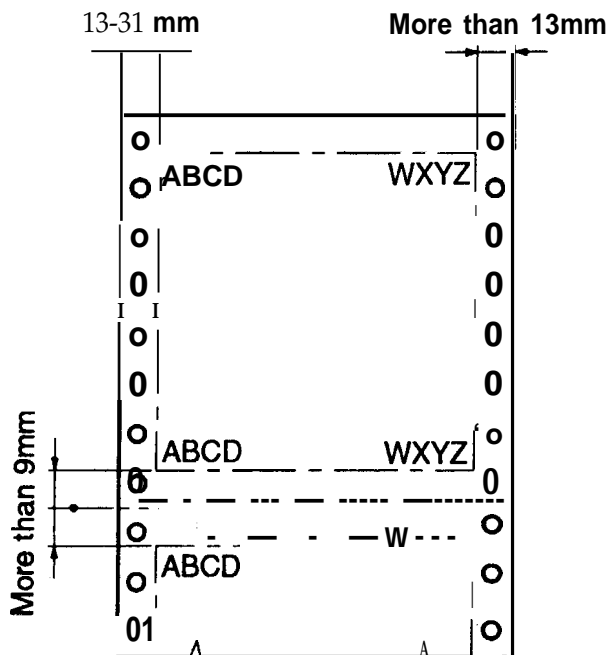
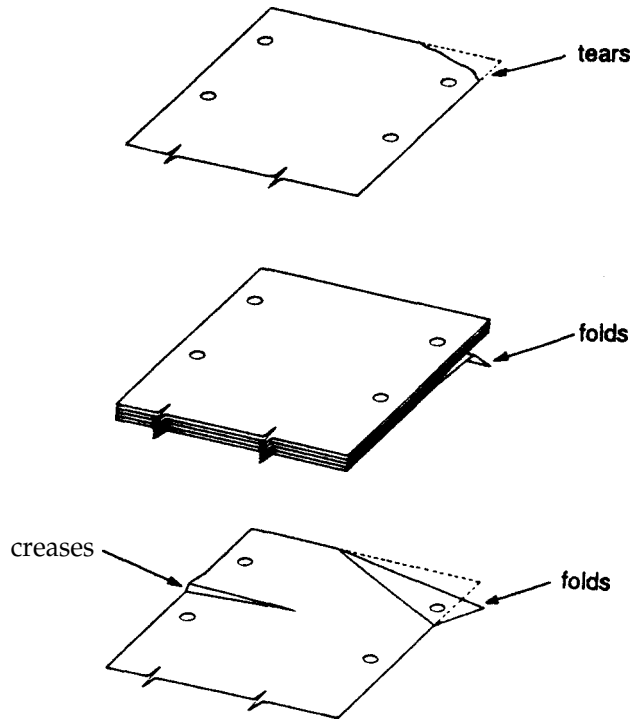


Figure 1-3. Printable Area for Fanfold Paper

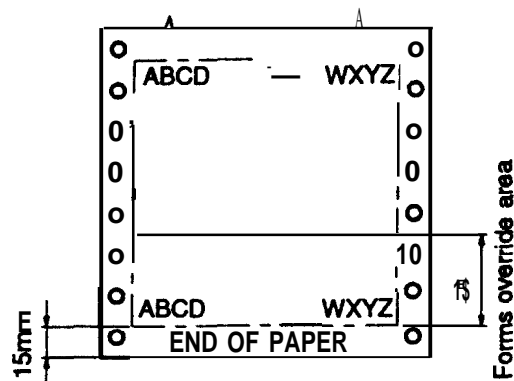
**Notes:**

1. Horizontal alignment may be irregular in the top 75 mm (3 inches) of the first page.
2. When using the optional pull tractor, the top 120 mm (4.8 inches) of the first page are unprintable.
3. Use clean paper with no folds, creases, or tears (especially for multi-part paper). Figure 1-4 shows paper you should not use.



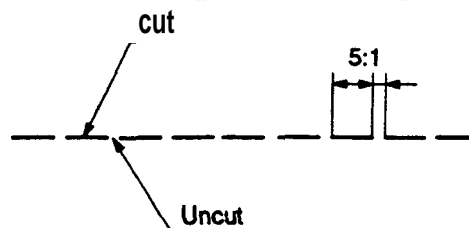
**Figure 1-4. Unsuitable Paper**

4. Form override printing is available for 20 lines after the paper end. The paper feeding pitch is not guaranteed. The end of the printable area is 15 mm (0.60 inches) above the bottom edge of the paper.



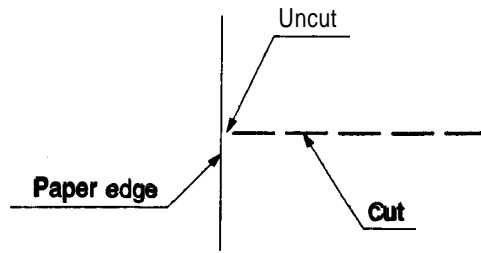
**Figure 1-5. Form override Area**

5. Weak horizontal and vertical perforations cause paper jams.
6. The pitch of perforations (the ratio of the cut part to the uncut part) must be less than 5:1.



**Figure 1-6. Perforation pitch**

- Horizontal perforations must have uncut parts on both edges of the paper.



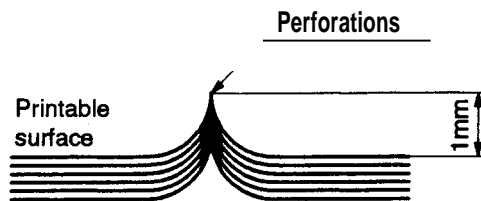
**Figure 1-7. Paper Edge at a Horizontal Perforation**

- At the intersection of a horizontal and vertical perforation, the perforation cuts must not cross each other. Figure 1-8 shows examples of correct perforation intersections.



**Figure 1-8. Perforation Intersections**

- The raised portion at a perforation (fold) must be less than 1 mm (0.04 inches) from the flat part, and the bottom layer must be kept flat by force.



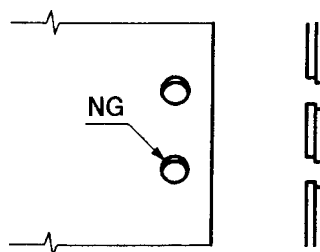
**Figure 1-9. Raised Portion at a Perforation**

- Sprocket holes must be circular and may have teeth.



**Figure 1-10. Sprocket Holes**

- The sprocket holes of each paper layer must be properly aligned.



**Figure 1-11. Aligned Sprocket Holes**

- 12. Any pieces of paper remaining in the sprocket holes must be removed.
- 13. The paper should be fanfolded at the horizontal perforations. Never use incorrectly folded paper, such as the paper shown below.

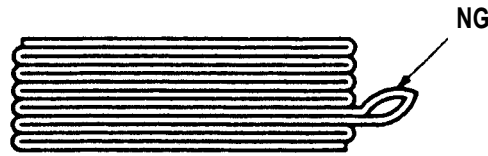


Figure 1-12. Incorrectly Folded Paper

- 14. Make sure there are no holes in the printable area.
- 15. The paper must be tom off cleanly along a perforation.

**Overlapping Multi-part Forms**

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Paper path:      | Front only  |
| Quality:         | Plain paper   |
| Width:           | 101-406 mm (4 -16 inches)   |
| Copy capability: | 5 sheets (1 original + 4 carbonless copies), excluding the bottom carrier |
| Overlap length:  | 10 mm (0.394 inches) maximum  |
| Total thickness: |   |
| Print area       | 0.46 mm (0.018 inches) maximum  |
| Overlap area     | 0.70 mm (0.028 inches) maximum, including the bottom carrier              |
| Weight:          |   |
| Multi-part       | 35-48 kg (11 - 15 lb), up to the total thickness                          |
| Carrier          | 45- 70kg (14- 221b)   |

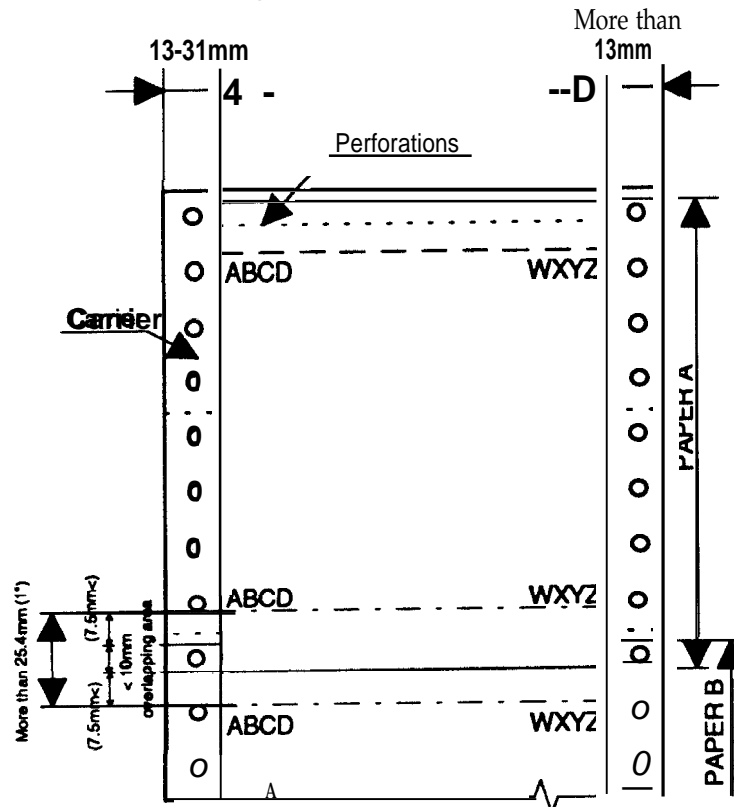


Figure 1-13. Printable Area, Overlapping Multi-part Forms

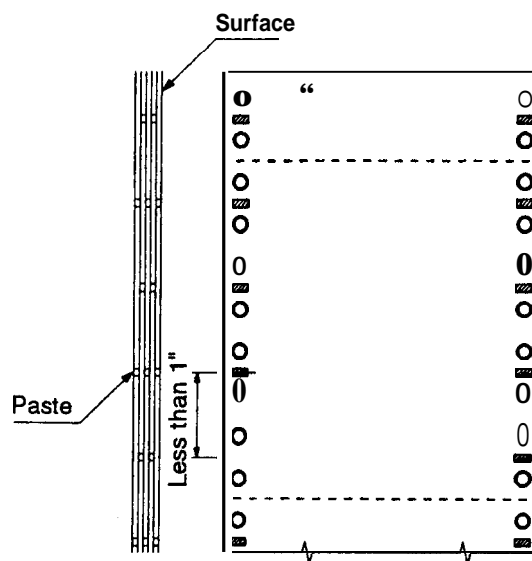


**CAUTION**

When using overlapping multi-part forms, do not use the paper select (change tractors) or tear off function; to avoid a paper jam, it is important not to feed overlapping multi-part forms backward.

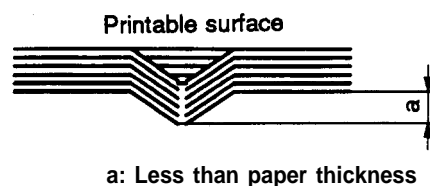
**Notes:**

1. Rough multi-part form binding causes paper jams.
2. **The** multi-part form sheets should be bound together with spot gluing (dotted paste), paper stapling (mechanical staking), or tape stitching. Forms joined with spot gluing are recommended for the best printing quality.
3. For multi-part forms joined with dotted paste, the form sheets can be joined on either a single side or both sides. Figure 1-14 shows the recommended paste positions.



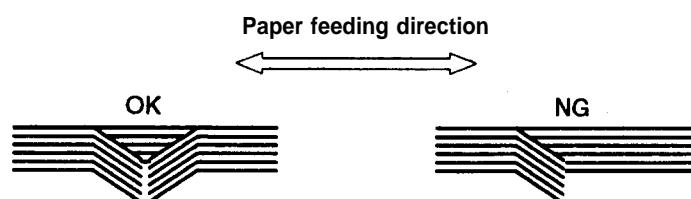
**Figure 1-14. Dotted Paste Positions**

4. **The** pasted areas must be pressed flat. There must be no creases in the paper.
5. Paper stapling must be applied from the front, and the paper must be flat. Figure 1-15 shows a cross section of the stapled area.



**Figure 1-15. Stapled Area 1**

6. Paper stapling must be applied for both feeding directions. Figure 1-16 shows a cross section of the stapled area.



**Figure 1-16. Stapled Area 2**

7. The binding area must be flat. Figure 1-17 shows a cross section of the stapled area.



Figure 1-17. Stapled Area 3

- 8. Never use forms joined with metal staples.
- 9. The binding (dots of paste or paper staples) must be outside the printable area.
- 10. Overlapping multi-part forms must be bound at the top side by spot gluing. The binding must be secure and there should be no spilled glue. Figure 1-18 shows the correct multi-part form binding method.
- 11. Multi-part form sheets should be securely bound to each other, and the binding area must not be too large.

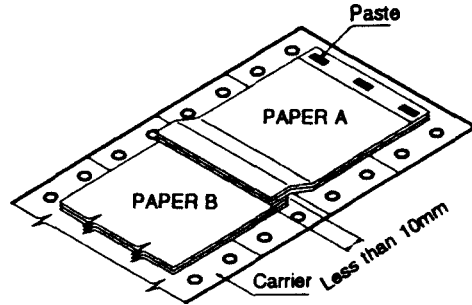


Figure 1-18. Correct Multi-part Form Binding

**Fanfold Paper with a Label**

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Paper path:      | Front only   |
| Quality:         | Plain paper  |
| Width:           | 101-406 mm (4 - 16 inches)   |
| Total thickness: | 0.46 mm (0.018 inches) <b>maximum</b>                                      |
| Weight:          |  |
| Single           | 45 - 70 kg (14 ~ 22 lb)  |
| Multi-part       | 35- 48kg (11 -15 lb) x <i>n</i> ( <i>n</i> ≤ 8), up to the total thickness |

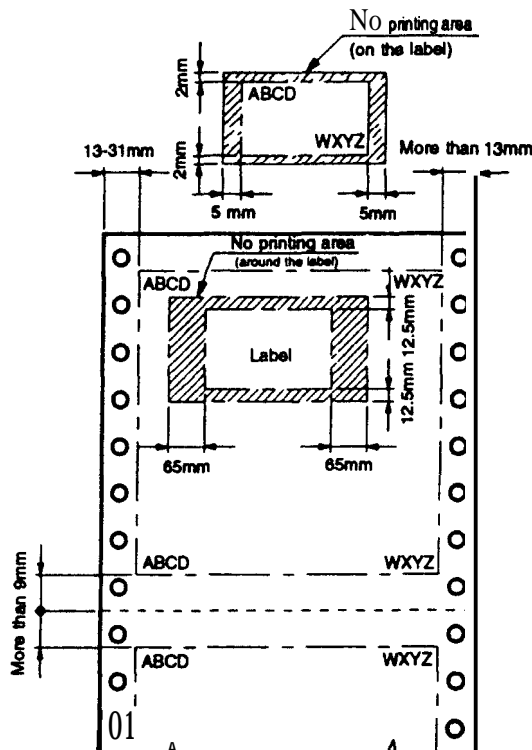
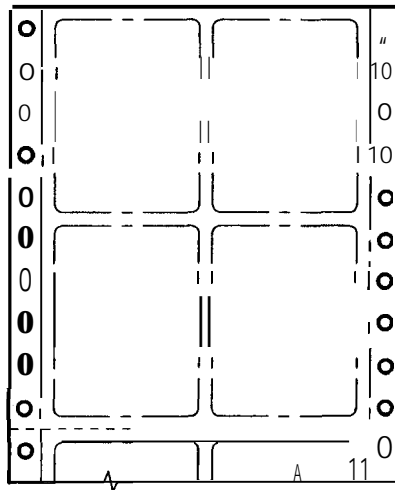


Figure 1-19. Printable Area for Fanfold Paper with a Label

**Labels**

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Paper path:         | Front only   |
| Label size (W x H): | 2½ x 15/16 inches<br>4 x 15/16 inches<br>4 x 17/16 inches  |
| Bottom carrier:     |  |
| Width               | 4- 16 inches   |
| Length              | 3.5 inches minimum   |
| Total thickness:    | 0.19 mm (0.0075 inches) maximum<br>Differences in thickness must be less than 0.12 mm (0.0047 inches). |
| Label examples:     | Avery continuous form labels<br>Avery mini-line labels   |



Inside of each. label

**Figure 1-20. Printable Area for Labels****CAUTION**

*When using labels, do not use the paper select (change tractors) or tear off function; to avoid a paper jam, it is important not to feed label forms backward.*

## Notes:

1. Load label forms only onto the front tractor. The paper select function must not be used.
2. Feed label forms only in the forward direction, using the forward-feeding MICRO FEED button (A). Do not feed label forms in the reverse direction. (Feeding label forms backward may cause a paper jam, or the labels may come off the backing and stick to the printer.)
3. When using label forms, do not use the TOF (top of form) function.
4. Do not use easy-peel labels.
5. Label corners must be rounded.
6. The labels and the bottom carrier should have no folds or creases.
7. Labels must be on carrier paper, and there should be carrier paper between the labels. (The labels should not touch each other.)
8. The label surface must be flat.

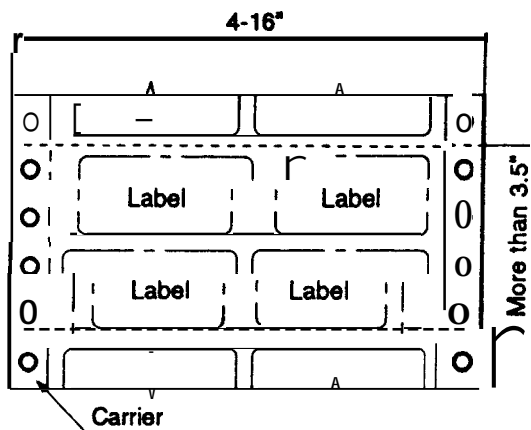


Figure 1-21. Label and Carrier

### 1.2.4 Ribbon Specifications

- Ribbon cartridge: #8766
- Ribbon pack: #8767
- Ribbon pack exchanges: 4 times per cartridge maximum
- Ribbon color: Black
- Dimensions:
  - Cartridge 506 (W) × 23 (H) × 140 (D) mm (20.24X 0.92 x5.60 inches)
  - Ribbon 13 mm x 70 m (0.52 inches x 231.0 feet), endless
- Life: 15 million characters (14 dots/character)

### 1.2.5 Environmental Conditions

Table 1-5. Acceptable Environmental Conditions

| Condition            | Operating                 | storage                               |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Temperature          | 5- 35°C (41° - 95°F)      | -30- 60°C (-22 - 140°F) <sup>**</sup> |
| Humidity             | 10- 80% RH <sup>**2</sup> | 5- 85% RH <sup>*1, *2</sup>           |
| Shock resistance     | 1 G (within 1 msec.)      | 2 G (within 2 msec.) <sup>*1</sup>    |
| Vibration resistance | 0.25 G, 55 Hz maximum     | 0.50 G, 55 Hz maximum                 |

● <sup>\*</sup>: These conditions are acceptable when the printer is in its shipping container.

● <sup>2</sup>: Without condensation.

### 1.2.6 Electrical Specifications

Table 1-6. Rated Electrical Ranges

| m                     | 120 V Version  | 220-240 V Version  |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| Rated voltage         | 120 VAC  | 220-240 VAC  |
| Input voltage range   | 103.5- 132 V   | 198-264 V  |
| Rated frequency range | 50-60 Hz   | 50-60 Hz   |
| Input frequency range | 49.5 -60.5 Hz  | 49.5 -60.5 Hz  |
| Rated current         | 5.0 A  | 3.0 A  |
| Power consumption     | Approx. 115 W<br>(self-test in 10 cpi draft mode)                                    | Approx.110 W<br>(self-test in 10 cpi draft mode)                 |
| Insulation resistance | 10 MΩ, minimum<br>(applying 500 VDC between AC line and chassis)                     | 10 MΩ, minimum<br>(applying 500 VDC between AC line and chassis) |
| Dielectric strength   | 1000 VAC rms -1 minute or<br>1200 VAC rms -1 second<br>(between AC line and chassis) | 1500 VAC rms -1 minute<br>(between AC line and chassis)          |

### 1.2.7 Reliability

MTBF: 8000 power-on hours (POH) at a duty cycle of 25%  
 MCBF: 24 million lines (excluding the printhead and ribbon)  
 Printhead life: 300 million characters (14 dots/character)

### 1.2.8 Safety Approvals

Safety standards: U.S. version: UL1950 with D3  
 CSA22.2 #950 with D3  
 European version: EN 60950 (TÜV, SEMKO, DEMKO, NEMKO, SETI)  
 Radio frequency interference (RFI): U.S. version: FCC part 15 sub-part B class B  
 European version: Vfg 243 (VDE 0878 part 3)  
 CISPR Pub 22 class B

### 1.2.9 Physical Specifications

Size (W x D x H): 700 x 382x 369 mm (27.6 x 15.0 x 14.5 inches)  
 Weight: 29 kg (63.8 lb)

## 1.3 INTERFACE SPECIFICATIONS

### 1.3.1 Parallel Interface

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Data format:     | 8-bit parallel  |
| Synchronization: | By $\overline{\text{STROBE}}$ pulse synchronization     |
| Handshaking:     | By $\text{BUSY}$ and $\overline{\text{ACKNLG}}$ signals |
| Signal level:    | TT'compatible level                                     |
| Connector:       | %-pm 57-30360 (Amphenol) or equivalent                  |

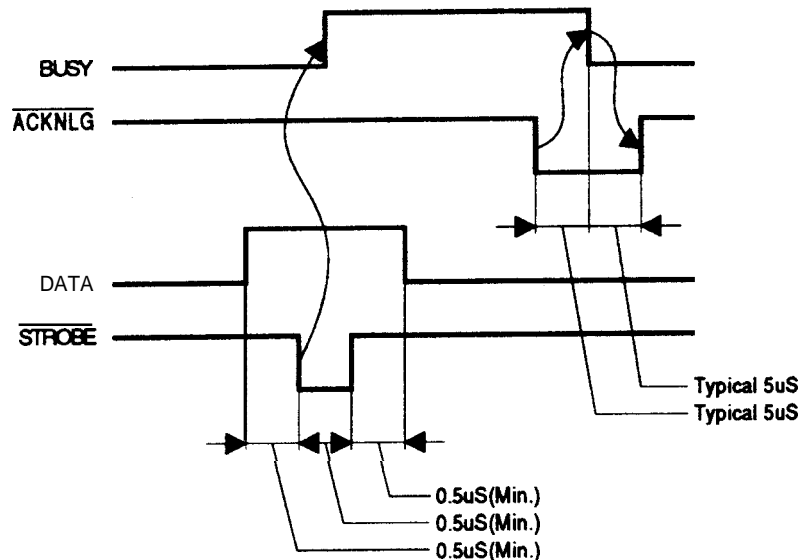


Figure 1-22. Data Transmission Timing

**Note:** The transition time (the rise and fall time) of each input signal must be less than 0.2  $\mu\text{s}$ .

The  $\text{BUSY}$  signal is active (HIGH) under the following conditions:

- During data reception (See Figure 1-22.)
- When the **input** buffer is **full**
- When the  $\overline{\text{INIT}}$  input signal is active
- During initialization
- When the  $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$  or  $\text{PE}$  signal is active
- During the self-test
- In paper memory setting mode
- In pause mode
- When a fatal error occurs

The  $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$  signal is active (LOW) under the following conditions:

- When a paper out error occurs
- When a paper jam error occurs
- When a fatal **error** occurs

The  $\text{PE}$  signal is active (HIGH) when a paper out error occurs.

Table 1-7 shows the signal functions and connector pin assignments for the 8-bit parallel interface.

**Table 1-7. Parallel Interface Signals and Connector Pin Assignments**

| Pin No. | Signal Name                | Return Pin No. | I/O' | Description   |
|---------|----------------------------|----------------|------|---|
| 1       | $\overline{\text{STROBE}}$ | 19             | I    | $\overline{\text{STROBE}}$ pulse to read the input data. The pulse width must exceed 0.5 $\mu\text{s}$ . Input data is latched after the falling edge of this signal. |
| 2-9     | DATA 1- DATA 8             | 20-27          | I    | Parallel input data to the printer. HIGH level means data 1. LOW level means data 0.  |
| 10      | $\overline{\text{ACKNLG}}$ | 28             | O    | This pulse indicates data has been received and the printer is ready to accept the next data. The pulse width is approximately 12 p.s.                                |
| 11      | BUSY                       | 29             | O    | HIGH indicates the printer cannot accept the next data.   |
| 12      | PE                         | 30             | O    | HIGH indicates paper out. This signal is effective only when the $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$ signal is LOW.   |
| 13      | SLCT                       |                | O    | Always HIGH output. (Pulled up to +5 V through a 3.3 K $\Omega$ resistor.)  |
| 14      | $\overline{\text{AFXT}}$   |                | I    | If the signal is LOW when the printer is initialized, a line feed is automatically performed when a CR code is input (auto LF).                                       |
| 15,34   | NC                         |                |      | No connection (not used).   |
| 16      | 0v                         |                |      | Signal ground level.  |
| 17      | FG                         | -              |      | Chassis ground. In the printer, chassis ground and signal ground are short circuited.   |
| 18,35   | +5 V                       |                |      | Pulled up to +5 V through a 3.3 K $\Omega$ resistor.  |
| 19-30   | GND                        |                |      | Ground for twisted-pair return signal.  |
| 31      | INIT                       |                | I    | Pulse input (width: 50 $\mu\text{s}$ minimum, active LOW) for printer initialization.   |
| 32      | $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$  |                | O    | LOW indicates that some error has occurred in the printer.  |
| 33      | GND                        |                |      | Signal ground.  |
| 36      | $\overline{\text{SLCTIN}}$ |                | I    | If the signal is LOW when the printer is initialized, DC1/DC3 control is disabled.  |

\*The I/O column indicates the direction of the signal as viewed from the printer.

### 1.3.2 RS-232C Serial Interface

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Data format:      | RS-232C serial   |
| Synchronization:  | Asynchronous   |
| Handshaking:      | By DTR signal or X-ON/X-OFF protocol                                 |
| Word length:      |  |
| Start bit         | 1 bit  |
| Data bit          | 8 bits   |
| Parity bit        | Odd, even, or no parity  |
| Stop bit          | 1 bit or more  |
| Bit rate:         | 300,1200,9600, or 19200 bps (selectable by DIP switches 2-7 and 2-8) |
| Logic level:      |  |
| MARK (logical 1)  | -3 to -27 V  |
| SPACE (logical 0) | +3 to +27 V  |
| Connector:        | EIA standard 25-pin connector  |

Table 1-8 shows the signal functions and connector pin assignments for the serial interface.

**Table 1-8. Serial Interface Signals and Connector Pin Assignments**

| Pin No.                  | Signal Name | I/O* | Description   |
|--------------------------|-------------|------|---|
| 1                        | FG          | .    | Chassis ground.   |
| 2                        | TXD         | O    | Transmit data for X-ON/X-OFF handshake.   |
| 3                        | RXD         | I    | Receive data.   |
| 7                        | SG          | .    | Signal ground.  |
| 11,20                    | DTR         | O    | Indicates whether the printer is ready to receive data. If the printer is not ready, the DTR signal becomes MARK. |
| 4-6,8-10,<br>12-19,21-25 | NC          | .    | No connection (not used).   |

\*The I/O column indicates the data flow as viewed from the printer.



## 1.4 PRINTER OPERATION

This section describes the basic operation of the printer.

### 1.4.1 Control Panel

The printer's control panel contains eight non-lock type push buttons and twelve LED indicators for easy use of the various printer functions.

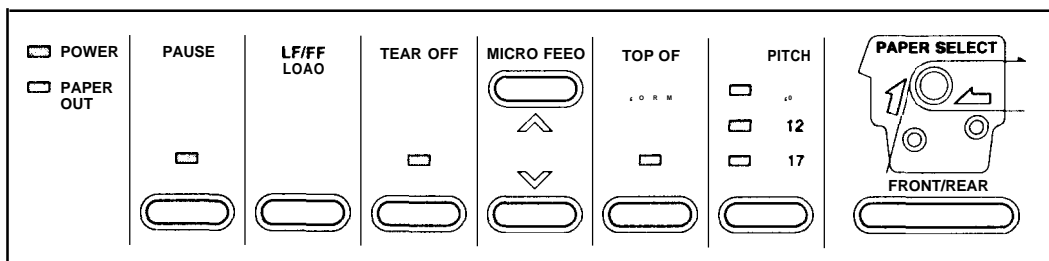


Figure 1-23. Control Panel

#### Buttons

- PAUSE:** Stops or starts printing, if any print data exists in the input buffer. (Turns pause mode on or off.)
- LF/FF LOAD:** Advances the paper line by line according to the set line spacing while the printer is ready to print or paused by the PAUSE button. Holding down the button for about one second advances the paper to the next top of form (TOF) position. This button is also used to load the paper from the push tractor of the selected paper path when the printer is in the paper-out state.
- TEAR OFF:** Enables tear off mode and advances the paper to the tear off position. This button functions only when the printer is in pause mode. The tear off position can be adjusted using the MICRO FEED buttons. The adjusted value is stored in the EEPROM on the main board when the printer is turned off.
- MICRO FEED:** Adjusts the paper position, including the top of form (TOF) and tear off positions. The forward MICRO FEED button (▲) advances the paper in 1/216 inch increments and the backward MICRO FEED button (▼) feeds the paper backward in 1 /216 inch increments.
- TOP OF FORM:** Enables top of form (TOF) setting mode, so that the TOF position can be adjusted using the MICRO FEED buttons. This button functions only when paper is loaded into the printer using the LF/FF LOAD button and the printer is in pause mode. In TOF setting mode, the PAUSE LED is lit and the TOF LED blinks.
- PITCH:** Selects a character pitch of 10,12, or 17 cpi.
- PAPER SELECT:** Selects the front or rear paper path. If there is paper in the current path and the printer is in pause mode, the paper is fed backward to the tractor. Then, the selected paper from the other tractor is fed to the TOF position. If all the paper in the current path is not fed backward to the tractor by the single 22-inch (55.9-cm) backward feeding sequence, make sure your previous print job is tom off and press the PAPER SELECT button again until the current path is empty.

### LED Indicators

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| POWER (green):       | Lit when the printer is turned on.  |
| PAPER OUT (red):     | Lit when the printer is out of paper.<br>Flashes when there is a paper jam.                   |
| PAUSE (orange):      | Lit when the printer is in pause mode.  |
| TEAR OFF (orange):   | Lit when the printer is in tear off mode.   |
| TOP OF FORM (green): | Lit when the printer is in TOF mode.  |
| PITCH (3) (green):   | The lit PITCH LED indicates the selected pitch.   |
| FRONT (2) (green):   | Lit when the front paper path is selected with paper loaded onto the front tractor.           |
| (red):               | Lit when the front paper path is selected with no paper <b>loaded</b> onto the front tractor. |
| REAR (2) (green):    | Lit when the rear paper path is selected with paper loaded onto the rear tractor.             |
| (red):               | Lit when the rear paper path is selected with no paper loaded onto the rear tractor.          |

### 1.4.2 Self-test

The printer's self-test (self printing) function checks the following

- Control **circuit**
- Printer mechanism
- Print quality

To run the self-test in draft\* mode, hold down the **LF/FF LOAD** button and turn on the printer. To run the self-test in **NLQ** mode, hold down the **TEAR OFF** button and **turn** on the printer.

The self-test can be interrupted by pressing the **PAUSE** button. To end the self-test, press the **PAUSE** button and then turn off the printer.

The self-test prints the following:

- Program ROM version number
- Built-in characters

To print the current DIP switch settings, **hold down the PAUSE** button and turn on the printer.

\* The printer does not print the self-test in draft mode if **NLQ** mode is selected using DIP switch 1-3.

### 1.4.3 Hexadecimal Dump Function

The hexadecimal dump function prints the data the printer receives in hexadecimal format. To print a hexadecimal dump, hold down **the LF/FF LOAD and TEAR OFF** buttons and turn on the printer. "HEX DUMP MODE" is printed on the first line. Then 16 bytes are printed in **hexadecimal** on each line, and the ASCII character **corresponding** to each byte **is** printed on the right side. "." is printed if there is no corresponding ASCII character (**such** as, for a control code). If less than 16 bytes remain, they can be printed by pressing the **PAUSE** button. To cancel hexadecimal dump mode, turn off the printer.

### 1.4.4 Paper Out Detection Function

When the paper out sensor detects the printer is out of paper, the printer automatically enters pause mode. Load new paper properly, and then press the **PAUSE** button to turn off pause mode so the printer is ready to print.

### 1.4.5 Cover Open Detection

When the printer cover is opened, the printer stops **printing**, beeps 4 times with 0.1 second intervals, and enters pause mode. Close the printer cover and press the **PAUSE** button to turn off pause mode so the printer is ready to print.

### 1.4.6 Paper Width Detection

The printer detects the right paper edge and determines the right end of the printable area. This disables printing in areas where there is no paper.

### 1.4.7 Automatic Paper Thickness Adjustment

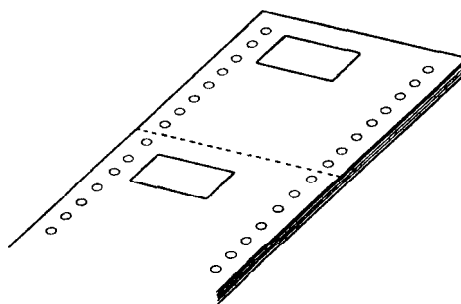
The printer measures the paper thickness each time paper is loaded. The distance between the printhead and the platen is automatically adjusted to match the paper's thickness and obtain the best print quality.

### 1.4.8 Paper Memory Function

The paper memory function allows the printer to print properly when different areas of the same form vary in thickness. For the best print quality when using forms with a label or overlapping forms, use the paper memory function. It allows you to save paper format and thickness information using the DIP switches and the control panel buttons. The paper memory function is available only for forms loaded on the front tractor.

Forms with a label

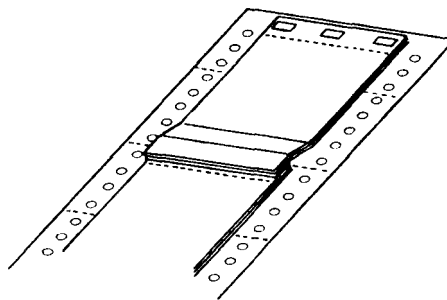
Multi-part forms that vary in thickness include forms with a label; the label area is thicker than the rest of the form.



**Figure 1-24. Multi-part Forms with a Label**

Multi-part forms that partly overlap the next page

Multi-part forms that vary in thickness include forms that overlap slightly where they are glued together; the overlap area is twice as thick as the rest of the form.



**Figure 1-25. Overlapping Multi-part Forms**

Set the information about the label and overlap areas before printing. The printer works according to this information.

Note: The tear off and paper select functions are not available when the paper memory function is used.

### 1.4.8.1 Using the Paper Memory Function

To use the paper memory function, you must first save paper format and thickness information for up to two different types of paper as described in **Section 1.4.8.2**, below.

To turn on the paper **memory** function after saving your paper format and thickness information, hold down one of the buttons below and turn on the printer.

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| MICRO FEED (A) | Recalls the paper format and thickness information stored in memory area 1.        |
| MICRO FEED (v) | <b>Recalls</b> the paper format and thickness information stored in memory area 2. |

To turn off the paper memory function and use normal paper, hold down the PAPER SELECT button and turn on the printer.

- Notes:**
- A** 1-inch skip over perforation area is automatically included for overlapping forms.
  - ESC C** (set page length) is valid when using the paper memory function.
  - ESC N** (set skip over perforation) is valid when using the paper memory function; however, if the skip **length is less than** 1 inch, the setting is ignored when using overlapping forms.
  - ESC O** (reset skip over perforation) is valid when using the paper memory function with overlapping forms.
  - When using overlapping forms, the loading position must be adjusted each time you load paper.

### 1.4.8.2 Saving Paper Format and Thickness Information

To save paper format and thickness information for overlapping forms, forms with a label, or overlapping forms with a label, follow these steps:

1. Turn off the printer.
2. Use DIP switch 3-4 to select the memory area where you want the printer to store the paper format and thickness information. Memory area 1 is **selected** when DIP switch 3-4 is off. **This** is the printer's default setting. To select memory area 2, turn on the switch.

**Table 1-9. Selecting the Paper Memory Area**

| Paper Memory Area | DIP SW 3-4 |
|-------------------|------------|
| 1                 | OFF        |
| 2                 | ON         |

3. Use DIP switches 3-1 and 3-2 or **software commands** to set the page length.

**Table 1-10. Setting the Page Length**

| Page Length (inches) | DIP SW 3-1 | DIP SW 3-2 |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| 11                   | OFF        | OFF        |
| 12                   | OFF        | ON         |
| 8.5                  | ON         | OFF        |
| 70/6                 | ON         | ON         |

4. Use DIP switches 3-5 and 3-6 to set the paper type.

**Table 1-11. Setting the Paper Type**

| Paper Type                     | Sw 3-5 | Sw 3-6 |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Normal paper                   | OFF    | OFF    |
| Forms with a label             | OFF    | ON     |
| Overlapping forms              | ON     | OFF    |
| Overlapping forms with a label | ON     | ON     |

5. Hold down both MICRO FEED buttons and turn on the printer.
6. If you are using forms with a label, indicate the label's position by following these steps:
- (1) Open the printer cover.
  - (2) Align the pointer on the ribbon mask with one of the label's comers.
    - To feed the paper up or down, press the appropriate MICRO FEED button.
    - To move the pointer right or left, move the printhead by hand.
  - (3) Press the TOP OF FORM button.
  - (4) Move the pointer to the comer of the label diagonally opposite the first comer.
  - (5) Press the TOP OF FORM button.
  - (6) Close the printer cover.
7. Use the printer beeps to confirm that the paper format and thickness information has been saved properly. If the printer beeps once or twice, the information has been saved correctly in memory area 1 or 2. If the printer beeps 10 times, the information has not been saved; carefully follow steps 1 through 7 in this section again.

### 1.4.9 Automatic Tear Off Function

Use DIP switch 3-8 to enable or disable the automatic tear off function. When the tear off function is enabled, the printer automatically feeds fanfold paper until its perforation reaches the tear off position of the printer cover under these conditions:

- The paper is advanced to the TOF position after a print job.
- The printer receives an FFcode and then no other codes or characters for at least 3 seconds. (The printer has finished a print job.)
- The pull tractor is not being used.
- The paper memory function is not being used.

Then, if the printer receives more data, it automatically feeds the paper backward to the original position and printing starts.

### 1.4.10 Paper Jam Detection

When a paper jam is detected, the printer beeps, stops feeding the paper, and enters pause mode. The PAPER OUT indicator flashes. Remove the paper and load new paper properly. Then press the PAUSE button to turn off pause mode so the printer is ready to print.

### 1.4.11 Automatic Interface Selection

When the printer does not receive any data for the set time over the currently selected interface, it checks the parallel interface, serial interface, and optional interface, and selects the interface that receives data first. The standby time can be set to 10 seconds or 30 seconds using DIP switches 24, 2-5, and 2-6.

**Note:** The built-in serial interface and Type B simple serial interface card cannot be used at the same time. The simple serial interface card takes precedence over the built-in serial interface.

### 1.4.12 Thermal Protection

The printhead has a thermistor inside it, and the printhead cooling fan also has a thermistor. When the printhead or cooling fan is too hot, the printer stops printing while it cools.

### 1.4.13 Skip Binding Function

The skip binding function is used for printing on multi-part forms with binding that could scratch the printhead during paper feeding. When this function is used, the head parks away from the binding during paper feeding to avoid paper jams. Use DIP switch 3-7 to enable or disable the skip binding function; when it is enabled, throughput is reduced.

### 1.4.14 Printer Initialization

The printer is initialized in the following cases:

- When the printer is turned on.
- When the INIT signal is input through the parallel interface.

Initialization performs the following functions:

- Returns the printhead to the far left position (carriage home).
- Puts the printer in ready mode, so it is ready to print.
- Clears the print buffer and input data buffer.
- Clears download characters (CG ROM copy in IBM mode).
- Sets the line spacing to 1/6 inch.
- Sets the page length according to the DIP switch settings.
- Clears all vertical tab positions.
- Sets the horizontal tab position to every 8 columns.
- Sets the print mode according to the DIP switch settings and non-volatile memory.

The top of form (TOF) position is reset by the following:

- Printer initialization
- ESC/P software reset command (ESC @)
- Page length command (ESC C)
- IBM top-of-form setting command (ESC 4)

### 1.4.15 Buzzer Operation

The buzzer sounds for approximately 0.1 second when a BEL code (07H) is input. Buzzer beeps indicate printer status, as shown below. Each asterisk (\*) represents one 0.1 second beep.

The ESCBEL command (07H) is input.

\*(1 beep)

A carriage error is detected due to:

\*\*\* \*\* (2 sets of 3 beeps)

- CR lockup.

Low insulation resistance (less than 1 K $\Omega$ ).

A paper out or paper jam is detected.

• \*\*\* '\* \*\_\*'~ \*\*\*\* (5 sets of 4 beeps)

(The printer runs out of paper or a paper jam occurs during paper feeding or printing.)

Another paper error is detected:

\*\*\* (3 beeps)

Incomplete back-out. (The previous print job is not tom off.)

Empty during operation. (The paper is out at power on.)

An abnormal voltage is detected.

\* \*\* • " (5 beeps with a pause between each beep)

RAM error is detected.

\*\* \*\* \*\* \*\* \* (5 sets of 2 beeps)

A cover open is detected:

\*\*\*\* (4 beeps)

The cover open sensor detects that the cover is open.

The interlock switch detects that the cover is open.

A short circuited printhead is detected.

\* \* • • • \* \* • \* (10 &subscript;p with a pause between each beep)

(The head driver FETs are bad.)

A short circuited printhead fan is detected.

\*\* \*\* \*\* \*\* \* \*\* \*\* \*\* (8 sets of 2 beeps)

An illegal paper memory setting is detected.

\*\*\*\* W-\* (10 beeps)

A micro adjust limit is detected.

\*\*\*\_\*\_\*\_\*\_\* ... (continuous beeps)

A platen gap adjust error is detected.

\*\*\* \*\* \*\* (3\* of 3 beeps)

Note: \* 0.1 second interval \*\* 0.3 second interval

## 1.5 DIP SWITCH SETTINGS

This section describes the functions of the DIP switches. After **setting** one or more DIP switches, turn on the printer to put your settings into effect.

**Table 1-12. DIP Switch Settings**

| SW No.                          | Function               | ON                                 | OFF         | Factory Setting                 |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| 1-1                             | Emulation mode         | IBM mode*                          | ESC/P mode  | OFF                             |
| 1-2                             | Draft speed            | Normal                             | High        | OFF                             |
| 1-3                             | Character quality      | NLQ                                | Draft       | OFF                             |
| 1-4<br>1-5<br>1-6<br>1-7<br>1-8 | IBM mode<br>ESC/P mode | See Table 1-13.<br>See Table 1-14. |             | OFF<br>OFF<br>OFF<br>OFF<br>OFF |
| 2-1                             | Shape of zero          | Slashed                            | Not slashed | OFF                             |
| 2-2                             | Input buffer           | Invalid                            | Valid       | OFF                             |
| 2-3                             | Automatic LF by CR     | Valid                              | by AFXT     | OFF                             |
| 2-4<br>2-5<br>2-6               | Interface              | See Table 1-15.                    |             | OFF<br>OFF<br>OFF               |
| 2-7<br>2-8                      | Serial bit rate        | See Table 1-16.                    |             | OFF<br>OFF                      |
| 3-1<br>3-2                      | Page length            | See Table 1-17.                    |             | OFF<br>OFF                      |
| 3-3                             | Skip over perforation  | Valid (1")                         | Invalid     | OFF                             |
| 3-4                             | Paper memory area**    | 2                                  | 1           | OFF                             |
| 3-5                             | Overlapping forms**    | Valid                              | Invalid     | OFF                             |
| 3-6                             | Forms with a label**   | Valid                              | Invalid     | OFF                             |
| 3-7                             | Skip binding           | Valid                              | Invalid     | OFF                             |
| 3-8                             | Automatic tear off     | Valid                              | Invalid     | OFF                             |

\* IBM mode indicates IBM ProPrinter emulation mode.

\*\* These DIP switches are used for paper memory function settings.

**Table 1-13. IBM Mode Selection**

| SW No. | Function                  | ON         | OFF      | Factory Setting |
|--------|---------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------|
| 1-4    | Automatic CR by LF, ESC J | Invalid    | Valid    | OFF             |
| 1-5    | Reserved                  |            |          | OFF             |
| 1-6    | Codes 80-9FH              | Characters | Commands | OFF             |
| 1-7    | Reserved                  |            |          | OFF             |
| 1-8    | Character table           | PC865      | PC437    | OFF             |

Table 1-14. ESC/P Mode Selection

| Character Table |              | Sw 1-4 | Sw 1-a | Sw 1-b | Sw 1-7 | Sw 1-8 |
|-----------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Standard        | NLSP         |        |        |        |        |        |
| Italic Us.      |              | OFF    | OFF    | OFF    | OFF    | OFF    |
| Italic France   |              | OFF    | OFF    | OFF    | OFF    | ON     |
| Italic Germany  |              | OFF    | OFF    | OFF    | ON     | OFF    |
| Italic U.K.     |              | OFF    | OFF    | OFF    | ON     | ON     |
| Italic Denmark  |              | OFF    | OFF    | ON     | OFF    | OFF    |
| Italic Sweden   |              | OFF    | OFF    | ON     | OFF    | ON     |
| Italic Italy    |              | OFF    | OFF    | ON     | ON     | OFF    |
| Italic Spain    |              | OFF    | OFF    | ON     | ON     | ON     |
| PC437           | PC437        | OFF    | ON     | OFF    | OFF    | OFF    |
| PC850           | PC850        | OFF    | ON     | OFF    | OFF    | ON     |
| PC860           | PC860        | OFF    | ON     | OFF    | ON     | OFF    |
| PC863           | PC863        | OFF    | ON     | OFF    | ON     | ON     |
| PC865           | PC865        | OFF    | ON     | ON     | OFF    | OFF    |
| PC861           | PC861        | OFF    | ON     | ON     | OFF    | ON     |
| BRASCII         | BRASCII      | OFF    | ON     | ON     | ON     | OFF    |
| Abicomp         | Abicomp      | OFF    | ON     | ON     | ON     | ON     |
|                 | PC437 Greek  | ON     | OFF    | OFF    | OFF    | OFF    |
|                 | PC869        | ON     | OFF    | OFF    | OFF    | ON     |
|                 | ISO 8859-7   | ON     | OFF    | OFF    | ON     | OFF    |
|                 | PC853        | ON     | OFF    | OFF    | ON     | ON     |
|                 | PC857        | ON     | OFF    | ON     | OFF    | OFF    |
|                 | ISO Latin IT | ON     | OFF    | ON     | OFF    | ON     |
|                 | PC855        | ON     | OFF    | ON     | ON     | OFF    |
|                 | PC866        | ON     | OFF    | ON     | ON     | ON     |
|                 | PC852        | ON     | ON     | OFF    | OFF    | OFF    |
|                 | MAZOWIA      | ON     | ON     | OFF    | OFF    | ON     |
|                 | Code MJK     | ON     | ON     | OFF    | ON     | OFF    |
|                 | Bulgaria     | ON     | ON     | OFF    | ON     | ON     |



**Table 1-15. Interface Selection**

| Interface   | Sw 2-4 | SW 2-5 | Sw 2-6 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
| Automatic selection, serial interface, odd parity (30 seconds*) | OFF    | OFF    | OFF    |
| Automatic selection, serial interface, odd parity (10 seconds*) | OFF    | OFF    | ON     |
| Automatic selection, serial interface, no parity (30 seconds*)  | OFF    | ON     | OFF    |
| Automatic selection, serial interface, no parity (10 seconds*)  | OFF    | ON     | ON     |
| Parallel interface  | ON     | OFF    | OFF    |
| Serial interface, odd parity                                    | ON     | OFF    | ON     |
| Serial interface, even parity                                   | ON     | ON     | OFF    |
| Serial interface, no parity                                     | ON     | ON     | ON     |

\*This is the standby time. See Section 1.4.11, 'Automatic Interface Selection.'

**Table 1-16. Baud Rate Selection**

| Bit Rate (bps) | SW 2-7 | Sw 2-8 |
|----------------|--------|--------|
| 19,200         | OFF    | OFF    |
| 9,600          | OFF    | ON     |
| 1,200          | ON     | OFF    |
| 300            | ON     | ON     |

**Table 1-17. Page Length Selection**

| Page Length | Sw 3-1 | SW 3-2 |
|-------------|--------|--------|
| 11 inches   | OFF    | OFF    |
| 12 inches   | OFF    | ON     |
| 8.5 inches  | ON     | OFF    |
| 70/6 inches | ON     | ON     |

## 1.6 MAIN COMPONENTS

The main components of the DFX-5000+ are designed for easy removal and replacement. These main components are:

- ❑ Printer mechanism (M-3C11)
- ❑ Main control board (C117 MAIN board assembly)
- ❑ Power supply board (C117 PSB/PSE board assembly)
- ❑ Control panel (C117 PNL board assembly)
- ❑ Housing

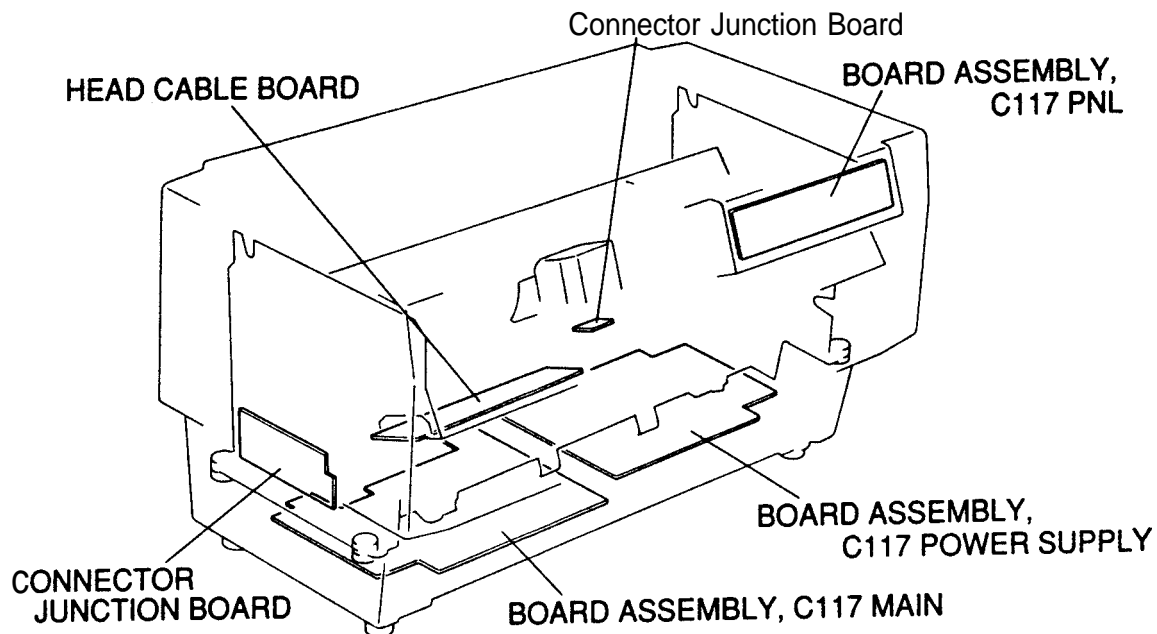


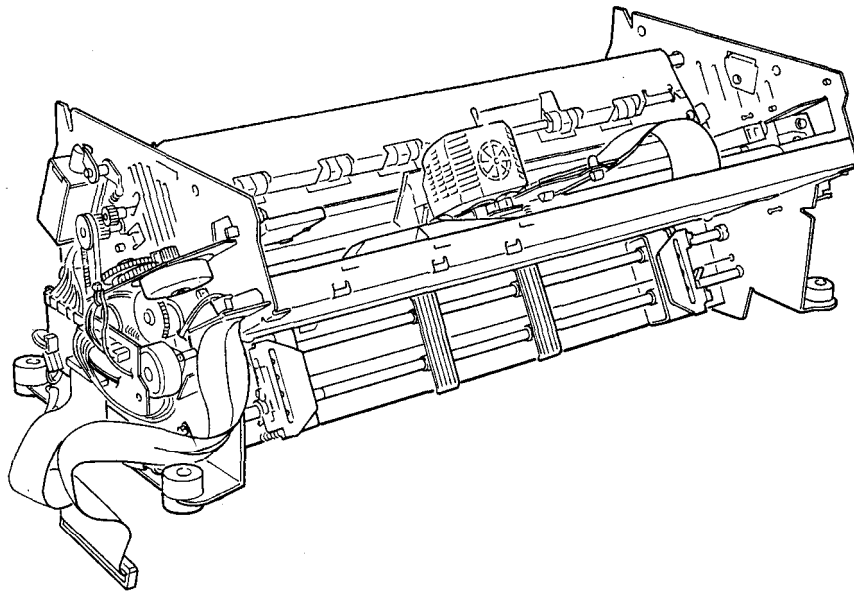
Figure 1-26. Main Components

### 1.6.1 M-3C11 Printer Mechanism

The M-3C11 printer mechanism is a 9-pin, serial, dot matrix printer mechanism developed for the DFX-5000+. It is designed to provide high-speed, high-volume printing, and is especially heavy and durable when compared with existing terminal printer mechanisms. Its paper feeding mechanism uses fanfold paper, and an automatic mechanism is included to provide enhanced paper handling.

The structural differences between the DFX-5000+ and the DFX-5000 are:

- ❑ The DFX-5000+ includes a CR motor isolation resistance sensor.
- ❑ The DFX-5000+ includes a paper jam sensor.
- ❑ To prevent paper jams, the DFX-5000+ includes a tractor wire at the front and rear tractors.
- ❑ The DFX-5000+ does not include a carriage home position sensor.
- ❑ The detection method of the carriage encoder sensor has been changed. In the DFX-5000, the encoder plate was attached to the rotor of the CR motor, while the DFX-5000+ uses a belt-type encoder.
- ❑ In the DFX-5000+, the angle between the printhead and the surface of the platen has been changed to reduce noise.
- ❑ In the DFX-5000+, the ribbon guide is not attached to the ribbon mask; the ribbon mask is attached to the printhead carriage.



**Figure 1-27. M-3C11 Printer Mechanism**

### 1.6.2 Main Control Board (C117 MAIN Board Assembly)

The C117 MAIN board assembly consists of: a **TMP96C14** 8-bit CPU, an **E05A87** gate array, a **PROM** (2 megabit including the **CG ROM**), a **PS-RAM (256K)**, an **EEPROM**, an **SLA7026M** for the paper feed motor, an **SLA5007** for the CR motor, each driver's **IC**, and the parallel and serial interface control circuits.

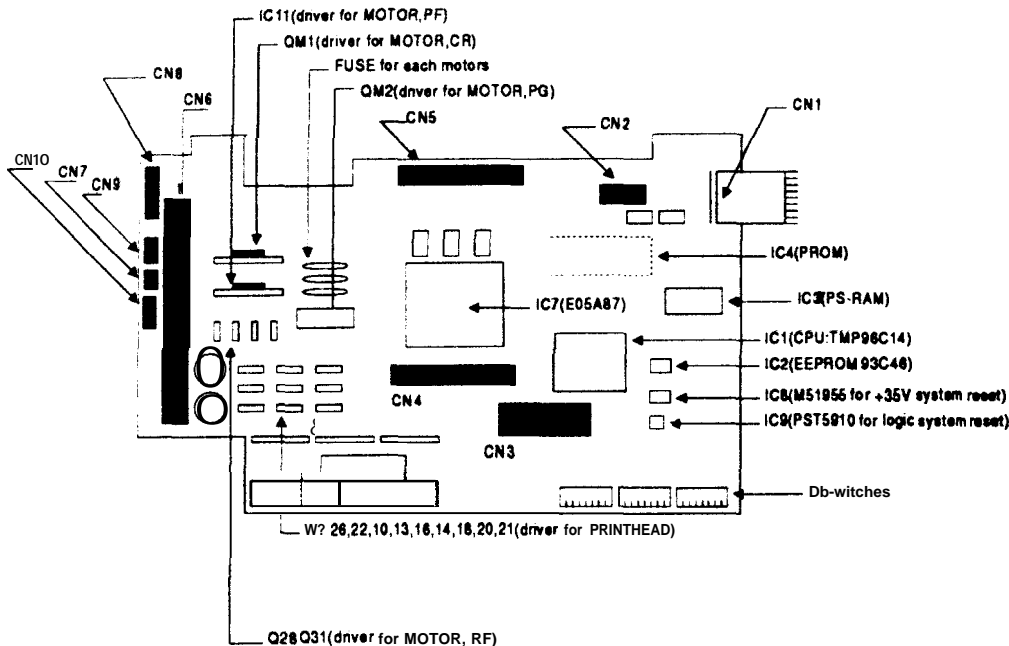


Figure 1-28. C117 MAIN Board Assembly

### 1.6.3 Power Supply Circuit (C117 PSB/PSE Board Assembly)

The C117 PSB/PSE board assembly power supply circuit supplies the control circuit and printer mechanism drive circuit with power. The fan motor on this board keeps the temperature in the lower case constant and cools the CR motor. The printer contains one of two power supply boards; see Table 2-1 for information on the input voltage and fuse ratings of your printer's board.

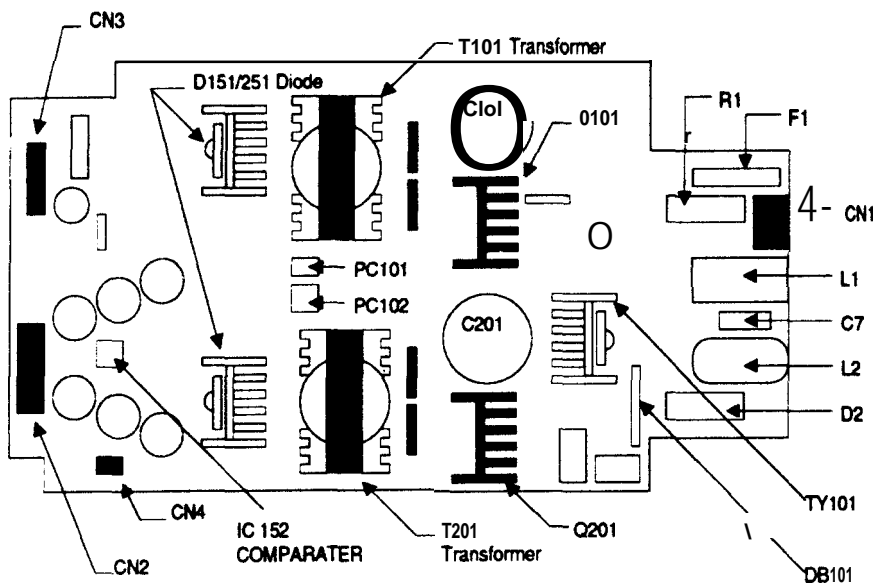


Figure 1-29. C117 PSB/PSE Board Assembly

### 1.6.4 Control Panel Board (C117 PNL Board Assembly)

The C117 PNL board assembly is the operator control panel. It contains the buttons, indicator LEDs, and buzzer.

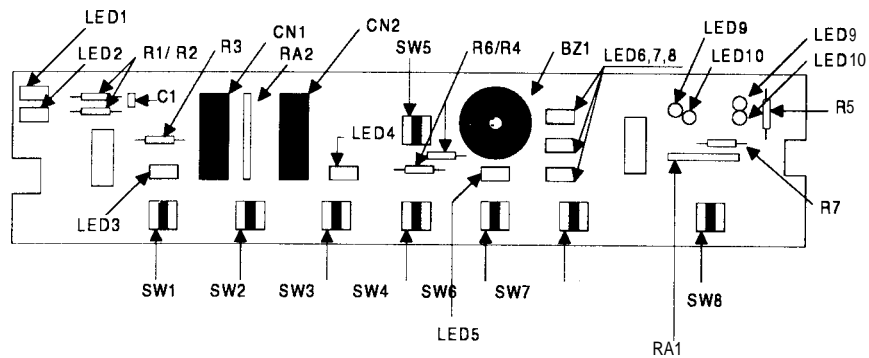


Figure 1-30. C117 PNL Board Assembly

### 1.6.5 Housing

The housing consists of many parts. The lower case is the main frame which holds the printer mechanism and circuits. These components are covered by the upper case, bottom plate, and two side covers, each of which has various covers. The housing has large openings in the front and rear for the paper entrances and exits. It also has a cover on the bottom plate to provide easy access to the PROM on the main board.

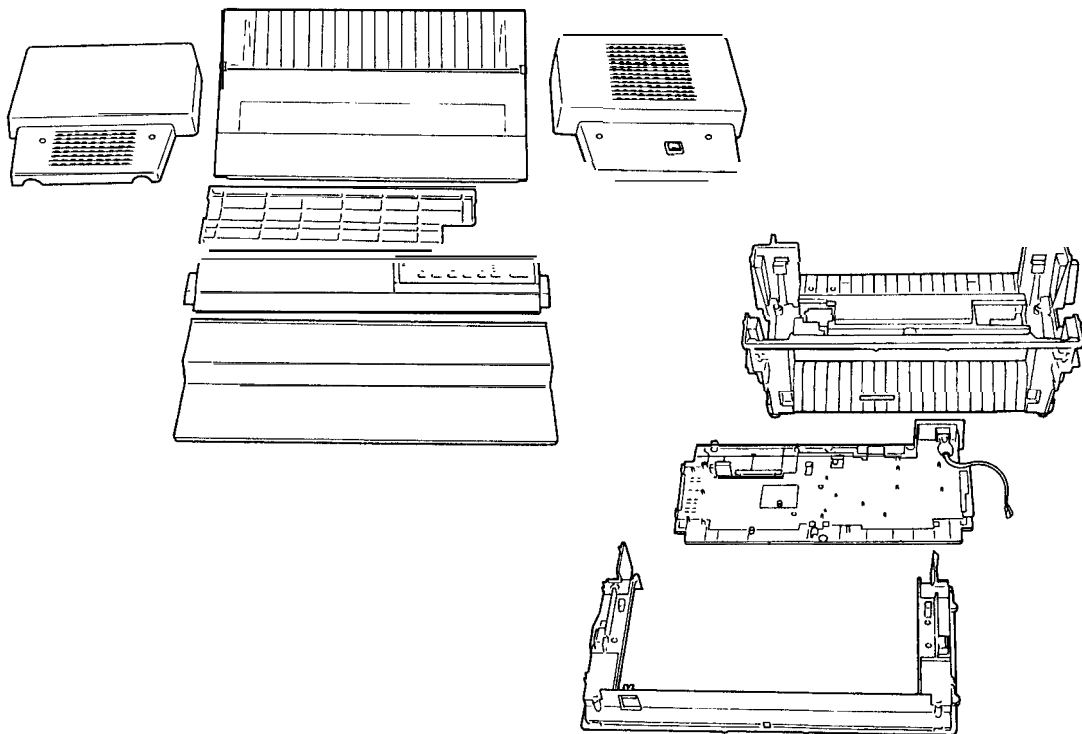


Figure 1-31. Housing

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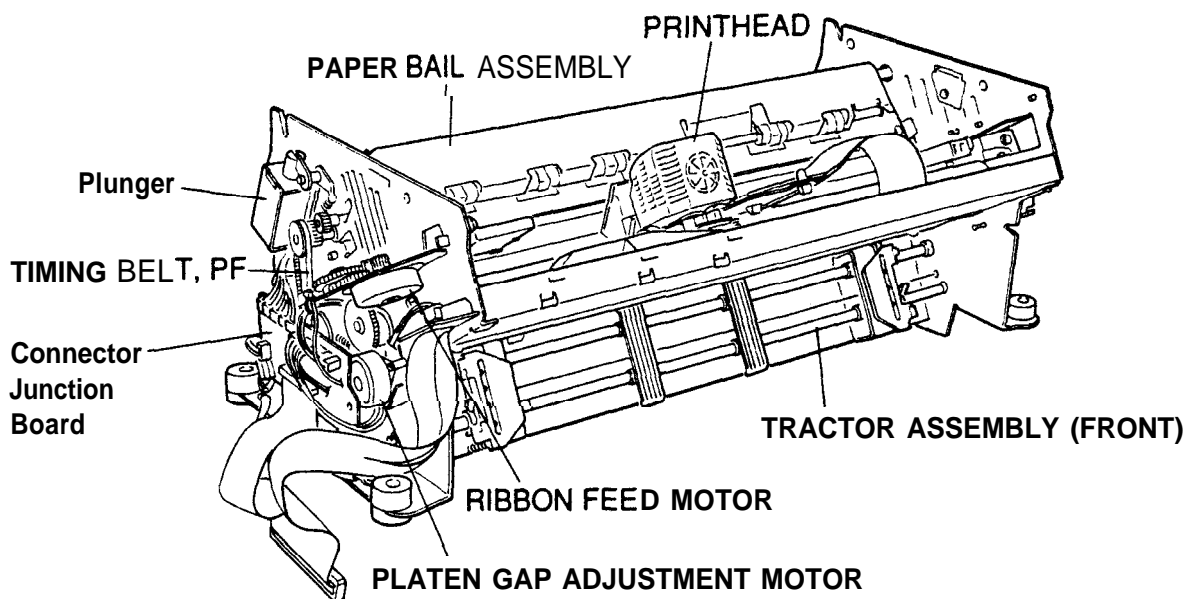
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## 2.1 OVERVIEW OF PRINTER MECHANISM OPERATION

This section describes the Model 3C11 printer mechanism and explains how the printer works. The Model 3C11 printer mechanism features a 9-pin, impact dot **printhead** for serial printing. **The** printer mechanism is the main component of the printer and is supported by the other **components** (the power supply and control **circuits**). Figure 2-1 shows the Model 3C11 printer mechanism.



**Figure 2-1. Model 3C11 Printer Mechanism**

The printer mechanism consists of the following main components:

### □ Printhead

The **printhead** is the component that actually prints characters (dot matrix patterns). Printing is performed by striking the pins (arranged in a vertical line) against the surface of the paper and the ribbon. A character is printed by repeating this printing operation in the horizontal direction (as the **printhead** moves). **The printhead** includes a head fan and temperature sensor. **The** head fan also has a thermistor. When the **printhead** or fan is too hot, the printer stops printing until it cools. (Refer to Section 1.4.12, *Thermal Probation*.)

### □ Carriage mechanism

The carriage mechanism moves the **printhead** in the horizontal direction. The CR motor drives the carriage, with the **printhead** on it. The CR sensor detects the CR motor speed and carriage position. The CR motor is closed-loop controlled. Because the CR motor is driven at a very high speed, it includes an isolation resistance sensor to detect abnormal resistance. The sensor detects an error if the resistance is less than 1 K $\Omega$ .

### CI Interlock switch

Because the carriage moves at a very high speed, it would be dangerous if a hand or finger were inserted inside the printer mechanism during printing. Therefore, as a safety measure, when the top cover is opened, the interlock switch cuts the drive voltage to the CR motor to slow down the carriage speed and prevent **accidents**. A control circuit **controls** CR motor driver deceleration. (Refer to Section 2.3.4., *CR Motor Drive Circuit*.) Printing resumes when the top cover is closed.

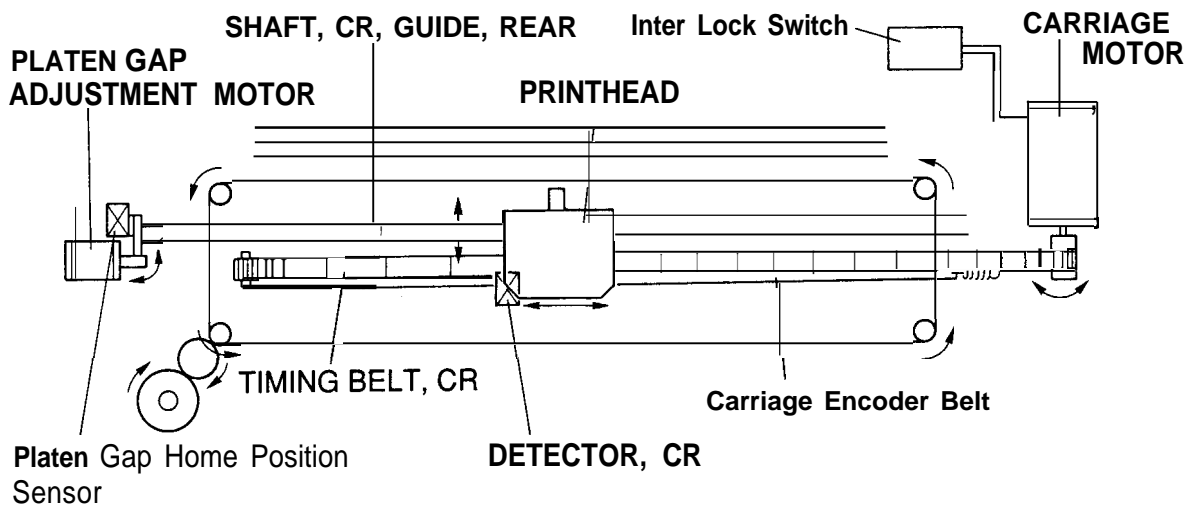
### □ Auto platen gap adjustment mechanism

The printer mechanism has an automatic platen gap adjustment function that measures the thickness of the paper and provides the appropriate gap between the platen and **printhead**. **The** platen gap is adjusted by moving the carriage (and **printhead**) either forward or backward. Because the front and rear carriage guide shafts which hold the **carriage** are purposely mounted off-center, the carriage moves as the PG motor rotates the shafts. The PG sensor transmits the amount of movement (= gap) to the control circuit.



### □ Ribbon feed mechanism

The printer's ribbon cartridge contains an endless ribbon. The ribbon feed mechanism takes up the ribbon so that the portion hit by the pins is constantly changing. The RF motor drives the ribbon feed mechanism. Figures 2-2 and 2-3 show the operation of the ribbon feed mechanism.



**Figure 2-2. Printer Mechanism Operation 1**

### □ Paper feed mechanism

The CR motor controls printing in the horizontal direction, and the paper feed mechanism controls movement in the vertical direction (line feeding and form feeding). The paper feed mechanism feeds paper vertically. The PF motor drives the paper feed mechanism.

The front, rear, and top PE sensors detect whether paper is present in the paper path, and stop the printer from printing when there is no paper. The printer is equipped with three PE sensors: the front PE sensor at the front tractor, the rear PE sensor at the rear tractor, and the top PE sensor at the paper bail. The pull tractor sensor detects whether the optional pull tractor is installed. The printer is also equipped with a paper jam sensor. The control circuit reads the signals from the sensors and indicates when an error occurs.

### □ Tractor select mechanism

The printer mechanism has two paper entrances: one at the front tractor and one at the rear tractor. By controlling the RF motor, the tractor select mechanism chooses which tractor to use, and power from the PF motor is conveyed via a series of gears. The tractor select sensor detects the selected tractor and signals that information to the control circuit.

### □ Plunger mechanism

During printing, the paper bail assembly holds the paper under tension so that it is fed smoothly. When paper is loaded or ejected or when the tear off function is executed, the paper bail assembly needs to move up to prevent a paper jam. The plunger moves the paper bail assembly up. Figure 2-3 shows this operation.

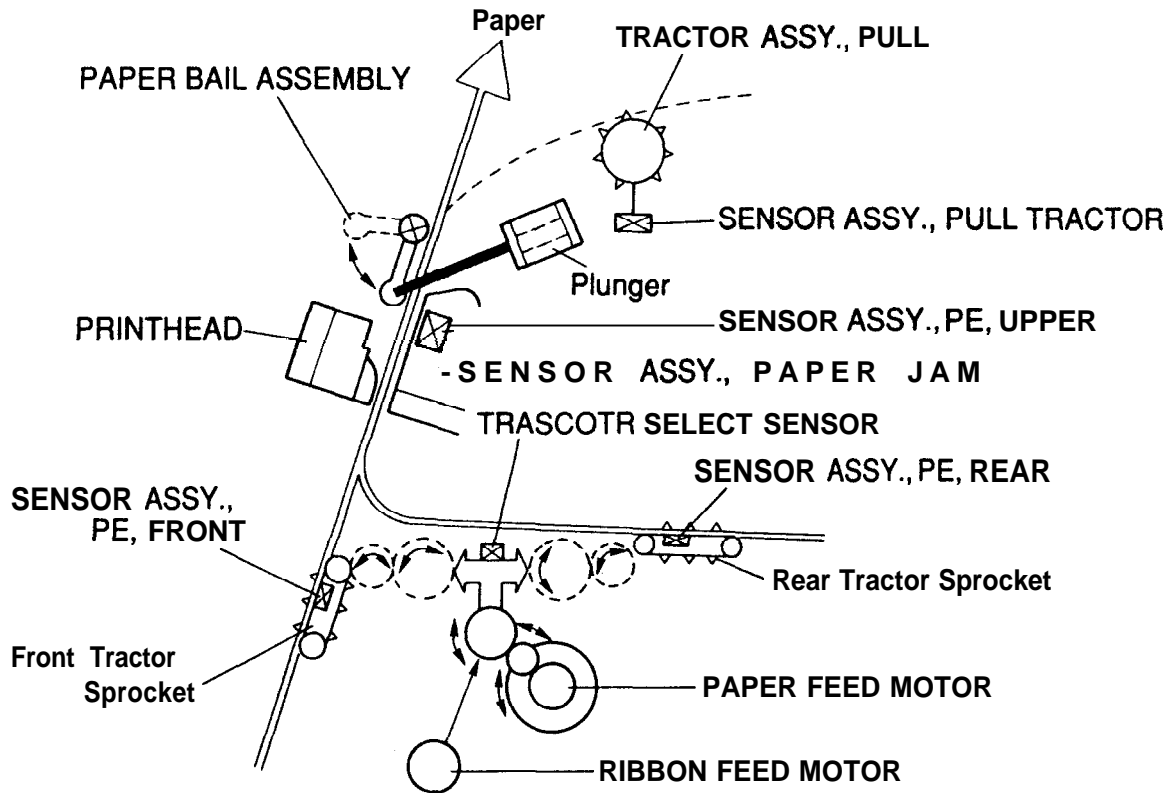


Figure 2-3. Printer Mechanism Operation 2

### 2.1.1 Printhead Mechanism

The printhead is a charge-type, impact dot printhead. Figure 2-4 shows its operation. The dot wire is attached to the actuating spring at point A. It is pulled back (left in the figure) by magnetic force when power is applied and during standby. The magnetic force holds back the actuating spring. When current flows through the coil, a countermagnetic field is induced in the coil. Then, the actuating spring ejects the dot wire forward against the ink ribbon, printing a dot on the paper.

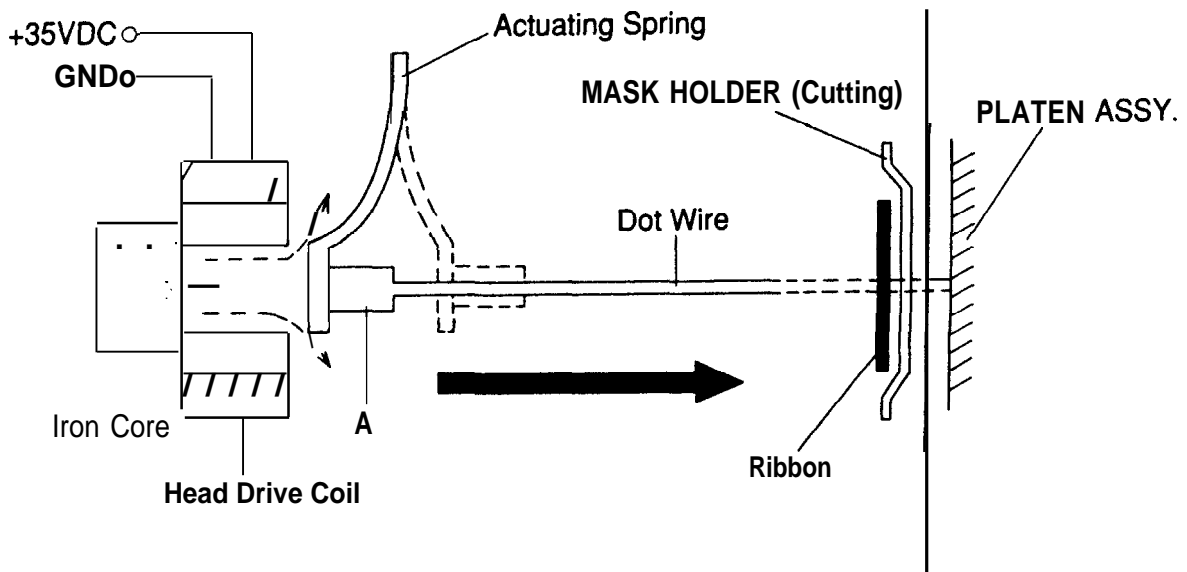


Figure 2-4. Printhead Operation

### 2.1.2 Carriage Mechanism

Figure 2-5 shows the carriage mechanism. The front and rear carriage guide shafts support the carriage. The rotation of the CR motor is transmitted to the carriage timing belt through the carriage belt pulleys at the right and left sides. The **printhead** is mounted on the carriage, which is attached to the carriage timing belt and moves horizontally.

The printer does not have a carriage home position sensor; the home position is detected using disordered pulses of the CR motor and CR sensor (linear, belt-type). A gum pad is attached to the left side of the frame. When the carriage hits the pad, the CR motor pulse is disordered by this obstacle. The control circuit monitors the CR motor's pulse; when it is disordered, the control circuit recognizes the carriage home position.

The CR motor is equipped with an encoder unit which generates pulses. The encoder belt has equally pitched slits and is mounted under the timing belt. A photo interrupter (encoder) surrounds the encoder belt and converts the carriage movement into a pulse train.

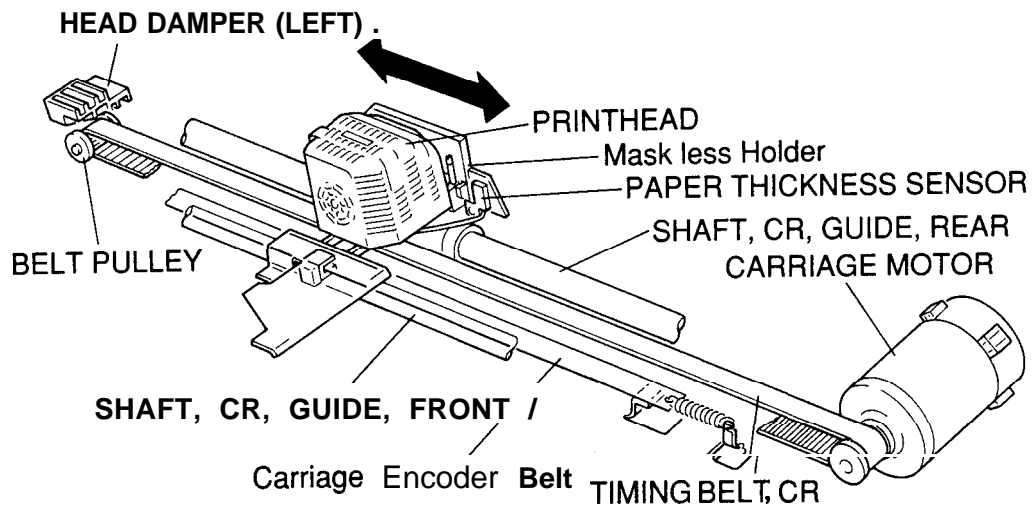


Figure 2-5. Carriage Mechanism

### 2.1.3 Platen Gap Adjustment Mechanism

Figure 2-6 shows the platen gap adjustment mechanism. The front and rear carriage guide shafts supporting the carriage have a vertical section. The rotation of the PG motor is transmitted to the rear carriage guide shaft through the gears. Counterclockwise rotation of the motor expands the platen gap and clockwise rotation reduces it.

The encoder plate with equally pitched slits is attached coaxially to the motor axis. When the motor rotates, the PG sensor detects it and outputs the pulses. Each pulse corresponds to detection of a 0.015 mm resolution (horizontal distance). The system range is 0 to 0.7 mm.

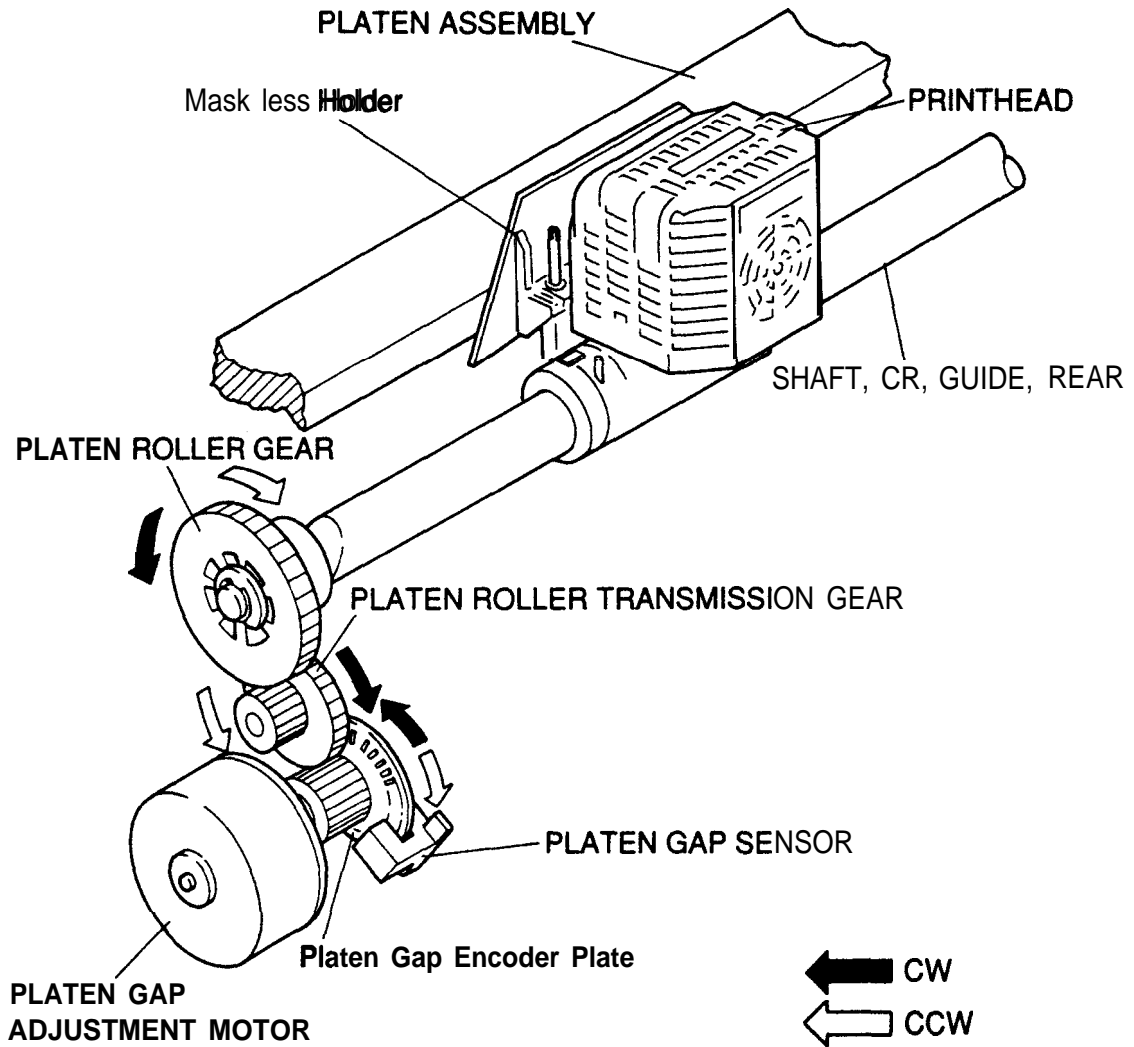


Figure 2-6. Platen Gap Adjustment Mechanism

### 2.1.4 Paper Feed Mechanism

Figures 2-7, 2-8, and 2-9 show the paper feed mechanism. After you load paper, it is fed by the tension roller, PF roller, and front or rear tractor assembly. The PF motor rotates the tension roller and tractor select gear (Figure 2-7) and moves either the front or rear tractor assembly. The rotation of the paper feed transmission gear rotates the tractor select gear, which can engage either tractor train. The tractor select mechanism alternates the engagement of the rear tractor assembly gear train and front tractor assembly gear train. (Refer to Section 2.1.5, *Ribbon Feed and Tractor Select Mechanisms*, for more information.)

The front and rear PE sensors are incorporated in the tractor sprocket. When paper is loaded, the paper pushes the leaf spring and blocks the photo interrupter. When no paper is loaded, the photo interrupter is not blocked. The top PE sensor is attached to the upper paper guide and is used with the reflection plate on the paper bail assembly. When paper is loaded, the paper surface reflects the beam; when there is no paper, the beam is absorbed (not reflected). The pull tractor sensor monitors whether the pull tractor is installed.

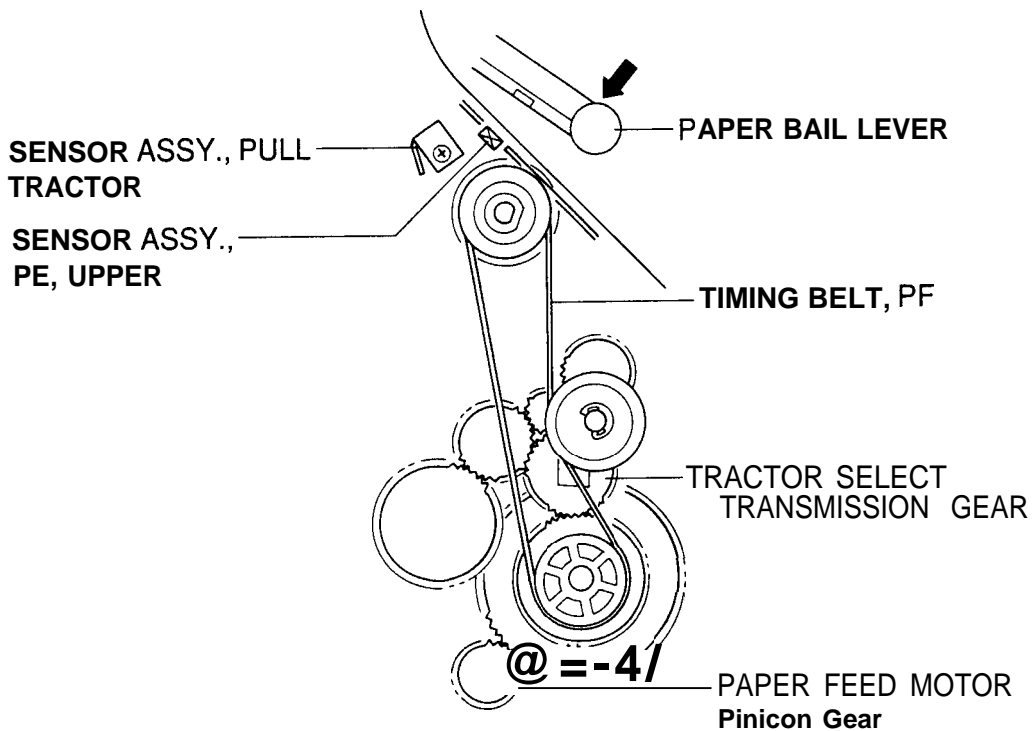


Figure 2-7. Tension Roller and PF Roller Operation

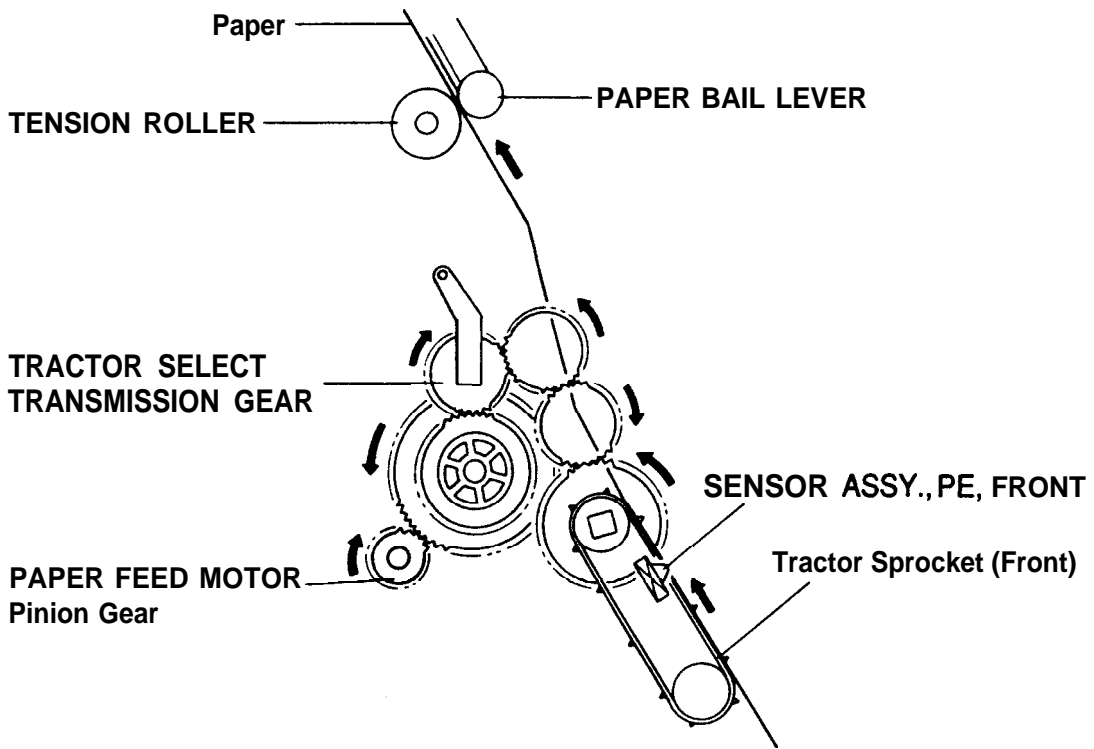


Figure 2-8. Front Tractor Assembly Operation

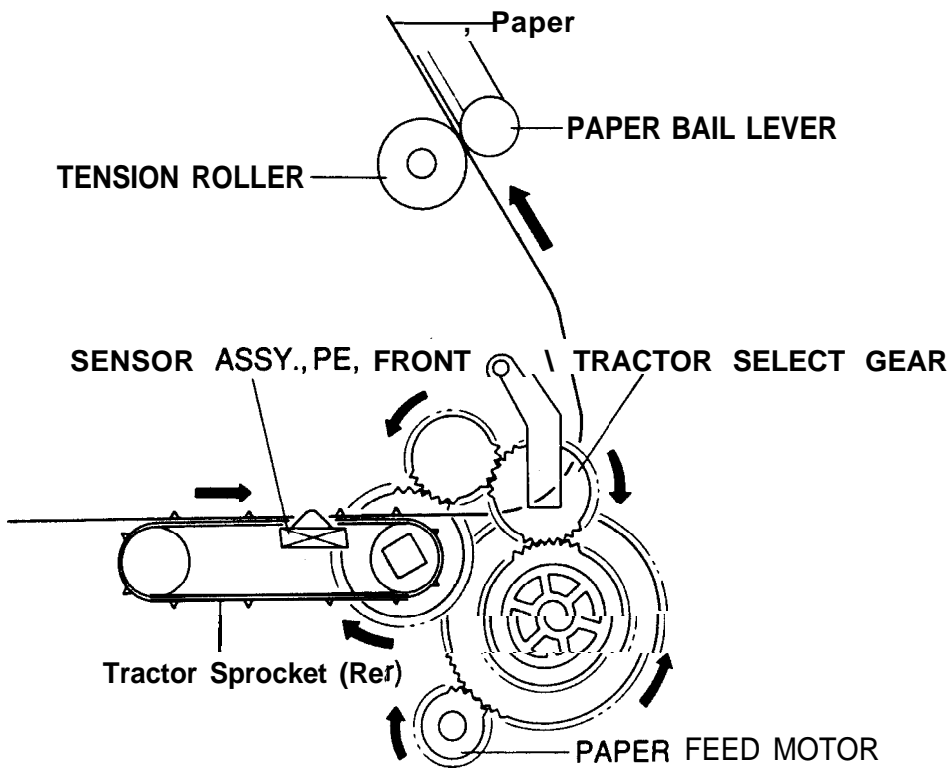


Figure 2-9. Rear Tractor Assembly Operation

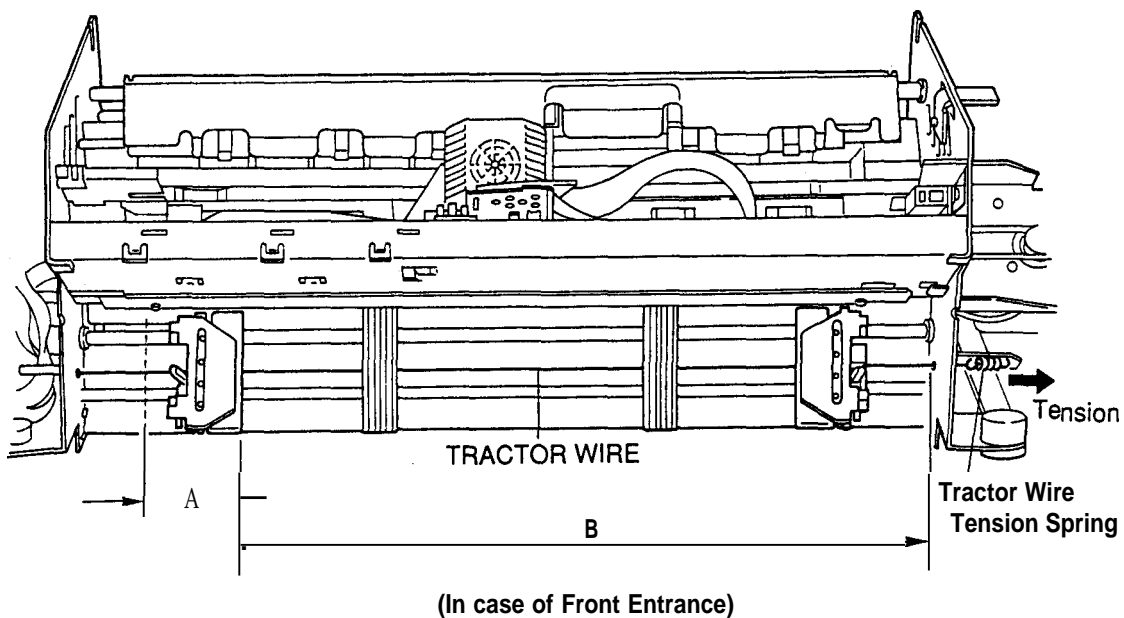
### 2.1.4.1 Tractor Wire Operation

The printer is equipped with a tractor wire (white line) to prevent paper jams when continuous paper is loaded from the front or rear entrance. The tractor tension spring on the right side frame pulls the wire and releases the stress on the continuous paper being fed. Figure 2-10 shows how the tractor wire operates.

The front left tractor sprocket or rear right tractor sprocket is fixed in position by the shape of the bottom frame of the printer mechanism, while the other sprocket (the front right sprocket or rear left sprocket) can move along the tractor shafts. When the tractor release lever is released, the sprocket can move smoothly side to side along the tractor shafts. When the tractor release lever is engaged, the sprocket can move along the tractor shafts, but it cannot move smoothly, because the tractor wire tension is valid.

In the Figure 2-10, point A shows the movement range of the left tractor sprocket when the tractor release lever is released. Point B shows the movement range of the right tractor sprocket when the release lever is engaged or released.

If the paper in the printer becomes bubbled, you can pull the tractor wire to the right to stabilize the paper tension between the left and right tractor sprockets.



**Figure 2-10. Tractor Wire Operation**

### 2.1.5 Ribbon Feed and Tractor Select Mechanisms

The RF motor supplies power to both the ribbon feed and tractor select mechanisms. The rotation of the RF motor pinion swings the ribbon feed select gear like a pendulum, using the lever axis as a support point. The rotation of the RF motor is transmitted after the gears are engaged. When the RF motor pinion gear rotates counterclockwise, the motor rotates the ribbon feed mechanism; when it rotates clockwise, the motor rotates the tractor select mechanism.

Figure 2-11 shows the ribbon feed mechanism. The ribbon is fed in only one direction. Counterclockwise rotation of the RF motor is transmitted to the ribbon feed gear through the ribbon feed select gear and ribbon feed transmission gear. The ribbon feed gear engages the winding roller on the ribbon cartridge to feed the ribbon.

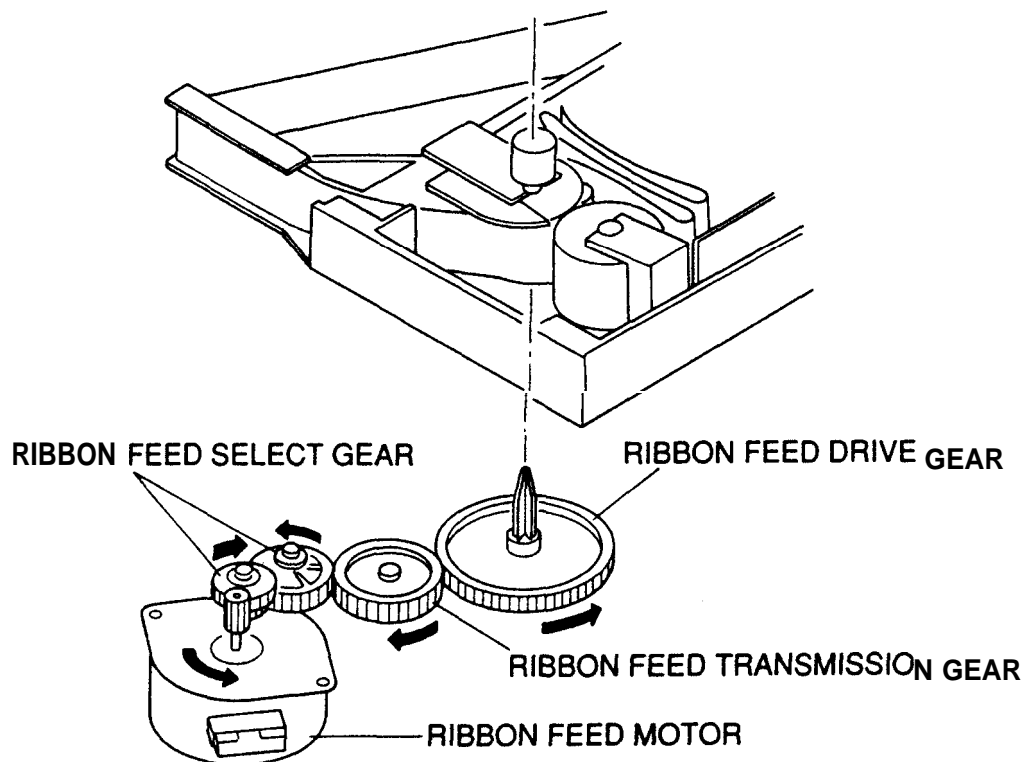


Figure 2-11. Ribbon Feed Mechanism



Figure 2-12 shows the operation of the tractor select mechanism. Clockwise rotation of the RF motor is transmitted to the tractor select cam through the ribbon feed select gear and tractor select transmission gear, and rotates the tractor select cam clockwise. The tractor select lever contacts the inside curve of the cam due to the spring force; when the cam rotates, the tractor select lever moves horizontally along the curve.

When the tractor select lever is set to the left, the tractor select gear engages the rear tractor assembly train, and the PF motor rotates the rear tractor assembly. When the tractor select lever is set to the right, the tractor select gear engages the front tractor assembly. The tractor select sensor contacts the cam and closes when it reaches the convex portion.

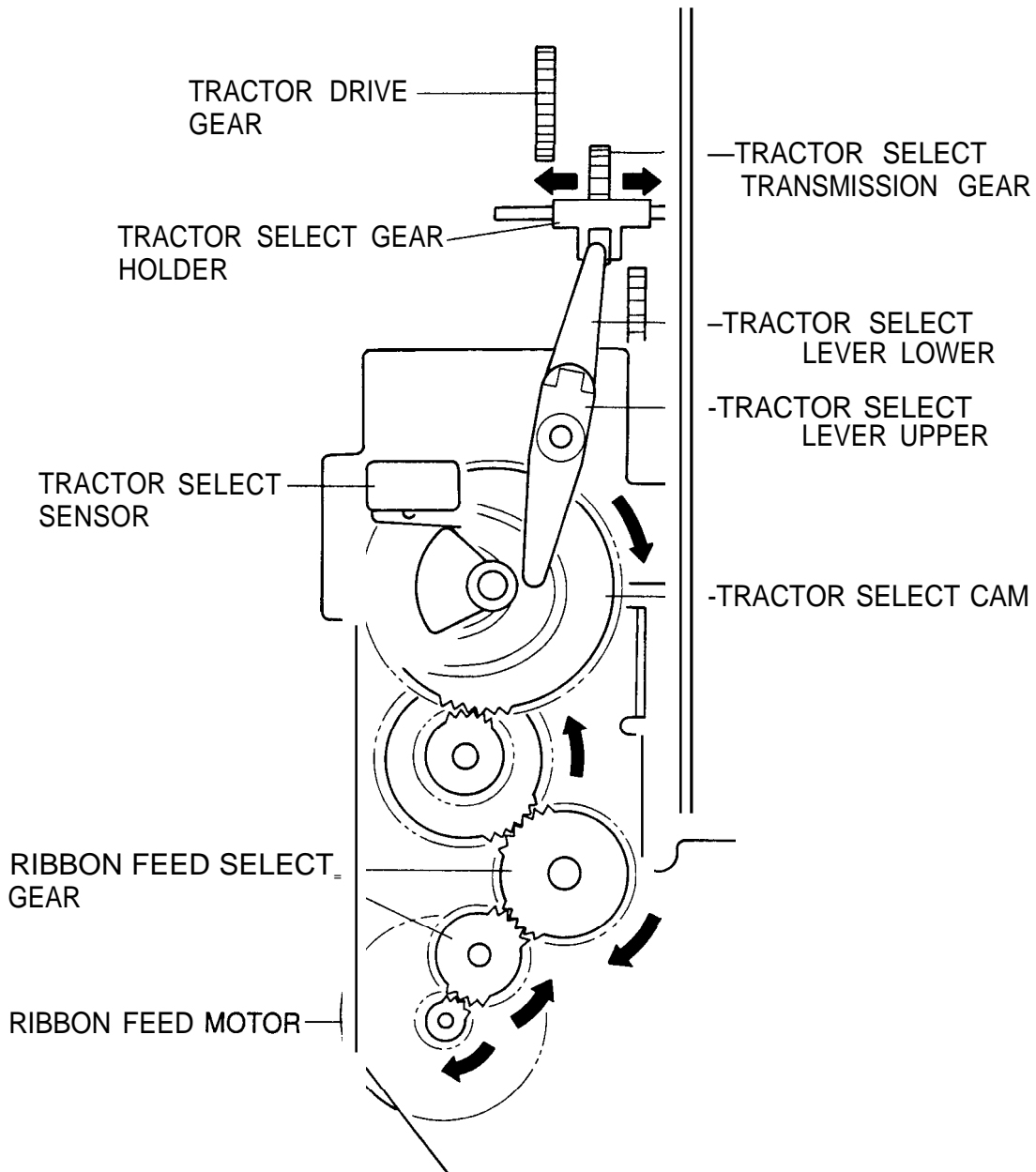


Figure 2-12. Tractor Select Mechanism

### 2.1.6 Plunger Mechanism

Figure 2-13 shows the plunger mechanism. The paper bail assembly is attached to the **end** of the plunger's iron core. The paper bail assembly axis is connected to the frame. When the plunger coil is energized, the force of the paper bail spring returns the paper bail assembly to **its original** position.

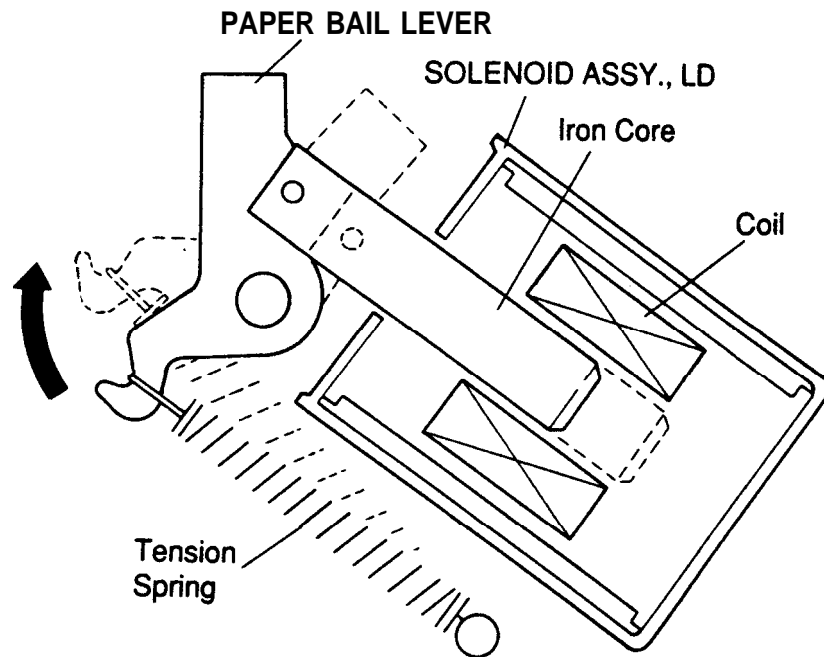


Figure 2-13. Plunger Mechanism

## 2.2 POWER SUPPLY OPERATION

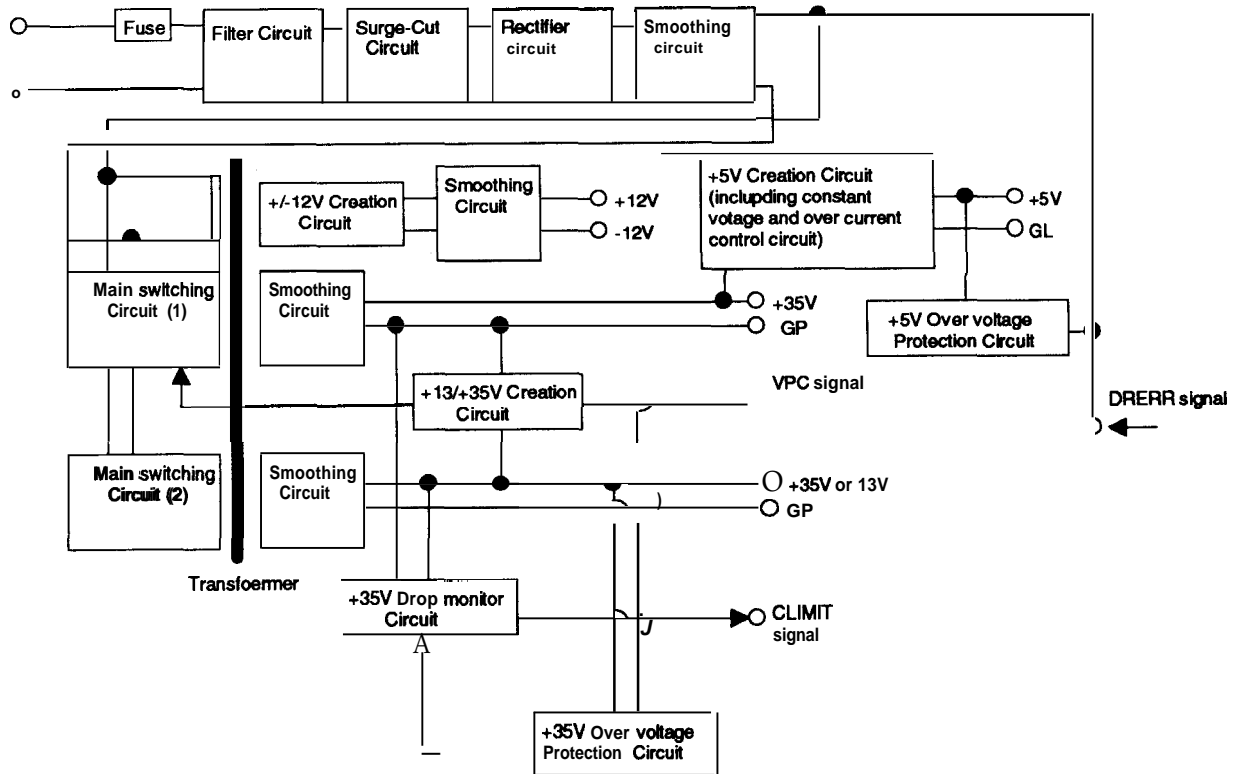
The printer can be powered by either of two power supply boards: the 120 V C117 PSB board assembly or the 220/240 V PSE C117 board assembly. The only difference in the operation of these two boards is in the primary circuitry. They supply power to the printer in the same way. The power supply board outputs the DC current required to drive the control circuits and printer drive mechanism. Table 2-1 shows the input voltages and fuse ratings of the boards.

**Table 2-1. Power Supply Boards**

| Board                    | Input Voltage | Fuse Ratings  |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| CI 17 PSB board assembly | 100-120 VAC   | 6.3 A/250 VAC |
| CI 17 PSE board assembly | 220-240 VAC   | 12 A/125 VAC  |

### 2.2.1 Power Supply Overview

Figure 2-14 shows a block diagram of the power supply board.



**Figure 2-14. Power Supply Board Block Diagram**

The power supply board converts the AC voltage to the DC voltages required to operate the printer. The AC voltage is input to the AC inlet, and is supplied to the **C117** power supply board assembly via the power switch and fuse. **Three** switching regulator circuits convert the AC voltage to the three DC voltages (+35 V, +5 V, and +/-12 V) required to operate the printer.

The power supply board contains two +35 VDC creation circuits. (The +35 VDC line is divided into two sections.) One +35 VDC line supplies power to six of the nine **printhead** pins (pins 1,3,5, 7,8, and 9); the other +35 VDC line supplies power to three of the nine **printhead** pins (pins 2,4, and 6) and to the motors.

These switching regulator circuits perform voltage control and over-current limiting for each voltage. They supply or cut the DC voltage based on the **DRERR** (Driver Error) signal from the **C117 MAIN** board assembly, and output the **CLIMIT** (Power Down) signal when the printer has exceeded its duty cycle (the **printhead** temperature is too high).

The **C117** power supply board assembly includes a cooling **fan** that is driven by the +35 VDC. The fan lowers the temperature of the circuit components, and is located under the carriage motor so that it also lowers the carriage motor temperature.

To prevent a surge in the current, the power supply board cannot recover for approximately **three** minutes after the power is turned off. Therefore, after the printer is turned off, wait three minutes before you turn it back on.

The specifications for the **C117** power supply board assembly depend on the board type (120 V **C117 PSB** or 220/240 V **C117 PSE**).

Before using a different AC power supply, replace the fuse and power cord.

**Table 2-2. DC Voltages**

| Voltage     | Rated Current | Application   |
|-------------|---------------|---|
| +35 V (CN2) | 2 A           | <input type="checkbox"/> Printhead drive<br><input type="checkbox"/> CR motor drive<br><input type="checkbox"/> PF motor drive<br><input type="checkbox"/> PG motor drive<br><input type="checkbox"/> RF motor drive<br><input type="checkbox"/> Plunger drive<br><input type="checkbox"/> Head fan motor drive                   |
| +35 V (CN4) | 2 A           | CI Fan power for cooling the CR motor   |
| +5 V (CN3)  | 1.0 A         | <input type="checkbox"/> All logic systems (CI 17 MAIN board assembly and CI 17 PNL board assembly operating voltages)<br><input type="checkbox"/> CR motor hold voltage<br><input type="checkbox"/> Plunger hold voltage<br><input type="checkbox"/> PG motor hold voltage<br><input type="checkbox"/> Power for all the sensors |
| +12 V (CN3) | 0.1 A         | <input type="checkbox"/> C117 MAIN board assembly operating voltage (serial interface conversion and Type B optional interface voltage supply)  |
| -12 V (CN3) | 0.1 A         | <input type="checkbox"/> FET trigger for printhead firing   |

**Note:** Before the power supply board outputs +35 VDC, it outputs +13 VDC to the **printhead** drivers on the **C117 MAIN** board assembly. This procedure is a driver check to prevent **printhead** damage.



### 2.2.3 +35 VDC Line Regulator Circuit

When the printer is turned on and the C117 MAIN board assembly sends the VPC signal, the +35 VDC line rises from +13 V to +35 V. The +35 VDC line circuit uses a ringing choke converter (RCC) AC input switching power circuit. This system uses few parts and a small transformer, and is often used when a small power supply is required.

Figure 2-16 shows the +35 VDC line main switching circuit. When power is applied, drive current flows to the gate of switching FET (Q101) via starting resistor R118. Diodes D157, D156, D151, and D251 on the secondary side of T1 and T2 prevent current flow in the secondary side. When Q101 is turned on, the primary side of transformer coil T2-3 receives an input voltage, which induces voltage in windings T7-4 and '12-3. When Q101 is turned off, the current flows to the secondary side of the transformer coil.

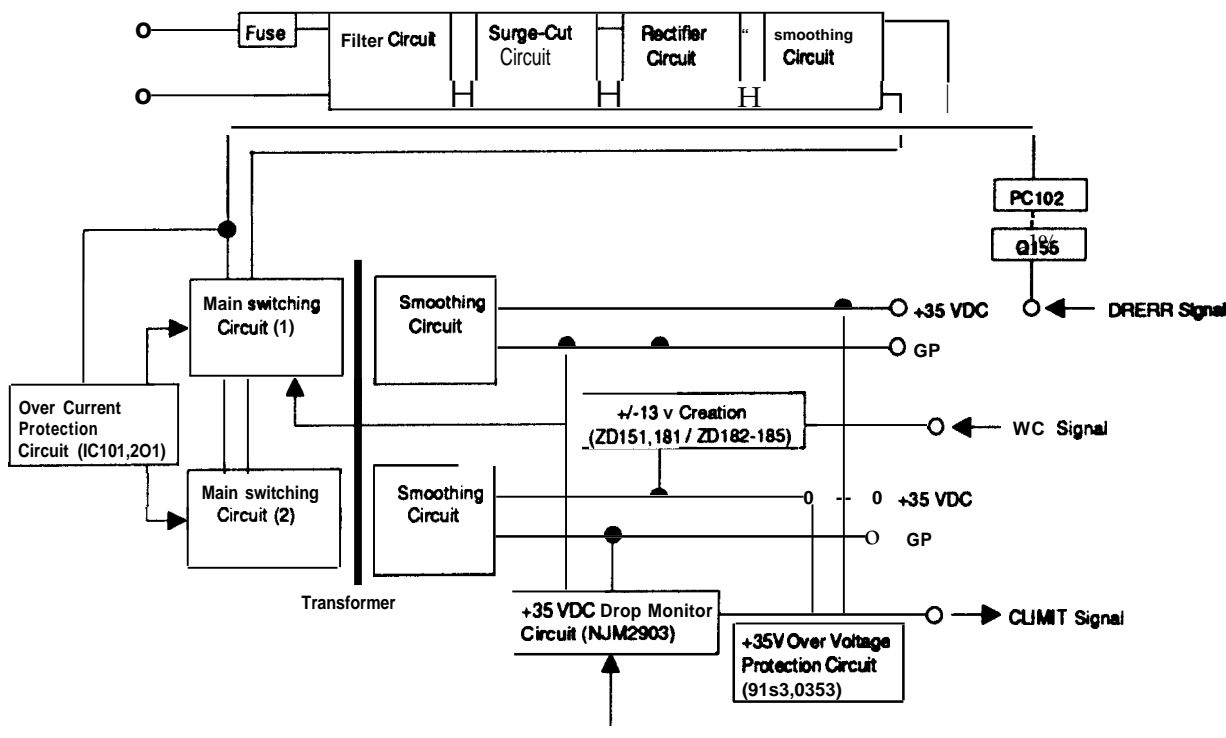


Figure 2-16. +35 VDC Line Regulator Circuit

The +35 VDC regulator circuit includes the following:

- ❑ Input voltage line over-current protection circuit (primary side)

IC101 and IC201 detect the input voltage of the primary circuit. When the input voltage is normal, the current does not flow into the shunt regulator. When the over-current flows to the input voltage line, the shunt regulator is turned on, Q103 (Q203) and Q102 (Q202) are turned on, and Q101 (Q201) is turned off.

- ❑ +35 VDC line over-current protection circuit

If the +35 VDC line drops to +13 VDC, the sensor circuit consisting of R172 (R272) and R173 (R273) turns on Q153 (Q253). Q154 is turned on, PC2 is turned on, and then the input voltage is cut. At this time, the delay timing creation circuit (CR circuit) consisting of C157 and R174 makes the delay timing. When the printer is turned on, the delay timing creation circuit cannot start this protection circuit; if it is operated during the printhead driver check, the power supply board cannot be turned on. The CR circuit has approximately a one-second delay timing.

- ❑ +35VDC powerdown detection circuit

When the +35 VDC line drops (such as, when the printer has exceeded its duty cycle and the printhead temperature is too high), the voltage of PC101 approaches 0 VDC. If the voltage drops to 1.3 VDC, IC152 outputs a HIGH CLIMIT signal to the base of transistor Q187. IC152 monitors the two +35 VDC line creation circuits.

- ❑ +13VDC creation circuit

When the printer is turned on, the C117 power supply board assembly creates +13 VDC to check the printhead drivers on the C117 MAIN board assembly. After 140 ms, the C117 MAIN board assembly sends the DRERR (driver error) or the VPC (+35 VDC permission) signal to the C117 power supply board assembly. If the printhead drivers are normal, the VPC signal is HIGH, Q182 is turned on, and Q181 is turned off. Therefore, six Zener diodes create the +35 VDC. During the motor driver check, the VPC signal is LOW. When this signal is LOW, Q182 stays off, the base of Q182 stays HIGH, and then two Zener diodes (ZD151 and ZD181) output +13 VDC.

### 2.2.4 +/-12 VDC Half-wave Rectifier Smoothing Circuit

The power from the half-wave rectifier smoothing circuit is mainly supplied to the RS-232C interface on the standard or optional board and uses the printhead fire trigger. Both the +12 VDC and -12 VDC lines have a half-wave rectifier circuit. This smoothing circuit consists of capacitors C182 and C181. Two Zener diodes stabilize the ±12 VDC line.

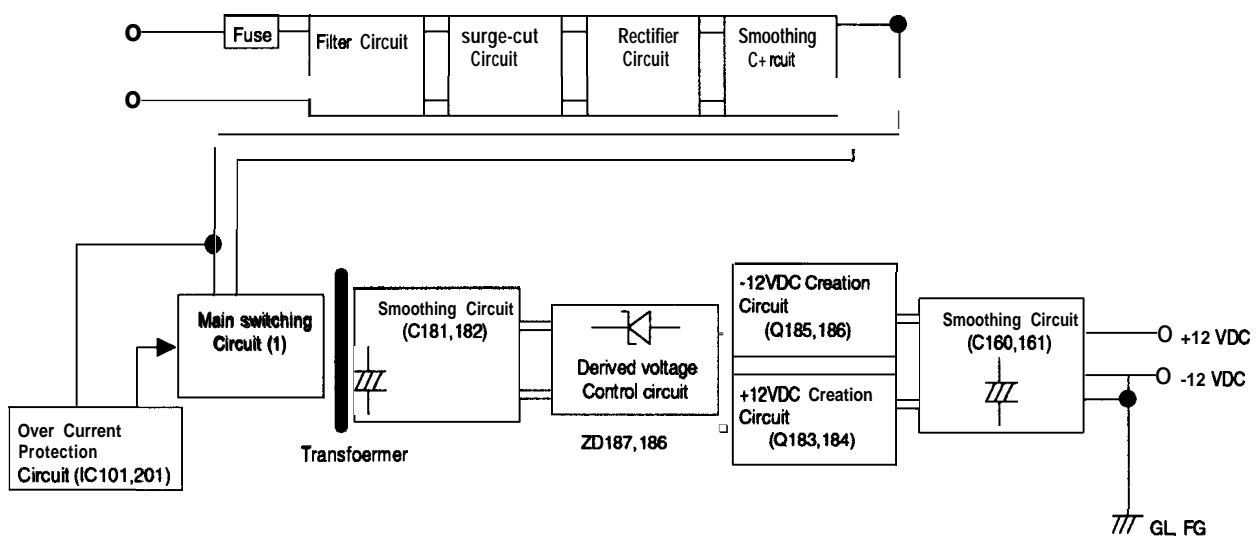


Figure 2-17. Half-wave Rectifier Circuit

## 2.3 CONTROL CIRCUIT

Figure 2-18 shows a block diagram of the control circuit with the C117 MAIN board assembly at the center.

### 2.3.1 Control Circuit Operation Overview

The core of the control circuit is the **TMP96C14 CPU (IC1)**. This CPU is driven using a 14.74 MHz external clock (**CRU1**). The CPU executes programs stored in the internal mask ROM and **1M** external PROM (**IC4**). The CPU starts executing a program upon **receiving** the reset signal from an external device (**IC8, IC9**). The CPU accesses the internal RAM and external **PS-RAM (256K)** memories. The CPU also **controls** the non-volatile memory (**IC2**) used to store the parameters, such as the tear off position, while the printer is turned off. The CPU controls all the printer operations via the peripheral **ICs** and controls the printer **mechanism** and interfaces by writing directly to the ports. The CPU controls the **E05A87** gate array (**IC7**) via the address bus (**MMIO: Memory Mapped Input/Output**).

The main functions of the **E05A87** gate array are:  $\overline{\text{CS}}$  (Chip Select) signal creation, address **decoding**, printhead driver control, carriage driver control, encoder pulse **circuit** control, **PG** and fan motor phase signal creation, interface control, CR and **PF** motor driver abnormal sensor **circuit** control, reset signal creation, control signal creation for the power supply board, control of the **LEDs** on the CI 17 PNL board assembly, and reading the DIP switch settings.

Signals, such as DRERR, VPC, and **CLIMIT** (power down), are **connected** to the **C117** power supply board assembly to provide back-up control of the non-volatile memory (when the printer is turned off) and control of the power supply voltage. When the **CLIMIT** signal informs the CPU that the power has been turned off (or that the power supply voltage has dropped), the CPU turns off the power supply voltage from the **C117** power supply board assembly by outputting the **CLIMIT** signal.

The reset circuit outputs the reset signal when the printer is turned on or off, the voltage level drops, or a reset signal is input from an external device. It resets the control circuit for a certain period directly or via the **E05A87** gate array.



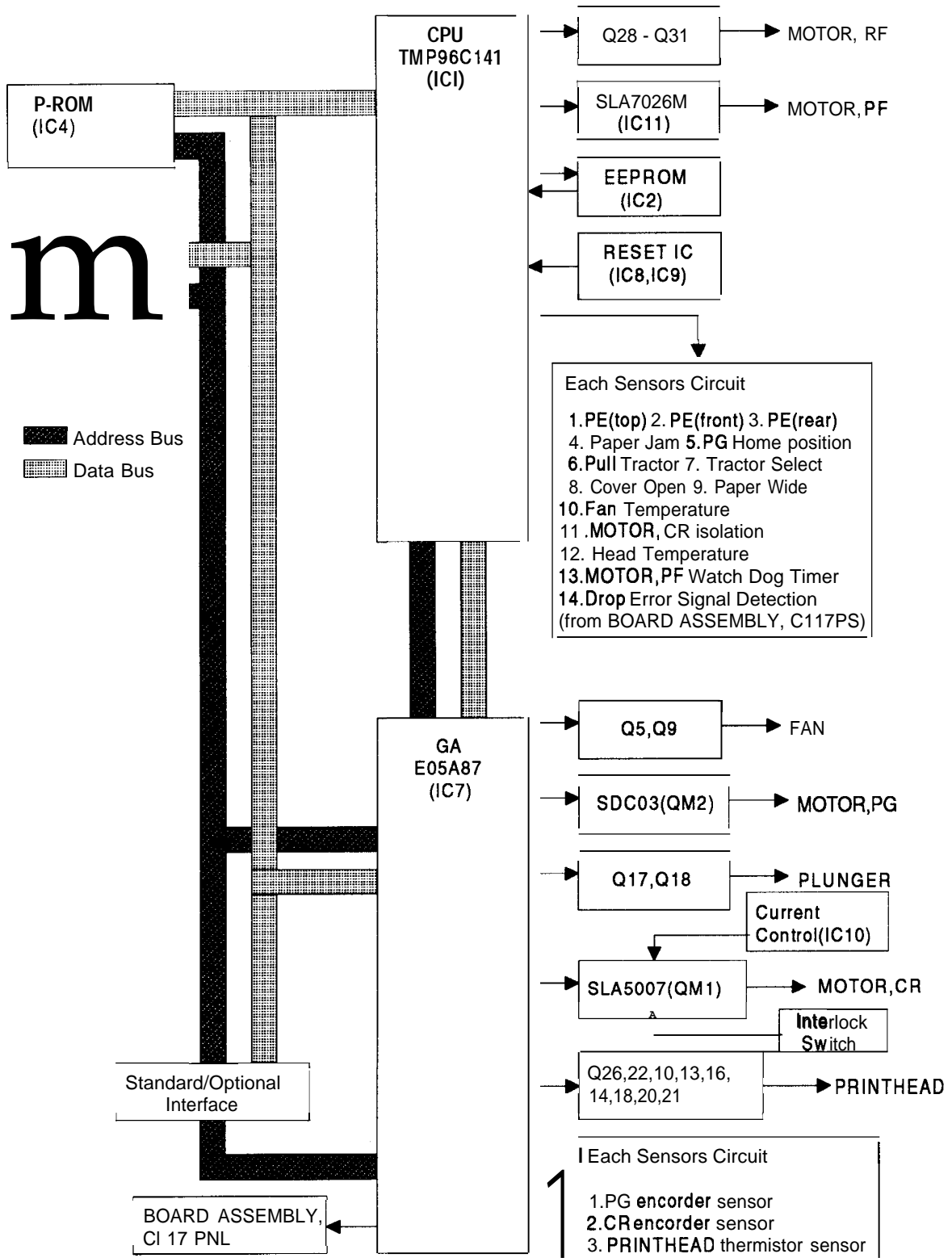


Figure 2-18. Control Circuit Block Diagram

Figure 2-19 shows the data flow for data input via the parallel interface. Although various circuits perform data processing, the control core is the CPU and all operations are executed via the CPU. In this circuit, the gate array IC (IC7) provides the interface between the external host computer and the CPU, and all data processing is performed by read/write operations to MMIO (Memory Mapped Input/Output).

Data from the host computer is latched by repeating steps 1 through 3 below.

1. Upon receiving the STROBE signal, IC7 latches the data into ports DIO0 - 7 and sets the BUSY signal to HIGH.
2. The CPU reads the latched data from the MMIO port, checks whether the data is a print command (CR code), and stores it in the input data buffer if it is not.
3. After checking the data, the CPU makes IC7 clear the BUSY signal and output the ACKNLG signal, via the MMIO accesses. When either a CR code is received or the input data buffer becomes full, the CPU sets the BUSY signal to HIGH and executes printing.

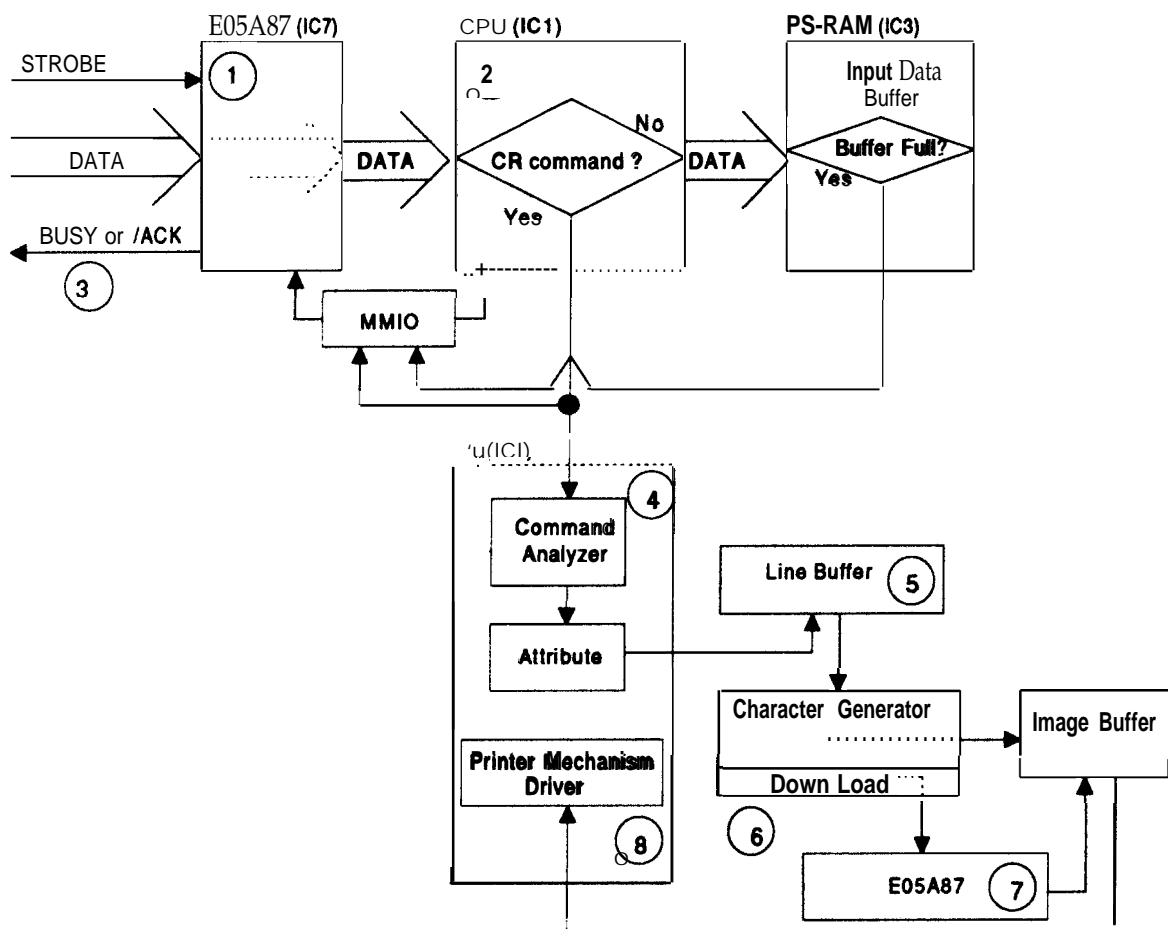


Figure 2-19. Data flow from the Parallel Interface

4. The CPU reads the data from the input data buffer, analyzes each byte to determine whether it is a character or a command, and converts it to print data. The print data consists of 1-byte character codes and 2-byte attributes. Character data is stored as character codes and commands or character types are stored as attributes.

5. **The** print data is stored in the line buffer in units of one line of data.
6. The CPU reads the print data stored in the line buffer byte by byte, accesses the CG (Character Generator), and expands the data in the image buffer (in the case of download characters, in the download CG). A row of expanded data is output to the **printhead** control circuit as head data.
7. When data is expanded to an italic or super/subscript character, the CPU uses **IC7** to expand it via **MMIO**.
8. The CPU controls the CR motor by calculating the control data for each line from the print data in the line buffer. When a paper feed command is sent after one line is printed, the CPU executes paper feeding.

For NLQ characters, printing one line consists of two passes; the printer performs steps 6 through 8 twice. When the CPU expands the data from the CG in the image buffer, it uses the 24-bit shift register in **IC7**. The CPU is always ready to fetch data so printing can be viewed as an interrupt-to-fetch operation. Whenever the input data buffer is not full between printing operations, data is fetched. Table 2-3 describes the functions of the main printer components.

**Note:** The data flow from the serial interface is the same as the data flow from the parallel interface, described above, except the signal names and data access method differ.

**Table 2-3. Main IC Functions**

| IC Name                   | Location | Functions   |
|---------------------------|----------|---|
| <b>TMP96C141</b><br>(CPU) | IC1      | Receives data from the host computer via the gate array, loads the data to the input buffer in PS-RAM, and converts the image data to print data.   |
| <b>E05A87</b>             | IC7      | The main E05A87 features are:<br><input type="checkbox"/> CS (Chip Select) signal creation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Address decoding<br><input type="checkbox"/> Address latching<br><input type="checkbox"/> Clock pulse creation (divided from the CPU clock)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Printhead driver control<br><input type="checkbox"/> CR motor driver control<br><input type="checkbox"/> CR and PG motor pulse encoder I/O (input/output)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Encoder pulse I/O<br><input type="checkbox"/> Phase signal creation for the motors<br><input type="checkbox"/> i/O port control<br><input type="checkbox"/> Interface control<br><input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal CR and PF motor detection<br><input type="checkbox"/> RESET signal creation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Control signal creation for the power supply board PROM |
| <b>PROM</b>               | IC4      | Contains the program that runs the CPU.   |
| <b>PS-RAM</b>             | IC3      | Holds the CPU working area and buffers (input, line, and image buffers).  |
| <b>SLA7026</b>            | IC11     | Drives the RF motor and controls the constant current.  |
| <b>SDC03</b>              | QM2      | Drives the PG motor.  |
| <b>NJM2903</b>            | IC10     | Detects the current in the CR motor driver and feeds it back to the gate array.   |
| <b>SLA5007</b>            | QM1      | Drives the CR motor.  |

### 2.3.2 Reset Circuit

This section describes the hardware reset circuit. When the hardware reset signal is input, all ICs in the control circuit are reset, and the CPU executes the program from the starting address. Figure 2-20 shows the reset circuit block diagram.

The printer is equipped with two reset ICs: **PTS591D** is used for resetting the +5 VDC line and **M51955** is used for resetting the +35 VDC line. These reset ICs are described below.

#### □ +5 VDC reset circuit

Reset IC **PTS591D** monitors the +5 VDC line on the **C117** MAIN board assembly. If it drops to 42 VDC, the reset IC outputs a **LOW** signal to the CPU, gate array, and optional interface board. The gate array outputs the **RESET** signal to the reset port of the CPU and **also to the** gate array itself, via the delay control circuit (CR circuit). The delay control circuit consists of **R26** and **C72** and controls the reset timing for the CPU and Type B interface card.

#### □ +35 VDC reset circuit

Reset IC **M51955** monitors the +35 VDC line. Normally, the dividing resistors (**R27** and **R28**) input approximately 1.7 VDC to pin 2. When the detection level is 1.7 VDC, the +35 VDC line drops into the 22.9 V to 30.0 V range.

If this voltage level drops to +1.25 VDC, the **RESET** signal (LOW level) is output to the CPU's **NMI** port. When the printer is turned off, this circuit operates and manages writing to the **EEPROM**.

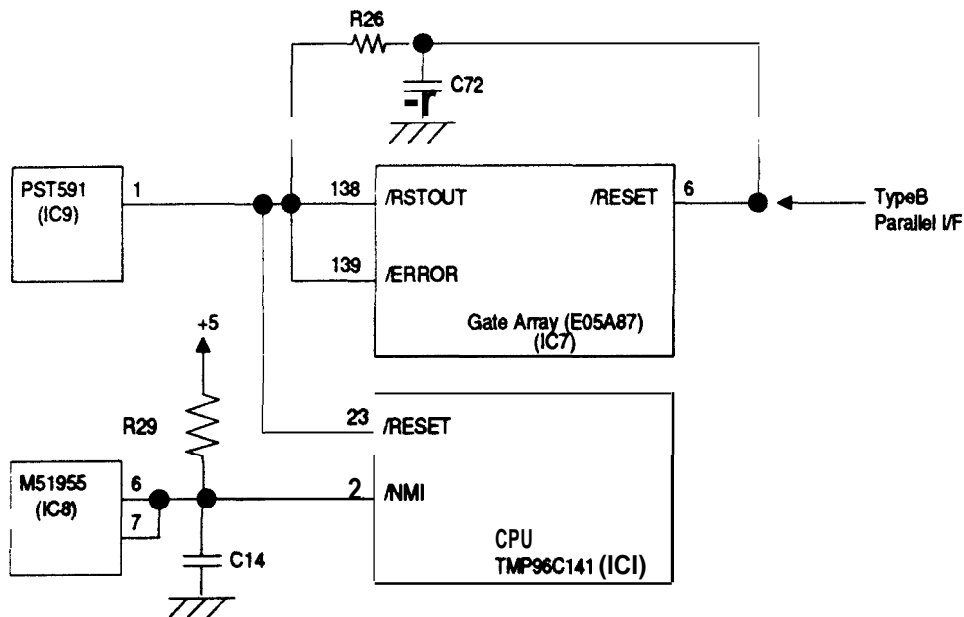


Figure 2-20. Reset Circuit Block Diagram

### 2.3.3 Sensor Circuits

Figure 2-21 shows the sensor circuits in block diagram form. The printer is equipped with the following sensors:

1. Front and rear PE sensors (use a photo interrupter)
2. Top PE sensor (to detect the TOF position, uses a photo interrupter)
3. Paper jam sensor (uses a magnetic transistor)
4. Tractor select sensor (uses a micro mechanical switch)
5. Pull tractor sensor (uses a micro mechanical switch)
6. Cover open sensor (uses a micro mechanical switch)
7. CR encoder sensor (uses an LED and photo diode)
8. PG sensor (uses a photo interrupter)
9. PG home sensor (uses a micro mechanical switch)
10. +35 VDC voltage drop sensor (signal interface)
11. Head temperature sensor (uses a thermistor)
12. Fan temperature sensor (uses a thermistor)
13. PW sensor (uses a photo reflector)
14. Carriage motor isolation resistance sensor (monitored by the analog port of the CPU)

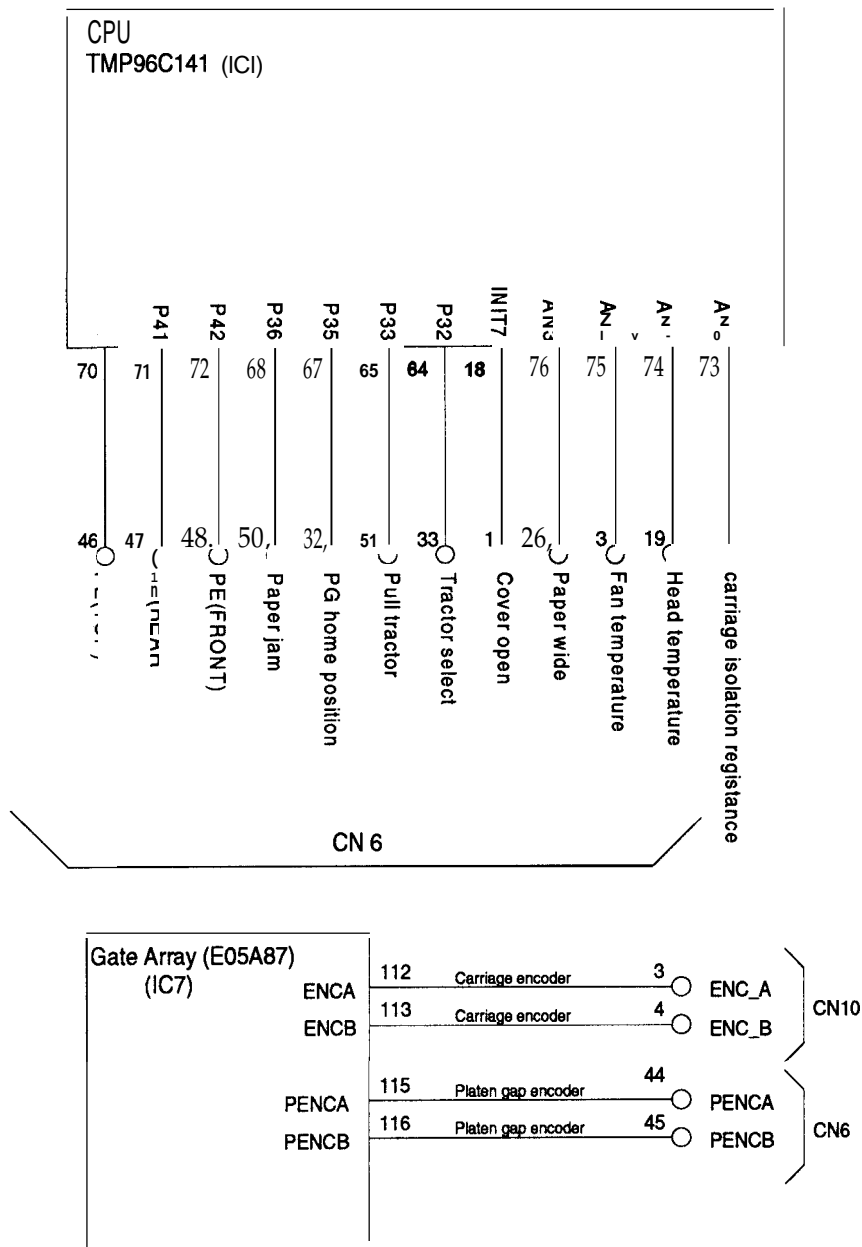


Figure 2-21. Sensor Circuit Block Diagram

Each sensor is described below.

1. Front and rear paper end sensors

- Detection form: Photo interrupter
- output form: Open collector (pulled up to 10 K $\Omega$  resistance)
- Input circuit: CR filter circuit (10 K $\Omega$  and 39 pF)
- Logical: Paper present: LOW  
Paper out: HIGH

2. Top paper end sensor (to **detect** the TOF position)

- Detection** form: Photo reflector
- output form: Open collector
- Cl Input circuit: CR filter circuit (10 K $\Omega$  and 39 pF)
- Logical: Paper **present**: LOW  
Paper out: HIGH

3. Paper jam sensor

- Detection form: Magnetic transistor
- c1 output form: Rectangle wave (1 channel, TTL level)
- Input **circuit**: Resistance for latch up prevention (10 K $\Omega$ )
- Logical: Paper feed: Level changes continuously.  
Paper jam: Level remains the same.
- Supplement: The magnetic transistor is attached to the tension roller on the paper tension unit.

4. Tractor select sensor

- Detection **form**: Micro mechanical switch
- Input circuit: Resistance for latch up prevention (10 K $\Omega$ )  
Pulled up to 390  $\Omega$  resistance
- Logical: Front tractor: LOW (closed)  
Rear tractor: HIGH (open)

5. Pull tractor sensor

- Detection form: Micro mechanical switch
- Input **circuit**: Resistance for latch up prevention (10 K $\Omega$ )  
Pulled up to 390  $\Omega$  resistance
- Logical: Pull tractor installed: LOW (closed)  
Pull tractor not installed: HIGH (open)

6. Cover open sensor

- Detection **form**: Micro mechanical switch
- Input **circuit**: CR filter **circuit** (10 K $\Omega$  and 0.01  $\mu$ F)  
Pulled up to 390  $\Omega$  resistance
- Logical: Cover closed: LOW  
Cover open: HIGH

7. Carriage encoder sensor

- Detection form: LED and photo diode
- Input **circuit**: Rectangle wave (2-phase, TTL level)  
CR filter **circuit** (10 K $\Omega$  and 390 pF)  
Pulled up to 10 K $\Omega$  resistance
- Transaction: The carriage encoder outputs two pulses (A or B) to the gate array and the gate array tells the CPU which signal it receives.

8. Paper thickness sensor
  - Detection form: Photo interrupter
  - Input circuit: Rectangle wave (2 channels, TTL level)  
CR filter circuit (10 K $\Omega$  and 390 pF)
  - PG ability: 0.015 mm/pulse
  - Sensing range: 0 to 0.7 mm
9. Platen gap home position sensor
  - Detection form: Micro mechanical switch
  - Input circuit: Resistance for latch up prevention (10 K $\Omega$ )  
Pulled up to 390  $\Omega$  resistance
10. +35 VDC voltage drop sensor (signal interface)

When the +35 VDC line voltages drop, the C117 power supply board assembly sends a HIGH CLIMIT signal to the C117 MAIN board assembly.
11. Head temperature sensor (uses a thermistor)
  - Input circuit: Pulled up to 3.32 K $\Omega$  resistance  
CR filter circuit (1 K $\Omega$  and 0.1  $\mu$ F)
12. Fan temperature sensor (uses a thermistor)
  - Input circuit: Pulled up to 3.32 K $\Omega$  resistance  
CR filter circuit (1 K $\Omega$  and 0.1  $\mu$ F)
13. Paper width sensor
  - Detection form: Photo reflector
  - Output form: Emitter follower
  - Input circuit: CR filter circuit (10 K $\Omega$  and 0.01 pF)
  - Judgement: No paper present: Standard voltage level.  
Paper present: The voltage level is double the standard voltage level.
14. **Carnage motor isolation** resistance sensor (monitored by port AN0 of the CPU)

To provide information about the carnage motor life, the analog port (AN0) of the CPU checks the isolation resistance every time the printer is turned on. If the isolation resistance is less than 10K $\Omega$ , a carriage error is detected and the printer beeps. (Refer to Section 1.4.15, *Buzzer Operation*.)

### 2.3.4 CR Motor Driver Circuit

Figure 2-22 shows the internal circuit for the CR motor, and Figure 2-23 shows a block diagram for the CR motor driver circuit. An SLA5007 bipolar driver IC drives the CR motor. It has built-in bipolar switching transistors and a current limiter. A comparator IC (NJM 2903) monitors the current in the CR motor driver IC (SLA5007). If the current exceeds the set value, it is fed back to the gate array (E05A87), and then the gate array outputs the signal for the current setting transistors (Q4, Q7, and Q8).

When the printer is turned on, CPU analog port AN0 measures the isolation resistance in the CR motor at once. If the isolation resistance is less than 1 K $\Omega$ , the CPU sounds the buzzer.

If the printer cover is open at power on, the CR motor driver power is cut. The ENC\_A pulse that the carriage encoder outputs is input to general purpose port ENCA of the gate array, and the ENC\_B pulse that the carriage encoder outputs is input to general purpose port ENCB of the gate array. The gate array counts these pulses using the internal counter and determines the amount and direction of motor rotation.

Table 2-4 lists the CR motor drive modes. The printer has three deceleration control modes. The degree of deceleration is determined by how the carriage motor transistors are driven. Table 2-5 describes how the transistors are driven for each mode.

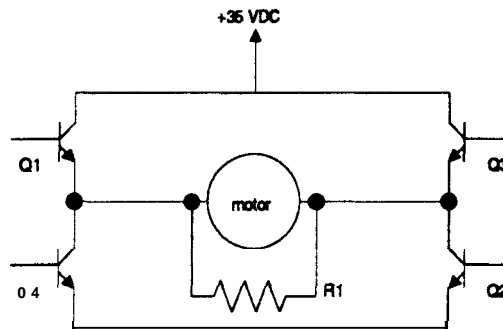


Figure 2-22. CR Motor Internal Circuit

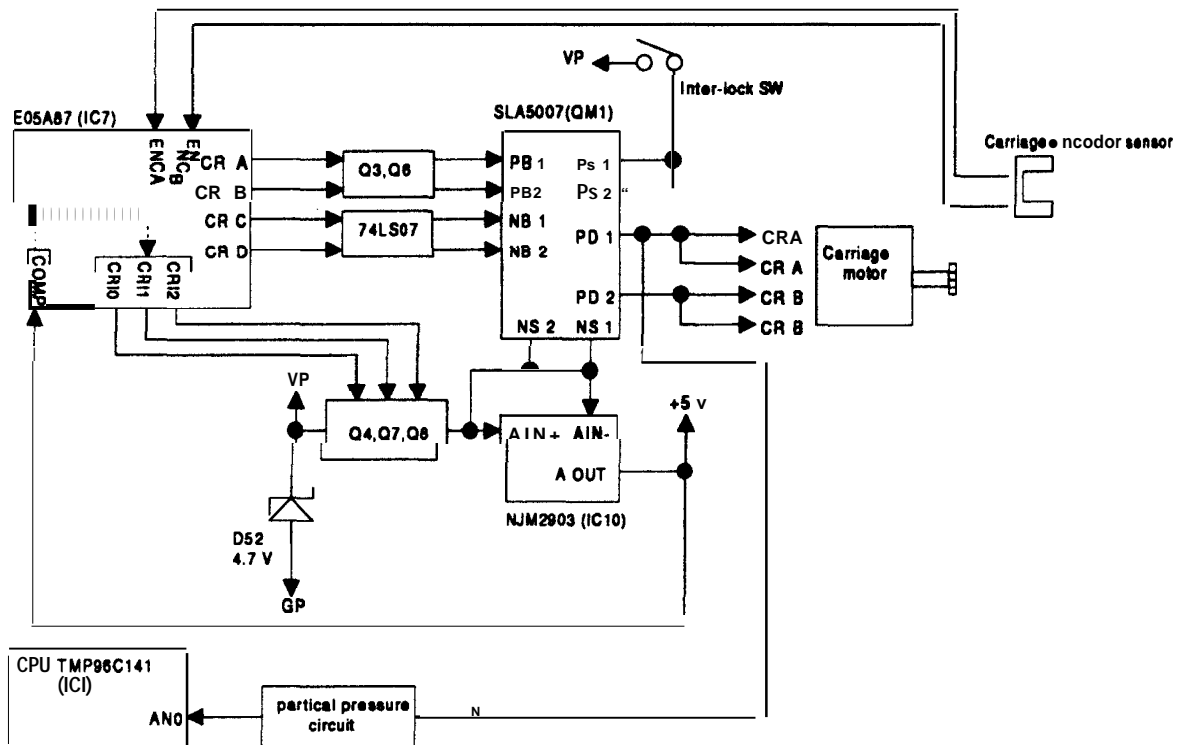


Figure 2-23. CR Motor Driver Block Diagram



Table 2-4. CR Motor Drive Modes

| Division                                   | Drive Mode                 | CR Motor Speed (rpm) | Acceleration/Deceleration Control Curve   | Constan Speed Control |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Carriage moves with printing.<br>Note 2    | Super draft                | 1680                 | Acceleration or deceleration control curve.   | PI control            |
|  | Super draft_HD             | 1600                 |   |                       |
|  | Draft                      | 1260                 |   |                       |
|  | Draft_HD                   | 1200                 |   |                       |
|  | Bit image 1                | 1050                 | Acceleration control curve only. Deceleration mode 3 controls deceleration.<br>Note 1 |                       |
|  | Bit image 1-HD             | 1000                 |   |                       |
|  | Bit image 2                | 945                  |   |                       |
|  | Bit image 2-HD             | 900                  |   |                       |
|  | Bit image 3                | 840                  |   |                       |
|  | Bit image 3-HD             | 800                  |   |                       |
|  | NLQ                        | 630                  |   |                       |
|  | NLQ_HD                     | 600                  |   |                       |
|  | Bit image 4                | 525                  |   |                       |
|  | Bit image 4-HD             | 500                  |   |                       |
| Carriage moves without printing.<br>Note 3 | Home position seek         | 315                  |   |                       |
|  | Paper width defection seek | 630                  |   |                       |
|  | Logical seek 1             | 630                  |   |                       |
|  | Logical seek 2             | 1260                 |   |                       |

Note 1: Table 2-5 describes Deceleration mode 3.

Note 2: This division applies to all printing modes. PI control oversees the constant speed. (Refer to page 2-32 for more information on PI control.) For increased throughput, this division allows printing during acceleration and deceleration.

Note 3: This division increases throughput when the carnage is moving and the printer is not printing.

Note 4: Carriage motor internal coil resistance: 6.2 Ω \*0.45 Ω

Table 2-5. CR Motor Drive Sequence

| Carriage Transfer Direction | Driving Mode   | Driver (Refer to Figure 2-22.) |    |    |    |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----|----|----|
|                             |                | Q1                             | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Left → Right                | Acceleration   |                                |    | On | On |
|                             | Deceleration 1 |                                | on |    | on |
|                             | Deceleration 2 |                                |    |    |    |
|                             | Deceleration 3 | on                             | on |    |    |
| Right → Left                | Acceleration   | On                             | On |    |    |
|                             | Deceleration 1 |                                | On |    | on |
|                             | Deceleration 2 |                                |    |    |    |
|                             | Deceleration 3 |                                |    | On | on |

#### □ PI control

PI control keeps the carriage motor speed constant using the following steps:

1. CN10 outputs two encoder pulses (ENC-A and ENC\_B) to the gate array.
2. The gate array selects one of the two pulses and sends the signal to the CPU INIT4 port.
3. The CPU outputs the PWM (pulse width modulation) signal according to the carriage motor speed to the PWM port of the gate array and determines the duty of the carriage drive timing.
4. CR ports A, B, and C output the drive signal for the CR motor.

#### □ Acceleration control

Until the carriage speed reaches the constant speed set by PI control, acceleration control determines the speed of the carriage. The printer can print while the carriage is accelerating. The carriage speed moves to constant control speed smoothly to prevent the CR motor from exceeding the constant control speed. The E05A87 gate array controls the motor driver (SLA5007), which performs the current chopping. Figure 2-24 shows the acceleration control curve.

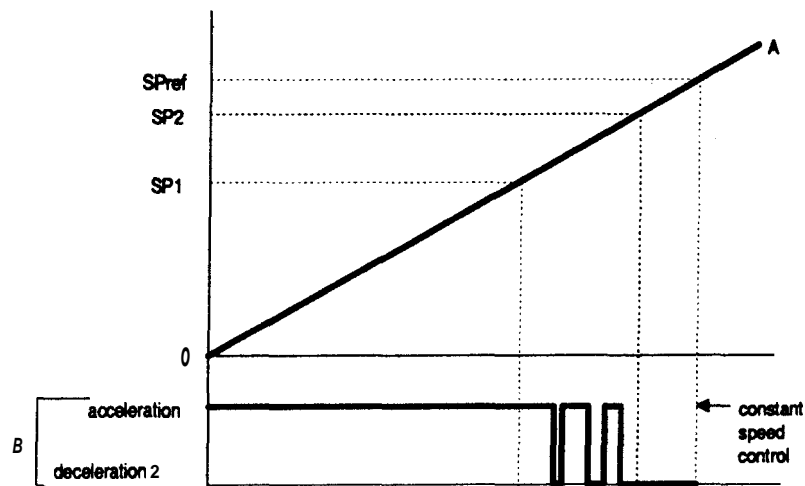


Figure 2-24. Acceleration Control Curve

**Note:** In Figure 2-24, the acceleration curve is labeled A and the driving modes are labeled B.

## Speed0 - SP1

1. It causes the carriage to accelerate.
2. Because the control circuit measures time periods with the encoder signal, when the carriage speed reaches SP1, it changes to the next sequence (SP1 - SP2).

## SP1 - SP2

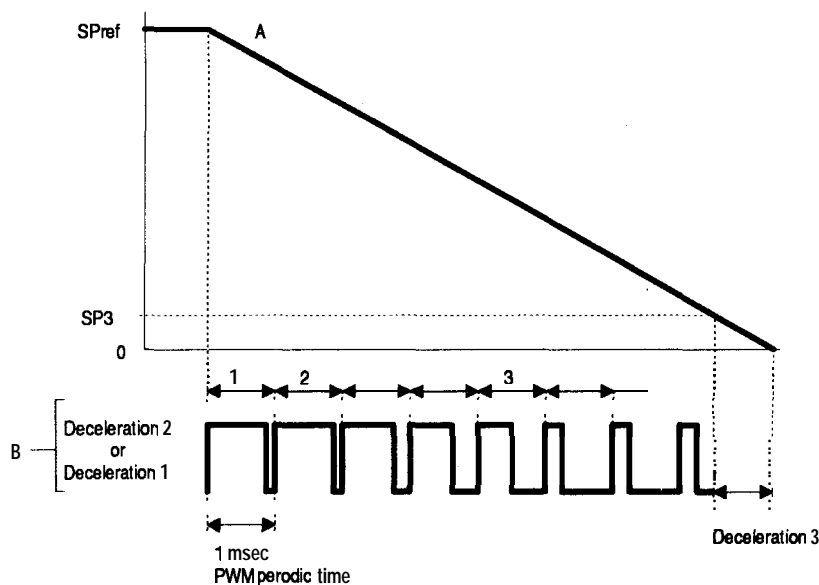
1. The DFX-5000+ printer has a table programmed into its main program ROM to determine the duration of the acceleration pulses. This table is called the duty data table. Duty data is divided into ten sections, plus **Duty<sub>min</sub>**. Section 1 is the largest, and **Duty<sub>min</sub>** represents the minimum duty data for acceleration control. Pulse width modulation (**PWM**) determines each section number. For each section, the carriage motor driver is turned on part of the time and off part of the time.
2. When the carriage speed reaches SP1, the printer uses the acceleration driving mode, based on the duty data, and the rest of the time, it uses Deceleration driving mode 2. (Refer to Table 2-5.)
3. During this time the control circuit measures time periods using the encoder signal, and controls the following:
  - When duty data becomes **Duty<sub>min</sub>** before the carriage speed reaches SP2. Then, when the carriage speed reaches SP2, the next sequence (SP2-) takes effect.
  - When the carriage speed reaches SP2 before duty data becomes **Duty<sub>min</sub>**, the next sequence (SP2-) takes effect.

## SP2 -

When the carriage speed reaches SP2, PI control oversees the carriage speed.

 Deceleration control

Deceleration control provides smooth deceleration and prevents rapid vibration.



**Figure 2-25. Deceleration Control Curve**

**Note:** In Figure 2-25, the deceleration curve is labeled A and the driving modes are labeled B. 1, 2, and 3 indicate the PWM control section number.

## Current speed - SP3

1. The duty data for deceleration control is determined for each printing mode beforehand and programmed into a table in the main program ROM.

Duty data is divided into 19 sections, plus **Duty<sub>min1</sub>**. Section **1** is the **largest**, and **Duty<sub>min1</sub>** represents the minimum duty data for deceleration **control**. Pulse width modulation (PWM) determines each section number. For each section, the carriage motor driver is turned on part of the time and off part of the time.

2. The printer uses Deceleration driving mode 2, based on the **duty data**, and the rest of the time, it uses Deceleration driving mode 1. (Refer to Table 2-5.)
3. During this time the control circuit measures time periods using the **encoder** signal, and controls the **following**:
  - When duty data becomes **Duty<sub>min1</sub>** before the carriage speed reaches **SP3**.
  - When the **carriage** speed reaches **SP3** before duty data becomes **Duty<sub>min1</sub>**, the next sequence (**SP3 - Speed0**) takes effect.

## SP3 - Speed0

1. When the carriage speed reaches **SP3**, Deceleration driving mode 3 takes effect. This control method is the **inverse-continuity** break method.
2. During this time, the control **circuit** measures time periods **using** the encoder signal. When the rising edge of next pulse is not detected after **1.5** seconds, **Deceleration** driving mode 1 takes effect and the control **circuit** controls short-break.
  - High temperature detection sequence

The software supports a high temperature detection sequence, which consists of the **following** steps:

1. A unit of one section is **72.5 ms**. Every **72.5 ms**, the **software monitors** the number of carriage movements and saves this number.
2. The printer calculates the total number of movements for the eight most recent sections.
3. When the printer is in the normal drive sequence, and **the** total number of carriage movements is more than 3250, the printer assumes high CR motor temperature and changes to the high temperature drive sequence.
4. When the printer is in the high temperature drive **sequence**, and the total number of carriage movements is less than 2000, the printer changes back to the normal drive sequence.

 Measurement sequence

Because printer mechanisms differ, the acceleration and deceleration curves also **differ**. The measurement sequence control adjusts for these variations so that the carriage accelerates and decelerates smoothly.

During **printing**, printer software monitors the following items:

1. **The** time between the last 40 encoder pulses and the stopping point.
2. **The** number of encoder pulses from the established speed to the stopping point.
3. The number of encoder pulses until the carriage speed reaches SP2. (See **Figure 2-24**, **Acceleration Control Curve**, for **SP2**.)

The printer saves the values **for** each of the items listed above **and** uses it for every column. **This** procedure compensates for individual variations in the printer mechanism. **Therefore**, carriage operation control for column **n** is determined by the data in **column n-1**.

Figure 2-26 illustrates the measurement sequence.

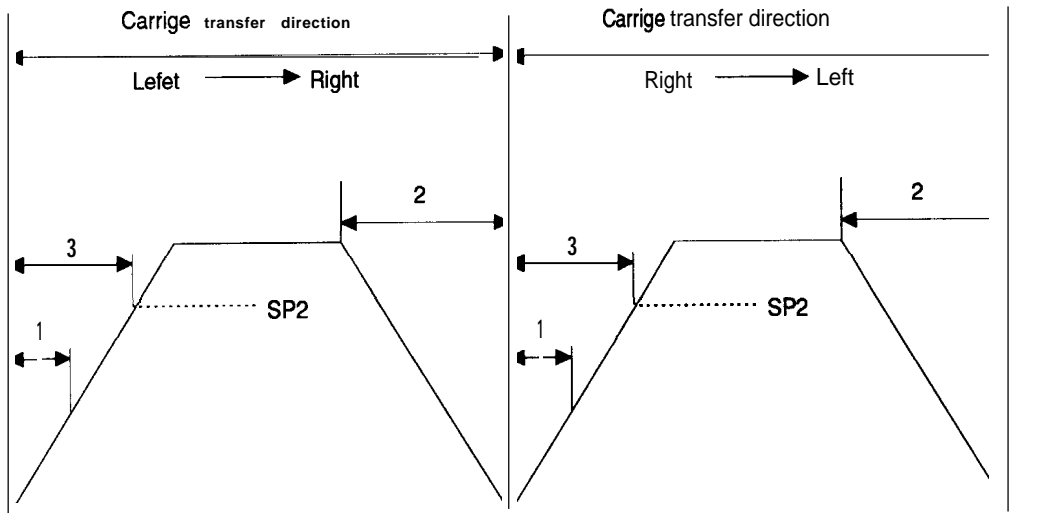


Figure 2-26. Measurement Sequence

### 2.3.5 PF Motor Driver Circuit

Stepping motor driver SLA7026 (IC11) drives the PF motor. Figure 2-27 shows the PF motor driver circuit block diagram, and Table 2-6 provides the PF motor specifications.

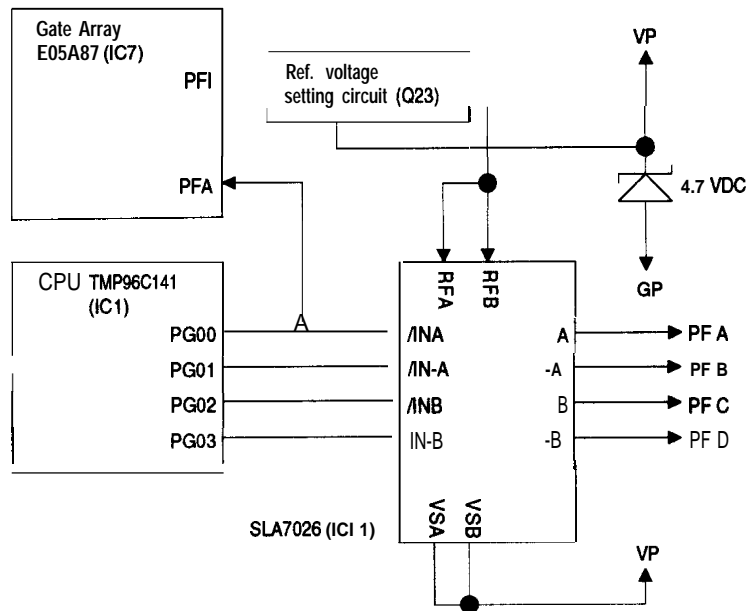


Figure 2-27. PF Motor Driver Circuit

The motor pulse switching signals are transmitted from CPU ports PG00 to PG03. The PF motor is controlled using open-loop phase switching based on the specified time data, and the phase driving method is 1-2 phase excitation. (When the PF motor is held, the phase driving method is 2 phase excitation.) The CPU selects the most suitable driving mode from the modes below according to conditions such as the paper feed step number and the pull tractor condition.

- Micro feed (adjust) mode
- Normal speed mode
- Middle speed mode

Each phase switching FET in driver IC11 is an open collector. When the phase switching data is HIGH, the motor is turned on. The PFA port of the gate array monitors the phase A signal of the PF motor and checks whether it is operating normally. The PFA port is used as the WDT (watch dog timer). If PF motor operation is abnormal, the gate array outputs the RSTOUT (reset request) signal to the CPU and the +5 V system reset IC (IC9).

Table 2-6. PF Motor Specifications

| Specification            | Description   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Form                     | 4-phase, 200-pole, HB* pulse motor  |
| Supply voltage           | 35 VDC $\pm$ 6% (applied to the driver circuit)   |
| Internal coil resistance | 2.65 $\Omega$ $\pm$ 0.32 $\Omega$ per phase at 25°C (77°F)  |
| Frequency                | 4274 pps** (normal mode, constant driving): 9.9 ips***<br>2610 pps (middle speed mode, constant driving): 6 ips |
| Current consumption      | Driving: 1.95 A, 0.20A per phase (average)<br>Holding: 0.26 A, 0.02A per phase (average)                        |

\* HB = Hybrid

\*\* pps = pulses per second

\*\*\* ips = inches per second

### 2.3.6 RF Motor Driver Circuit

Figure 2-28 shows a block diagram of the RF motor driver circuit, and Table 2-7 provides the RF motor specifications. The RF motor is a stepping motor. The control circuit performs open-loop phase switching control according to the timing data for acceleration constant speed, and deceleration. CPU ports PG10 to PG13 output the motor phase switching signals. The control method is not equipped with a hold circuit for changing the motor phase. The RF motor rotates when the carriage moves.

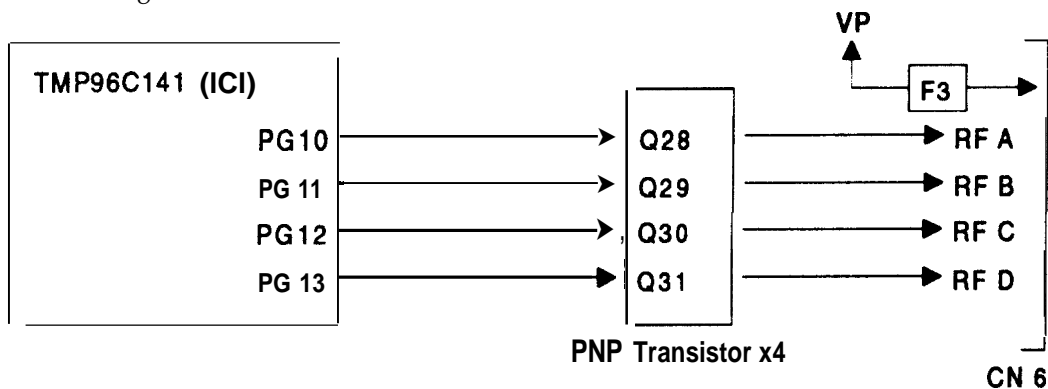


Figure 2-28. RF Motor Driver Circuit

Table 2-7. RF Motor Specifications

| Specification            | Description   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Form                     | 4-phase, 48-pole, PM pulse motor                        |
| Supply voltage           | 35 VDC $\pm$ 6% (applied to the driver circuit)         |
| Internal coil resistance | 150 $\Omega$ $\pm$ 10 $\Omega$ per phase at 25°C (77°F) |
| Current consumption      | Driving: 0.10 A (average)                               |
| Frequency                | 7.2 033 s   |
| Driving method           | Constant voltage driving, 2-2 phase drive only          |

### 2.3.7 PG Motor Driver Circuit

Figure 2-29 shows a block diagram of the PG motor driver circuit, and Table 2-8 provides PG motor specifications. The motor phase switching signals are output from the PGA port and input to the PGBN port of the gate array. The motor common voltage (PGCOM) alternates between drive mode (+35 VDC) and hold mode (+5 VDC) using the pulses from port PGI of the gate array. The phase driver IC (QM2) is turned on when the motor pulse switching data is LOW.

The phase A output pulse from the platen gap encoder (ENCA) is input to general purpose port ENCA of the gate array and the phase B output pulse from the platen gap encoder (ENCB) is input to general purpose port ENCB of the gate array. The gate array counts these pulses using the internal counter and determines the amount and direction of motor rotation.

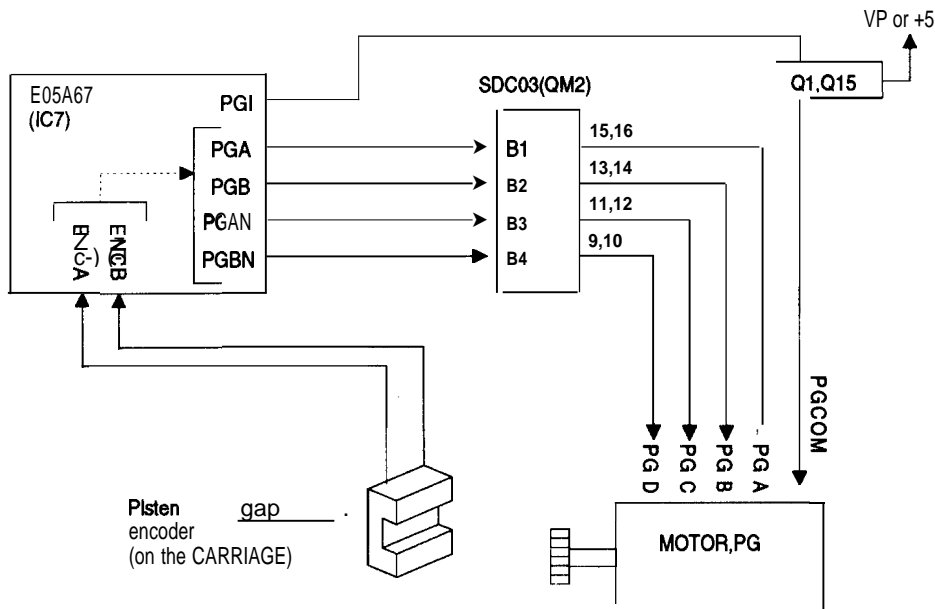


Figure 2-29. PG Motor Driver Circuit

Table 2-9. PG Motor Specifications

| Specification            | Description   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Form                     | 4-phase, 48-pole, PM pulse motor                      |
| Supply voltage           | 35 VDC ± 60/0 (applied to the driver circuit)         |
| Internal coil resistance | 250 Ω ± 18 Ω per phase at 25°C (77°F)                 |
| Current consumption      | Driving: 0.20 A (average)<br>Holding: 0.02 A ± 0.5 mA |
| Frequency                | 333 pps   |
| Driving method           | Constant voltage driving, 2-2 Phase drive only        |

### 2.3.8 Plunger Driver Circuit

Figure 2-30 shows a block diagram of the plunger driver circuit, and Table 2-9 provides the plunger switching pattern. The plunger is driven using three switching patterns. Gate array general purpose ports **PLP** and **PLN** output the plunger coil drive signals. The CPU latches the switching data in the gate array. When the **PNP** port of the gate array turns off switching transistor **Q19**, transistor **Q17** is turned on and the supply voltage (**VP**) flows into the plunger coil. When switching transistor **Q19** is turned on, transistor **Q17** is turned off and the hold voltage (+5 V) flows into the plunger coil using general purpose port **PLN** of the gate array.

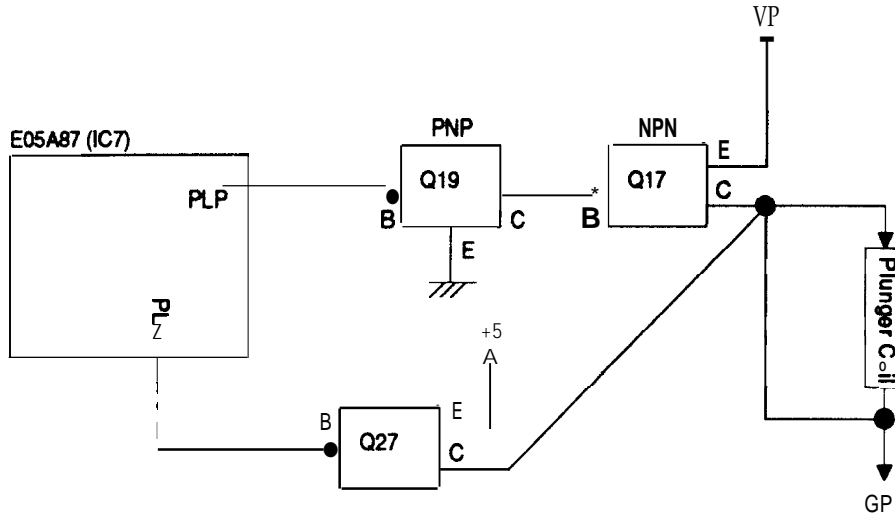


Figure 2-30. Plunger Driver Circuit

Table 2-10. Plunger Switching Pattern

| Suspension Roller Status | Q17 | Q27 |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|
| closed                   | off | off |
| Closed → open            | On  | off |
| Closed with hold voltage | off | On  |

### 2.3.9 Printhead Driver Circuit

Figure 2-31 shows a printhead driver circuit block diagram. The print data lines from **IC7** are active when they are LOW, but the inverter **ICS (IC6 and IC7)** convert these signals to HIGH. When ports **HD1** to **HD8** of **IC7** go LOW, the FET gates are biased, and the FETs are turned on so that current flows through the printhead coil. When the **HD** port of **IC7** goes HIGH, the FETs are turned off and the printhead coil current is cut. The trigger power of these FETs is +12 VDC. If extra current charges into the head coil (more than 62 VDC), the extra current escapes to the +35 VDC line using Zener diodes **D4** to **D6**. (This prevents a large current from suddenly flowing into the head driving coil.) Two +35 VDC lines (**VH** and **VP**) assign the common voltage for the printhead coil. Pins **HD1**, **HD3**, **HD5**, **HD7**, **HD8**, and **HD9** are supplied by the **VH (HDCOM2)** line (CN6 pins 5,6,7,8, and 10). Pins **HD2**, **HD4**, and **HD6** are supplied by the **VP (HDCOM1)** line (CN6 pins 11,12, and 14).

The CPU monitors the head temperature and head fan temperature. When the temperature rises abnormally, printing stops at once until the temperature cools. The CPU also monitors the head driver status. If the head driver **IC** shorts, CPU port **P34** detects a LOW level and the CPU sends the **DRERR (Driver Error)** signal to the **C117** power supply board assembly. When the **C117** power supply board assembly receives this signal, it stops the output voltage and the printer beeps.



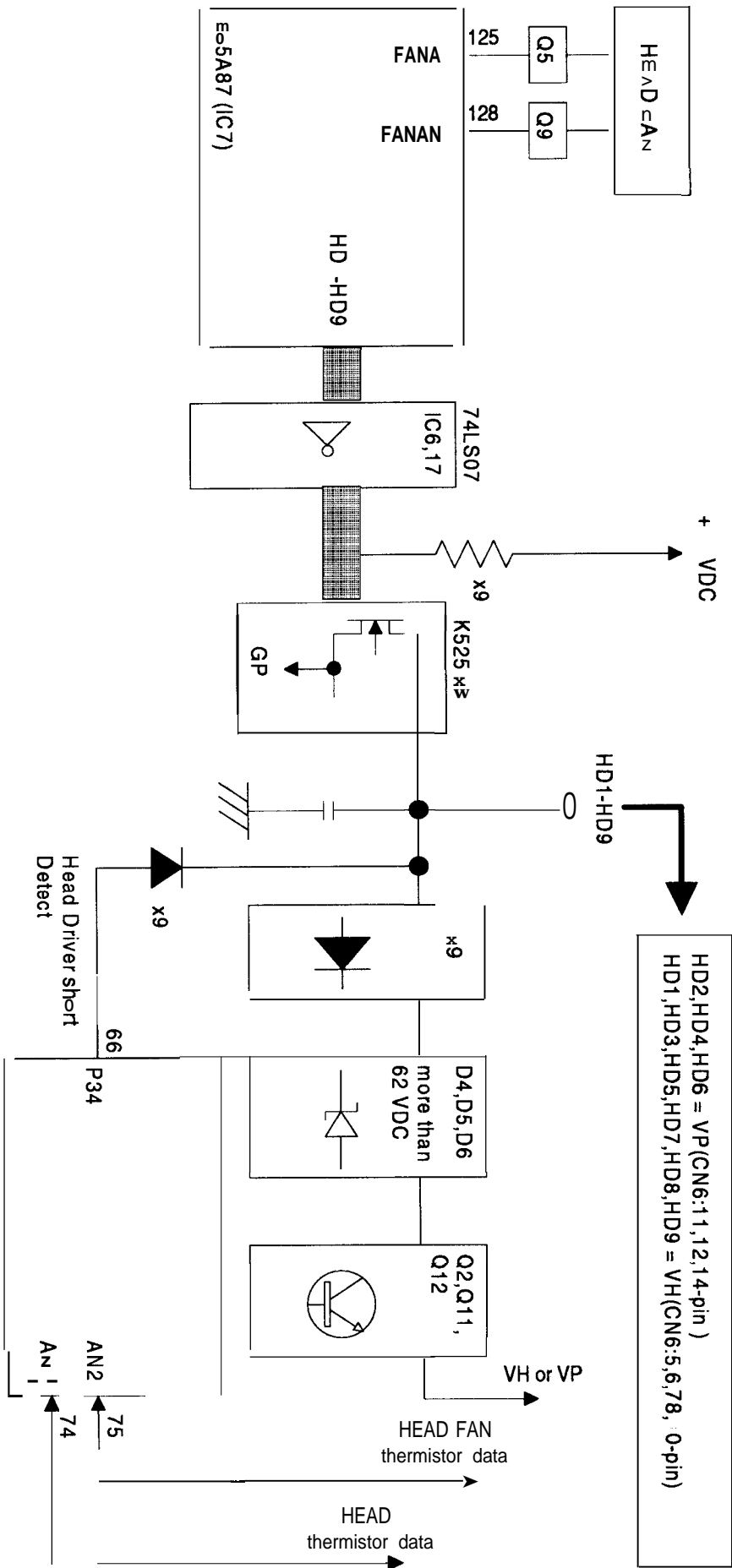


Figure 2-31. Printhead Driver Circuit

# CHAPTER 3 Disassembly and Assembly

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### 3.1 BEFORE STARTING

Read this section before you disassemble, assemble, or transport the printer.

#### **WARNING**

*Because the DFX-5000+ weighs 29.0 kg (63.8 lb) and is much larger and heavier than most printers, you must be careful when handling it. Whenever it needs to be moved, two or more persons must carry it, supporting it from the bottom. Never lift the printer by holding the front cover, because it may come off.*

Before transporting the printer, remove the paper and ribbon cartridge. Then attach the following packing materials, as shown in Figure 3-1:

- Transport locking bracket
- Cl Carriage guide shaft support bar
- Printhead protector
- Foam packing for paper bail

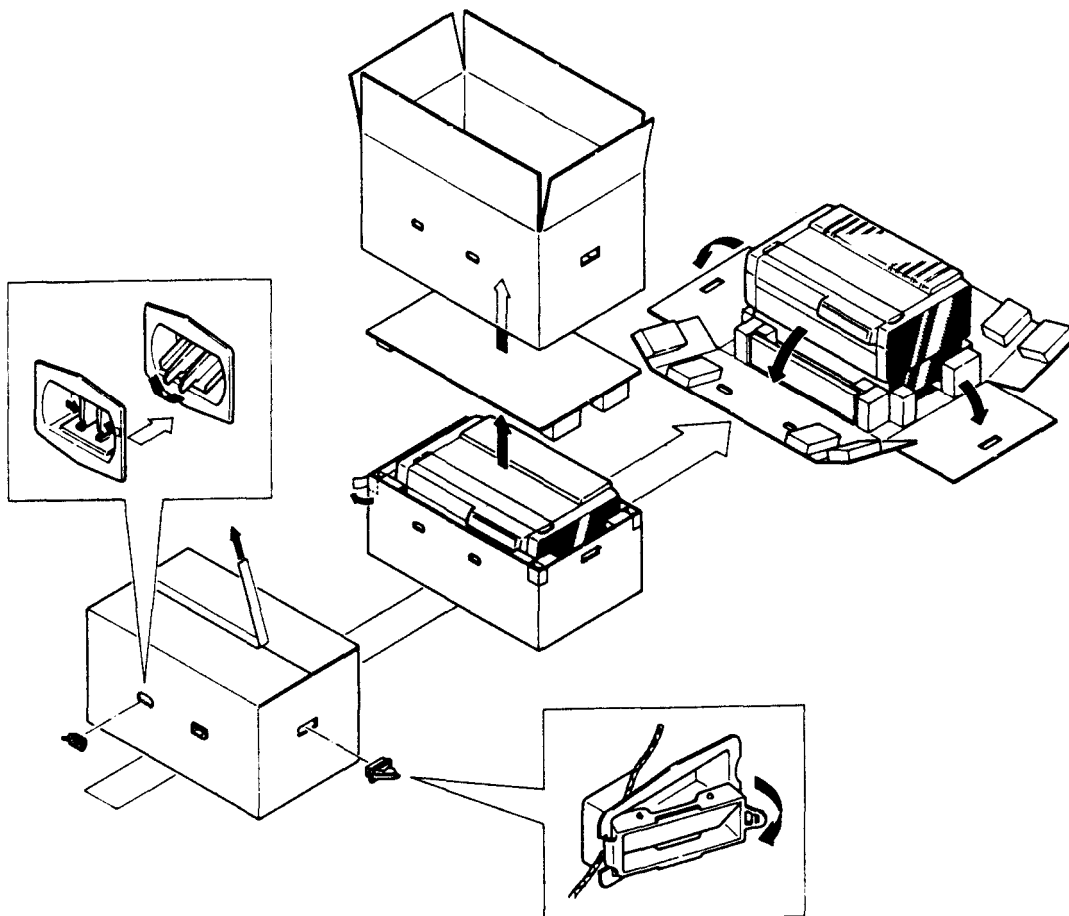
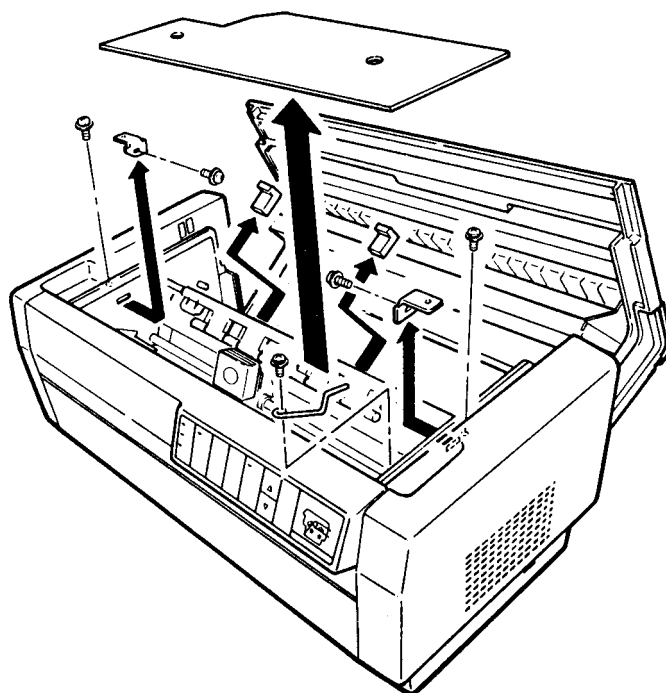


Figure 3-1. Attaching the Packing Materials

After attaching the packing materials, pack the printer in its container as shown in Figure 3-2. If you do not pack the printer properly, it may be damaged during transportation.



**Figure 3-2. Packing the DFX-5000+**

- ❑ Before disassembling the printer, turn it off and **disconnect** the power cord from the printer and the wall outlet. **Disconnect** the printer **from the computer**, and then remove the paper and ribbon cartridge.
- ❑ Because you may need to turn the printer while you disassemble or assemble it, place it on a clean, thick cloth, such as a blanket, before starting.
- ❑ Before assembling the printer, lubricate it as described @Chapter 6, *Maintenance and Lubrication*. (A substantial amount of oil maybe removed during maintenance or repair work.) Also, be sure to clean the printer as described in Chapter 6.

### 3.1.1 Tools

This section describes the tools required for **assembling, disassembling,** or adjusting the printer.

**Note:** Refer to Chapter 4 for adjustment tools, Chapter 5 for troubleshooting tools, and Chapter 6 for tools for **maintenance,** lubrication, and adhesives.

**Table 3-1. Tools**

| Tool Name   | Type | class | Part No.    |
|---|------|-------|-------------|
| Phillips screwdriver No. 2                              | O    | A     | B743800200  |
| Phillips screwdriver No. 1                              | O    | A     | B743800100  |
| Box driver<br>(7 mm or .28 inches across)               | O    | A     | B741700200  |
| E-ring holder No. 3                                     | O    | A     | B740800500  |
| E-ring holder No. 6                                     | O    | A     | B740800800  |
| Round nose pliers                                       | O    | A     | B740400100  |
| Diagonal wire cutters                                   | O    | A     | B740500100  |
| Tweezers  | O    | A     | B641000100  |
| Electric soldering iron                                 | O    | A     | B740200100  |
| Tension gauge (4000 g)                                  | O    | A     | B747700300  |
| Tension gauge (2000 g)                                  | O    | A     | B747700100  |
| Tension gauge (200 g)                                   | O    | A     | 6765114601  |
| Lift haddles #E656                                      | E    | A     | B7651 11001 |
| Dial gauges #F610                                       | E    | A     | 1019466     |
| Dial gauge base #F611                                   | E    | A     | 1019467     |
| Dial gauge master #F612                                 | E    | A     | 1019468     |
| Thickness gauge #F616                                   | E    | A     | 1020471     |
| Motor screwdriver<br>(Phillips head, torque adjustable) | O    | B     | —           |

O: Commercially available

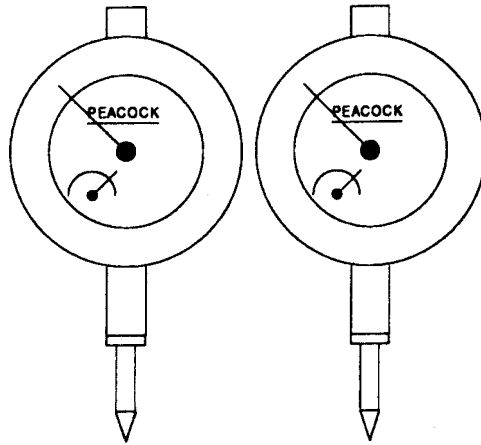
E: EPSON exclusive

A: Mandatory

B: Recommended

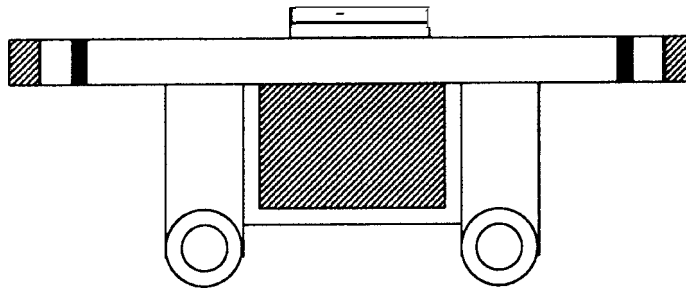
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Catalog number: Dial gauges #F610



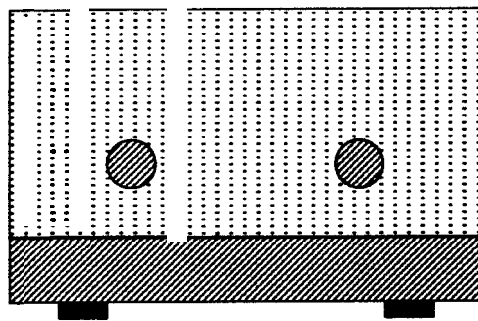
**Figure 3-3. Dial Gauges**

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Catalog number: Dial gauge base #F611



**Figure 3-4. Dial Gauge Base**

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Catalog number: Dial gauge master #F612



**Figure 3-5. Dial Gauge Master**



Part number: B102047NXI  
 Catalog number: Thickness gauge #F616

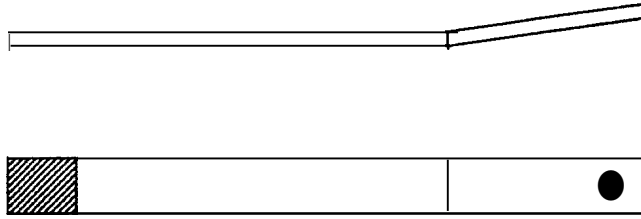



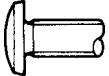
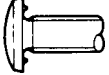

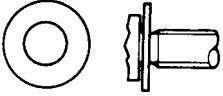
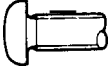

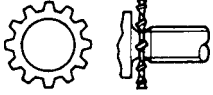
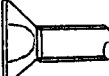




Figure 3-6. Thickness Gauge

### 3.1.2 Small Parts

Table 3-2. Abbreviations for Small Parts

| Abbreviation | Part Name   |
|--------------|---|
| CBB          | Cross-Bind head, B-tight screw  |
| CBS (0)      | Cress-Bind head, S-tight screw with Outside-toothed lock washer       |
| CBS (SP)     | Cross-Bind head, S-tight screw with Spring lock washer + Plane washer |
| CFS          | Cross-Flat head, S-tight screw  |
| CP (SP)      | Cross-Pan head with Spring lock washer + Plane washer                 |
| CP (PS)      | Cross-Pan head with Plane washer + Spring lock washer                 |
| CPB          | Cross-Pan head, B-tight screw   |
| CPB (0)      | Cross-Pan head, B-tight screw with Outside toothed lock washer        |
| CPS          | Cross-Pan head, S-tight screw   |
| CPS (P)      | Cress-Pan head, S-tight screw with Plain washer                       |
| CPS (SP)     | Cross-Pan head, S-tight screw with Spring lock washer + Plain washer  |
| CPN          | Cress-Pan head screw  |
| CPN (0)      | Cross-Pan head screw with Outside toothed lock washer                 |
| CPN (SP)     | Cross-Pan head screw with Spring lock washer + Plain washer           |
| CPT (0)      | Cross-Pan head Tapping screw with Outside toothed lock washer         |

Table 3-3. Screw Names and Illustrations

| Head   |  | Body   | Washer   |
|--|--|--|--|
| Top  | Side   |  |  |
| <b>1. Cross-recessed head</b><br> | <b>1. Bind</b><br><br><br>(with Notch) | <b>1. Normal</b><br>   | <b>1. Plain washer</b><br>                |
|  | <b>2. Pan</b><br>   | <b>2. S-tight</b><br>  | <b>2. Outside toothed lock washer</b><br> |
|  | <b>3. Flat</b><br>  | <b>3. B-tight</b><br>  | <b>3. Spring washer</b><br>               |
|  |  | <b>4. Tapping</b><br><br> |  |

## 3.2 DISASSEMBLY AND ASSEMBLY

### WARNING

Before you *disassemble or assemble the printer*, be sure to read and follow the *instructions in Section 3.1, "BEFORE STARTING."*

This section describes how to disassemble the printer. See the Appendix for an exploded diagram of the printer. Use this diagram for simple **disassembly** procedures not **described** here. To assemble the printer, follow the **disassembly instructions** in this chapter in reverse. Any extra information you need to assemble printer components is provided in notes labeled "Assembly Note." Adjustments required before assembly are described in notes labeled "Adjustment Required." Be sure to follow the instructions in these notes.

### 3.2.1 Replacing the Printhead

You can replace the **printhead** without disassembling the printer.

### CAUTION

- ❑ When you remove **the connector cover**, be careful not to break the tabs.
- ❑ When you remove **the printhead cable holder**, be careful not to break the **printhead cable holder latch**. Use a **slotted screwdriver if necessary**.

1. Remove the top cover.
2. Pry up the 2 hooks for the head cable cover and remove it from the carriage.
3. Disconnect the white FPC cable, 4-pin white harness connector, and 4-pin red harness connector from the connector junction board on the carriage.
4. Release the harness from the carriage hook and remove the CP (SP) (M3 x 6) screw.

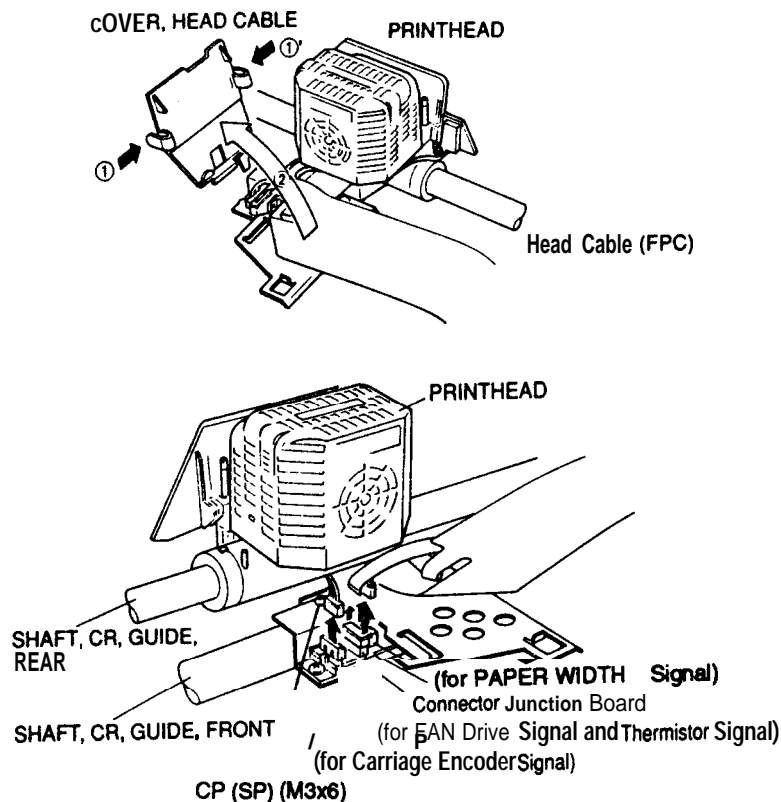


Figure 3-7. Removing the FPC Cover and the Connector

5. Remove the 2 CPN (M3 x 8) screws securing the FPC cover to the bottom plate of the printer mechanism.
6. Remove the 2 FPC printhead cables from the connector junction board on the bottom plate and remove the 2 CP (PS) (M4 x 7) screws securing the printhead to the carriage. Disengage the printhead with the PW sensor and the masless holder.

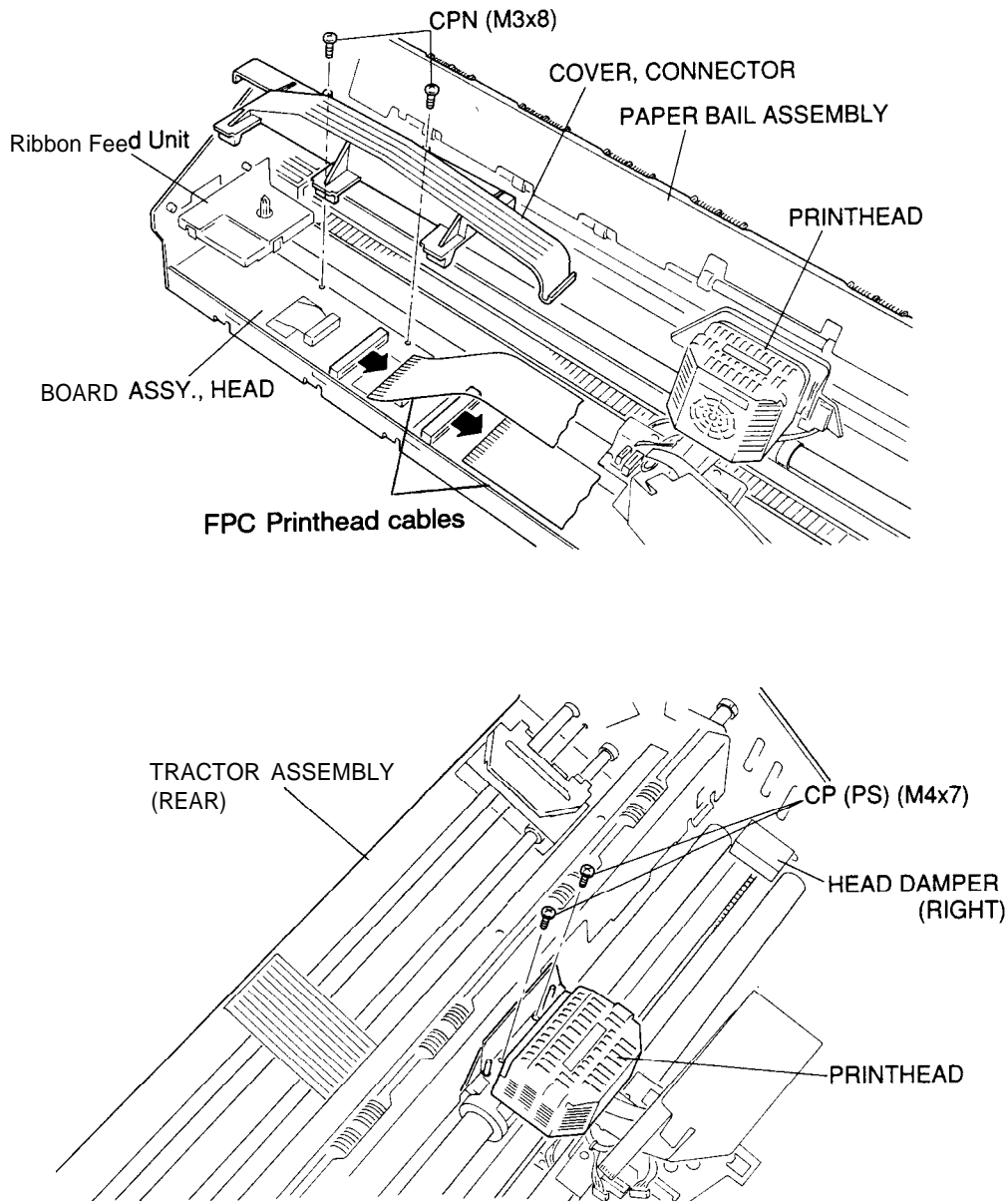


Figure 3-8. Removing the Printhead

**Assembly Note**

- ❑ When you install the *printhead*, torque the screws to 8 kg/cm (44 lbinch).
- ❑ Tighten the screws while pulling the *printhead* backward to secure the *printhead* firmly.

**ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED**

When you install the *printhead*, perform the platen gap motor value (platen gap) adjustment described in Section 4.1.7.

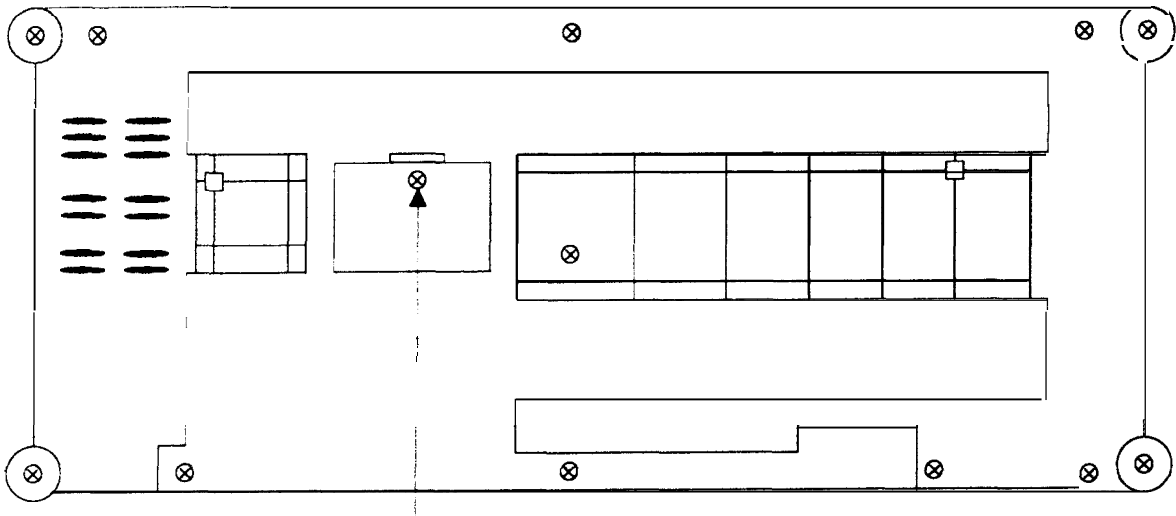
### 3.2.2 Replacing the ROM

You can replace the ROM without disassembling the printer.

#### CAUTION

- ❑ It is best to remove the top cover before you tilt back the printer as described in the steps below. Refer to Section 3.2.3.1 for instructions on removing the top cover.
- ❑ If you tilt back the printer with the top cover attached, be careful not to put too much weight on the top cover or any other printer components.
- ❑ Spread a thick, soft cloth under the printer before you follow the steps below.
- ❑ Remove the ROM carefully to avoid damaging the board.
- ❑ Before you install a new ROM, check the INDEX mark on the socket to be sure the ROM is oriented correctly. Insert the ROM carefully to avoid damaging the ROM pins and the board.

1. Tilt back the printer and lay it on its back. Hold the top cover closed if it is not removed.
2. Remove the CBB (M3 x 10) screw securing the ROM cover, remove the cover, and replace the ROM using the ROM holder.



— CBB(M3X10)

Figure 3-9. Replacing the ROM

### 3.2.3 Removing the Housing

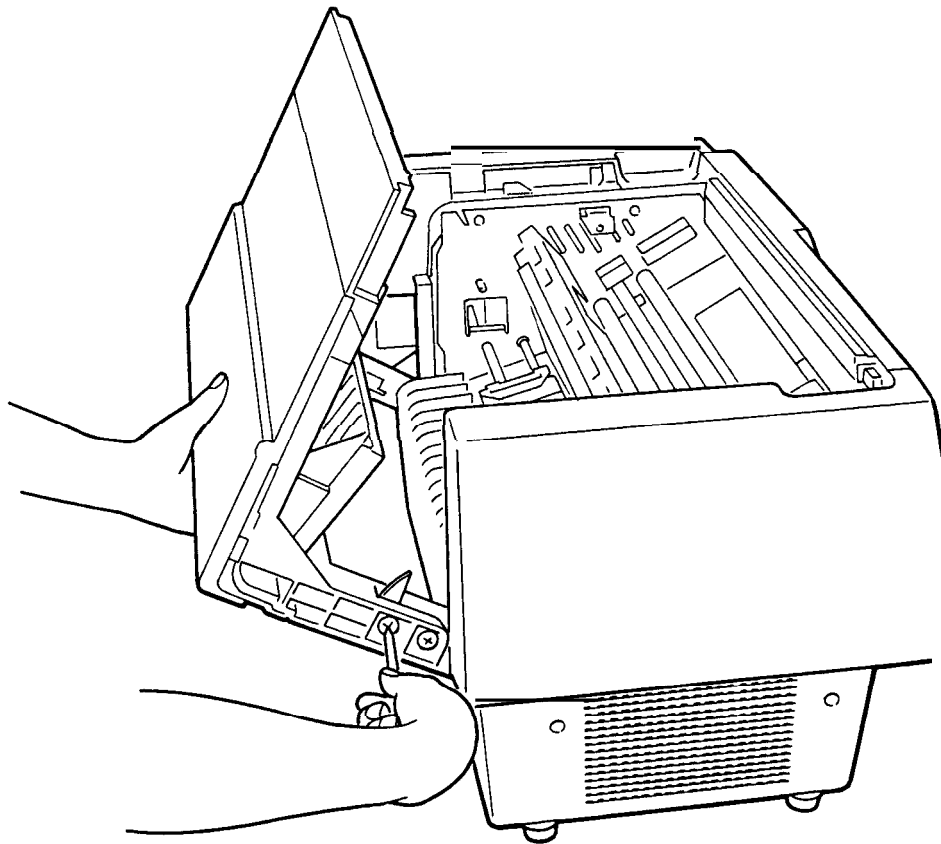
This section describes how to remove the housing.

#### 3.2.3.1 Removing the Top Cover

#### **CAUTION**

*Two people are required to remove the top cover; one person must hold the top cover while the other person removes the screws. If the top cover is not supported while the screws are removed, the weight of the top cover may damage the rear hinges.*

1. Open the top cover.
2. While someone supports the top cover, remove the 4 screws (2 on the right and 2 on the left) securing the top cover to the hinges and remove the cover.



**Figure 3-10. Removing the Top Cover**

### 3.2.3.2 Removing the Left, Right, and Front Covers and Replacing the Fuse

1. Remove the 4 CBB (M4 x 16) screws securing the left side cover and remove the cover.
2. Remove the right side cover in the same way as you removed the left side cover. Also remove the 4 cables from the main switch on the right side cover.

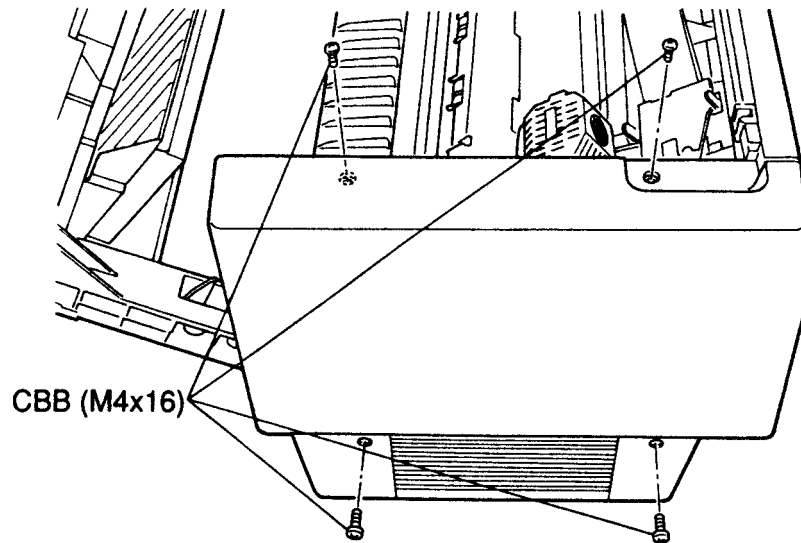


Figure 3-11. Removing the Left and Right Side Covers

#### Assembly Note

When you attach the right side cover, connect the cable from connector CN1 on the C117 power supply board assembly and the cable from the AC inlet to the main switch on the right side cover, as shown below.

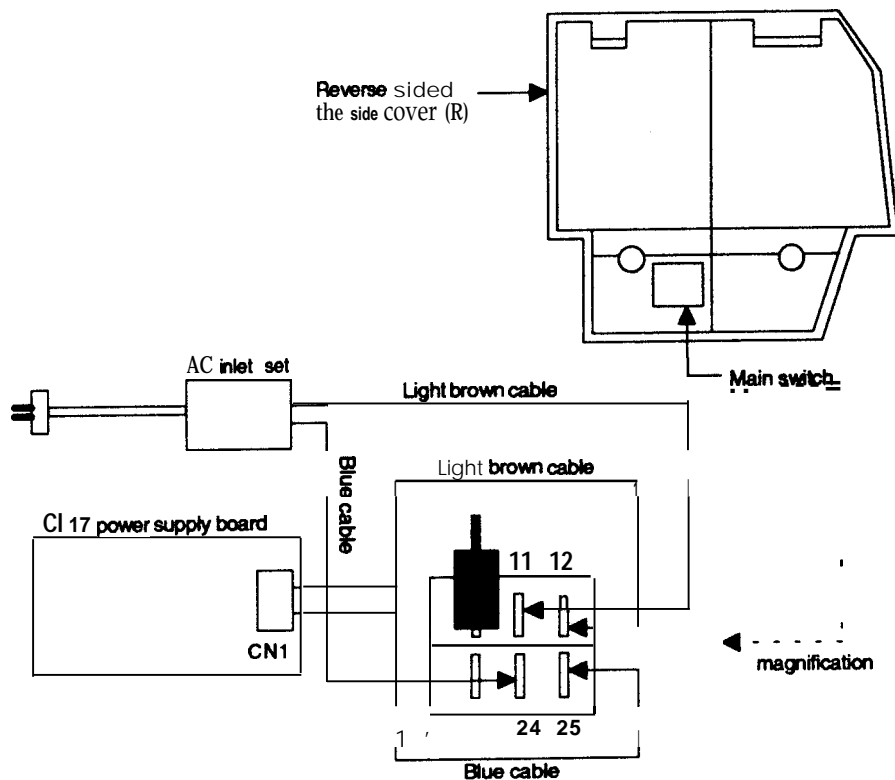
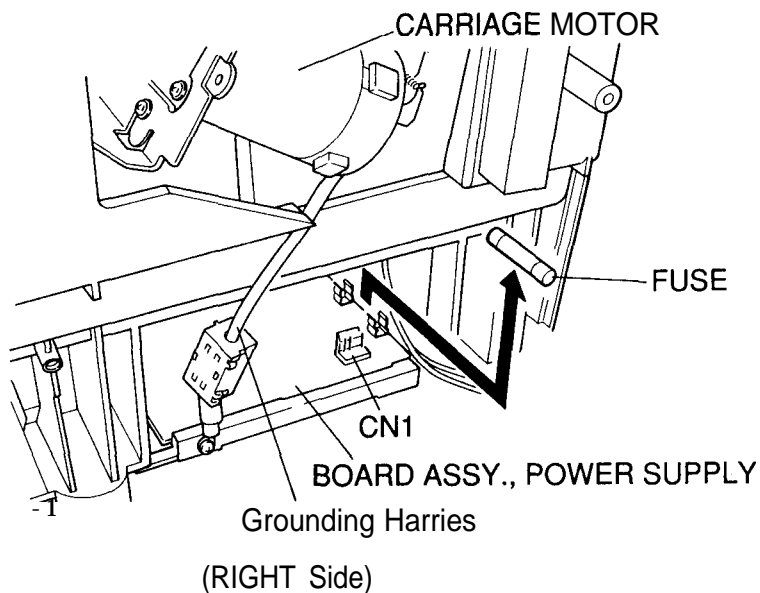


Figure 3-12. Connecting the Cables to the Main Switch

- After you remove the right side cover, you can replace the input fuse for the C117 power supply board assembly.

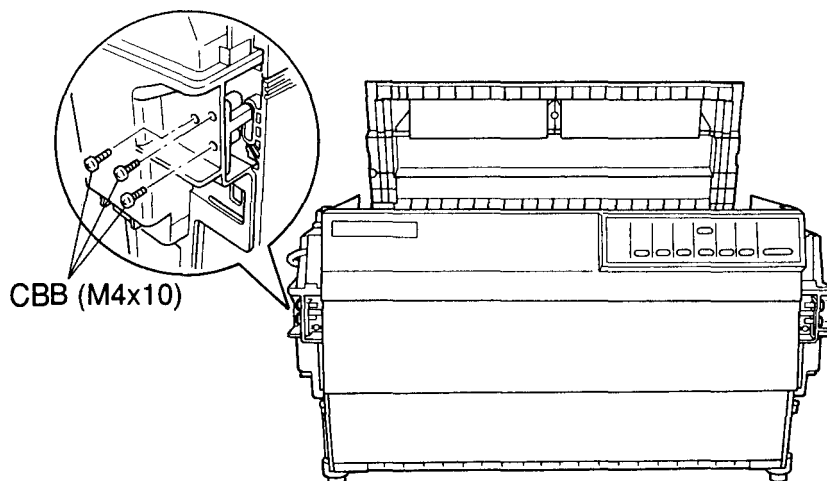
**WARNING**

*Make sure the new fuse meets the printer's AC power specifications.*



**Figure 3-13. Removing the Fuse**

- Remove the 3 CBB (M4 x 10) screws securing the left side of the front cover to the lower cover. Then remove the screws on the right side and remove the front cover with the 2 hinges.



**Figure 3-14. Removing the Front Cover**



### 3.2.3.3 Removing the Front Panel

1. Remove the left and right side covers. (Refer to Section 3.23.2)
2. Open the top rover and disconnect connector **CN8** (the control panel connector).
3. Remove the 2 **CBB (M4 x 16)** screws from the front panel and remove the panel with the **C117** PNL board assembly and its cable.

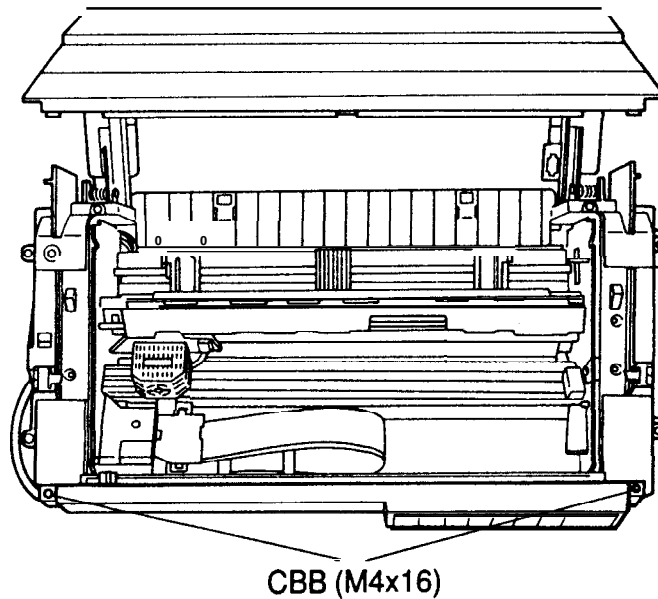


Figure 3-15. Removing the Front Panel

### 3.2.3.4 Removing the Upper Case

1. Remove the front panel. (Refer to Section 3.2.3.3)
2. Disconnect connector **CN7** (the cover open sensor connector) from the **C117** MAIN board assembly.
3. Remove the 6 **CBB (M4 x 16)** screws, and 2 **CPS (M3 x 8)** screws from the upper case, and then remove the upper case with the cover open sensor.

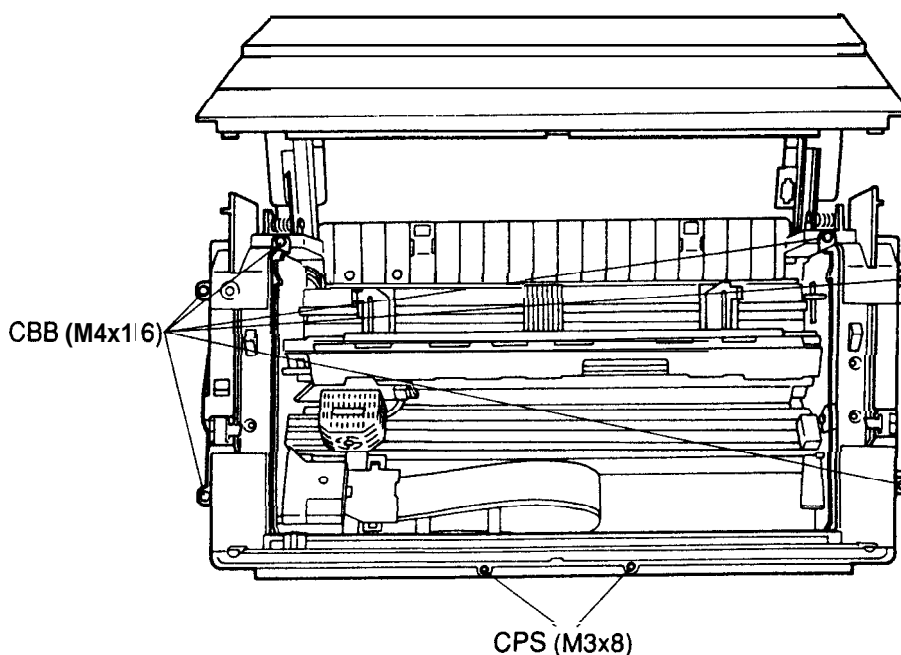


Figure 3-16. Removing the Upper Case

### 3.2.3.5 Removing the Cover Open Sensor

1. Remove the uppercase. (Refer to Section 3.2.3.4)
2. Turn over the upper case. Remove the 2 CPB (M2 x 8) screws from the case open sensor and remove the sensor.

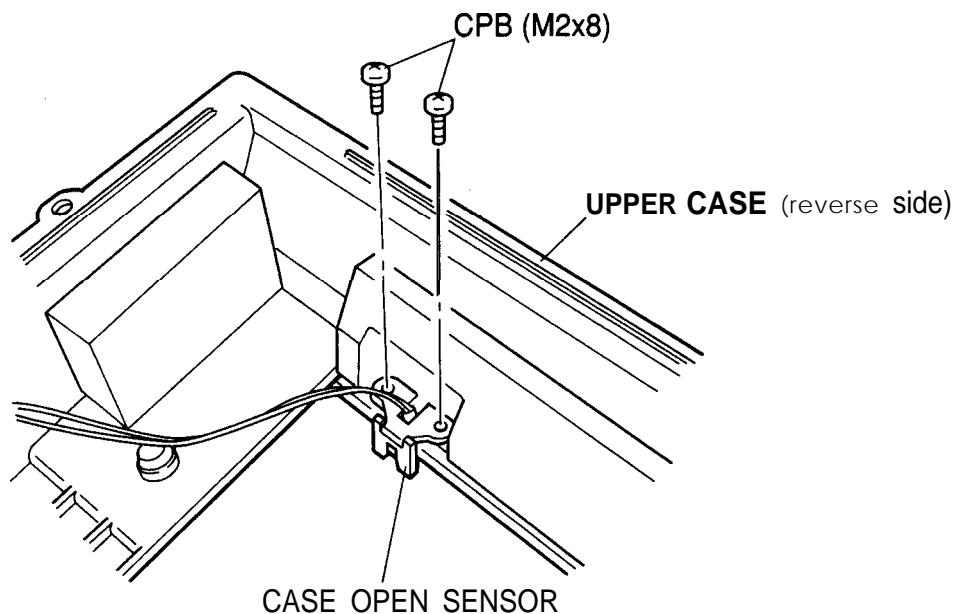


Figure 3-17. Removing the Cover Open Sensor

### 3.2.4 Removing the Circuit Boards

This section describes how to remove the circuit boards.

#### 3.2.4.1 Removing the Bottom Panel Assembly

#### CAUTION

- ❑ It is **best** to remove the top cover before you tilt back **the printer as described in the steps below. Refer to Section 3.2.3.1 for instructions on removing the top cover.**
- ❑ If you tilt back **the printer with the top cover attached, be careful not to put too much weight on the top cover or any other printer components.**
- ❑ **Spread a thick, soft cloth under the printer before you follow the steps below.**
- ❑ When you attach the **bottom panel, make sure the parallel interface cable latch is not caught between the lower case and bottom panel.**

1. Remove **the left and right side covers.** (Refer to Section 3.2.3.2)
2. Open the rear cover. Remove the 4 CPB (M3 x 12) screws and 2 CPT (O) (M3 x 12) screws securing the interface cover and remove the cover.
3. Remove the 2 CPT (O) (M3 x 12) screws securing the optional **interface** cover and remove the cover.

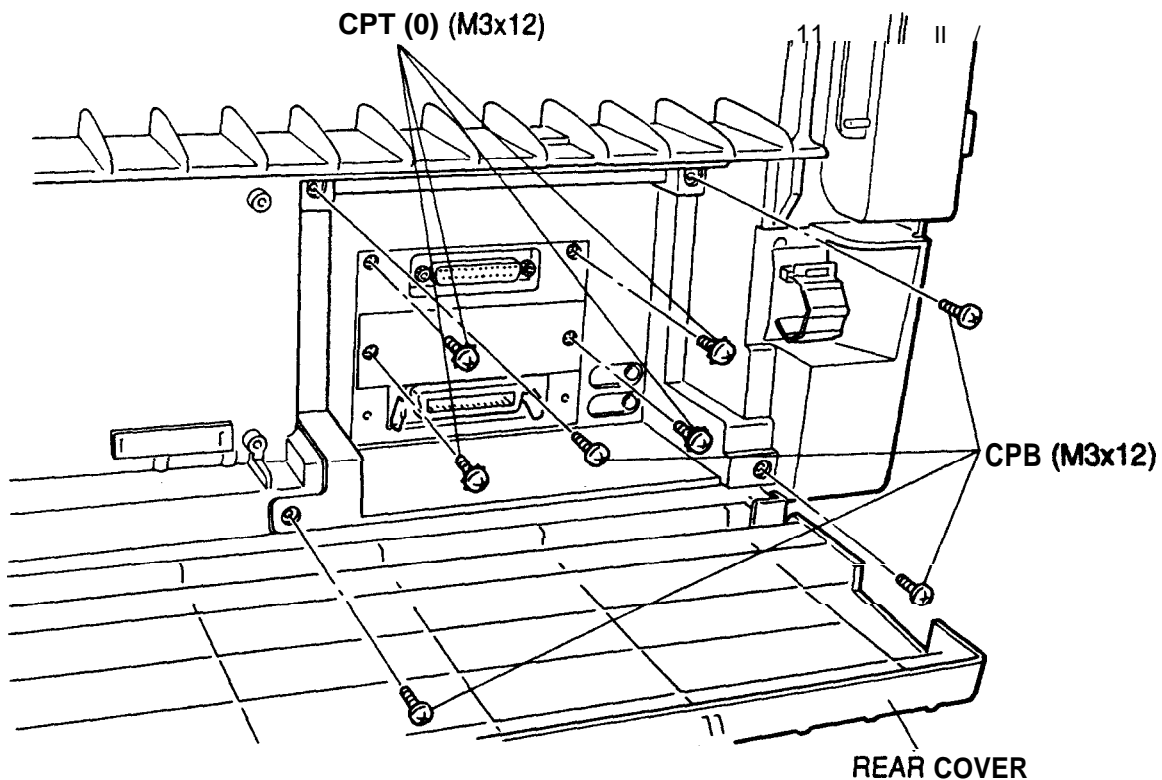
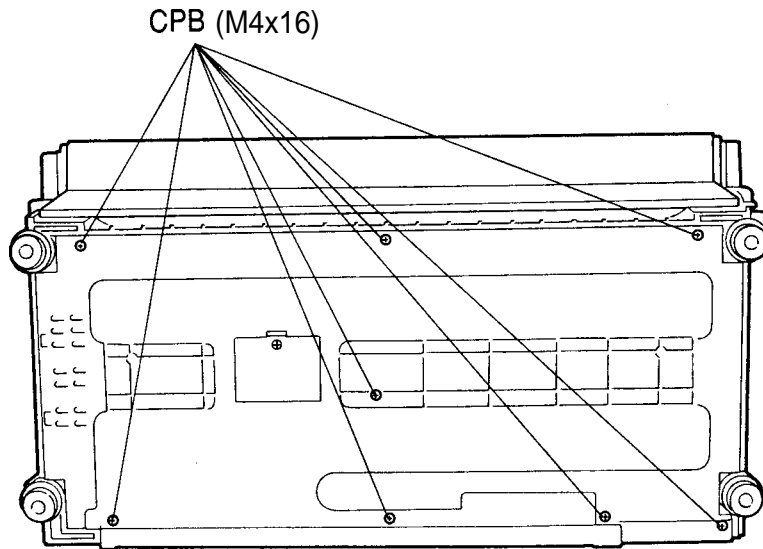


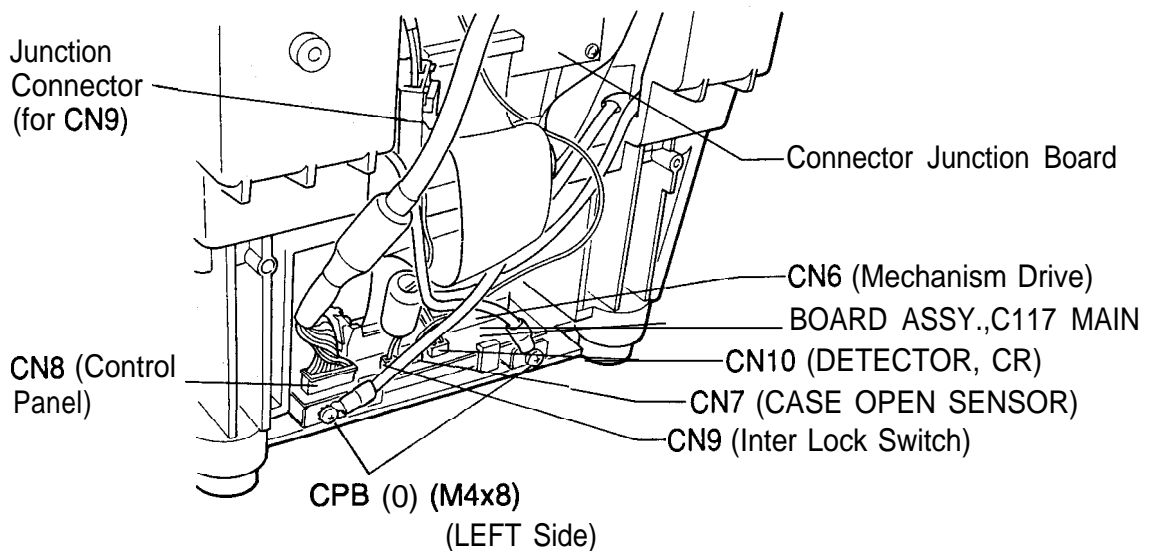
Figure 3-18. Removing the Interface Cover

4. While supporting the top cover to protect it from scratches, tilt back the printer and lay it on its back.
5. Remove the 8 CPB (M4 x 16) screws securing the bottom panel assembly. Slowly return the printer to its upright position before you remove the screws for the bottom panel assembly. Then remove the rear cover.



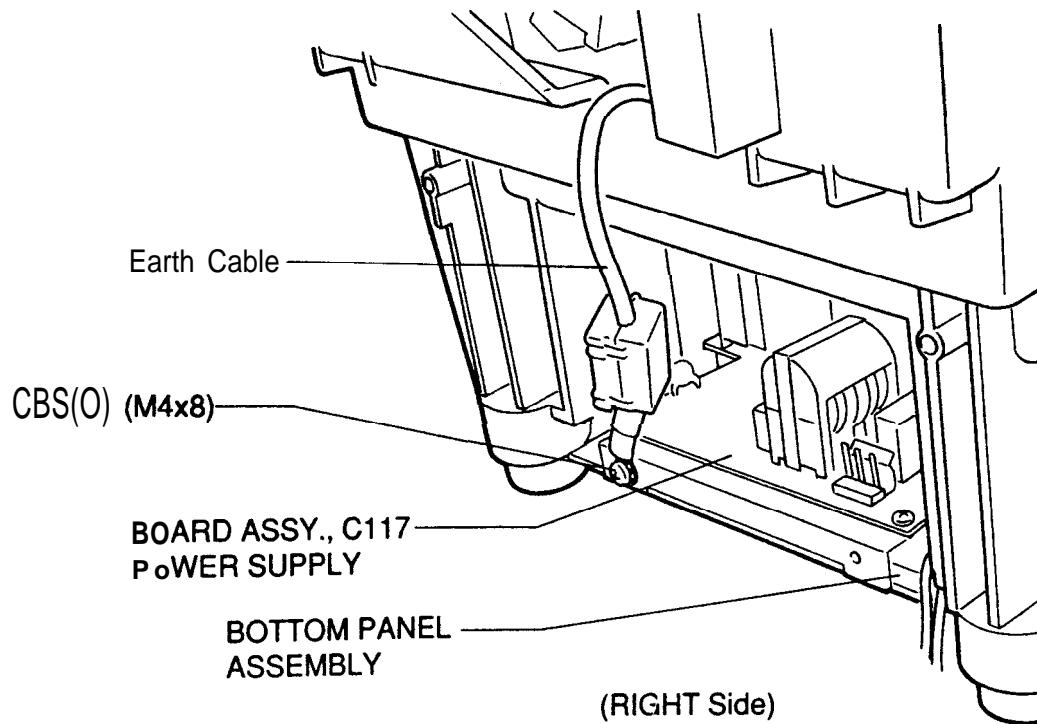
**Figure 3-19. Removing the Bottom Panel Assembly 1**

6. From the left side, remove the 2 CPB (0) (M4 x 8) screws securing the green and yellow earth cable between the bottom plate of the printer mechanism and the earth plate on the bottom panel assembly.
7. Disconnect connectors CN10, CN6, CN7, and CN8.
8. Since connector CN9 is fixed to the C117 MAIN board assembly, remove the junction connector (not labeled with a CN number) between the interlock switch and connector CN9 on the C117 MAIN board assembly.



**Figure 3-20. Removing the Connector and Earth Cable**

9. On the right side of the printer mechanism, remove the green and yellow earth cable from the earth plate on the bottom panel assembly. Then slowly lift up the bottom panel assembly.
10. Remove the CBS (0) (M4 x 8) screw securing earth plate.



**Figure 3-21. Removing the Bottom Panel Assembly 2**

### 3.2.4.2 Removing the Cooling Fan and C117 Power Supply Board Assembly

1. Remove the bottom panel assembly. (Refer to Section 3.2.4.1)
2. If you need to remove the cooling fan, remove the 4 CCN (M3 x 30) screws securing it and remove the fan.
3. Disconnect connectors CN2, CN3, and CN4.
4. Remove the 6 CPB (M3 x 11) screws and CPN (0) (M3 x 8) screw securing the C117 power supply board assembly and remove the board.

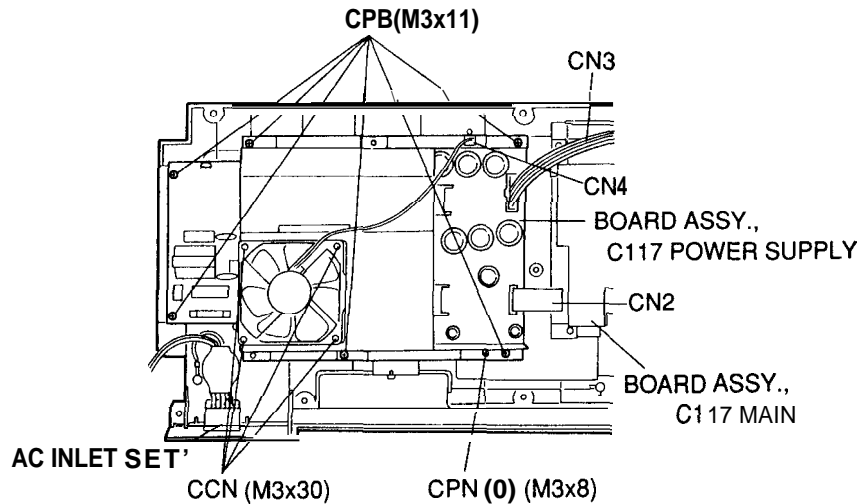


Figure 3-22. Removing the C117 Power Supply Board Assembly

### 3.2.4.3 Removing the C117 MAIN Board Assembly

1. Remove the bottom panel assembly. (Refer to Section 3.2.4.1)
2. Disconnect connectors CN1 and CN3.
3. Remove the 5 CPB (M3 x 11) screws and 2 CPN (0) (M3 x 8) screws securing the C117 MAIN board assembly and remove the board.

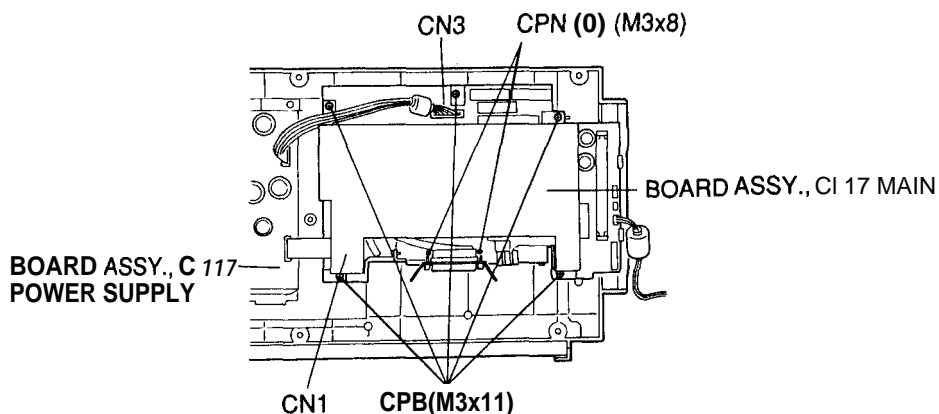


Figure 3-23. Removing the C117 MAIN Board Assembly

## ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED

When you install the C117 MAIN board assembly, perform the following adjustments:

- Platen gap motor value (platen gap) adjustment (described in Section 4.1.7)
- Bidirectional printing adjustment (described in Section 4.1.8)

### 3.2.4.4 Removing the AC Inlet

1. Remove the C117 power supply board assembly. (Refer to Section 3.2.4.2)
2. Remove the C117 MAIN board assembly. (Refer to Section 3.2.4.3)
3. Remove the 3 CPS (M3 x8) screws and 1 CPB (0) (M4 x5) screw securing the earth plate to the bottom panel assembly and remove the earth plate.

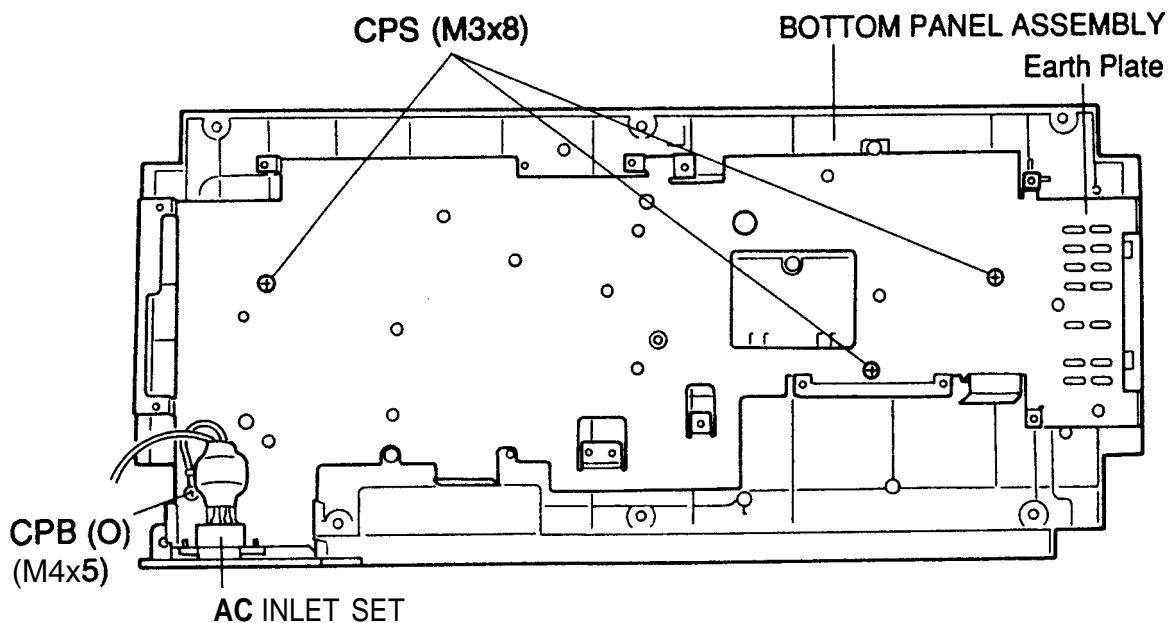


Figure 3-24. Removing the Earth Plate

4. Remove the 2 CFS (M3 x 12) screws securing the AC inlet to the earth plate and remove the AC inlet.

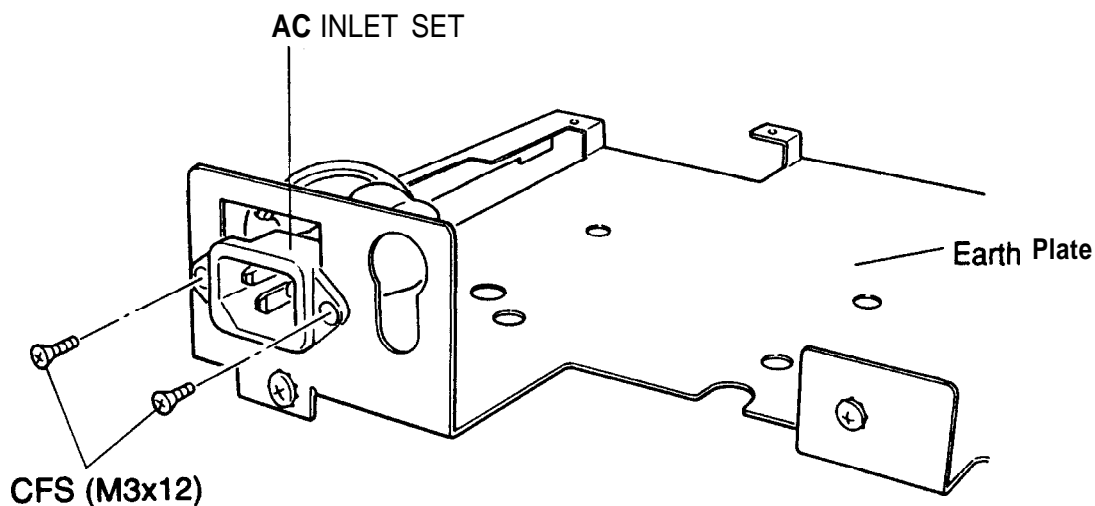


Figure 3-25. Removing the AC Inlet

### 3.2.4.5 Removing the C117 PNL Board Assembly

1. Remove the front panel. (Refer to Section 3.2.3.3)
2. Disconnect connectors CN1 and CN2 on the C117 PNL board assembly.
3. Remove the CPB (M4 x 9) screw securing the C117 PNL board assembly to the front cover and remove the board.

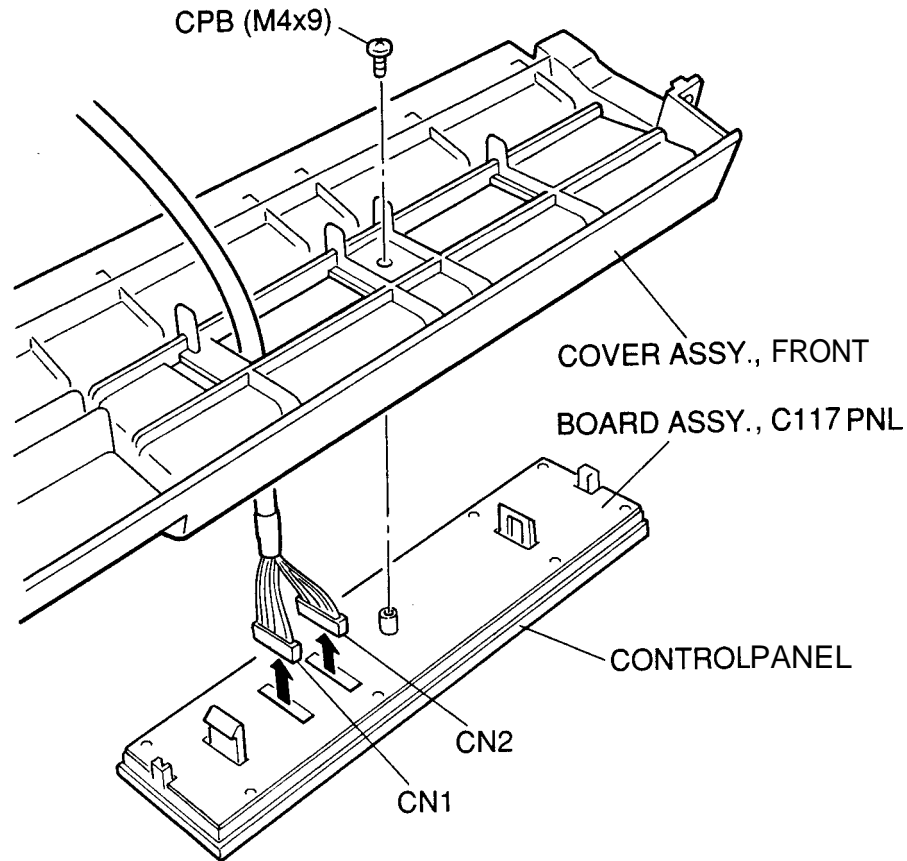


Figure 3-26. Removing the C117 PNL Board Assembly



### 3.2.5 Removing the Interlock Switch Assembly

1. Remove the upper case. (Refer to Section 3.23.4)
2. Disconnect the interlock assembly cable from junction connector CN9 on the C117 MAIN board assembly.
3. Remove the CBB (M4 x 10) screw securing the interlock switch assembly to the lower case and remove the interlock switch assembly.

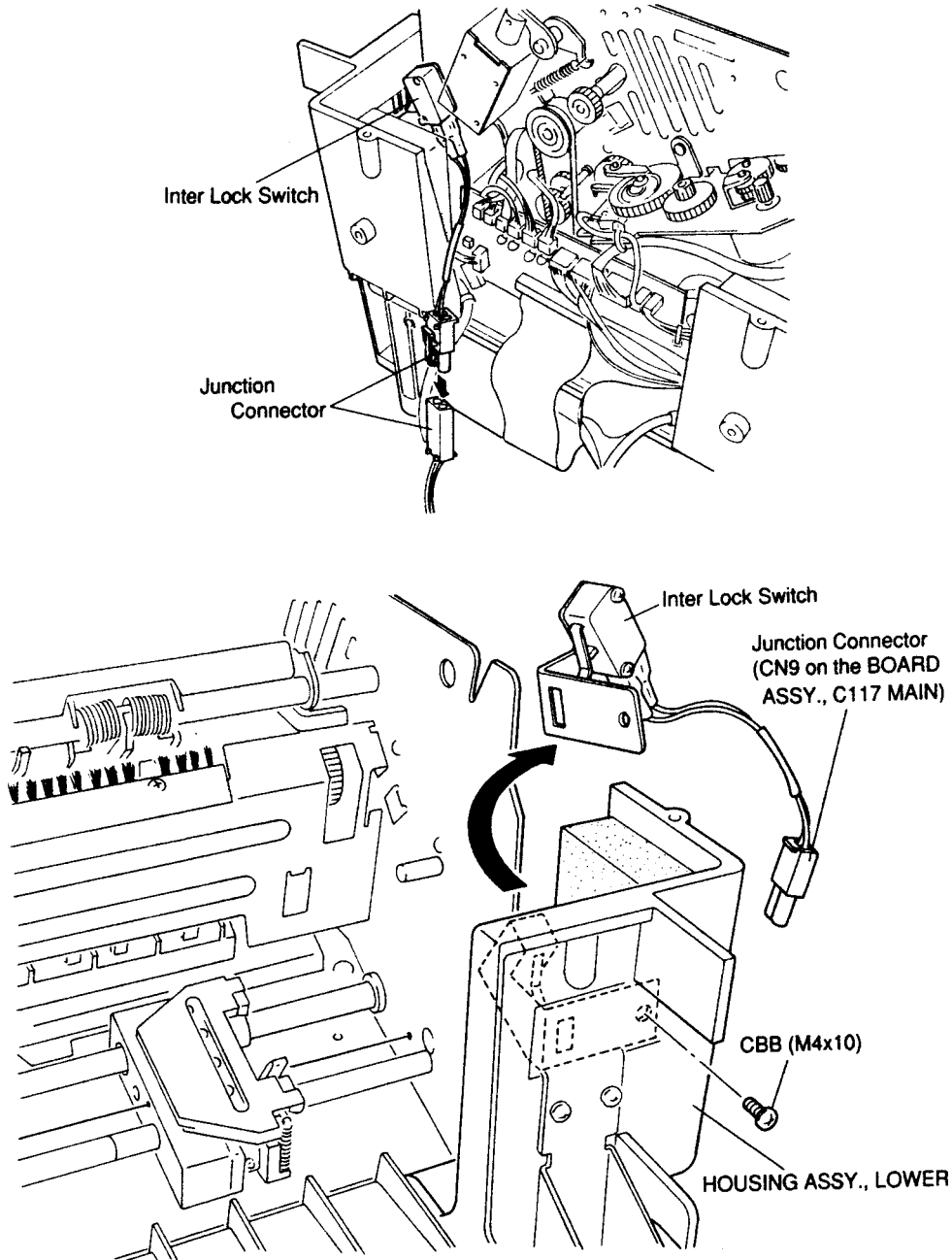


Figure 3-27. Removing the Interlock Switch Assembly

### 3.2.6 Removing the Printer Mechanism

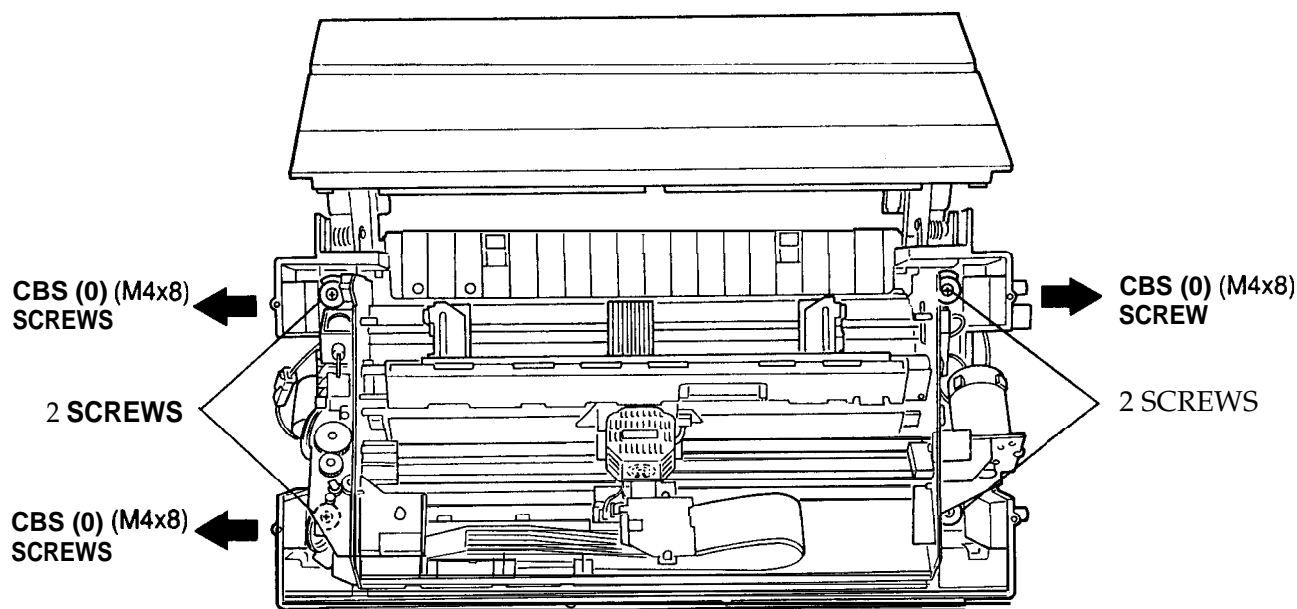
This section describes how to remove the printer mechanism.

#### **WARNING**

*Because the printer mechanism is large and heavy, you must be careful when you remove it. When you lift or lower the printer mechanism, follow these precautions:*

- Two people are required to remove or install the printer mechanism.*
- Use the lift handles (#E656, part number B765111O01) designed for lifting or lowering the printer mechanism when you remove or install it.*
- To avoid straining your waist, hands, or feet, place the printer on a low table before following the steps below.*

1. Remove the interlock switch assembly. (Refer to Section 3.2.5)
2. Remove the 3 CBS (0) (M4 x 8) screws securing the green and yellow earth cables to the earth plate. There are two screws on the left and one on the right.
3. Disconnect the cables from connectors CN10, CN7, and CN6 on the left side of the C117 MAIN board assembly.
4. Remove the 4 screws securing the printer mechanism to the lower case.



**Figure 3-28. Removing the Printer Mechanism**

5. Install the lift handles from the inside of the printer mechanism. Insert each handle through the 2 holes in the side frames of the printer mechanism. Then slowly lift the printer mechanism using the handles and remove it from the lowercase.

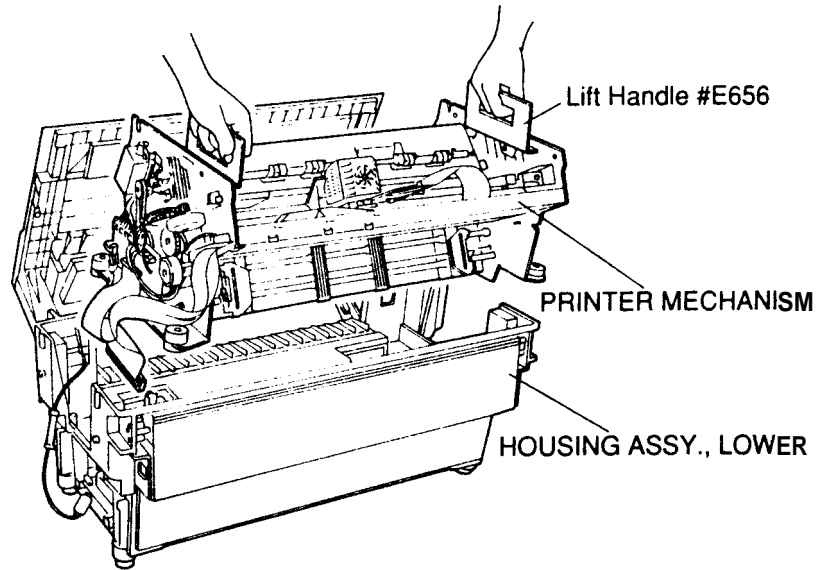


Figure 3-29. Lifting the Printer Mechanism

### Assembly Note

When you install the printer mechanism, route the cables as shown in Figure 3-30. Make sure the cables do not get caught between the printer mechanism and lowercase.

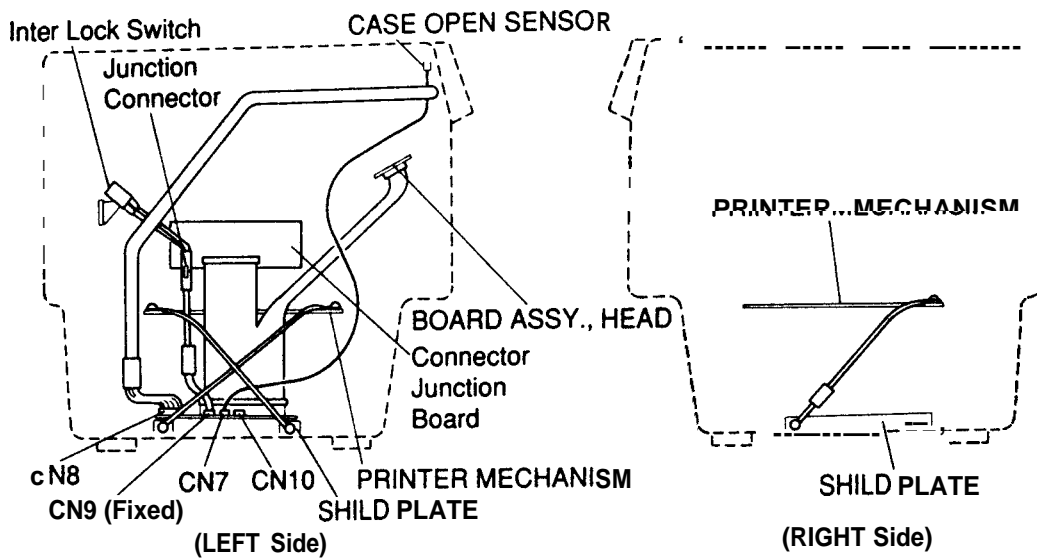


Figure 3-30. Connecting the Cables

### ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED

When you install the printer mechanism, perform the following adjustments:

- ☐ Platen gap motor *value* (platen gap) adjustment (described in Section 4.1.7)
- ☐ Bidirectional printing adjustment (described in Section 4.1.8)

### 3.2.7 Printer Mechanism Disassembly

This section describes how to disassemble the printer mechanism. Before following the steps in this section, remove the printer mechanism from the printer as described in Section 3.2.6.

#### 3.2.7.1 Removing the Front/Rear Tractor Select Lever Assembly

1. Remove the head damper from the left side frame.
2. Remove the CPN (M3 x 6) screw securing the front/rear tractor select lever assembly to the left side frame.
3. Release the 3 hooks securing the RF motor gear cover to the front/rear tractor select lever assembly and remove the cover.

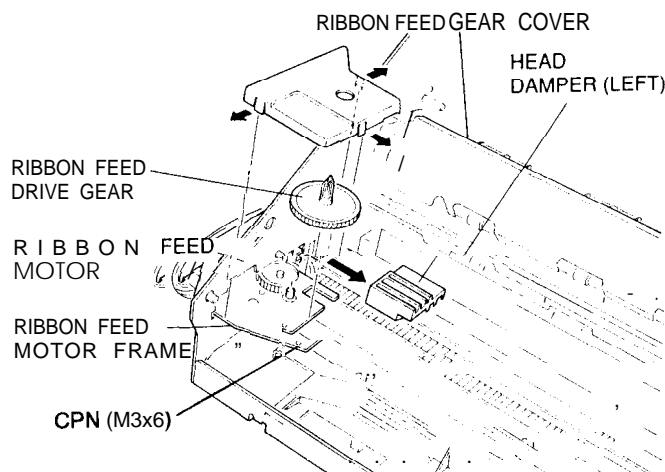


Figure 3-31. Removing the Tractor Select Lever 1

4. On the connector junction board assembly, disconnect the white, 6-pin connector for RF motor control and the yellow, 2-pin connector for the tractor select sensor.
5. Remove the CPN (M3 x 6) screw securing the front/rear tractor select lever assembly to the left side frame.
6. Remove the RF motor drive gear from the front/rear tractor select lever assembly. Then remove the lever assembly from the left side frame.

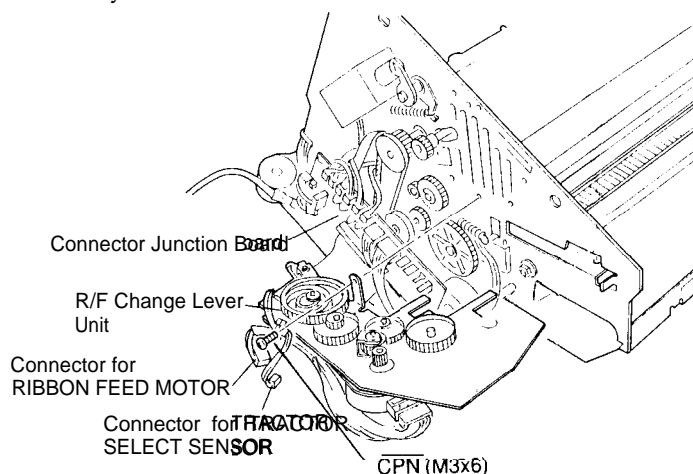


Figure 3-32. Removing the Tractor Select Lever 2

#### Assembly Note

When you install the front/rear tractor select lever assembly, join the tip of the tractor select lever and the tractor select gear holder correctly. (Refer to Figure 2-12.)

### 3.2.7.2 Disassembling the Front/Rear Tractor Select Lever Assembly

This section describes how to disassemble the front/rear tractor select lever assembly, including how to remove the RF motor and tractor select sensor.

1. Remove the front/rear tractor select lever assembly. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.1)
2. Remove the 2 CP (PS) (M3 x 6) screws securing the RF motor to the front/rear tractor select lever assembly and remove the motor. Disconnect the cable from the black connector on the RF motor.
3. Remove the E ring (#3) securing the front/rear tractor select lever and remove the lever. Remove the E ring (# 3) securing the tractor select cam and remove the mm.
4. Remove the CPS (M2 x 10) screw securing the tractor select sensor and remove the sensor.

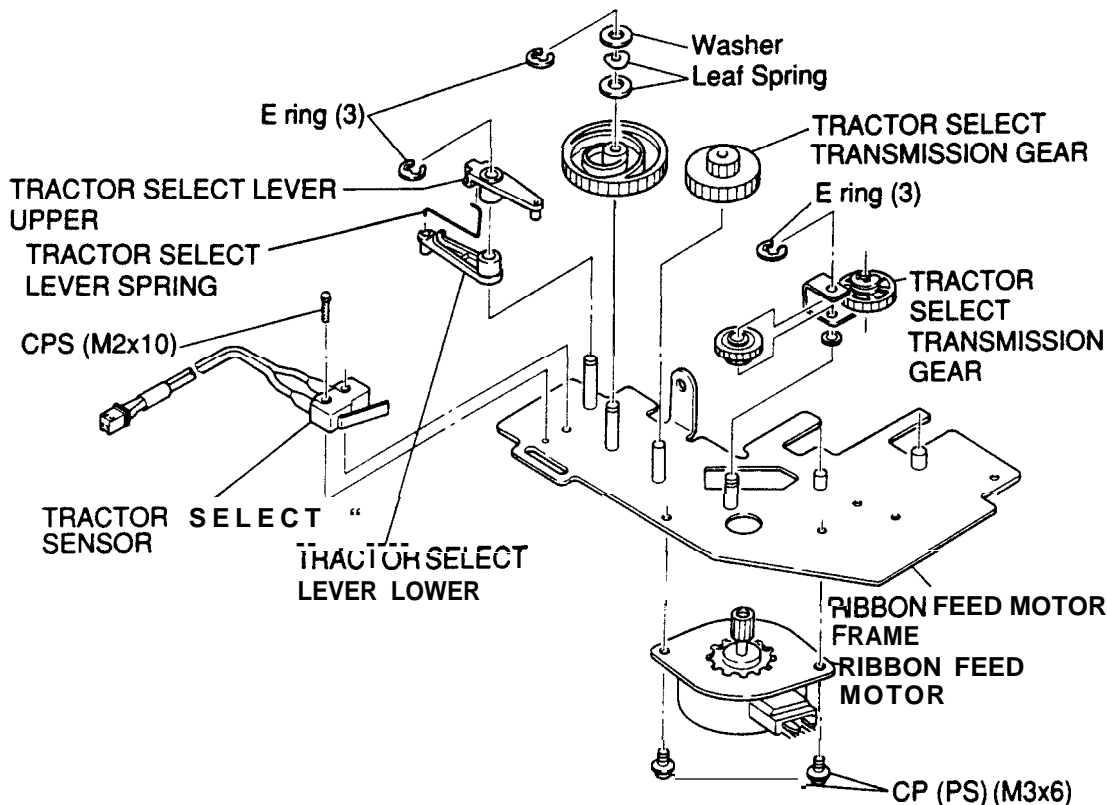


Figure 3-33. Disassembling the Tractor Select Lever

5. Using wire cutters, cut the wire band securing the RF motor and tractor select sensor cables to the front/rear tractor select lever assembly.

#### Assembly Note

Attach the front/rear tractor select lever to the tractor select cam as shown in Figure 3-34.

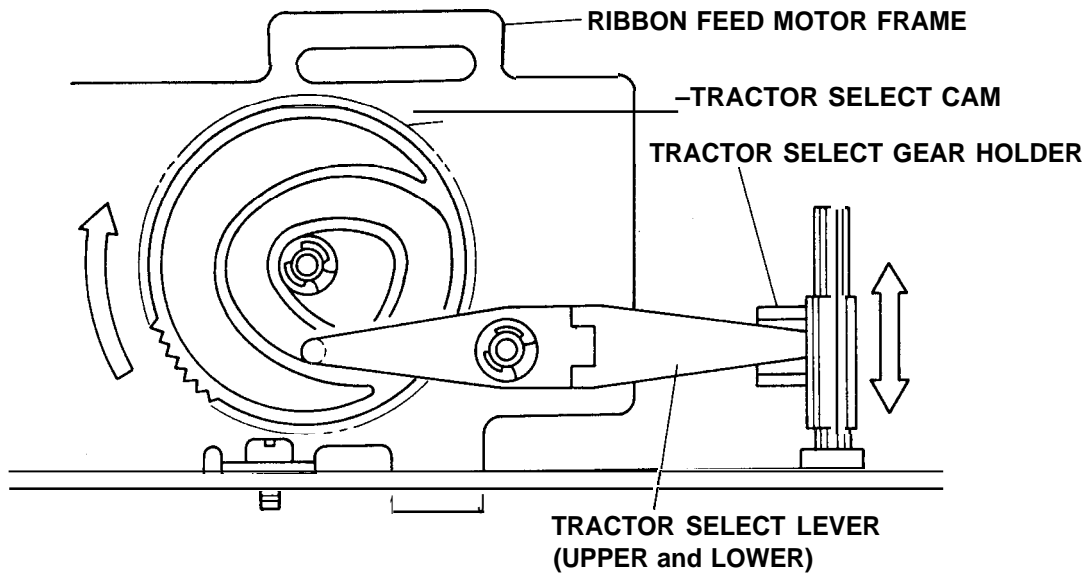


Figure 3-34. Tractor Select Lever Mounting Position

### 3.2.7.3 Removing Connector Junction Board Assembly and FPC Board Assembly

This section describes how to remove the **connector junction board assembly** (also called the relaying board) and **FPC board assembly**.

1. Remove the left side cover. (Refer to Section 3.2.3.2)
2. Disconnect all the cables from **the connector junction board assembly**. Remove **the 2 CP (PS) (M3 x 6)** screws securing the connector junction board assembly to the printer mechanism and then remove the connector junction board assembly.
3. Remove the front/rear tractor select lever assembly. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.1)
4. Disconnect the connector for the CR sensor (encoder) from the **FPC board assembly**.
5. Remove the 2 **CPN (M3 x 8)** screws securing the **FPC cover** and remove the cover. **Then** remove the **CPB (M3 x 6)** screw securing the **FPC board assembly** to the printer mechanism and remove the **FPC board assembly**.

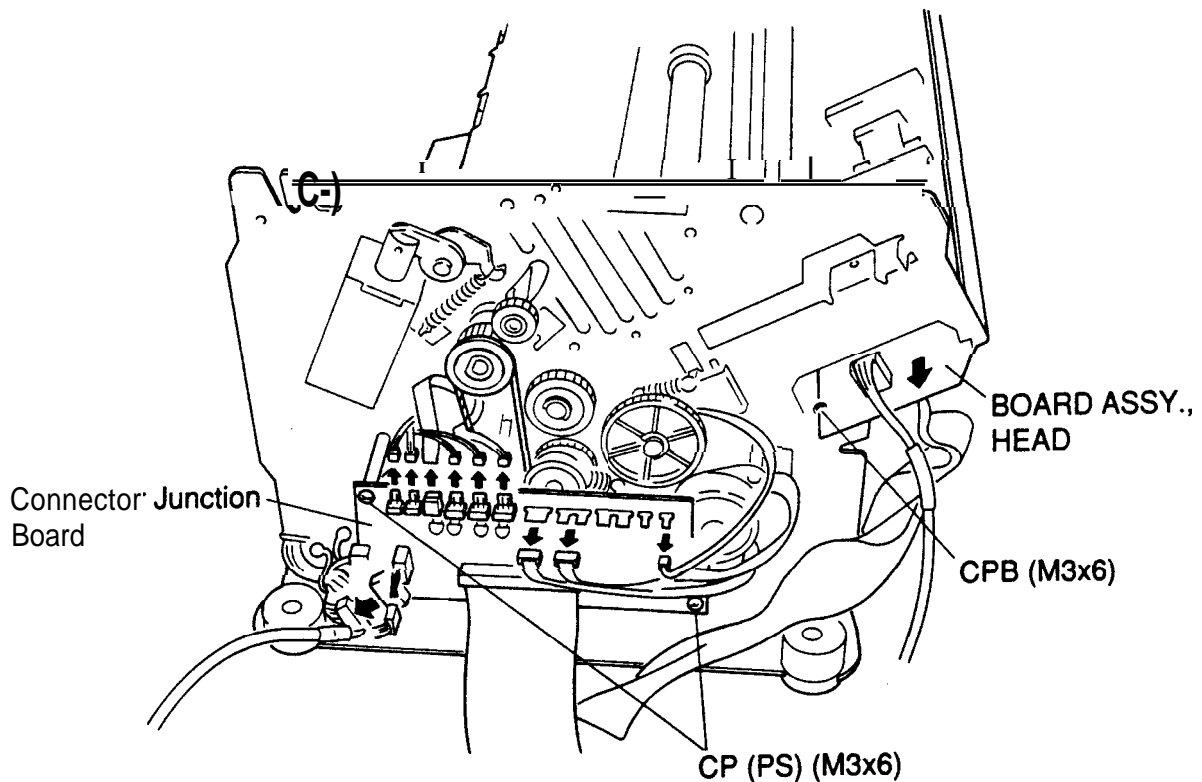


Figure 3-35. Removing the Connector Junction Board

#### Assembly Note

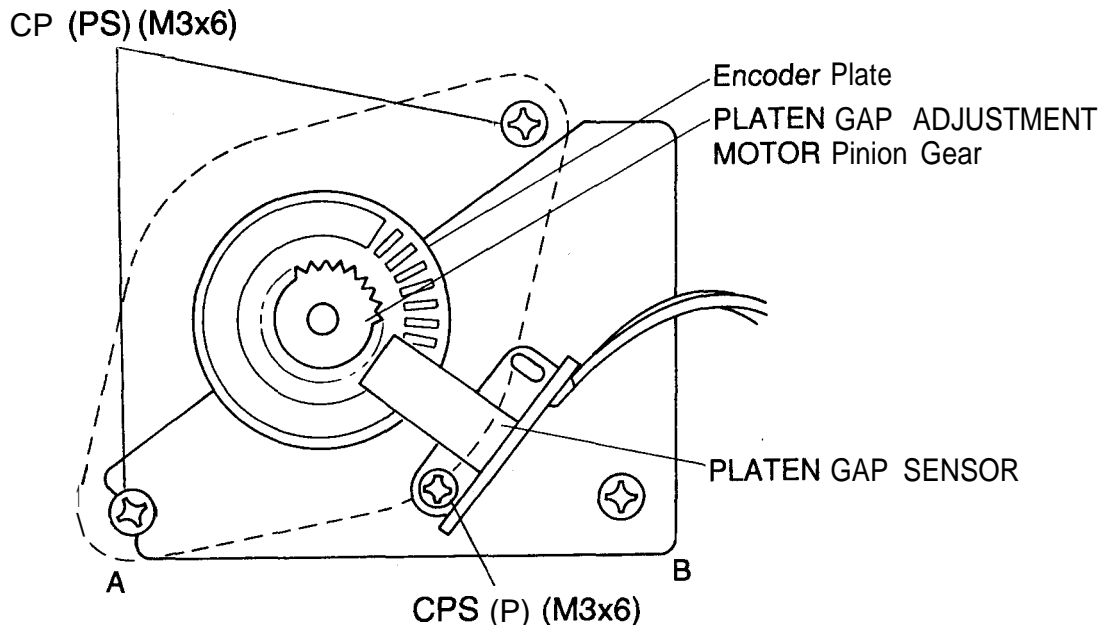
*When you connect the cables to the **connector junction board assembly**, note that the matching connectors have the same color and number of **pins**. (The Appendix provides the connector pin assignments for the connector junction board assembly.)*

## 3.2.7.4 Removing the PG Sensor and PG Motor

**CAUTION**

*When you remove or install the PG sensor, be careful not to bend the PG motor detection board.*

1. Remove the connector junction board assembly. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.3)
2. Remove the CPS (P) (M3×6) screw securing the PG sensor. Then pull the PG sensor forward and remove it.
3. Remove the 2 CP (PS) (M3 × 6) screws securing the PG motor and remove the motor.



**Figure 3-36. Removing the PG Sensor and PG Motor**

**Assembly Notes**

- ❑ When you install the PG motor, make sure the backlash between the PG motor and PG motor transmission gear is between 0.05 and 0.15 mm (almost no backlash).
- ❑ When you install the PG sensor, join portion A in Figure 3-36 correctly and match the screw at portion B to the frame hole, so that the PG sensor is secure.

**ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED**

*When you install the PG sensor or PG motor, perform the platen gap motor value (platen gap) adjustment, as described in Section 4.1.7.*



### 3.2.7.5 Removing the Plunger and Paper Bail Assembly

This section describes how to remove the plunger (loading solenoid) and paper bail assembly.

1. Disconnect the **black**, 2-pin plunger connector from the connector junction board assembly, and remove the plunger cable from the connector junction board assembly. (Refer to the Appendix for more information on the connector junction board **cable** connections.)
2. Remove the 2 CPS (SP) (M3 x 6) screws securing the plunger to the left side frame and remove the plunger.
3. Remove the iron core of the plunger **from the** paper bail shaft.

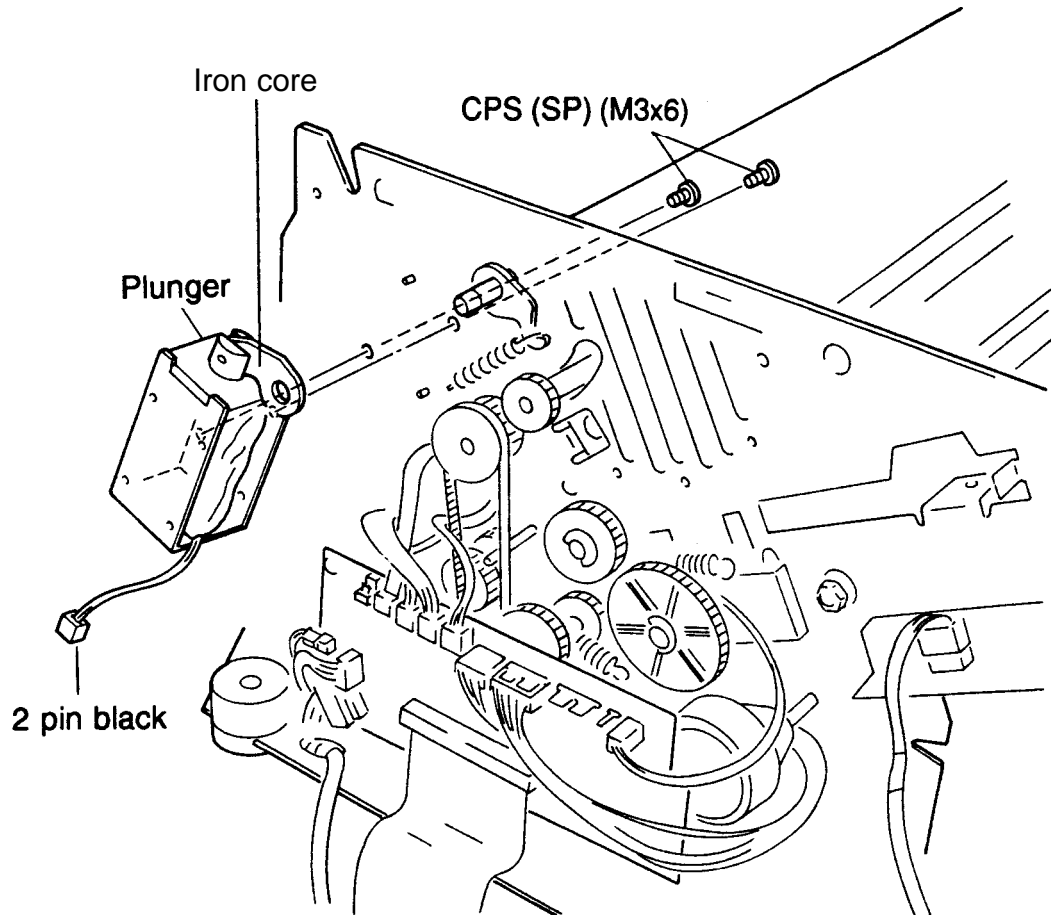


Figure 3-37. Removing the Plunger

4. Remove the left tension roller lever spring.
5. Remove the E-ring securing the paper bail shaft to the right side frame and remove the shaft holder.
6. Remove the right tension roller lever spring, and then remove the shaft holder with its washer.
7. While lifting the paper bail assembly on the right side, remove the paper bail gear; you can remove it easily by gently lifting the clip with tweezers.
8. Remove the E-ring at the right side of the paper bail shaft. Then remove the paper bail lever, paper bail balance lever, leaf spring, and shaft holder.
9. Remove the paperbail assembly.

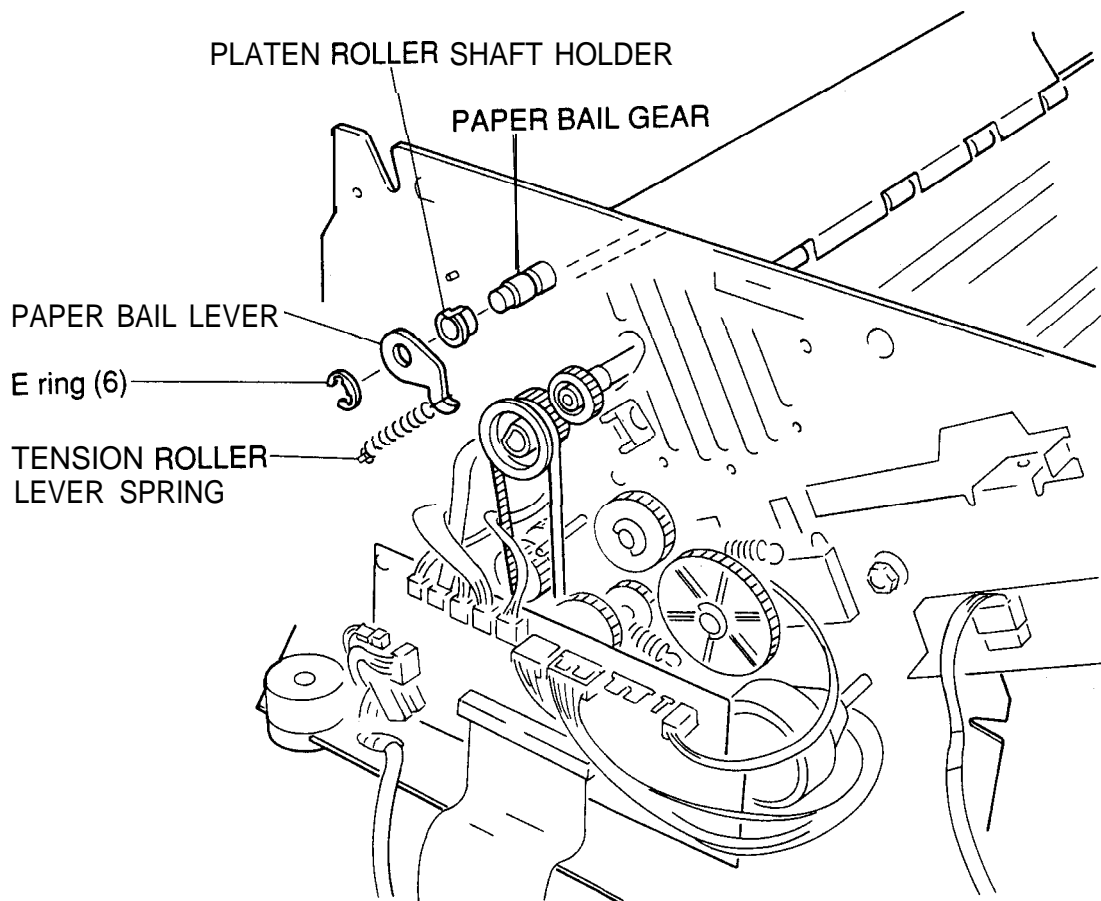


Figure 3-38. Removing the Paper Bail Assembly

### 3.2.7.6 Removing the Upper Paper Guide and Top PE Sensor

1. Remove the paper bail assembly. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.5)
2. Disconnect the red, 3-pin, top PE sensor connector from the **connector** junction board assembly. (Refer to **Section 3.2.7.3**)
3. Remove the 2 CPS (M4 x 6) screws securing the upper paper guide to both frames and remove the paper guide.
4. Release the 2 notches for the top PE sensor cover and remove the cover.
5. Remove the 2 CPS (SP) (M3 x 8) screws securing the top PE sensor to the upper paper guide and remove the sensor.

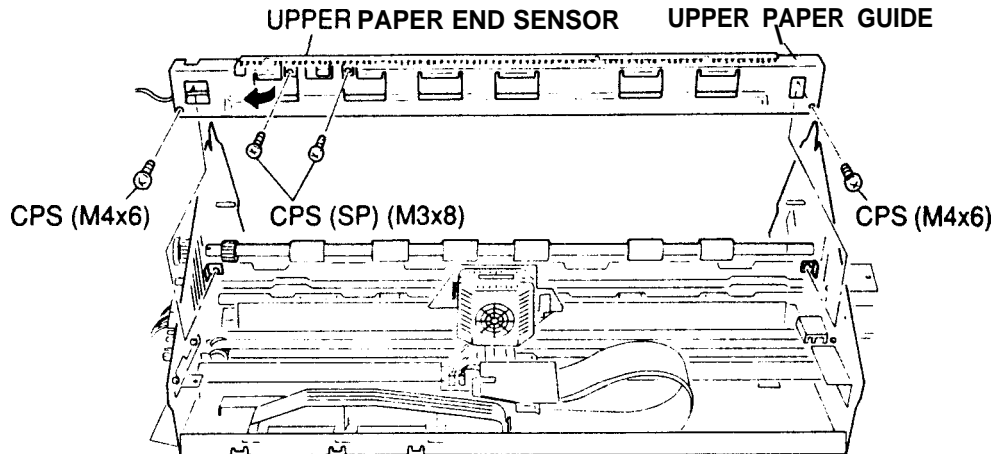


Figure 3-39. Removing the Top PE Sensor

### 3.2.7.7 Removing the Tension Roller Shaft

This section describes how to remove the tension roller shaft. It is easiest to remove the tension roller shaft when the paper bail assembly is removed; however, removing it is not required. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.5 for instructions on how to remove the paper bail assembly.)

1. Remove the **connector** junction board assembly. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.3)
2. While pushing on the tension pulley, remove the **CR timing belt**. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.19)
3. Remove the upper paper guide. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.6)
4. Remove the tension roller gear on the left side of the tension roller shaft by pulling it left and lifting the clip section with tweezers.

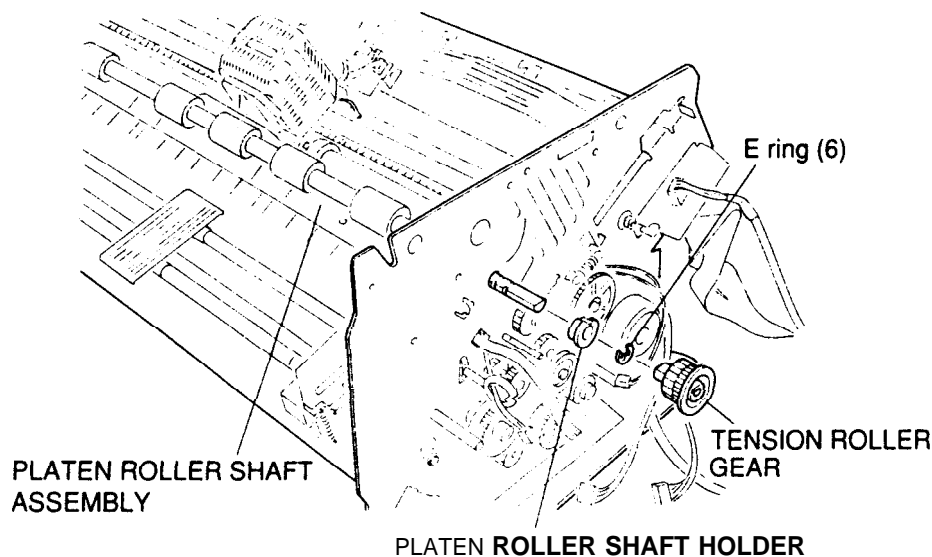
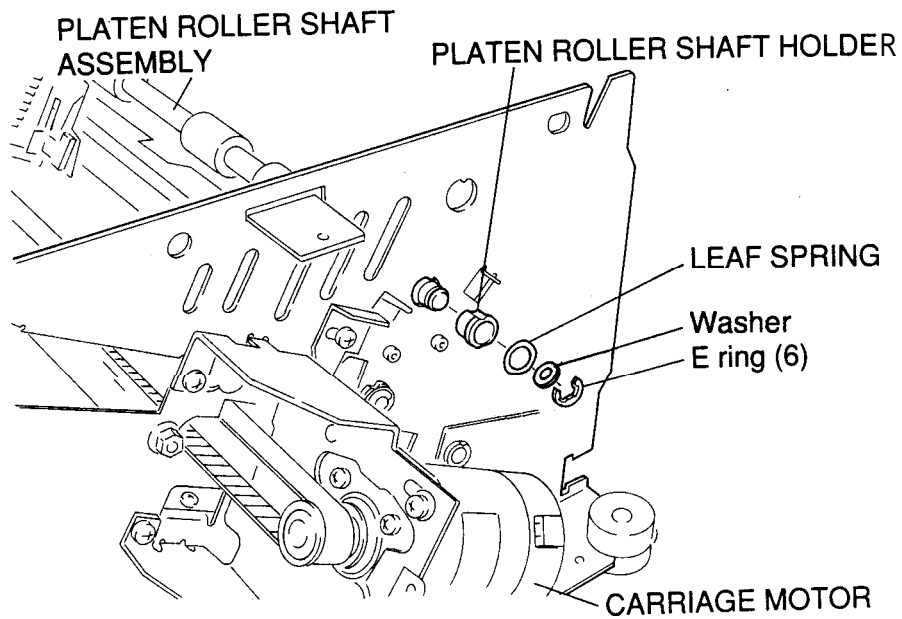


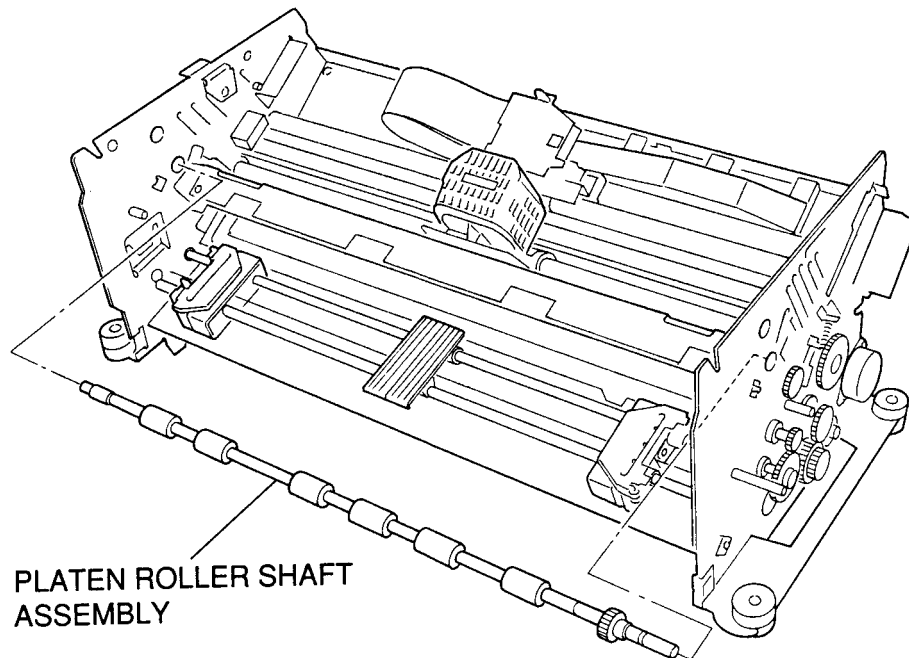
Figure 3-40. Removing the Tension Roller Gear

5. Remove the E-ring on the right side of the tension roller shaft and pull out the platen roller shaft holder with its leaf spring and washer.



**Figure 3-41. Removing the Shaft Holder**

6. Remove the E-ring on the left side of the tension roller shaft and pull out the shaft holder. Then remove the tension roller shaft by pulling it right.



**Figure 3-42. Removing the Tension Roller Shaft**

## 3.2.7.8 Removing the Platen

1. Remove the paper bail assembly. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.5)
2. Remove the upper paper guide. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.6)
3. Remove the 4 hexagon screws securing the platen to both holders. Then remove the platen with the lower paper guide.
4. Slide the notches of the lower paper guide to the right and remove the paper guide from the platen. (The lower paper guide consists of three parts.)

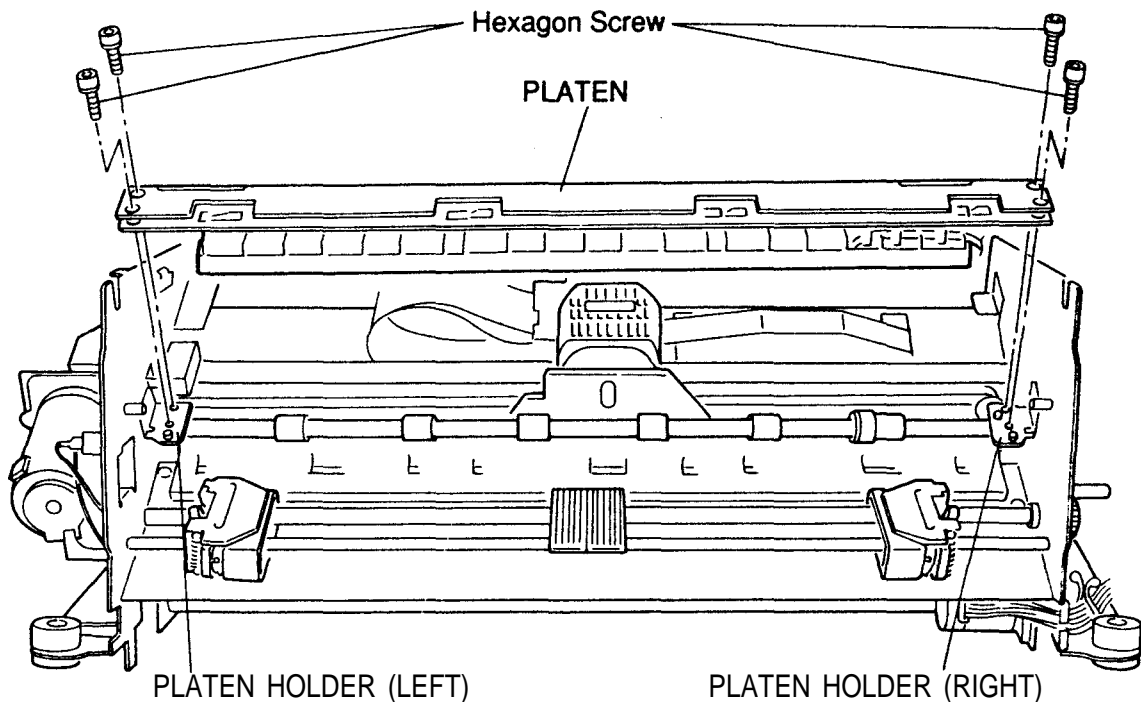


Figure 3-43. Removing the Platen

**Assembly Note**

*When you attach the lower paper guide to the platen, start with the **left** most part of the paper guide and work toward the right.*

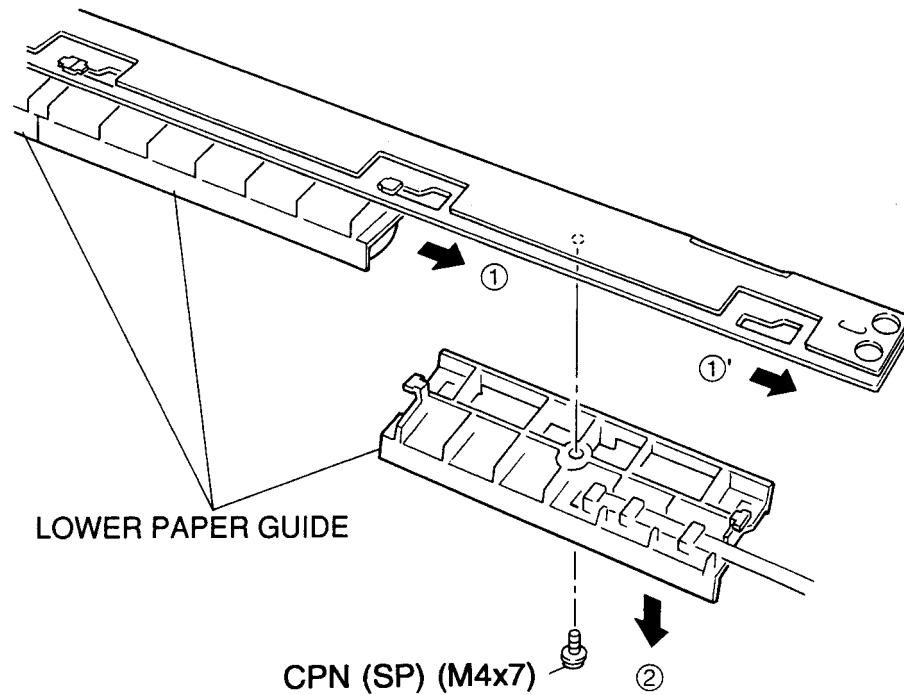
**ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED**

*When you install the platen, perform the following adjustments:*

- Carriage guide shaft parallelism adjustment (described in Section 4.1.5)*
- Platen gap motor value (platen gap) adjustment (described in Section 4.1.7)*
- Platen angle (right angle) adjustment (described in Section 4.1.6)*

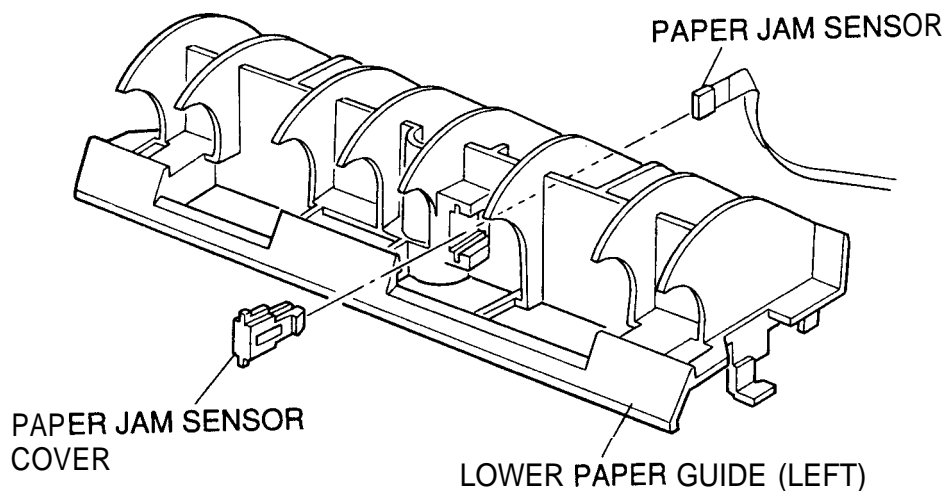
### 3.2.7.9 Removing the Paper Jam Sensor

1. Remove the platen along with the lower paper guide. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.8)
2. Remove the left part of the lower paper guide. (The lower paper guide consists of three parts.)
3. Remove the CPN (SP) (M4 x 7) screw securing the left part of the lower paper guide to the platen.



**Figure 3-44. Removing the Left Part of Lower Paper Guide**

3. Unhook the paper jam sensor (magnetic transistor) cover and remove the cover.
4. Remove the paper jam sensor.



**Figure 3-45. Removing the Paper Jam Sensor**

### Assembly Note

*When you attach the paper jam sensor to the right part of the lower paper guide, make sure it is oriented correctly (front to back).*

### 3.2.7.10 Removing the Pull Tractor Sensor

1. Remove the upper paper guide. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.6)
2. Disconnect the red, 2-pin, pull tractor sensor **connector** from the connector junction board assembly.
3. Remove the CPN (SP) (M2 x 14) screw securing the pull tractor sensor (a micro-switch type sensor) to the left side frame and remove the sensor.

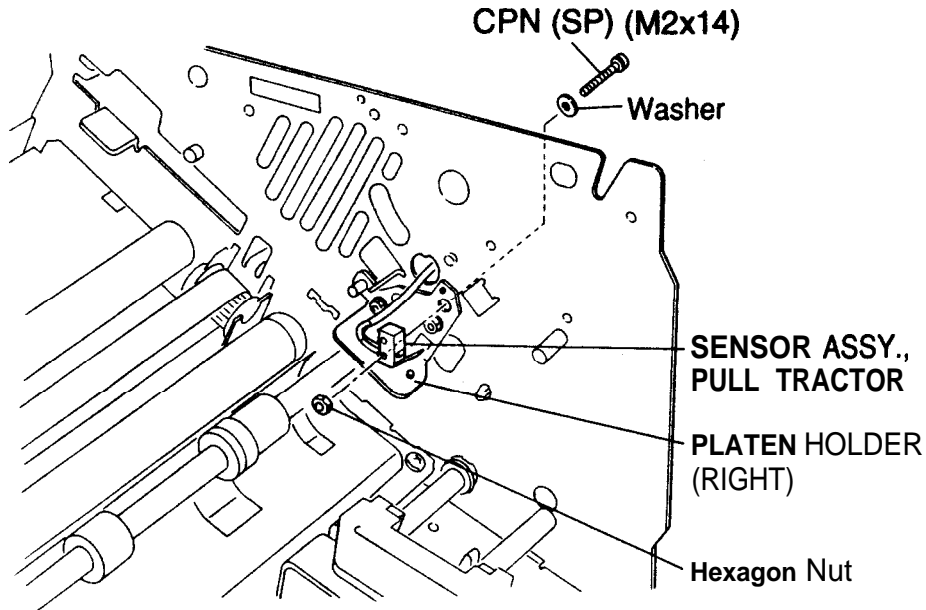


Figure 3-46. Removing the Pull Tractor Sensor

### 3.2.7.11 Removing the Paper Width (PW) Sensor

1. Remove the printhead. (Refer to Section 3.2.1)
2. Remove the CPN (SP) (M2 x 6) screw securing the PW sensor to the **maskless** holder.

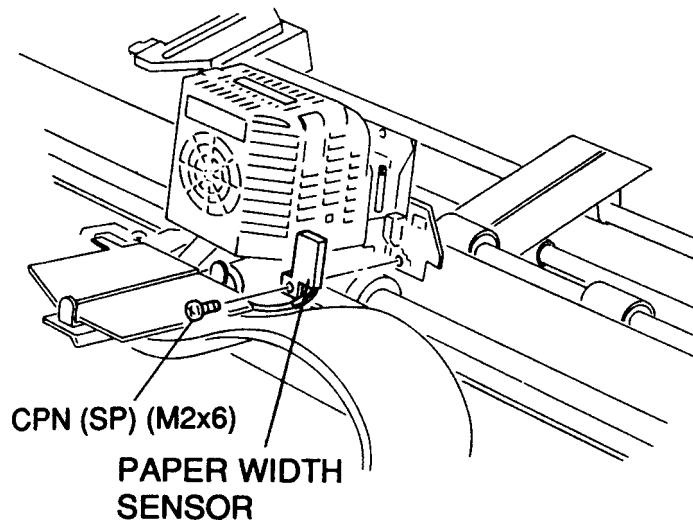
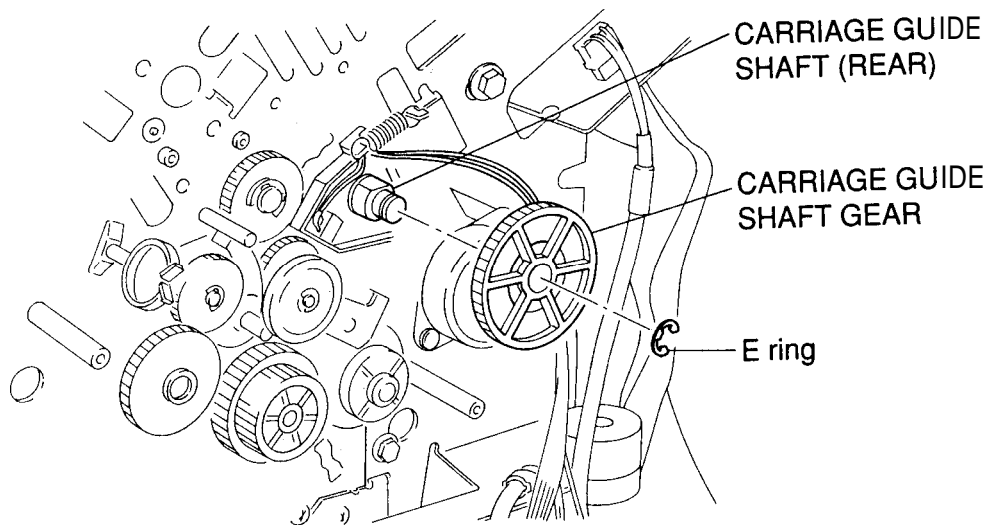


Figure 3-47. Removing the PW Sensor

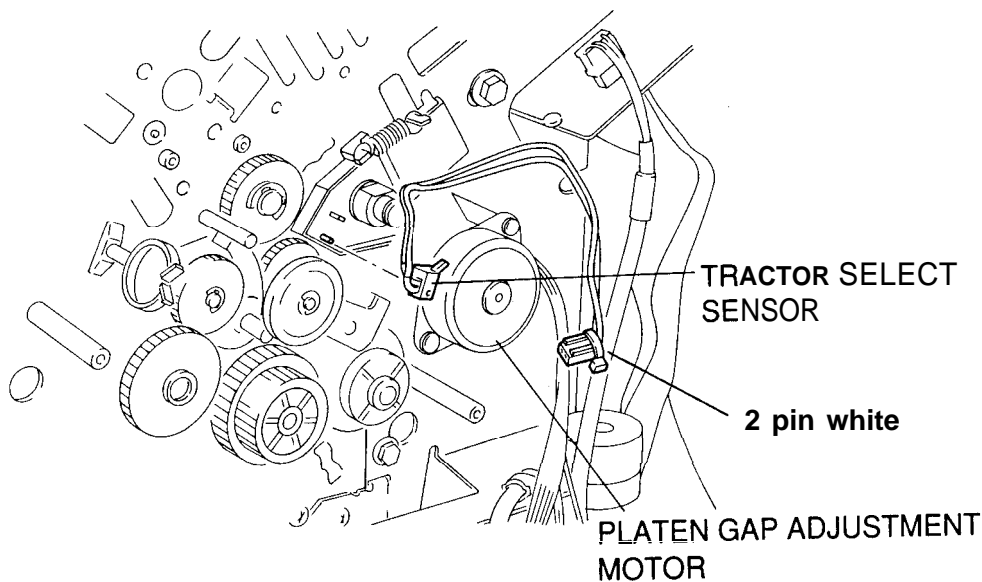
### 3.2.7.12 Removing the PG Home Sensor

1. Remove the front/rear tractor select lever assembly. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.2)
2. Remove the E-ring securing the carriage guide shaft gear to the rear carriage guide shaft.



**Figure 3-48. Removing the Carriage Guide Shaft Gear**

3. Disconnect the white, 2-pin, PG home sensor connector from the connector junction board assembly.
4. Detach the hook securing the PG home sensor and remove the sensor.



**Figure 3-49. Removing the PG Home Sensor**



### 3.2.7.13 Removing the PF Motor

1. Remove the connector junction board assembly. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.3)
2. Remove the 3 CP (PS) (M4 x 8) screws securing the PF motor to the left side frame.
3. Remove the PF motor from the inside of the left side frame.

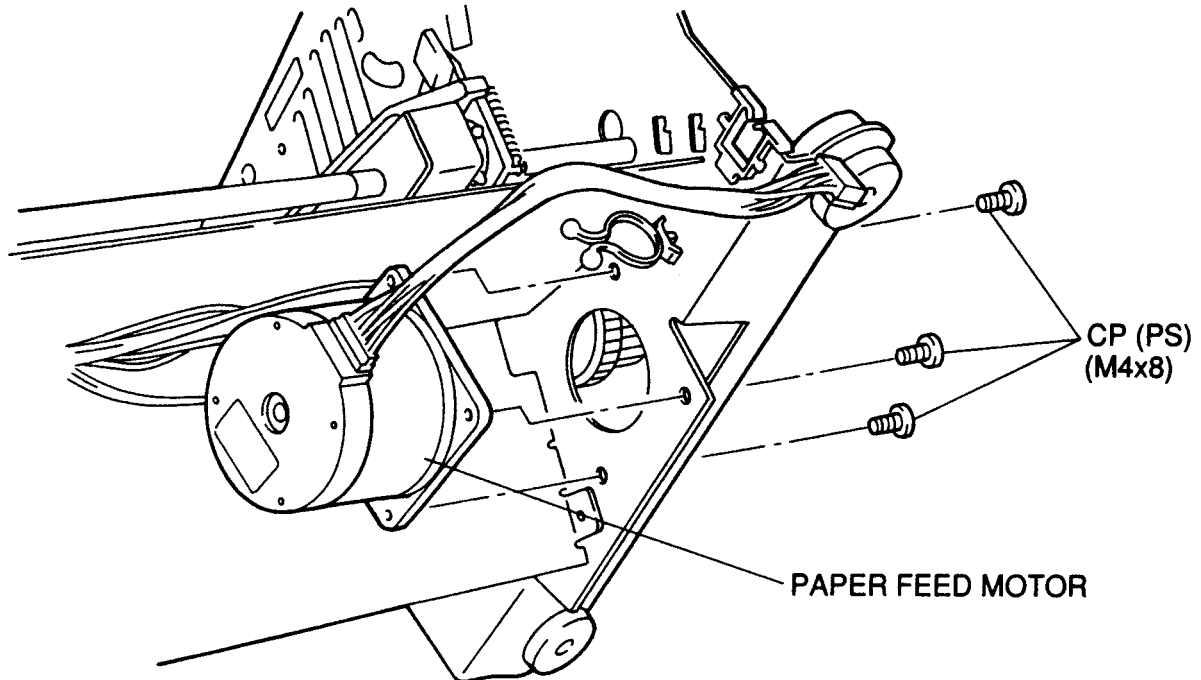


Figure 3-50. Removing the PF Motor

### 3.2.7.14 Removing the Left Side Frame Gears

1. Remove the front/rear tractor select lever assembly. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.2)
2. Remove the connector junction board assembly. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.3)
3. Remove the PG motor. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.4)
4. Remove the series of gears in the order indicated by the numbers in Figure 3-51.

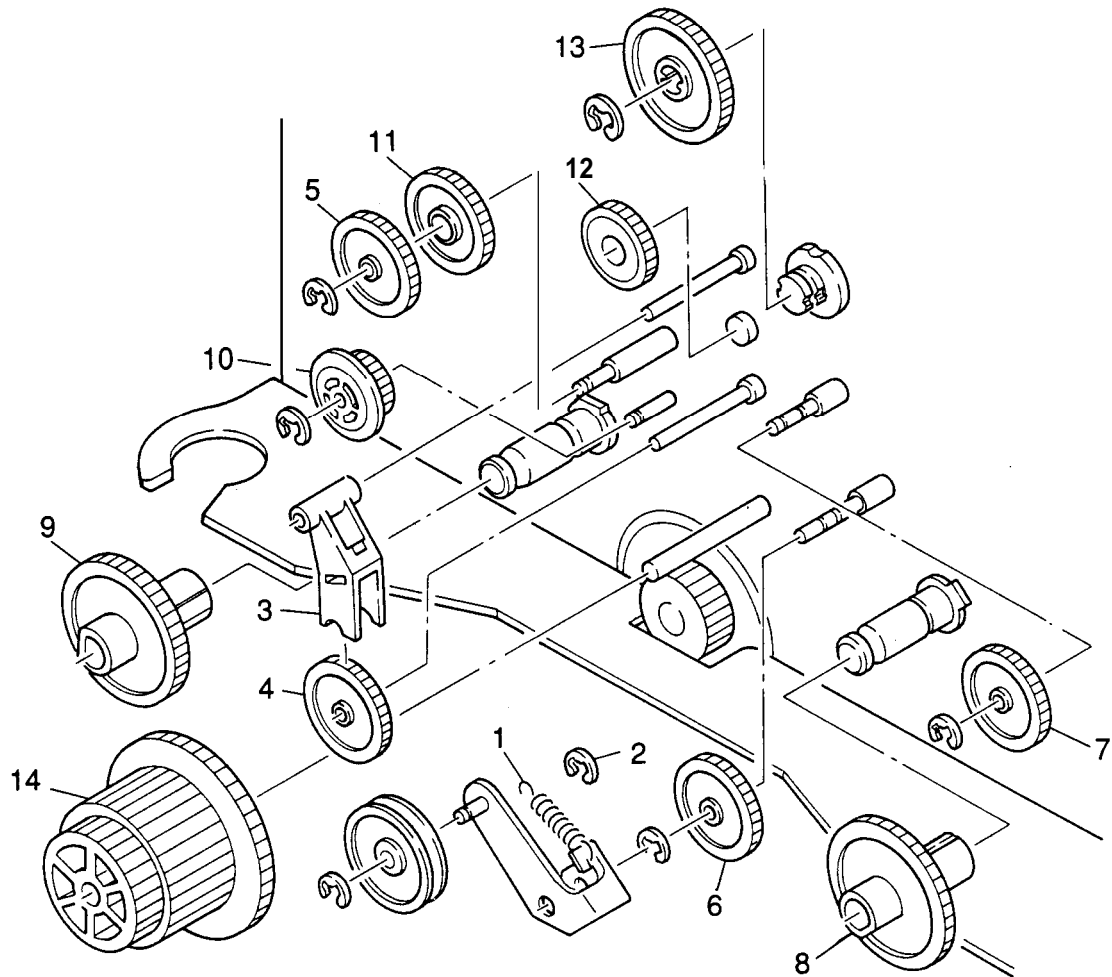


Figure 3-51. Removing the Left Side Frame Gears

### 3.2.7.15 Removing the Front Tractor Assembly

This section describes how to remove the front tractor assembly. You need to remove the front tractor assembly before removing the white, 3-pin, front PE sensor connector from the connector junction board assembly.

1. Remove the connector junction board assembly. (Refer to Section 3.2.73)
2. Loosen the hexagonal nuts securing the shaft at the front of the front tractor assembly to the left and right side frames.
3. After loosening the hexagonal nut on the right side, remove the right tractor wire spring holder set.
4. To release the tractor wire, remove the CPN (M4 x 8) screw securing the left tractor wire spring holder set to the left side frame.
5. Remove the E-ring Securing the shaft at the back of the front tractor assembly to the left side frame.
6. To remove the front tractor assembly, first move it to the left. Remove the right side of the shaft by pulling it forward, and then remove the left side of the shaft.

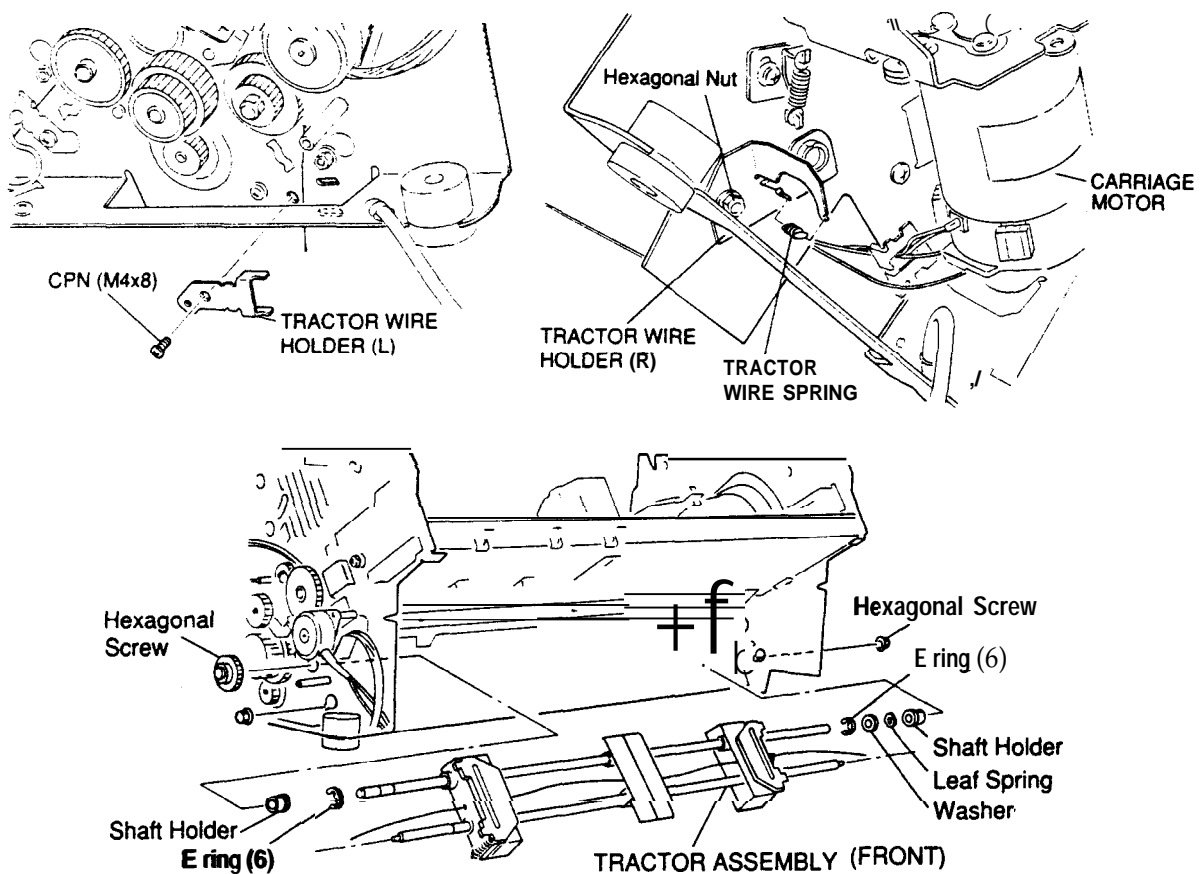


Figure 3-52. Removing the Front Tractor Assembly

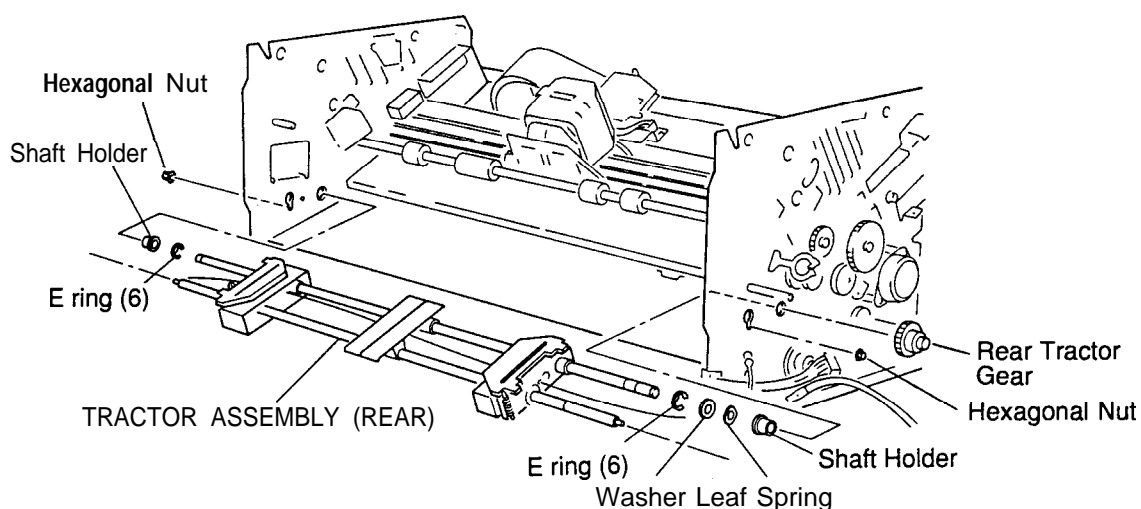
### ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED

When you install the front tractor assembly, perform the tractor wire spring adjustment, as described in Section 4.1.3.

### 3.2.7.16 Removing the Rear Tractor Assembly

This section describes how to remove the rear tractor assembly. You need to remove the rear tractor assembly before removing the black, 3-pin, rear PE sensor connector from the connector junction board assembly.

1. Remove the connector junction board assembly. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.3)
2. Remove the rear tractor gear.
3. Loosen the 2 hexagonal nuts securing the shaft at the front of the rear tractor assembly to the left and right side frames.
4. After loosening the hexagonal nut on the right side, remove the right tractor wire holder.
5. To release the tractor wire, remove the CPN (M4 x 8) screw securing the left tractor wire spring wire set to the left side frame. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.15)
6. Remove the 2 E-rings securing the shaft at the back of the rear tractor assembly to the both sides frame.
7. To remove the rear tractor assembly, first move it to the left. Remove the right side of the shaft by pulling it forward, and then remove the left side of the shaft.



**Figure 3-53. Removing the Rear Tractor Assembly**

### **ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED**

*When you install the rear tractor assembly, perform the tractor wire spring adjustment, as described in Section 4.1.3.*

### 3.2.7.17 Removing the CR Motor

1. Remove the printhead. (Refer to Section 3.2.1)
2. Remove the printer mechanism. (Refer to Section 3.2.6)
3. Remove the CP (PS) (M3 x 6) screw securing the timing belt holder and timing belt.

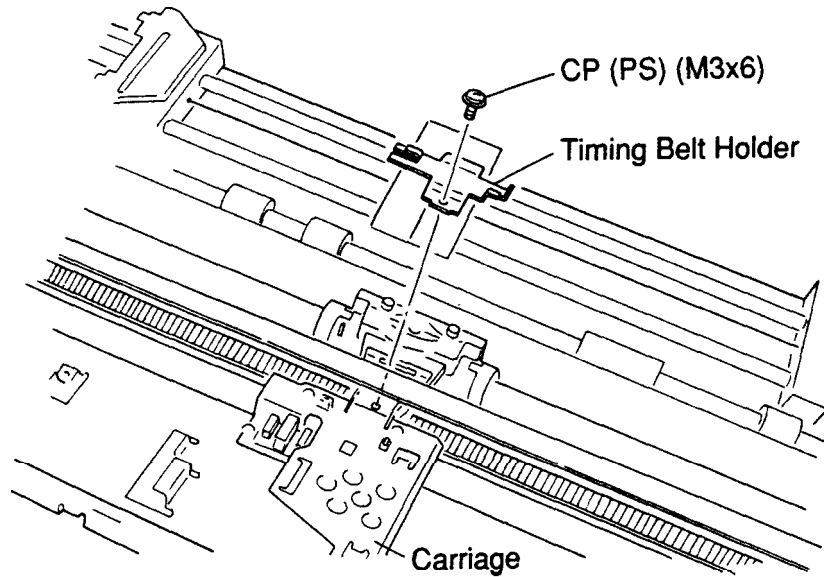


Figure 3-54. Removing the Timing Belt Holder

4. Disconnect the CR motor cable from the white, 2-pin connector on the connector junction board assembly and unhook the CR motor cables at the base frame of the printer mechanism.
5. Remove the 3 CBS (SP) (M4 x 10) screws securing the CR motor to the right side frame and remove the motor.

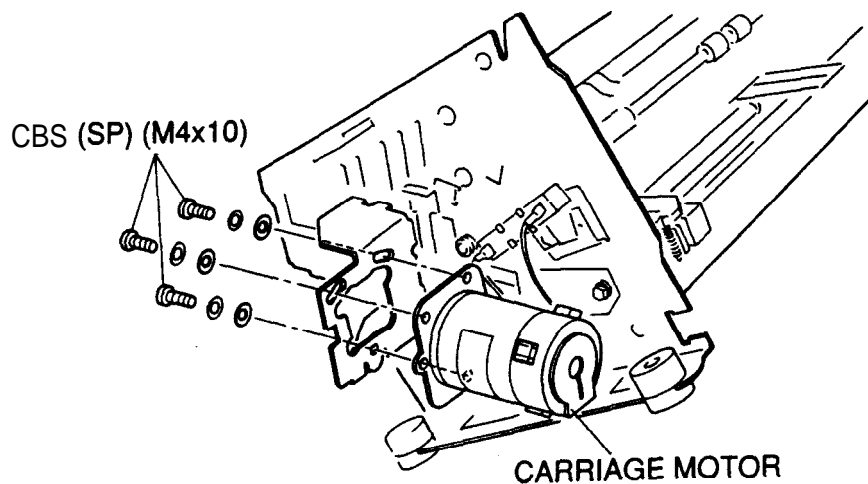


Figure 3-55. Removing the CR Motor

### **ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED**

When you install the CR motor, perform the *carriage timing belt tension adjustment*, as described in Section 4.1.2.  
 When you install the *printhead*, perform the *platen gap motor value (platen gap) adjustment*, as described in Section 4.1.7.

### 3.2.7.18 Removing the CR (Carriage Encoder) Sensor

1. Remove the printhead. (Refer to Section 3.2.1)
2. Disconnect the red, 4-pin, CR sensor connector from the connector junction board assembly.
3. Remove the CPN (M3 x 5) screw securing the CR sensor to the carriage and remove the sensor.

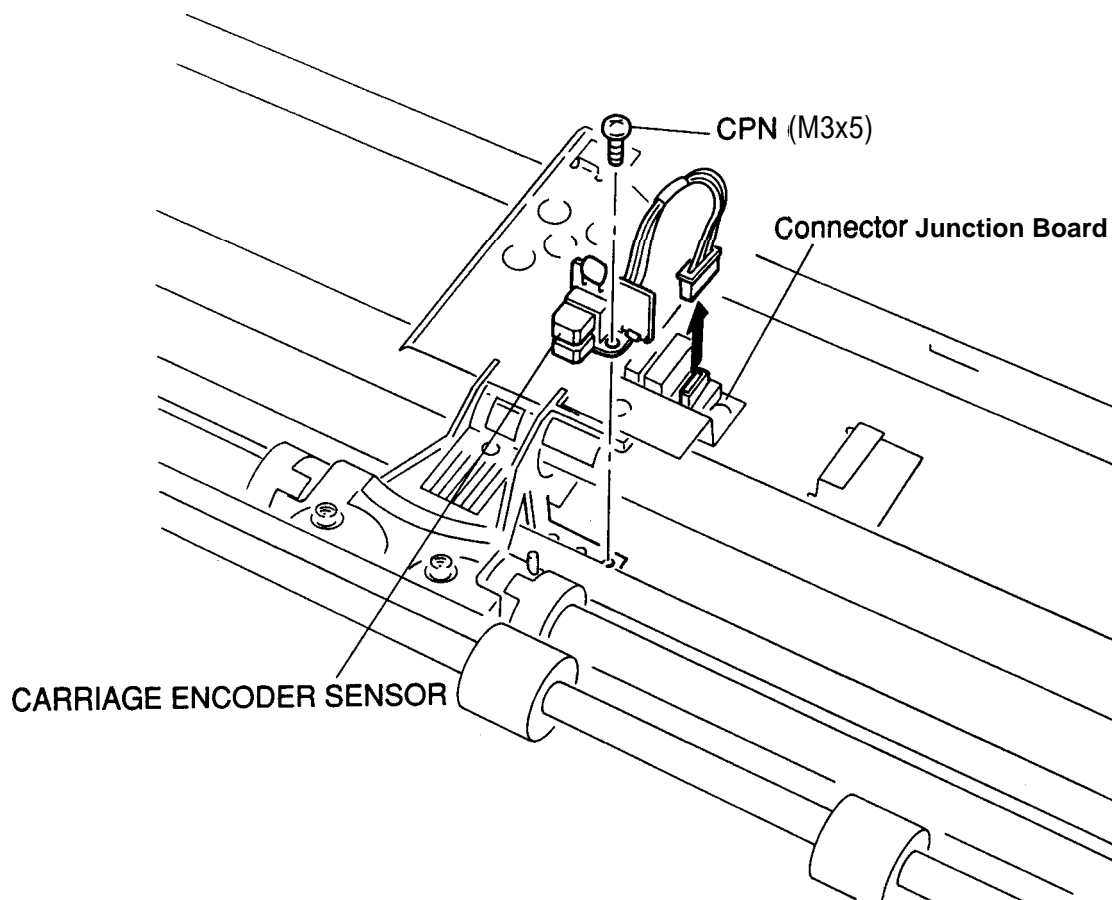


Figure 3-56. Removing the CR Sensor

### 3.2.7.19 Disassembling the Carriage Mechanism

This section describes how to disassemble the carriage **mechanism**, including removing the carriage, CR timing belt, and front and rear carriage guide shafts.

1. Remove the **CR motor**. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.17)
2. Remove the belt pulley from the belt pulley holder.

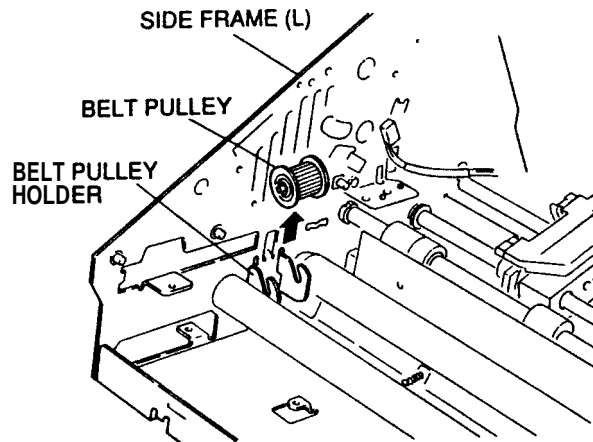


Figure 3-57. Removing the Belt Pulley

3. Unhook the spring securing the encoder belt to the right side frame.
4. Loosen the hexagonal nuts securing the front carriage guide shaft to the left and right side frames. Remove the front carriage guide shaft by pulling it through the hole in the right side frame. (When you remove the front carriage guide shaft, move the carriage to the left side.)
5. On **the** left side frame, remove the E-ring securing the carriage guide shaft gear to the rear carriage guide shaft, then remove the carriage guide shaft gear and paper thickness sensor holder.
6. Remove the **PG motor**. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.4)

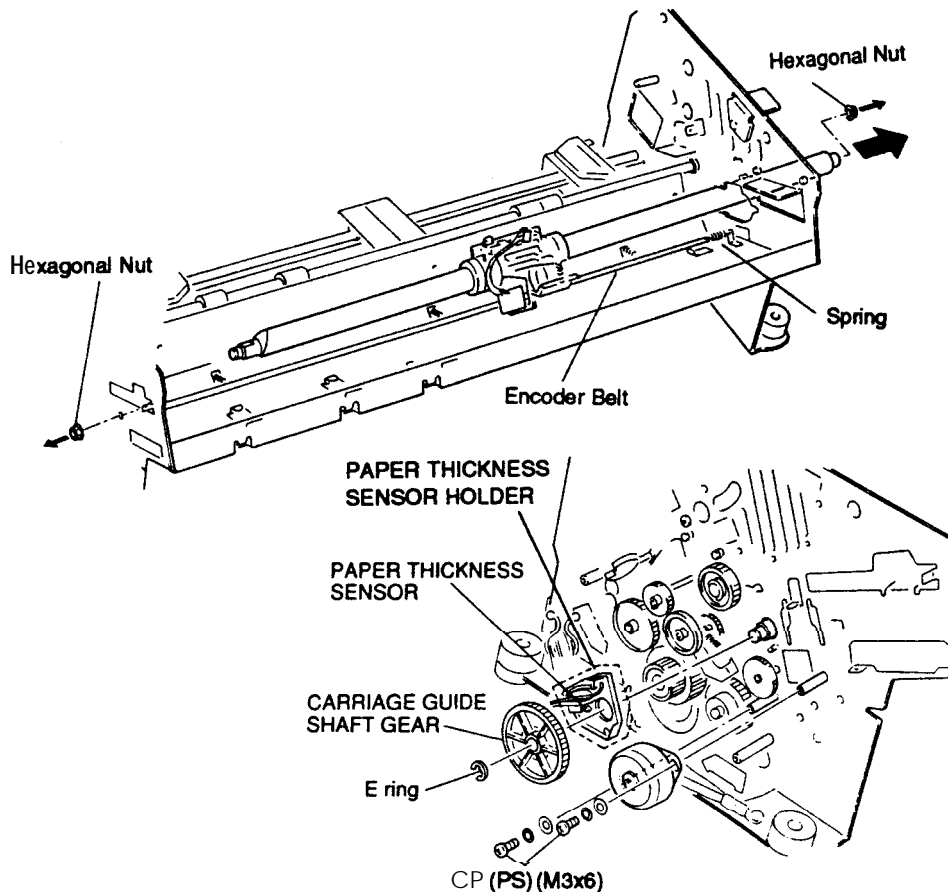
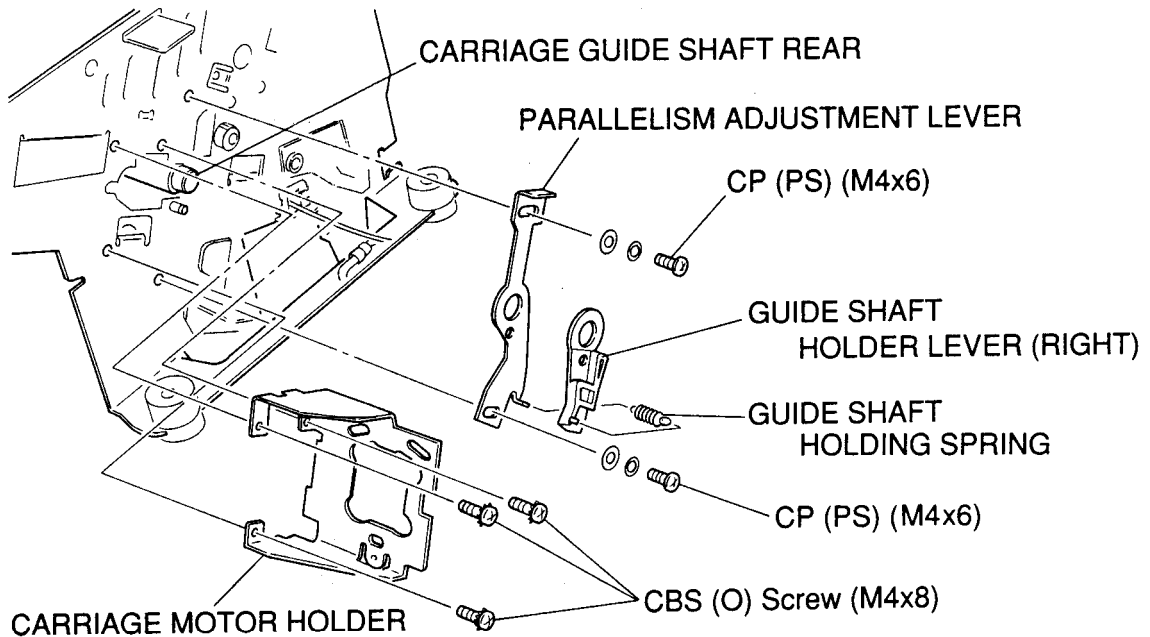


Figure 3-58. Removing the Front Carriage Guide Shaft

7. Remove the carriage damper from the right side frame, and remove the 3 CBS (O) (M4 × 8) screws securing the carriage motor holder to the right side frame.
8. Remove the right guide shaft holder lever.
9. Remove the 2 CP (PS) (M4 × 6) screws securing the rear carriage guide parallelism adjust lever and remove the lever.



**Figure 3-59. Removing the Right Side Frame**

10. Remove the rear carriage guide shaft with the carriage base from the right side frame.

### **Assembly Note**

*When you install the front carriage guide shaft, tighten the screws while pushing the shaft toward the platen.*

### **ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED**

*When you assemble the carriage mechanism, perform the following adjustments:*

- Carriage timing belt tension adjustment (described in Section 4.1.2)
- Carriage guide shaft parallelism adjustment (described in Section 4.1.5)
- Platen gap motor value (platen gap) adjustment (described in Section 4.1.7)
- Bidirectional printing adjustment (described in Section 4.1.8)



### 3.2.7.20 Removing the Paper Guide Support Plate

1. Disassemble the carriage mechanism and remove all the parts related to the carriage. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.19)
2. Referring to the exploded diagram in the Appendix, remove the paper guide support plate.

#### **ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED**

*When you install the paper guide support plate, perform the following adjustments:*

- Carriage timing belt tension adjustment (described in Section 4.1.2)*
- Carriage guide shaft parallelism adjustment (described in Section 4.1.5)*
- Platen gap motor value (platen gap) adjustment (described in Section 4.1.7)*
- Bidirectional printing adjustment (described in Section 4.1.8)*

### 3.2.7.21 Removing the Platen Roller

1. Remove the platen. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.8)
2. Remove the CRmotor. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.17)
3. Remove the left side frame gears. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.14)
4. Referring to the exploded diagram in the Appendix, remove the platen roller.

#### **ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED**

*When you install the platen roller, perform the following adjustments:*

- Carriage timing belt tension adjustment (described in Section 4.1.2)*
- Carriage guide shaft parallelism adjustment (described in Section 4.1.5)*
- Platen gap motor value (platen gap) adjustment (described in Section 4.1.7)*
- Bidirectional printing adjustment (described in Section 4.1.8)*

# CHAPTER 4 Adjustments

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## 4.1 PRINTER MECHANISM ADJUSTMENTS

This section describes the printer mechanism adjustments for the DFX-5000+. Whenever the printer is disassembled and the printer parts mentioned in this section are replaced or repaired, perform the appropriate adjustments to ensure proper printer operation. Perform adjustments before assembling the printer.

### 4.1.1 PG Motor Backlash Adjustment

In the PG motor backlash adjustment, the PG motor pinion gear must mesh smoothly with the carriage guide shaft gear cog. If the pinion gear is poorly aligned or the pinion gear and cog are too tight, printer operation is noisy or the character density is incorrect.

1. Loosen the 2 screws securing the PG motor to the left side frame. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.4)
2. Make sure the PG motor pinion gear is properly aligned with the carriage guide shaft gear cog. Move the PG motor until there is 0.05 to 0.15 mm (0.002 to 0.01 inches) between the PG motor pinion gear and carriage guide shaft gear cog. Then tighten the 2 screws.

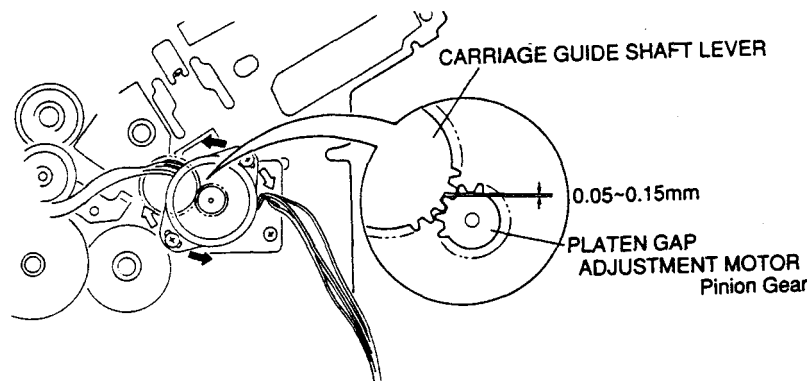


Figure 4-1. Platen Gap Motor Backrash Adjustment

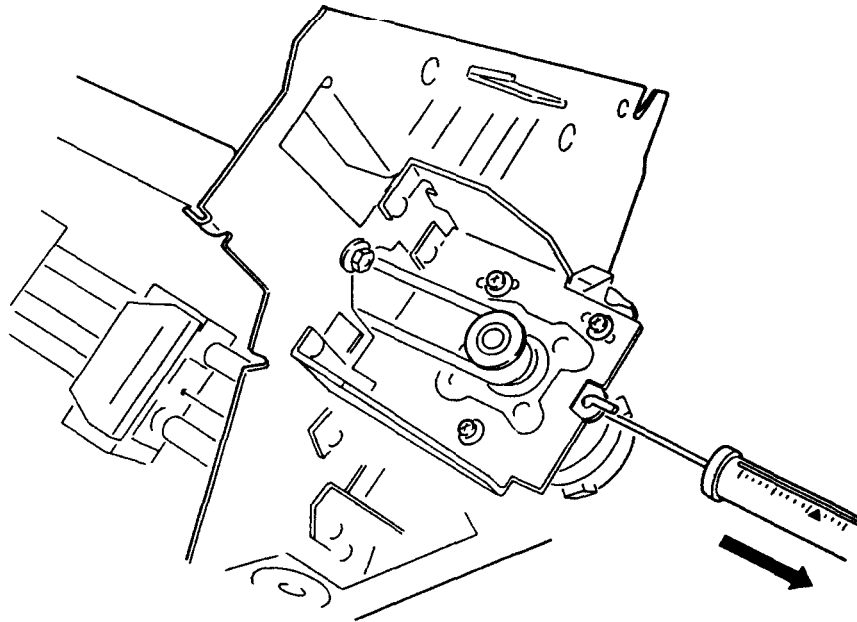
### 4.1.2 Carriage Timing Belt Tension Adjustment

The CR motor timing belt tension must be adjusted when any carriage mechanism part (such as the CR motor, belt pulley, or carriage timing belt) is disassembled. Remove the printer mechanism before performing this adjustment. (Refer to Section 3.2.6)

#### **WARNING**

***Before performing this adjustment, carefully secure the printer mechanism because a 4 kg (8.8 lb) force is applied to it when the tension lever is pulled in the horizontal direction.***

1. Refer to Figure 42 and loosen the 3 tension adjustment screws on the CR motor. (Loosen the screws, but do not remove them.)
2. Confirm that the carriage timing belt is attached properly and that no load is applied to it.
3. Insert the tension gauge hook through the hole in the tension lever. (Refer to Figure 42.)
4. Pull the tension gauge **horizontally** to apply a 4 kg (8.8 lb) force.
5. Move the belt left and right while pulling the tension gauge, and move the motor pulley slightly.
6. Tighten the 3 tension adjustment **screws** and secure them while the 4 kg (8.8 lb) force is applied.
7. Finish tightening the 3 tension adjustment **screws**.



**Figure 4-2. Carriage Timing Belt Tension Adjustment**

### 4.1.3 Tractor Wire Spring Tension Adjustment

This section describes the tractor wire spring tension adjustment. If the spring is not adjusted properly, paper jams may occur, because the continuous paper tension (in the horizontal direction) is incorrect. When you remove the front or rear tractor assembly, perform this adjustment.

1. Remove the printer mechanism. (Refer to Section 3.2.6)
2. Release the release lever for the tractor sprocket.
3. At the right side frame, loosen the **hexagonal** nuts securing the shaft holder of the front or rear tractor assembly. (Refer to Sections 3.2.7.15 and 3.2.7.16)
4. Pull the tractor wire right. When the tractor wire spring tension is correct, the shaft-holder frame and the tip of the gold seal are 5 mm (0.2 inches) apart. (Refer to Figure 4-3)

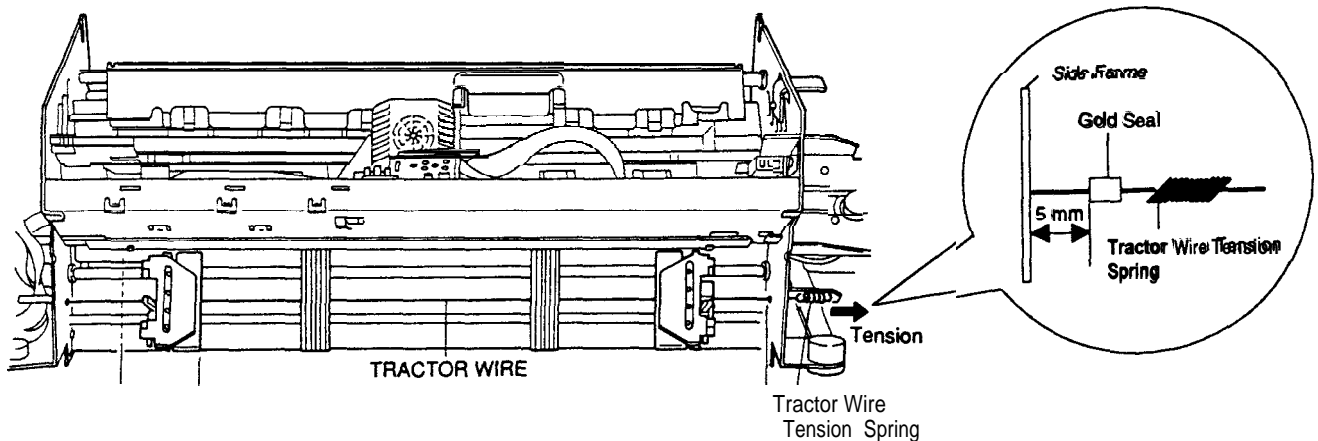


Figure 4-3. Tractor Wire tension Adjustment

### 4.1.4 Pull Tractor Sensor Position Adjustment

This section **describes** the pull tractor sensor position adjustment. If the sensor position is incorrect, the sensor is always on. When you replace or disassemble the platen, rear paper guide, platen roller shaft, tension roller shaft, or pull tractor sensor, perform this adjustment. Figure 4-4 **illustrates** the pull tractor sensor position adjustment.

When you assemble the pull tractor sensor or rear paper guide, check the following items:

- ☐ Verify that the pull tractor sensor lever is touching the rear paper guide frame, but the sensor is off.
- ☐ Make sure the distance between the sensor lever and sensor switch is **approximately 2 mm (.08 inches)**.

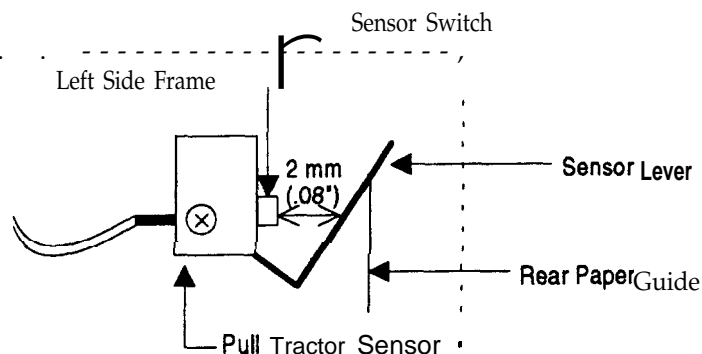


Figure 4-4. Pull Tractor Sensor Position Adjustment

### 4.1.5 Carriage Guide Shaft Parallelism Adjustment

The rear carriage shaft must be parallel to the platen. If it is not, printing maybe abnormal because paper is not fed evenly at the left and right sides of the platen. A paper jam may occur. This adjustment is required when the rear carriage guide shaft is removed during carriage mechanism disassembly, the parallelism adjust lever is **moved, or the platen is removed. Do not remove the printer mechanism** (If remove the printer mechanism from the lower case, the adjust value will **be** out of order when you reassemble the printer mechanism to the lower case.) Also, it is necessary to remove the tension roller shaft before performing this adjustment. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.7.)

#### CAUTION

*The parallelism is adjusted so that the difference between the distances (from the rear carriage guide shaft to the platen measured at the two positions shown in Figure 4-7) is less than 0.01 mm. Since this value is extremely small, you must use the 2 dial gauges, dial gauge base, and dial gauge master supplied by Epson. Do not adjust the parallelism using any other method.*

- ⓘ Dial gauge #F610 (Part No. B1019466)
- Ⓜ Dial gauge base #F611 (Part No. B1019467)
- ⓘ Dial gauge master #F612 (Part No. B1019468)

Before performing the carriage guide shaft parallelism adjustment, you must assemble the 2 dial gauges, dial gauge base, **and** dial gauge master to form one tool. Follow these steps:

1. Loosen a right hexagonal screw, then install a dial gauge to the hole of the dial gauge base, and tighten a hexagonal saw

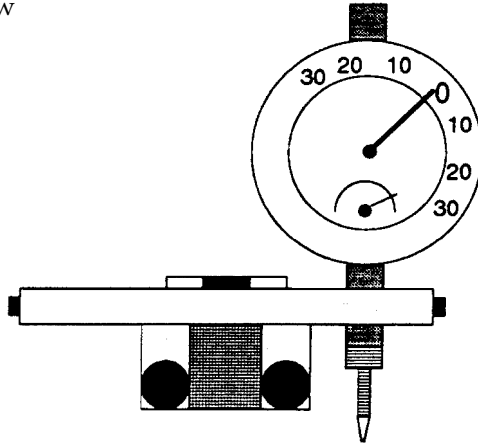


Figure 4-5. Set the Dial Gauge to the Dial Gauge Base

2. Remove a CP(PS)(M3X6) screw securing the timing belt holder to the timing belt, then remove the carriage plate.

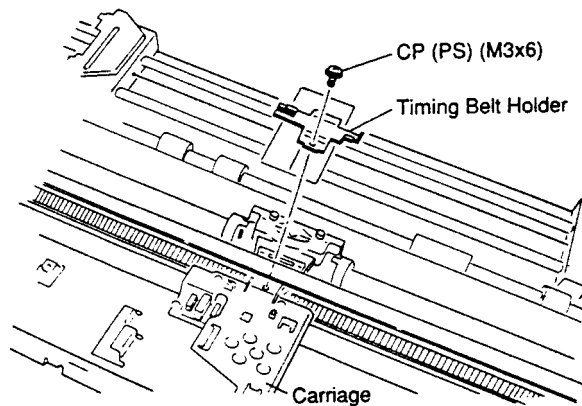


Figure 4-6. Removing the Carriage Plate

3. Remove the paper bail assembly. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.5)
4. Remove the tension roller shaft. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.7)
5. Remove the **printhead** with the **maskless holder**. (Refer to Section 3.2.1)
6. Attach the dial gauge base with the dial gauge in the same way as you attach the print head.  
When you attach this tool to the carriage, tighten the two thumb **screws** while you pulling by the tie band toward you.
7. Using the carriage guide shaft gear, adjust the gauge mounting position so that the tips of the gauges (portions A and B in the Figure 47) are securely attached to the platen.
8. Measure the distance between the platen and the carriage guide shaft on the **left side**. Then measure the distance between the platen and the carriage guide shaft on the right side, and compare these values. (Figure 4-7 shows the measurement position and the parallelism adjust lever operation.)

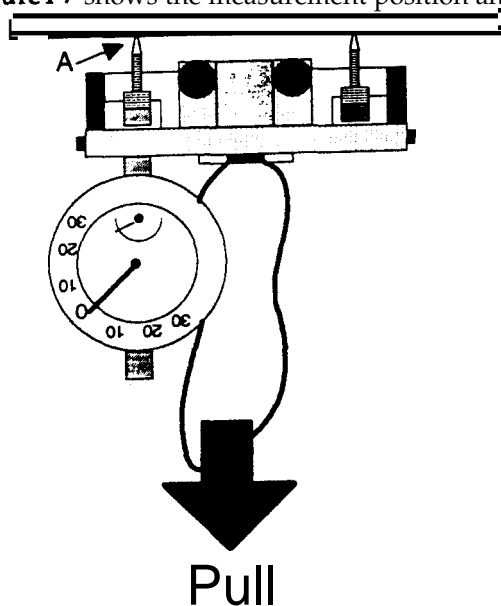


Figure 4-7. Dial Gauge Attachment

**Note:** When you shift the carriage manually, do not touch the both dial gauges. Rotate the carriage motor pulley.

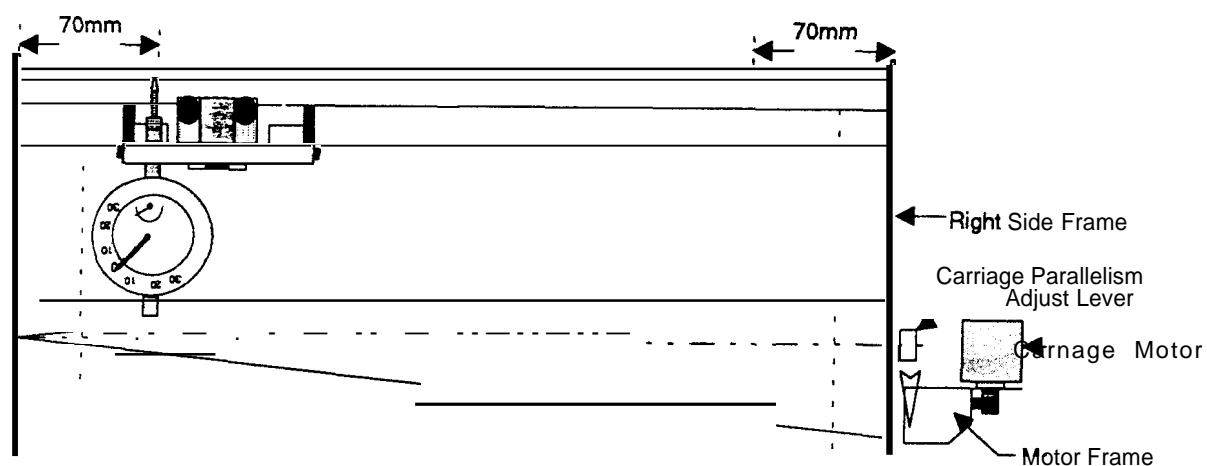
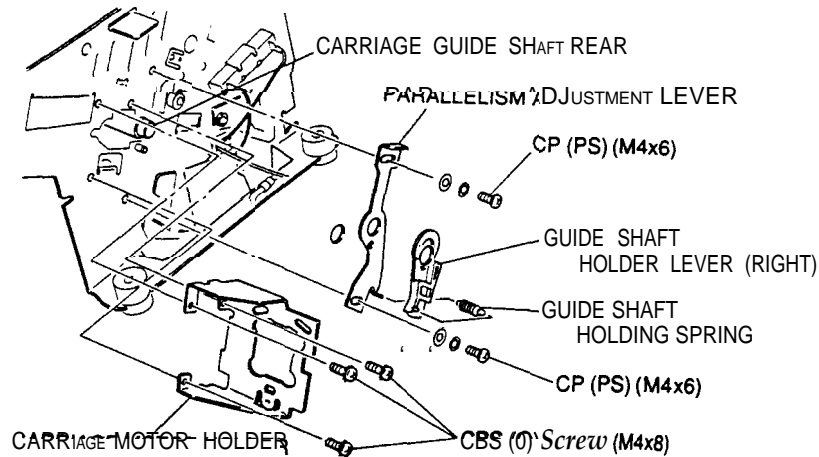


Figure 4-8. Carriage Guide Shaft Parallelism Adjustment

9. If the distance measured at the left side is greater than that measured at the right side, move the parallelism adjust lever in the direction shown by the white arrow in Figure 4-9. If the distance measured at the left side is less than that measured at the right side, move the lever in the direction shown by the black arrow.

Note: The carriage guide shaft moves as shown in Figure 4-8. For example, when the parallelism adjust lever is moved in the direction of the black arrow, the distance between the right side of the platen and printhead nose narrows a little bit.



**Figure 4-9. Parallelism Adjust Lever Operation**

- Note: The carriage guide shaft moves as shown in Figure 4-8. When the parallelism adjust lever is moved **in the** direction of the black arrow, the distance between the right side of the platen and print head **nose** narrows a **little** bit.
10. Repeat step 7 and 8 until **the** distance between the distance measured at the two positions is less than 0.01 mm. (The #F610 dial gauge matches the "10" notches.)
  11. When the distance is **within** the specified range, tighten the two screws securing the parallelism adjust lever. Then measure the distances again, as described in step 8.
  12. If the distance between the measured distances is **within** the specified range, apply **screw** lock to the two screws. (Refer to Section 6.2 for lubrication and adhesive application instructions.)



### 4.1.6 Platen Angle Adjustment (Right Angle)

This section describes the platen angle adjustment. The platen must beat a right (90°) angle to the carriage assembly. This adjustment is required when the platen is removed or replaced or when the 2 hexagonal screws securing the platen to both side frames are loosened. **Do not** remove the printer mechanism from the lower case. (If remove the printer mechanism from the lower case, the adjust value will be out of order when *you* reassemble the printer mechanism to the lower case.) Also, it is necessary to remove the tension roller shaft before performing this adjustment. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.7)

#### CAUTION

*The parallelism is adjusted so that the difference between the distances (from the rear carriage guide shaft to the platen measured at the two positions shown in Figure 4-7) is less than 0.01 mm. Since this value is extremely small, you must use the 2 dial gauges, dial gauge base, and dial gauge master supplied by Epson. Do not adjust the parallelism using any other method.*

- ❑ Dial gauge #F610 (Part No. B1019466)
- ❑ Dial gauge base #F611 (Part No. B1019467)
- ❑ Dial gauge master #F612 (Part No. B1019468)

1. Temporarily attach the two thumb screws for the dial gauge base to the dial gauge master, but do not secure them completely.

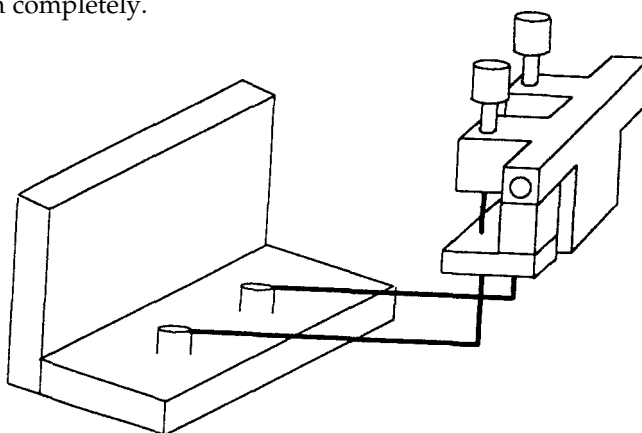


Figure 4-10. Set Up the Dial Gauge (1)

2. Attach a dial gauge **needle** to the surface of the dial gauge master, then tighten the hexagonal screw securing the dial **gauge to the** dial gauge base. (Do not attach the dial gauge needle completely.)

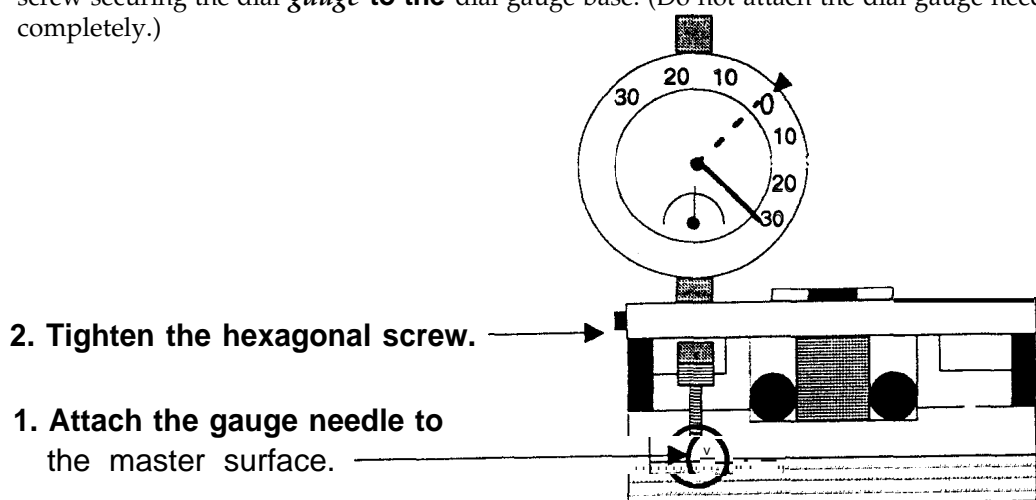
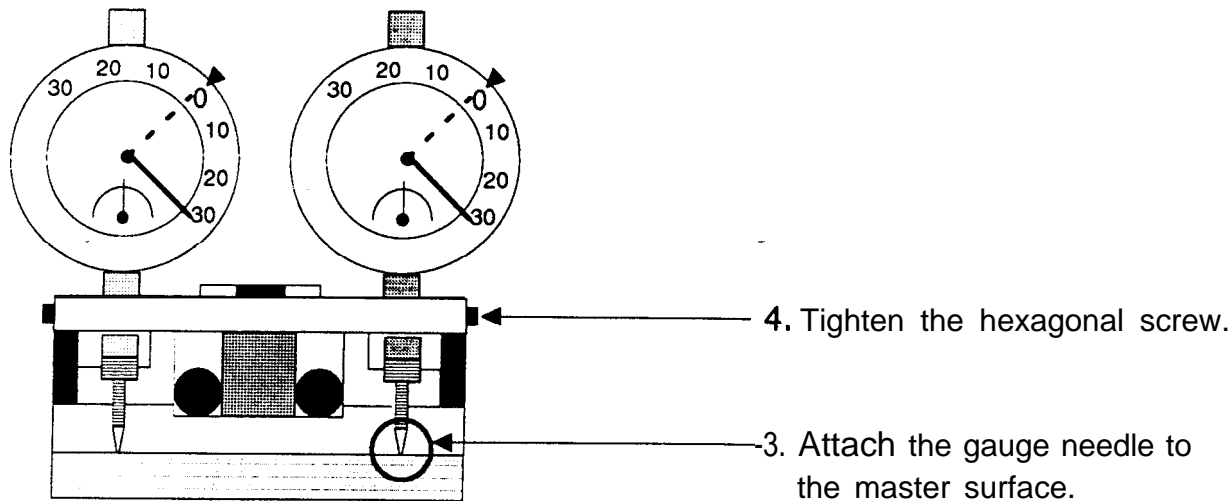


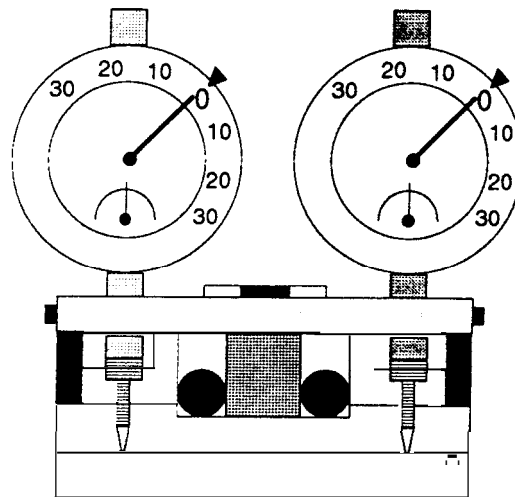
Figure 4-11. Set Up the Dial Gauge (2)

- Attach the another needle to the master surface, then correspond to the another gauge measure, and tighten the hexagonal screw.



**Figure 4-12. Attaching the Another Dial Gauge**

- To eliminate any play between the dial gauge base and the dial gauge master, pull the tie band to secure the dial gauge base and the dial gauge master before you securing the thumb screws. (Do procedure with two men.)
- Then set the black marker to the "O" position.



**Figure 4-13. Setting the Black Marker to "O" Position**

6. Remove a CP(PS)(M3X6) screw securing the timing belt holder and timing **belt**, then remove the carriage plate. (Refer to Figure 4-2.)
7. Remove the paper bail assembly.(Refer to Section 3.2.7.5.)
8. Remove the tension roller shaft. (Refer to Section 3.2.7.7.)
9. Remove the pull tractor **sensor**.(Refer to Section 3.2.7.10.)
10. Loosen (but do not remove) the two hexagonal screws securing the platen stay to both side frames.

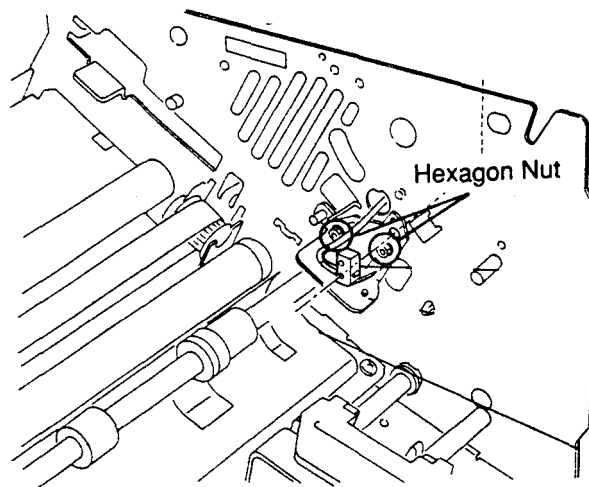


Figure 4-14. Loosen the 2 Hexagonal Screws

11. Remove the print head with the **maskless** holder, as described in section 3.2.1. Then attach the dial gauge base with two dial gauges in the same way as you attach the print **head**.(When you attach the dial gauge base to the carriage, secure two thumbscrews while you pulling the tie band forward you to hold the **tool** securely.)
12. Using the platen gap drive gear, attach the both dial gauge needles to the platen **surface**.(Do not attach completely.)

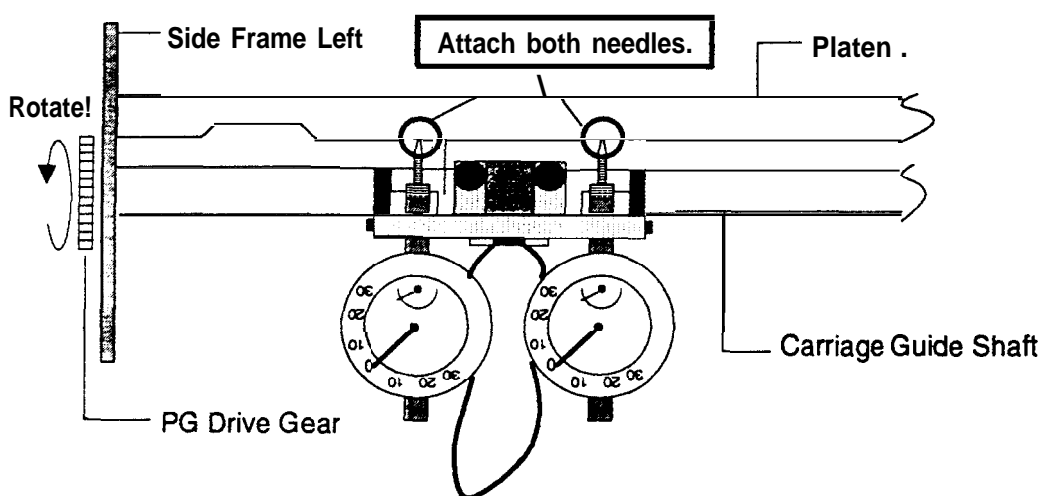


Figure 4-15. Attaching two needles to the Platen Surface

13. Reset the black marker to the "O" position.
14. Measure the angle difference about three position such as figure below. (Using the carriage motor pully to move the carriage with the dial gauge toward the right side.)

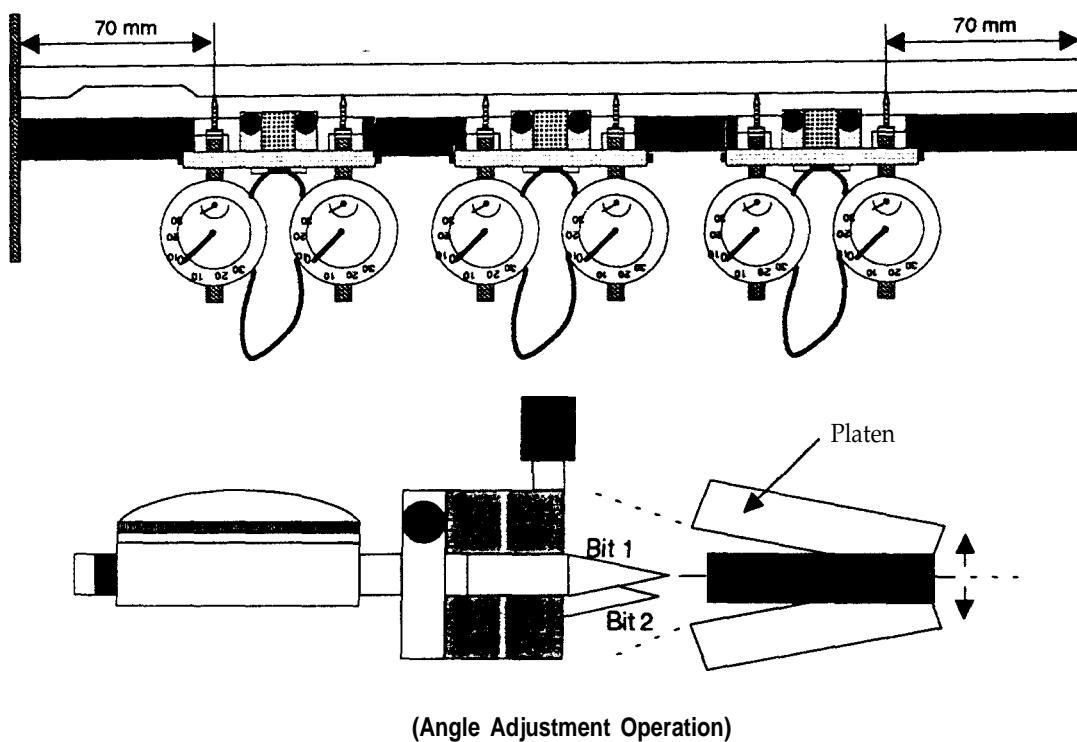


Figure 4-16. Measuring the Angle Difference

15. If the angle difference of two values are more than  $\pm 0.015$  mm, loosen (but do not remove) the two hexagonal screws securing the platen stay to both side frames, then change the platen angle manually.)
16. Tighten two hexagonal screws securing the platen stay to both side frames.

### WARNING

*After perform the adjustment, confirm the value of platen parallelism again. When this value is out of order, readjust the platen parallelism and the platen angle adjustment until the value to be correct.*

### 4.1.7 Platen Gap Motor Value Adjustment

This section describes how to measure the parameter (ALPHA, BETA, GAMMA value) for the PG mechanism unit. Since the ALPHA and BETA value are unique to each mechanism unit, it is written on the label as shown in Figure 4-9, so that it can be **confirmed** at gance. Be sure to perform this measurement and correct the value written on the **label** because the value is necessary when the other units (board, **printhead**) are changed (when **BI-DIRECTIONAL PRINTING ALIGNMENT** (section 4.1.8) is executed).

**Note:** The GAMMA value means the paper thickness parameter. DFX-5000+ has 4 tables in all from parameter 0 to parameter-3.-The default setting value is parameter 1, and it may be changed this parameter that there is just reason for it. --

### WARNING

- ❑ This measurement is important because it determines the **platen gap**, so be sure to use the exclusive thickness gauge set and tension gauge supplied by EPSON.  
 Thickness gauge set (0.39 mm): #F616 (Part No. B102O472W)  
 Tension gauge (200 g): #F545 (Part No. B765114601)
- ❑ Do not turn the printer off during adjustment.  
 When adjusting the platen gap to narrower or wider using the MICRO FEED(A) and micro feed (v) switches, be sure to adjust the gap by 1 step at a time, and using the TEAR OFF and MICRO FEED (A) or (v) switches simultaneously, be sure to adjust the gap by 10 step at a time.
- ❑ When install the parameter into the EEPROM, it is necessary to perform the reset operation by pressing the TEAR OFF and MICRO FEED (v) switches at same time.
- ❑ After perform this adjustment, perform the Bi-Directional adjustment as explained in section 4.1.8.

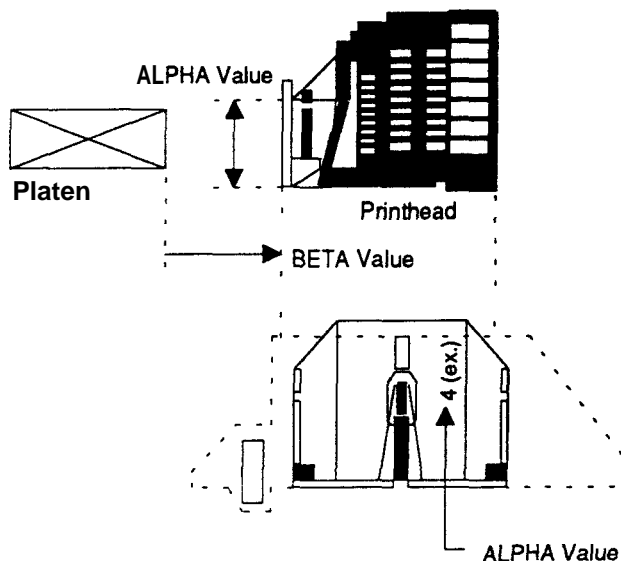
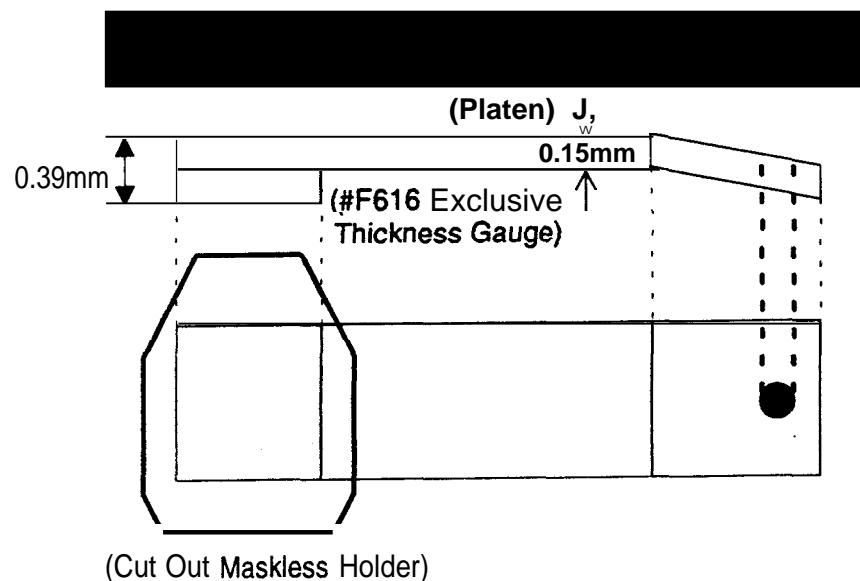


Figure 4-17. ALPHA and BETA Value

1. Remove the ribbon cartridge, and the paper from the printer. Then remove the **print** head for confirm the ALPHA value written on the print head surface. After you confirm the ALPHA value remount the print head.
2. Close the top cover.
3. Turn the printer on while pressing the TEAR OFF, MICRO FEED (v), and FRONT/REAR switches. (At this time the buzzer beeps the 2 sounds, and the carriage moves to the 15 column position automatically, and then the adjustment state shifts to the ALPHA value adjustment state.
4. Reset the ALPHA value by pressing the TEAR OFF and MICRO FEED (v) switches simultaneously. (At this time, the buzzer beeps the 2 sounds.)
5. Write the ALPHA value written on the **printhead** into the memory.
  - Press the MICRO FEED (A) switch to increment value by +1.
  - Press the MICRO FEED (v) switch to decrement the value by -1.
6. Confirm the ALPHA value written to the memory by pressing the LF/FF switch. (The buzzer beeps each time the MICRO FEED switch is pressed, and if the value incorrect, **return** to Step 5.)
7. After writing the ALPHA value in the memory, press the PAUSE switch. (At this time, the adjustment state shifts to the BETA value adjustment. ) Remove the ribbon cartridge.
8. Reset the BETA value pressing the TEAR OFF and MICRO FEED (v) switches simultaneously. (At this time, the buzzer beeps the 2 sounds.)
9. Open the top cover and inset the **#F616** exclusive thickness gauge into the space between the **maskless** holder and the **printhead** nose. (At this time, Never move the pnnthead. If done it, return to Step 3.)



**Figure 4-18. Thickness Gauge Setting Method**

10. Hold the thickness gauge gradually with the **printhead** nose by pressing the MICRO FEED(A) switch. (At this time the value can be decreased by pressing the MICRO FEED(v) switch. )
11. Contact the tension gauge to the **hole** of the thickness gauge and **pull** it straight to the right. (Refer to Figure 4-19.)

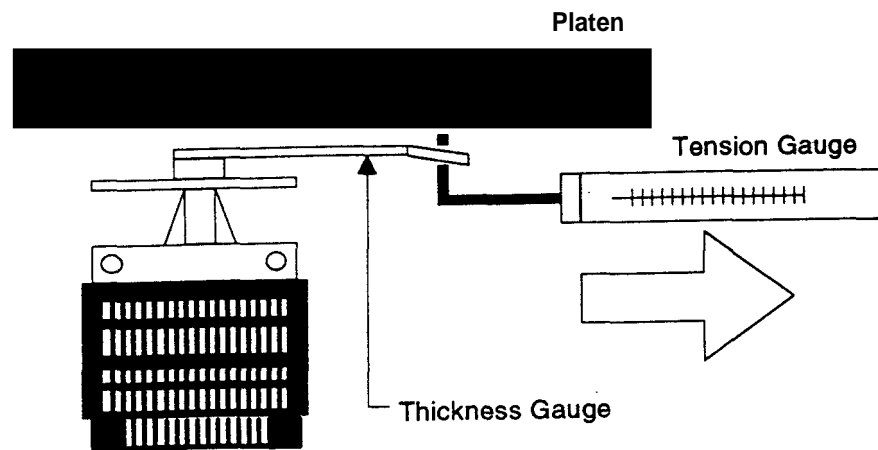


Figure 4-19. Pulling the Thickness Gauge

12. Set the BETA value when the tension gauge indicates the 150gf, the tension gauge can move to right in a degree.(Refer to under CAUTION.)
13. After complete this adjustment, turn the printer off, and rotate the PG drive gear manually toward you and remove the thickness gauge.

### CAUTION

- *When remove the thickness gauge forcibly without using the PG drive gear, the maskless holder will be damaged. Therefore, after adjust the BETA value, never fail to perform Step 13 before turn off the printer.*
- *If the ROM version is younger than D, it is necessary to add one step (advance) after set the BETA value. If the ROM version is older than E, it is not necessary to add one step.*

#### 4.1.8 Bi-Directional Printing Adjustment

The purpose of this adjustment is to correct the printer mechanism parameters which control bidirectional printing. Be sure to perform this adjustment when required. If this adjustment is not performed correctly, bidirectional printing may be misaligned, or, in the worst case, the carriage might operate incorrectly.

Before performing this adjustment, be sure to that the following adjustment are completed correctly.

- 4.1.2 Carriage Timing Belt Tension Adjustment
- 4.1.5 Carriage Guide Shaft parallelism Adjustment
- 4.1.6 Platen Angle Adjustment

The parameters to be written to the memory on the C117 Main board in this adjustment are as follows:

- 1) Mechanism platen gap adjustment value (BETA value)
- 2) Head nose platen gap offset value (ALPHA value)
- 3) Paper thickness value (GAMMA value)
- 4) Head flying time adjustment value (FLYING TIME)
- 5) Bi-directional printing alignment value (Bi-D Adjust)

**Note:** Above number 3 is decided by the default setting, and do not change this value in service.

1. Mount the ribbon cartridge.
2. Set the continuous paper to the front tractor and turn the printer on while pressing **the LF/FF, MICRO FEED (A), FRONT/REAR switches.** (At this time, the printer shifts the standby **mode** and the no paper **state.**)
3. Press the **LF/FF** switch to feed the continuous paper.
4. Press the PAUSE switch and then press the **LF/FF** switch to print the current BETA value automatically.
5. Press the PAUSE switch and then press the **LF/FF** switch to print the current ALPHA **value** automatically.
6. Press the PAUSE switch and then press the **LF/FF switch to** print the **current** GAMMA value automatically.

### **WARNING**

- *If the DIP-SW"1-1" is set to the IBM mode (ON), it can not **perform** the **Bi-D** adjustment. Therefore, when you **perform** the **Bi-D** adjustment, set the **DIP-SW"1-1"** to OFF.*
- *When replace the **C117 Main** board, the ALPHA and BETA value is not **written** into the **memory** (In reality, "O" value is installed.) on the Main board. Since this reason, (Since **PG** is too large) it can not print the each current value to the paper. Due to this, Perform the platen gap value adjustment before perform this adjustment.*

7. Press the PAUSE switch and then press the **LF/FF** switch to print the current flying value automatically by NLQ mode. (The **sample** pattern "H" that is **structured** by 4 rows is printed automatically.)
  8. Write the flying **time** value into the memory.
    - Press the MICRO FEED (A) switch to shift an even number toward left.
    - Press the MICRO FEED (V) switch to shift an even number toward right.
  9. Press the PAUSE switch and then press the **LF/FF** switch to print the current flying value automatically by high speed mode.
  10. Write the flying **time** value into the memory.
    - Press the MICRO FEED (A) switch to shift an even number toward left.
    - Press the MICRO FEED (V) switch to shift an even number toward right.
  11. Press the PAUSE switch and then press the **LF/FF** switch to print the current **Bi-D** value automatically by Super Draft mode.
  12. Write the **Bi-D** value into the memory,
    - Press the MICRO FEED (V) switch to shift an even number toward left.
    - Press the **MICRO FEED(A)** switch to shift an even number toward right.
- Note:** **The** bidirectional adjustment must adjust about the five speed modes (Super Draft, Draft, Bit 3, NLQ, HmSKsp modes). After perform Step 12, repeat the adjustment at 4 times (Step 11 to 12) for adjust the rest speed modes.
13. After adjust the all speed **modes**, press the TOP OF FORM switch. (The printer exhausts the paper and control panel prohibits the all switch operation.)
  14. Turn off the printer.



# CHAPTER 5 Troubleshooting

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## 5.1 TROUBLESHOOTING INFORMATION

The information in this chapter makes troubleshooting easier to perform by **listing** various problems that can occur and **providing** possible solutions.

Note: For this **printer**, no special tools are necessary for troubleshooting to the unit level, with the exception of a digital **multimeter**. Some component-level troubleshooting may require an oscilloscope.

### 5.1.1 Error Messages

The DFX-5000+ indicates errors using beeps. Table 5-1 lists and describes the error beep codes.

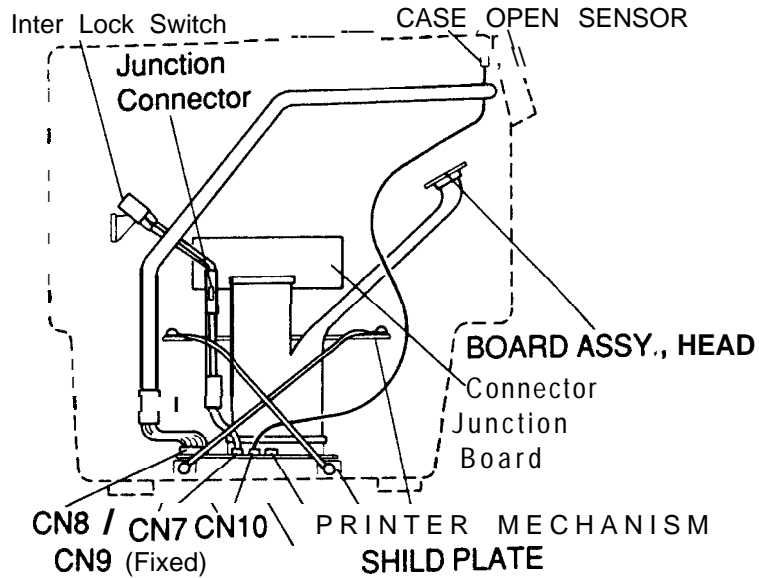
**Table 5-1. Error Codes**

| Beeps  | Error                                    | Cause  |
|--|--|--|
| *<br>(1 beep)  | BEL code (07H)                           | <input type="checkbox"/> The printer receives a BEL command.   |
| *** **<br>(2 sets of 3 beeps)                                      | Carriage trouble                         | <input type="checkbox"/> The carriage is locked.<br><input type="checkbox"/> The isolation resistance in the carriage motor is too low.  |
| • - - - - - • - - - - -<br>(5 sets of 4 beeps)                     | Paper out or paper jam                   | <input type="checkbox"/> The printer runs out of paper during printing or paper feeding.<br><input type="checkbox"/> The printer detects a paper jam.<br><input type="checkbox"/> The front, rear, or top PE sensor is broken. |
| ***<br>(3 beeps)   | Other paper error                        | <input type="checkbox"/> The paper is out at power on.<br><input type="checkbox"/> The printer backs out paper, but the previous print job is not tom off.   |
| * * * * *<br>(5 beeps, with a pause between each beep)             | Abnormal voltage                         | <input type="checkbox"/> The voltage of the CI 17 power supply board assembly is too low.  |
| ** ** ** ** **<br>(5 sets of 2 beeps)                              | Incorrect RAM                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect RAM is detected.  |
| ****<br>(4 beeps)  | Cover open                               | <input type="checkbox"/> The top cover is open.  |
| * * * * * * * * * *<br>(1 0 beeps, with a pause between each beep) | Head driver circuit short                | <input type="checkbox"/> The printhead driver IC is shorted.   |
| ** ** ** * ** * ** **<br>(8 sets of 2 beeps)                       | Head fan circuit short                   | <input type="checkbox"/> The head fan driver IC is shorted.  |
| *****<br>(10 beeps)  | Illegal paper memory setting             | <input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect paper is loaded in printer.   |
| *****<br>(continuous beeps)  | Micro adjustment function limit exceeded | <input type="checkbox"/> A MICRO FEED button is being pressed continuously.  |
| *** • ** **<br>(3 sets of 3 beeps)                                 | Platen gap adjustment trouble            | <input type="checkbox"/> The PG home sensor is broken.<br><input type="checkbox"/> The PG motor is broken.<br><input type="checkbox"/> The parallelism adjustment is incorrect.  |

Note: \*\* indicates a 0.1 second interval.  
\*\* indicates a (.3 second interval.

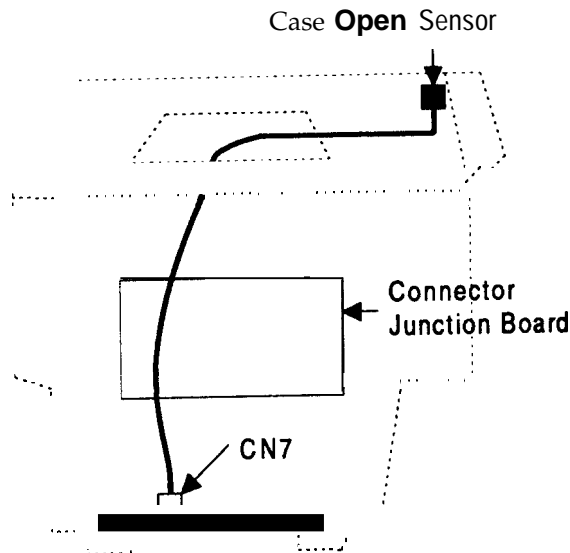
### 5.1.2 Bypassing the Interlock Switch and Cover Open Sensor

To print with the top cover open or removed, you need to bypass the interlock switch and cover open sensor because these sensors **automatically** disable printing when the top cover is open. To bypass the interlock switch, remove the top cover and close the left cover hinge.



**Figure 5-1. Bypassing the Interlock Switch**

To bypass the cover open sensor, remove the left side cover, **disconnect** the cable from connector **CN7** on the C117 MAIN board assembly, and jumper pins 1 and 2 of connector **CN7**.



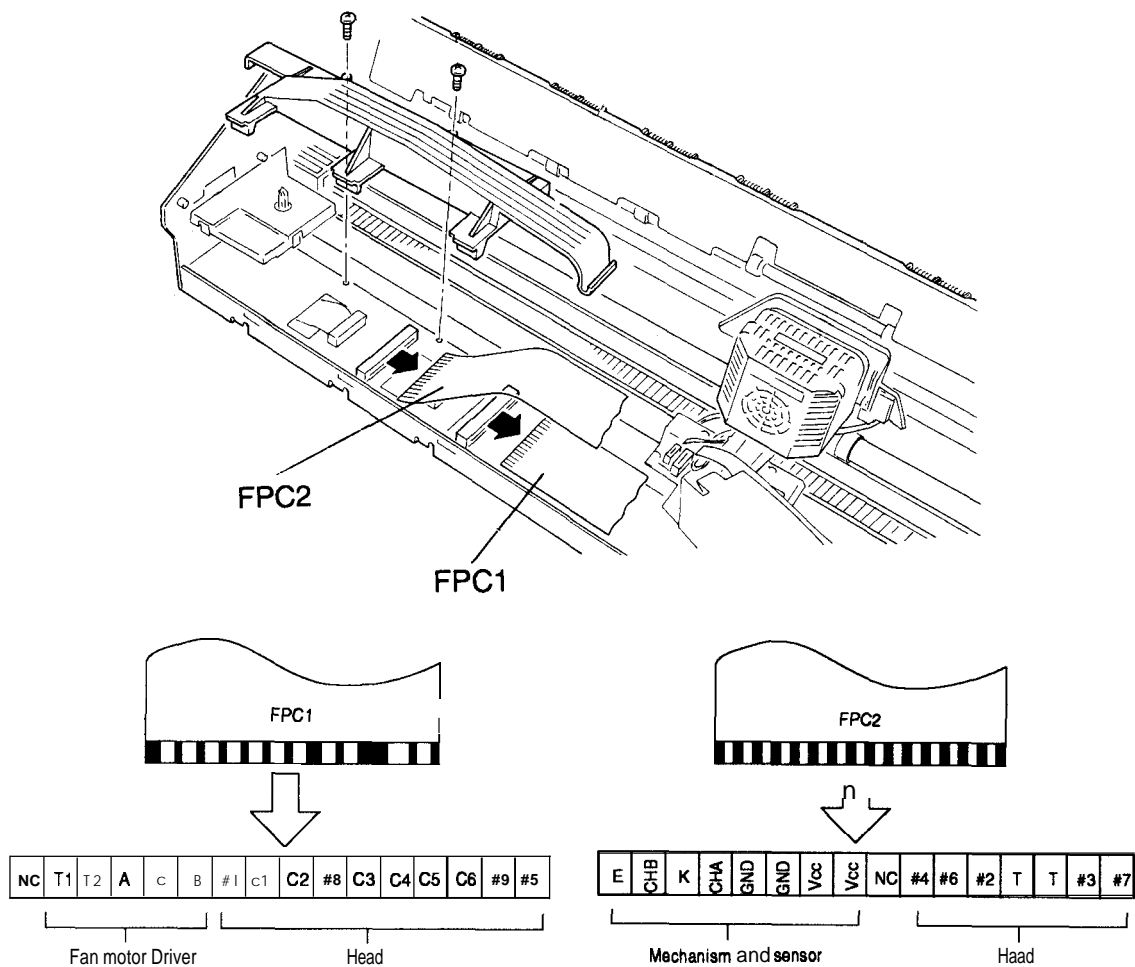
**Figure 5-2. Bypassing the Cover Open Sensor**

### 5.1.3 Coil Resistance

The following table provides the coil resistances for the motor, head fan, plunger, and printhead.

**Table 5-2. Motor, Fan, Plunger, and Printhead Coil Resistances**

| Part      | Coil Resistance                     |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| CR motor  | 6.2 ohms ± 0.45 ohms at 25°C (77°F) |
| PF motor  | 2.85 ohms ± 0.3 ohms at 25°C (77°F) |
| RF motor  | 150 ohms ± 10 ohms at 25°C (77°F)   |
| PG motor  | 250 ohms ± 18 ohms at 25°C (77°F)   |
| Head fan  | 61 ohms ± 4.3 ohms at 25°C (77°F)   |
| Plunger   | 9 ohms ± 0.45 ohms at 25°C (77°F)   |
| Printhead | 8.1 ohms ± 0.8 ohms at 25°C (77°F)  |



Note: #1-#9 Head coil  
 C1, C2 Common - (#2, #4, #6)  
 C3 - C6 Common - (#1, #3, #5, #7, #8, #9)  
 T Thermistor  
 NC Not connection

**Figure 5-3. Printhead Coil Resistance**

## 5.2 REPAIR BY UNIT REPLACEMENT

You can correct most problems by replacing the unit and adjusting the printer when necessary. Refer to Table 5-3, identify the problem, and follow the steps in the flowchart indicated.

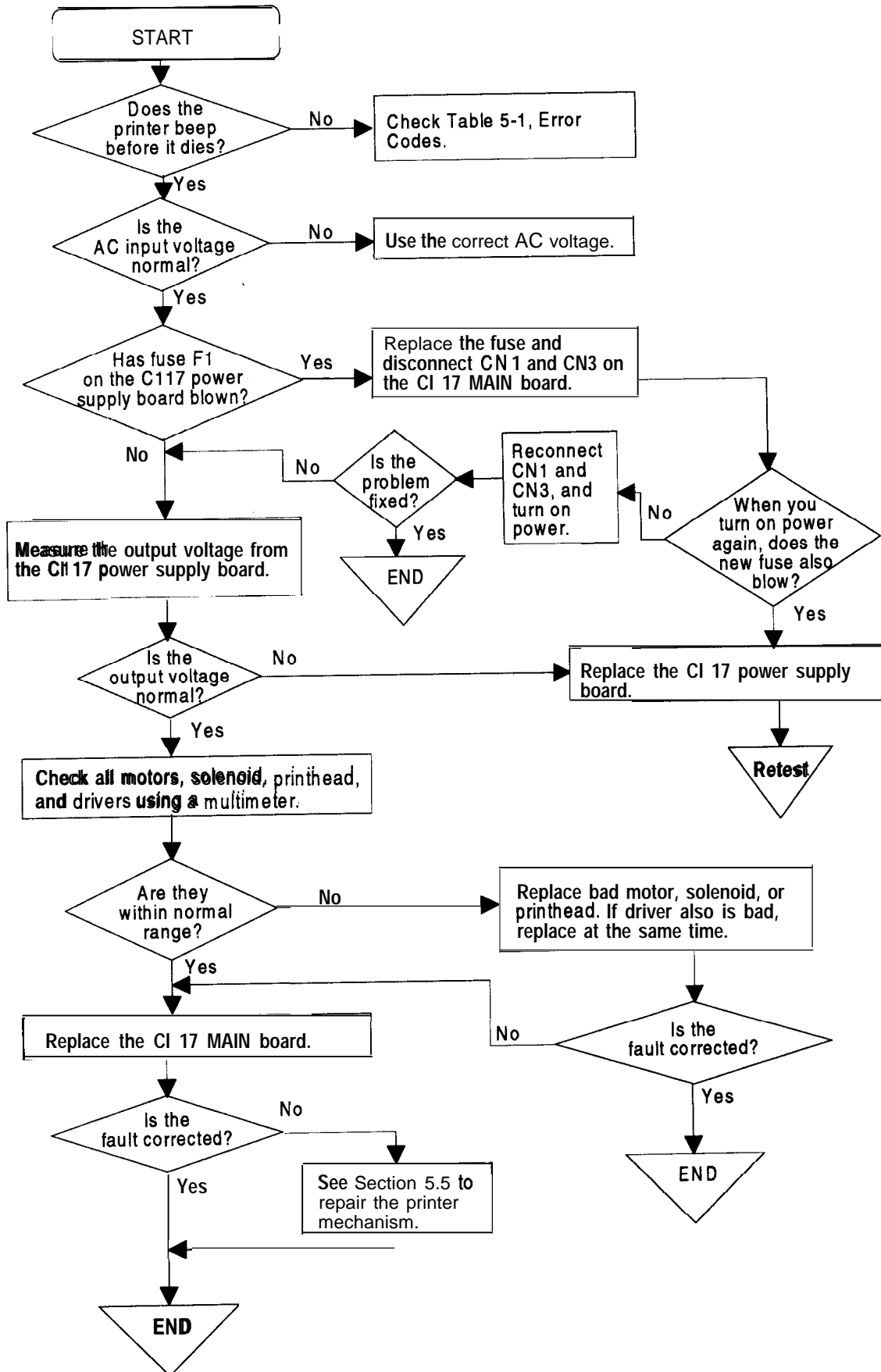
**Table 5-3. Symptoms and Reference Pages**

| Symptom   | Problem  | See Chart |
|---|--|-----------|
| The printer does not operate when the power is on.                      | <input type="checkbox"/> The carriage does not move.<br><input type="checkbox"/> The POWER LED does not light.   | 1         |
| Carriage operation is abnormal.   | <input type="checkbox"/> The carriage moves away from home position at power on.<br><input type="checkbox"/> The carriage returns to home position correctly, but the printer fails to enter ready mode. | 2         |
| Carriage operation is normal, but the self-test is printed incorrectly. | <input type="checkbox"/> The self-test is not printed.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Some of the dots are not printed.   | 3         |
| Printing is normal, but paper feeding is abnormal.                      | <input type="checkbox"/> The printer does not feed the paper at all.<br><input type="checkbox"/> The printer feeds paper, but the line spacing varies.   | 4         |
| Control panel operation is abnormal.                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> When the LF button is pressed, no paper is fed.   | 5         |
| Data sent by the host computer is printed incorrectly.                  | <input type="checkbox"/> The carriage operates normally at power on and the self-test is printed correctly, but print data from the host computer is not printed correctly.                              | 6         |

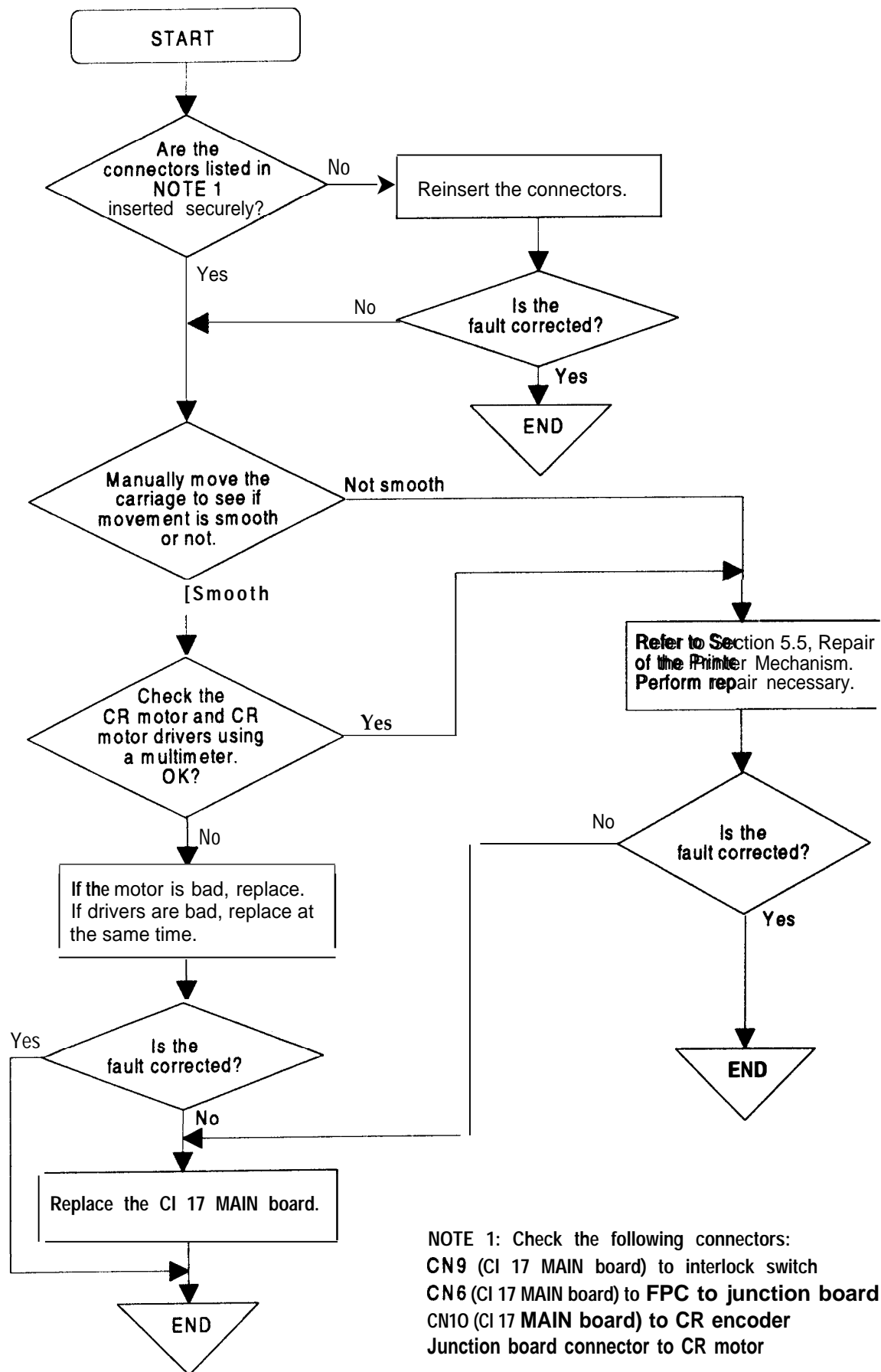
**Note:** Be sure to perform the appropriate adjustments below.

1. When you replace the C117 MAIN board assembly, perform these adjustments:
  - Bidirectional printing adjustment
  - Platen gap motor value adjustment
2. When you replace or disassemble the PG motor or PG sensor, perform these adjustments:
  - Platen gap motor value adjustment
  - PG motor backlash adjustment
3. When you replace or disassemble the CR motor, perform the carriage timing belt tension adjustment.
4. When you disassemble the printer mechanism, perform these adjustments:
  - Carriage guide shaft parallelism adjustment
  - Platen angle adjustment
  - Platen gap motor value adjustment
  - PG motor backlash adjustment
  - Bidirectional printing adjustment
  - Carriage timing belt tension adjustment
  - Tractor wire spring tension adjustment

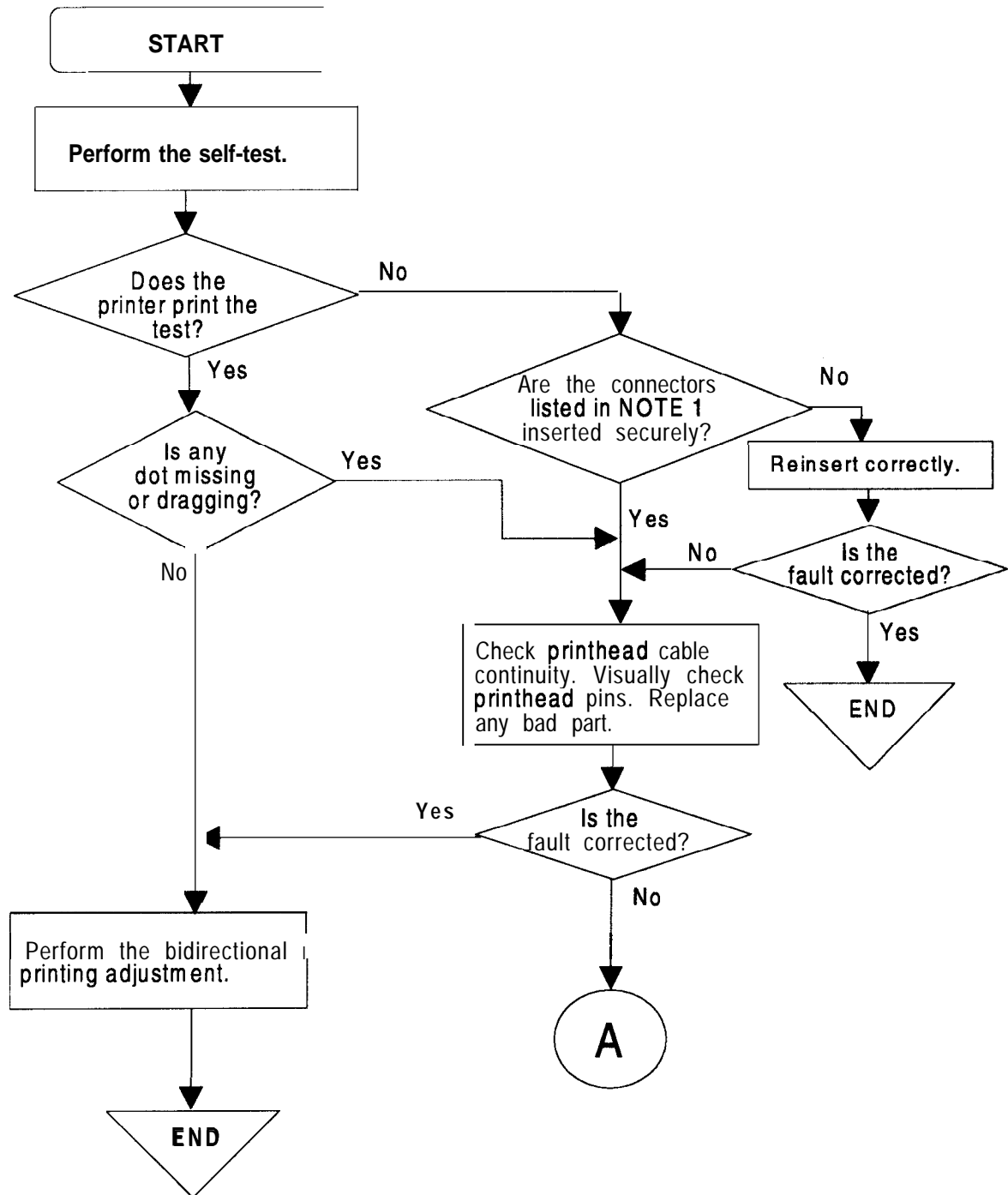
1. The printer does not operate when power is turned on.



2. Carriage operation is abnormal.



## 3. Carriage operation is normal, but the self-testis printed incorrectly.

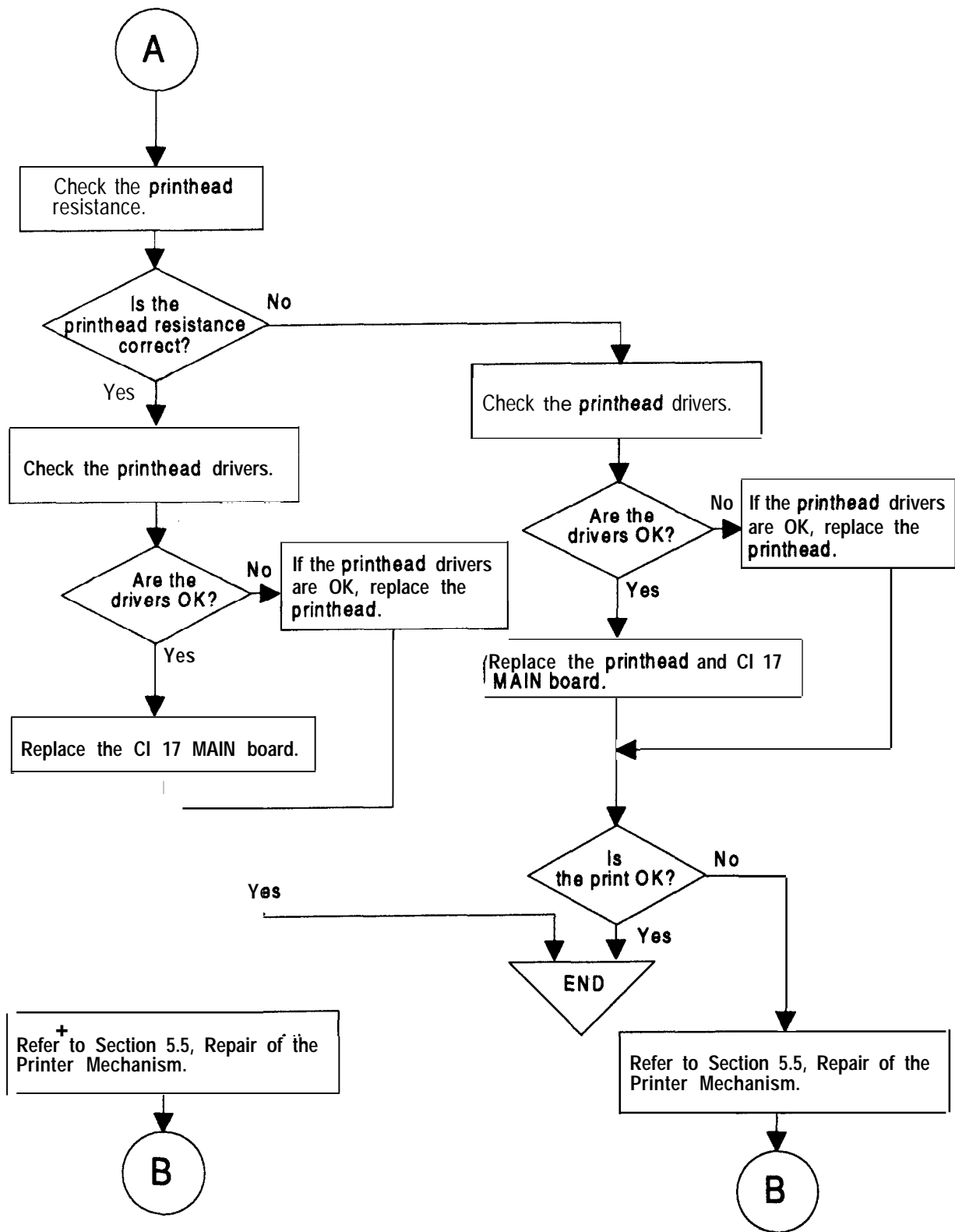


NOTE 1: Check the following connectors:

1. CN6 (CI 17 MAIN board)
2. Four connectors on the connector junction board in the printer mechanism.

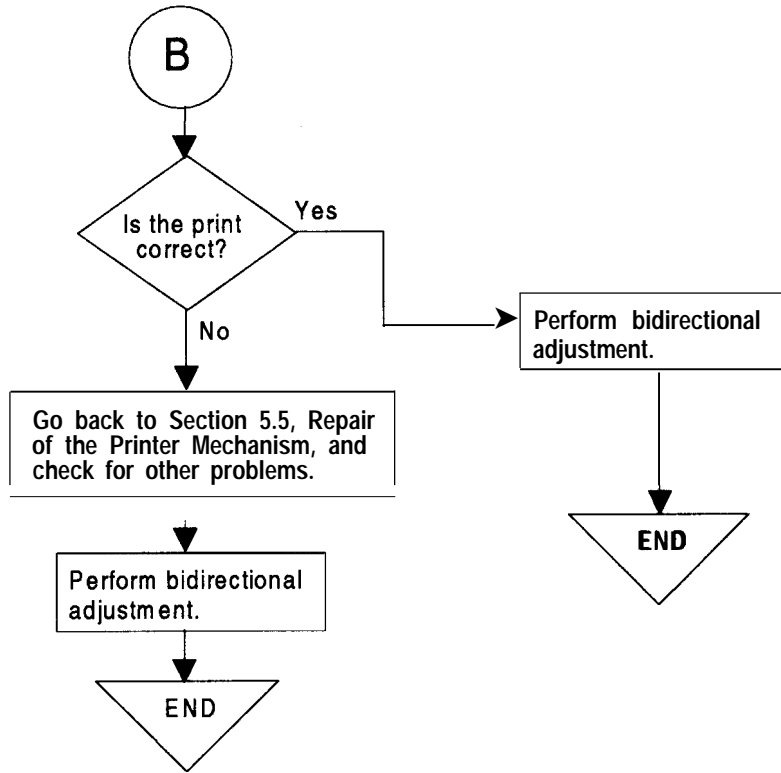


3. Carriage operation is normal, but the self-testis printed **incorrectly** (continued).

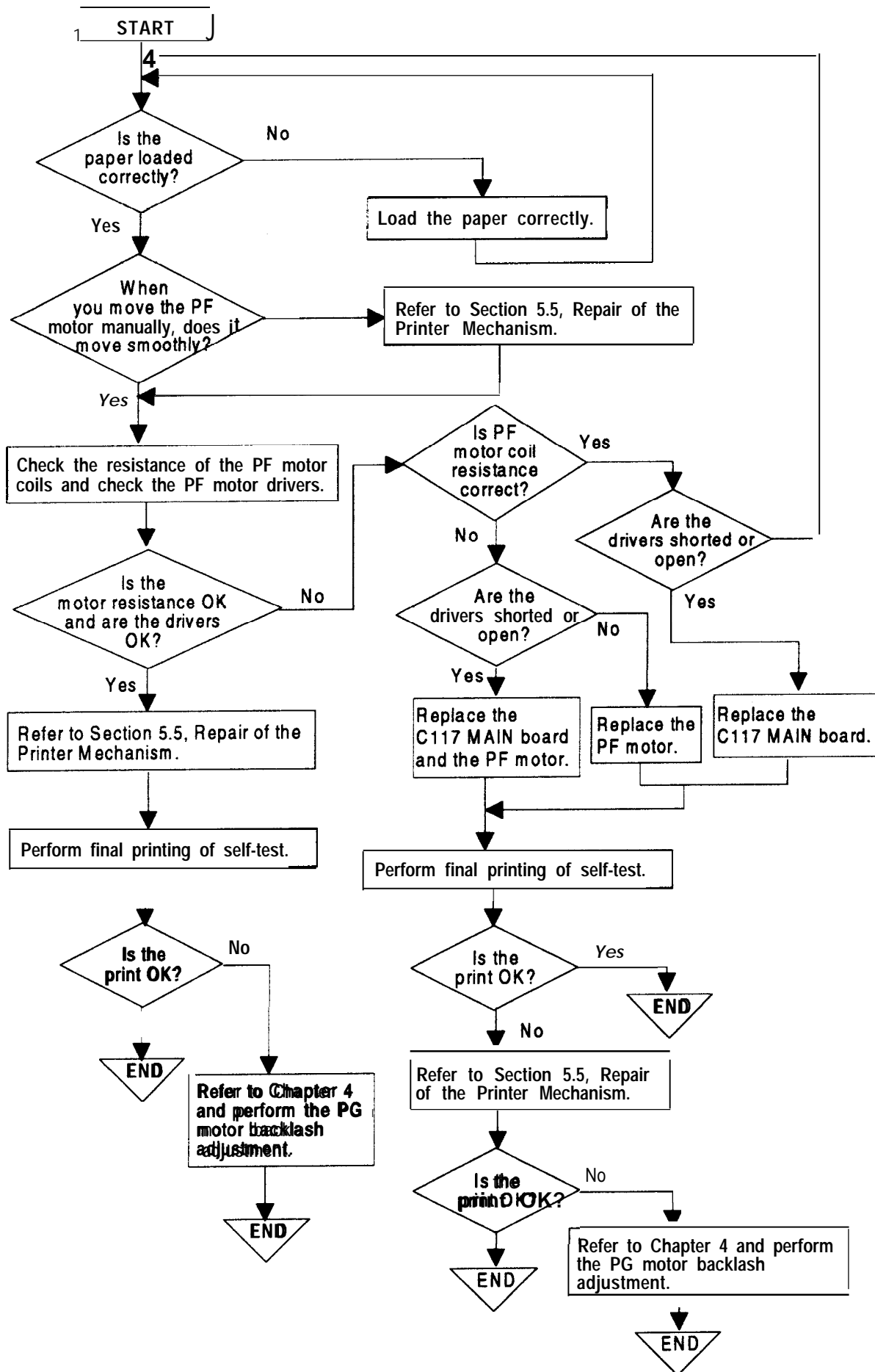


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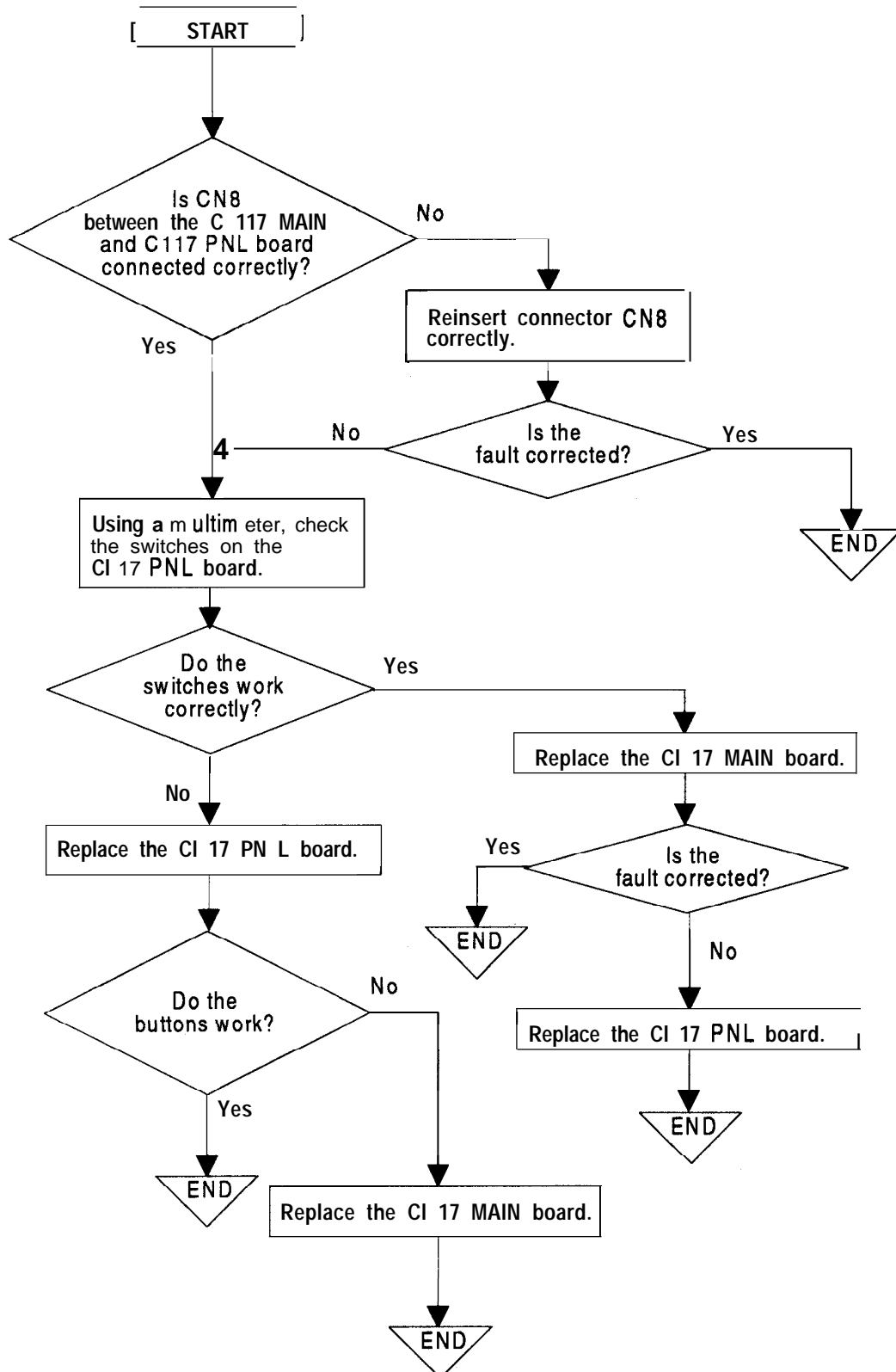
3. Carriage operation is normal, but the self-testis printed **incorrectly** (continued).



4. Printing is normal, but paper feeding is abnormal.

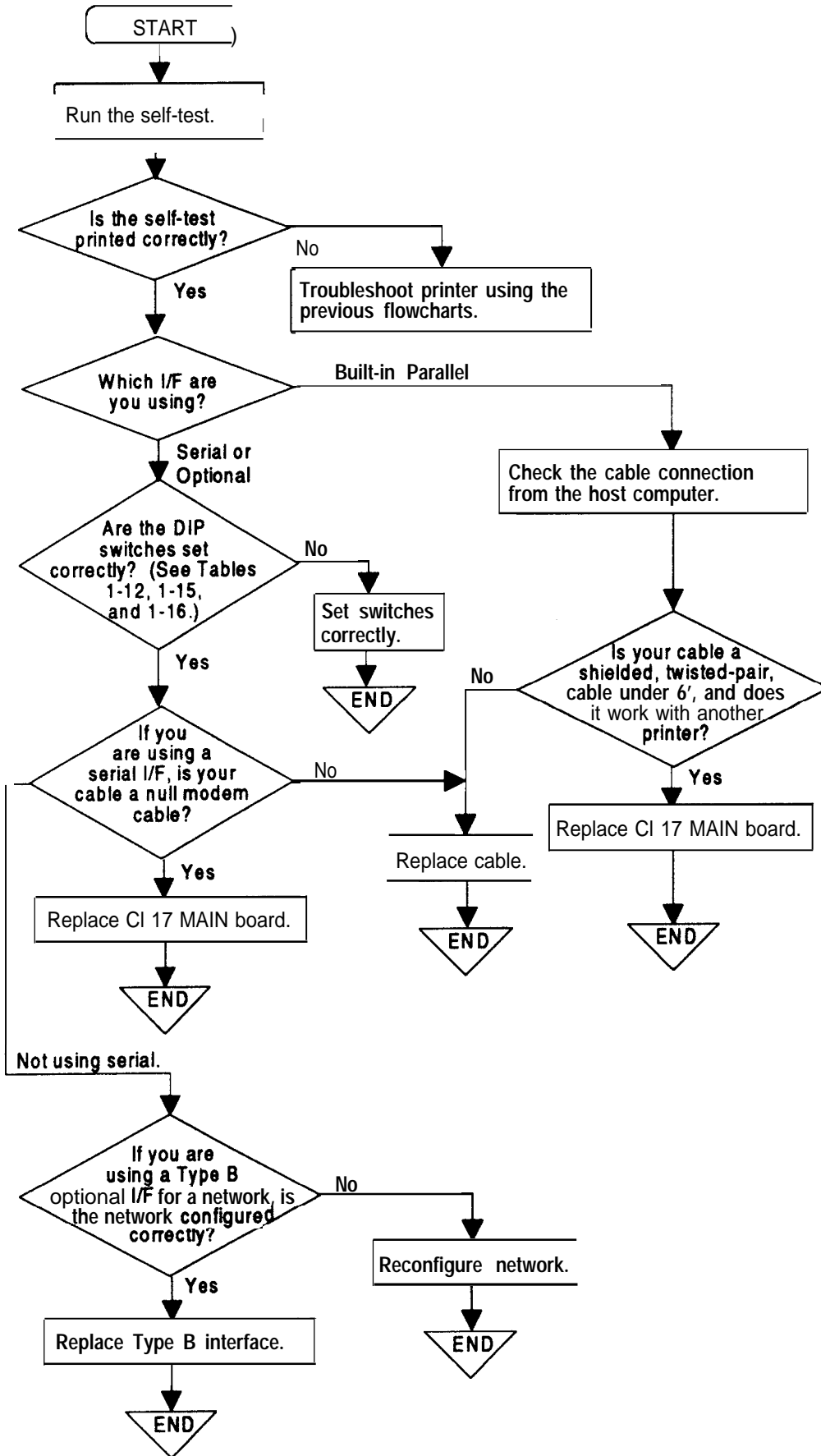


## 5. Control panel operation is abnormal.



6. Data sent by the host computer is printed incorrectly.

Note: The flowchart below assumes the host computer is operating normally.



## 5.3 REPAIR OF THE POWER SUPPLY CIRCUIT

This section provides detailed troubleshooting methods to isolate components in the power supply or on the main board. This information is for use by servicers who repair to the component level. U.S. servicers repair to the unit level only, and may ignore this section.

The table below provides causes, checkpoints, and solutions for different power supply circuit problems. The checkpoints include waveforms for normal operation. By referring to the checkpoints, determine the defective component. Then perform the proper repair. The table provides the following four columns:

- Symptom: Check this column for a list of common printer problems.
- Cause: Use this column to identify possible causes that could produce this symptom.
- Checkpoint: Follow the troubleshooting checks in this column to isolate your problem.
- Solution: Repair the printer using the instructions in this column.

**Table 5-4. C117 PSB/PSE Board Assembly Main Parts List**

| Location    | Name    | Description  |
|-------------|---------|--|
| IC151       | TL494   | PWM switching controller                                       |
| IC152 (A/B) | NJM2903 | Comparator IC (voltage drop monitor for the two +35 VDC lines) |
| Q101        | K1531   | Main switching FET   |
| Q201        | K1531   | Main switching FET   |

**Table 5-5. C117 PSB/PSE Board Assembly Component Repair**

| Symptom                                      | Cause  | Checkpoint   | Solution   |
|--|--|--|--|
| No DC voltage is present at the output.      | The VPC signal (HIGH level) is not being sent from the main board. | Look at the voltage waveform from the gate array on the main board and check the head driver voltage waveform. (Refer to Table 5-6.) | Replace the gate array or head driver on the main board. |
|  | The DRERR signal is HIGH.  | Measure the voltage level of the DRERR signal at CN3.  | Replace the head driver on the main board.               |
|  | CLIMIT signal is HIGH.   | Measure the voltage level of the CLIMIT signal at CN3.   | Wait until the printer prints again.                     |
| Fuse F1 blows immediately after replacement. | The line filter circuit is defective.                              | Check if any of pins C1-C6 or RI is shorting the AC line.  | Replace the abnormal element.                            |

Table 5-5. C117 PSB/PSE Board Assembly Component Repair (continued)

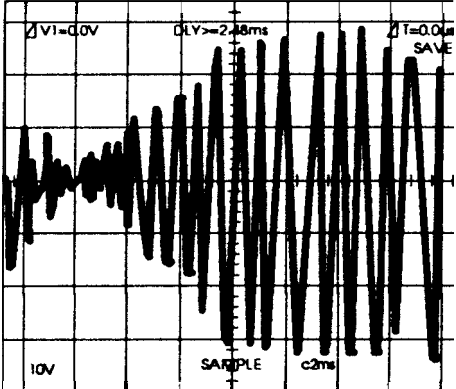
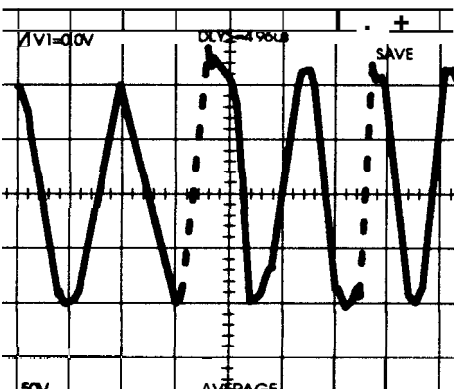
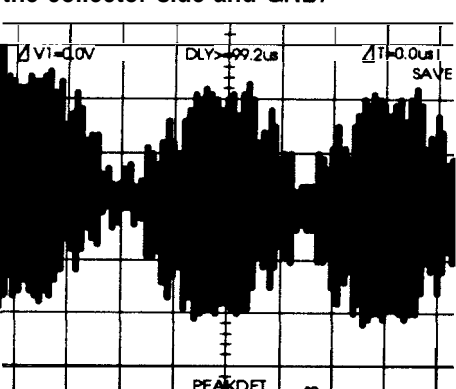
| Symptom                          | Cause  | Checkpoint  | Solution                     |
|----------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|
| <p>The +35 VDC line is dead.</p> | <p>The main switching FETs (Q101 or Q201) are defective.</p> | <p>Check the voltage waveform between the drain side and GND.</p>         | <p>Replace Q101 or Q201.</p> |
|                                  | <p>Q102 or Q201 is defective.</p>                            | <p>Observe the voltage waveform between the collector side and GND.</p>  | <p>Replace Q101 or Q201.</p> |
|                                  | <p>Q103 or Q203 is defective.</p>                            | <p>Check the voltage waveform between the collector side and GND.</p>   | <p>Replace Q103 or Q203.</p> |

Table 5-5. C117 PSB/PSE Board Assembly Component Repair (continued)

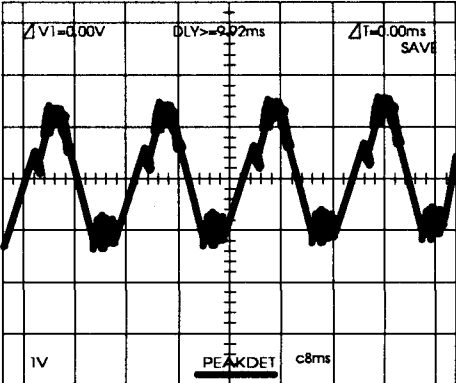
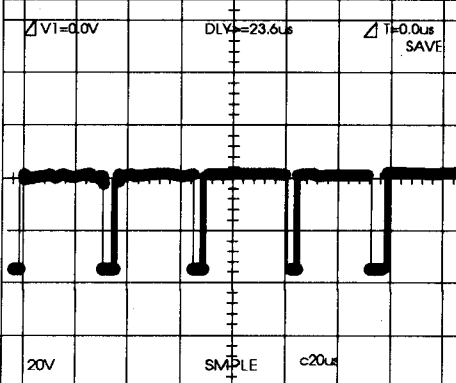
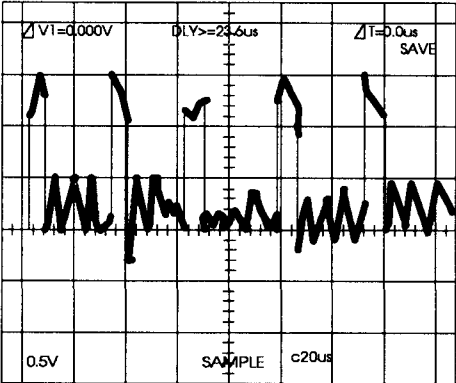
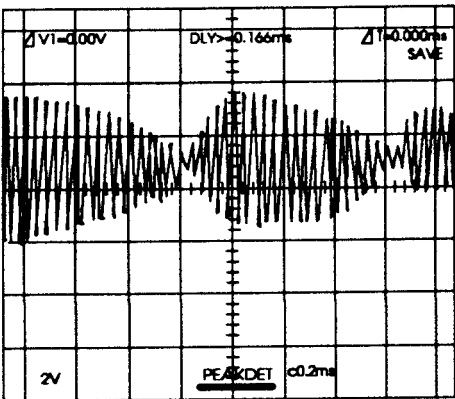
| Symptom                       | Cause   | Checkpoint   | Solution               |
|-------------------------------|---|--|------------------------|
| The +5 VDC line is defective. | IC151 is defective.   | Observe the drive waveform for IC151 (at pin 4 or 5).<br>                  | Replace IC151.         |
|                               |   | Look at the PWM control waveform for IC151 (at pin 8 or 11) and Q152.<br> | Replace IC151 or Q152. |
|                               | Q151 is defective.  | Check the voltage waveform between the collector side and GND.<br>       | Replace Q151.          |
| +35 VDC line s abnormal.      | IC152 is defective. (If this IC is defective, it cannot monitor the +35 VDC lines, and printing or motor operation becomes abnormal.) | When the input voltage of the minus port is less than 1.3 VDC, the comparator outputs a HIGH signal.   | Replace IC152.         |



Table 5-5. C117 PSB/PSE Board Assembly Component Repair (continued)

| Symptom                   | Cause   | Checkpoint   | Solution                      |
|---------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|
| +35 VDC line is abnormal. | Q153 or Q253 and Q154 are defective (constant voltage control transistors). | Observe the voltage waveform between the collector side and GND.<br> | Replace the abnormal element. |
| ±12 VDC line is dead.     | The rectifier circuit is defective.   | Verify that approximately ±12 V is output at the terminal of C160 and C161, and verify that Q183 and Q184 (or Q185 and Q188) are not defective.        | Replace the abnormal element. |

### 5.4 REPAIR OF THE C117 MAIN BOARD ASSEMBLY

This section provides detailed troubleshooting methods to isolate components in the C117 MAIN board. This information is for use by servicers who repair to the component level. U.S. servicers repair to the unit level only, and may ignore this section.

The table below provides instructions to repair the C117 MAIN board assembly. It describes various symptoms, likely causes, troubleshooting checkpoints, and solutions. The checkpoints column describes proper waveforms, resistance values, and other values to check when evaluating the operation of a component that may be defective. Check these values and repair the board as described in the solution column.

**Table 5-6. C117 MAIN Board Assembly Component Repair**

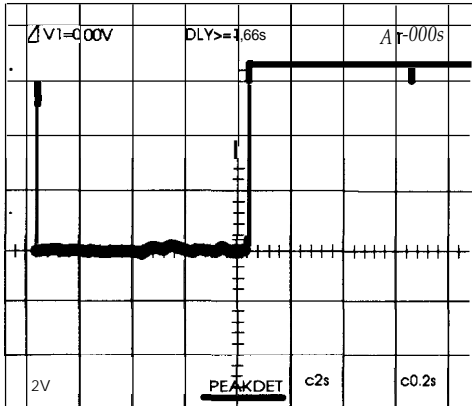
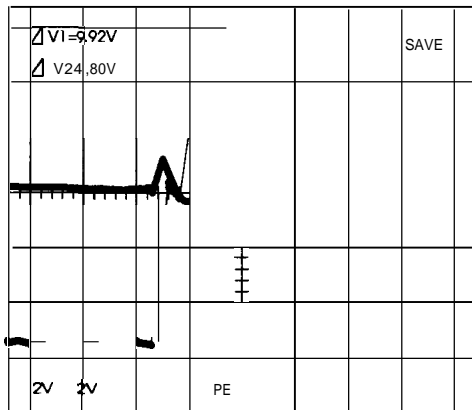
| Symptom                              | Cause   | Checkpoint   | Solution                               |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| The printer does not operate at all. | The DRERR signal was sent to the CI 17 power supply board (a HIGH level turns off the power supply).  | Measure the voltage level of the DRERR signal at CN1 or check the head driver IC's voltage waveform.   | Replace the head driver.               |
|                                      | The VPC signal (HIGH level) was not sent to the CI 17 power supply board. (If VPC is output to the power supply, and the head driver is not defective, the gate array is probably defective.) | Check the voltage waveform for the VPC signal when power is turned on and verify the voltage waveform for the head driver. (Refer to the head driver waveform figure, above.)<br> | Replace the head driver or gate array. |
|                                      | The reset circuit is not operational (for logic).   | Look at the voltage waveform for the +5 V line (pin 3 of IC9) and the reset signal (pin 1 of IC9).<br>   | Replace IC9.                           |

Table 5-6. C117 MAIN Board Assembly Component Repair (continued)

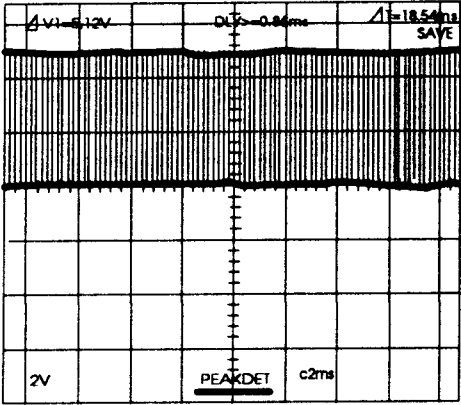
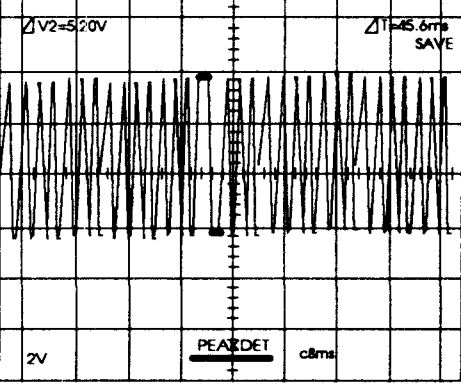
| Symptom                              | Cause  | Checkpoint  | Solution  |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| The printer does not operate at all. | The reset circuit is not operational (for the driver). | Check the voltage waveform for the +35 V line (pin 2 of IC8) and the reset signal (pin 6 of IC8). (Refer to the figure above.)                        | Replace IC9.  |
|                                      | The control ROM is defective.                          | Check pin 24 of IC4 for a change in the signal (HIGH or LOW).<br>   | Replace IC4.  |
|                                      | The gate array is defective.                           | Check pin 46 of IC7 for a change in the signal (HIGH or LOW). Refer to the figure above.  | Replace IC7.  |
|                                      | The CPU is defective.                                  | Look at the oscillator at either pin 26 or pin 27 of the CPU.<br> | If this signal is detected, replace IC1. Otherwise, replace CRU1. |
|                                      | The PS-RAM is defective.                               | Observe pin 21 of IC3 for a change in the signal (HIGH or LOW). Refer to the figure showing IC4.  | Replace IC3.  |

Table 5-6. C117 MAIN Board Assembly Component Repair (continued)

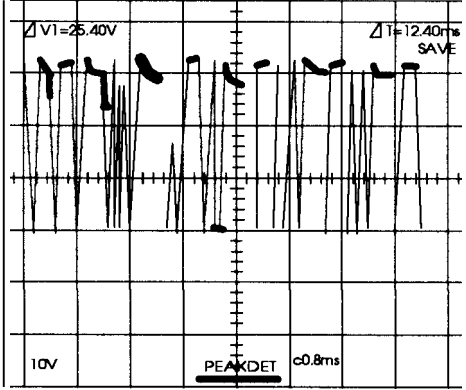
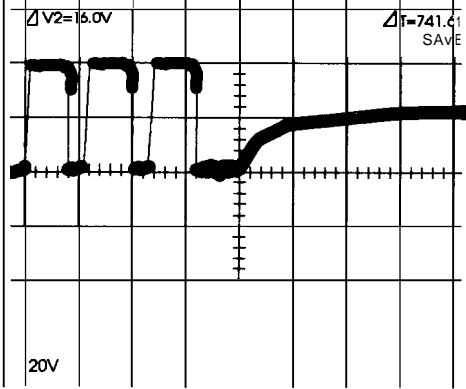
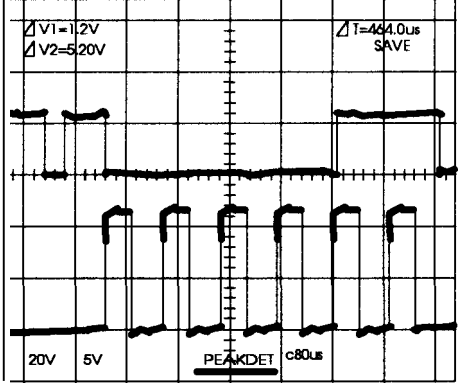
| Symptom                           | Cause  | Checkpoint   | Solution          |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|-------------------|
| The carriage operates abnormally. | IC7 is defective.                            | <p>Check the signals for the carriage motor phases at pins 108, 109, 110, and 111 of IC7.</p>      | Replace IC7.      |
|                                   | QM1 is defective.                            | <p>Check the signals for the carriage motor phases at pins 9 and 11 of QM1.</p>                   | Replace QM1.      |
|                                   | QM1 is defective.                            | <p>Measure the voltage level at pins 9 and 11 of IC QM1 when the carriage is operating. (The normal voltage level is approximately 35 VDC.)</p>                                      | Replace QM1.      |
|                                   | Q3 or Q6 (for P-ch. FET drive) is defective. | <p>Observe the switching waveform between the base side and the collector side of Q3 or Q6.</p>  | Replace Q3 or Q6. |

Table 5-6. CI 17 MAIN Board Assembly Component Repair (continued)

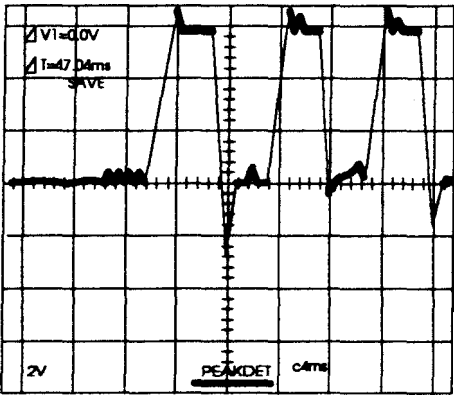
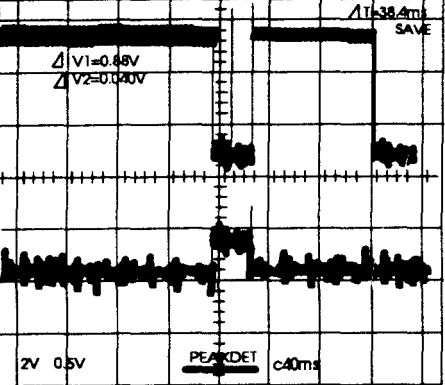
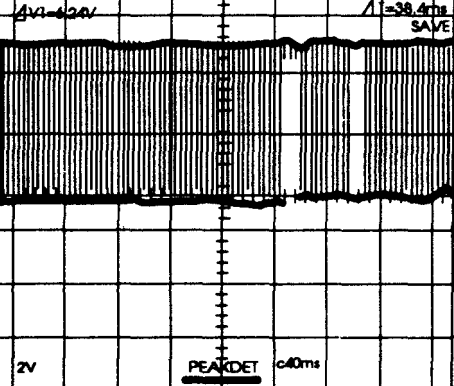
| Symptom  | Cause  | Checkpoint  | Solution                                    |
|--|--|---|---|
| <p>The carriage operates abnormally.</p>                               | <p>The carriage encode sensor is defective.</p>                        | <p>Observe the carriage encoder sensor output signal at pins 3 and 4 of CN1 O.</p>                    | <p>Replace the carriage encoder sensor.</p> |
| <p>Carriage operation is unstable (due to a lack of motor torque).</p> | <p>Carriage operation is unstable (due to a lack of motor torque).</p> | <p>Check the switching waveform for Q4, Q7, and Q8.</p>    | <p>Replace the abnormal transistor.</p>     |
| <p></p>  | <p></p>  | <p>Observe the feedback signal at pin 101 IC10 that detects the current in the carriage motor.</p>  | <p>Replace IC10.</p>                        |
| <p></p>  | <p></p>  | <p>Measure the voltage level at pin 3 of C10. (The normal voltage is approximately 4.7 VDC.)</p>  | <p>Replace C52.</p>                         |

Table 5-6. C117 MAIN Board Assembly Component Repair (continued)

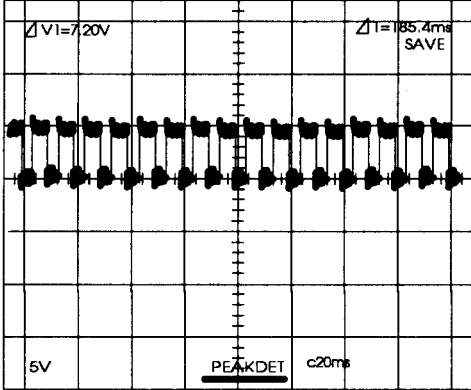
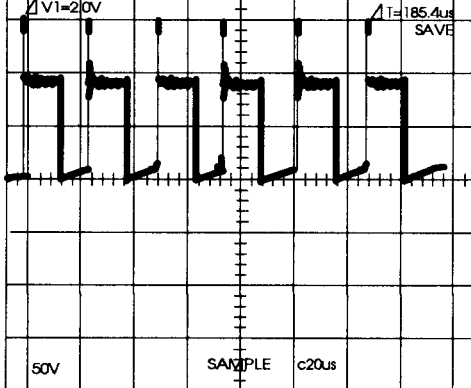
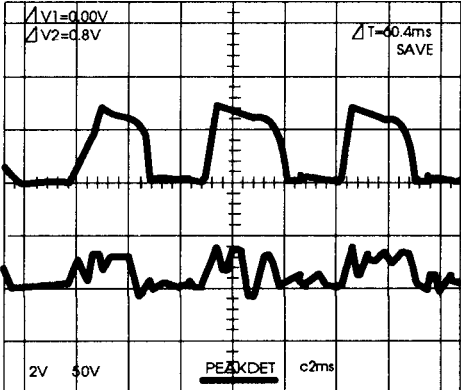
| Symptom                     | Cause                 | Checkpoint   | Solution   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Paper feeding is abnormal.  | The CPU is defective. | Check the paper feed motor phase drive signals at pins 1-4 of IC1.<br>   | Replace IC1.   |
|                             | IC11 is defective.    | At IC11, check the output signals for pins 1, 8, 11, and 18.<br>  |  |
| Ribbon feeding is abnormal. | The CPU is defective. | For transistors Q28 - Q31, observe the input signal from the CPU (base) and the output signal (collector).<br> | If there is no input signal, replace IC1; if there is no output signal, replace the abnormal transistor. |
|                             | Fuse F3 is defective. | Check if fuse F3 is defective.   |  |

Table 5-6. C117 MAIN Board Assembly Component Repair (continued)

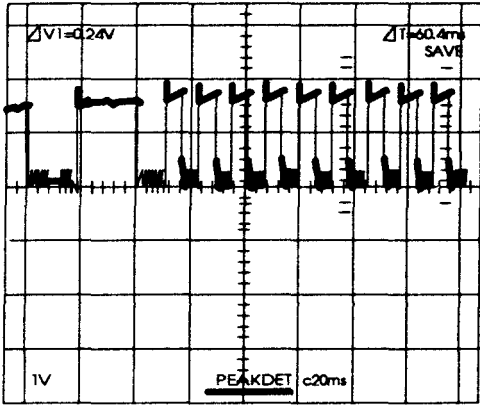
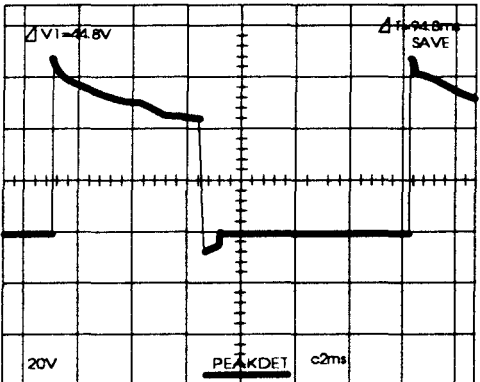
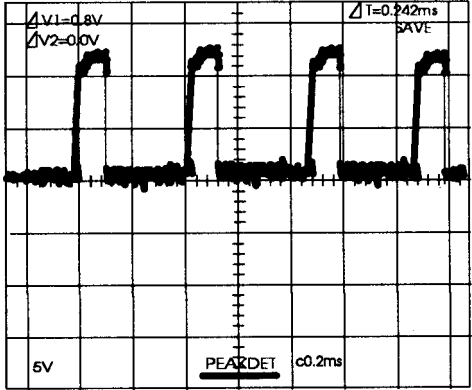
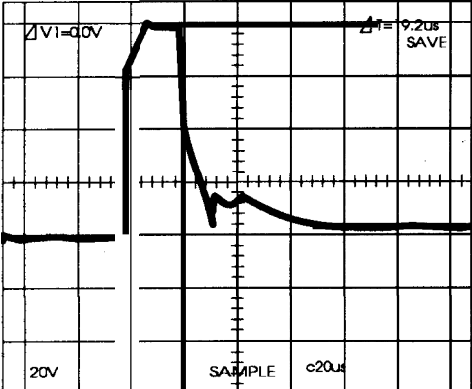
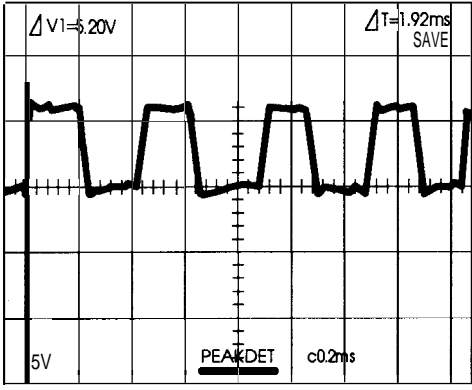
| Symptom                               | Cause                            | Checkpoint   | Solution   |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Head fan motor operation is abnormal. | Q5 or Q9 is defective.           | Measure the voltage level for pins 1 and 4 of CN6. (The normal voltage is approximately 35 VDC.)   | Replace Q5 or Q9.                                |
| The PG motor operates abnormally.     | IC7 is defective.                | Observe the PG motor phase signal at pins 120-123 of IC7.<br>        | Replace IC7                                      |
|                                       | QM2 is defective.                | At QM2, look at the output signal for pins 15, 13, 11, and 10.<br> | Replace QM2.                                     |
|                                       | Fuse F2 is defective.            | Check if fuse F2 is defective.   | Replace F2.                                      |
|                                       | The PG sensor is defective.      | Observe the PG sensor output signal at pins 44 and 45 of CN6. Refer to the PG sensor figure.   | Replace the PG sensor.                           |
| The plunger s defective.              | Fuse F1 is defective.            | Check if fuse F1 is defective.   | Replace F1.                                      |
|                                       | IC7 is defective.                | When paper is loaded into the printer, look at the switching signal at pins 117 and 118 of IC7.  | If this signal is normal, replace C19 or Q17.    |
|                                       | The PG home sensor is defective. | Measure the voltage level at pin 32 of CN6 when the printer performs the platen gap measurement sequence. (PG home = LOW level; other = HIGH level.)   | Replace the micro switch for the PG home sensor. |

Table 5-6. C117 MAIN Board Assembly Component Repair (continued)

| Symptom                               | Cause                               | Checkpoint  | Solution                  |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| The self-test is printed incorrectly. | IC7 is defective.                   | Observe the output signal at pins 129-137 of IC7.<br> | Replace IC7.              |
|                                       | The head driver FETs are defective. | Observe the voltage waveform at the drain side.<br>  | Replace the abnormal FET. |
|                                       | The CPU is defective.               | Observe the PTS signal at pin 15 of the CPU.<br>    | Replace the CPU.          |



## 5.5 PRINTER MECHANISM REPAIR

The table below describes how to isolate problems with the printer mechanism. To **replace** or adjust printer mechanism parts, refer to Chapter 3, *Disassembly* and Assembly, and Chapter 4, *Adjustments*. If a **symptom** recurs following a repair attempt, look for other possible causes and solutions in the table below.

**Table 5-7. Printer Mechanism Repair**

| Symptom   | Cause  | Checkpoint   | Solution  |
|---|--|--|---|
| The CR motor does not operate.                    | The transport locking bracket (used to hold the carriage in place when the printer is moved) has not been removed.     | Verify that the transport locking bracket has been removed.  | Remove bracket. (Refer to Section 3.1.)   |
|   | Foreign objects are lodged in the gears or elsewhere (e.g., paper dust on the carriage encoder belt) in the mechanism. | Manually move the carriage to see if the the motor rotates.  | Remove any foreign objects.   |
|   | The CR motor is defective.   | Measure the coil resistance of the CR motor. It should be approximately 6.2 ohms.  | Replace the CR motor.   |
|   | The carriage timing belt is defective.   | Manually check the carriage timing belt tension.   | Perform the carriage timing belt tension adjustment, as described in Section 4.1.2.     |
|   | The carriage guide shaft parallelism value is incorrect.   | Check whether the carriage moves smoothly when moved manually. (Check that foreign objects are not lodged in the printer mechanism.) | Perform the carriage guide shaft parallelism adjustment, as described in Section 4.1.5. |
|   | The CR sensor is defective.  | Check the waveform for the carriage encoder signal. (Refer to Table 5-6.)  | Replace the CR sensor.  |
|   | The carriage encoder belt is damaged or covered with dust.   | Check the encoder belt (below the carriage timing belt).   | Replace or clean the carnage encoder belt.  |
| The carriage moves, but no printing is performed. | The printhead FPC common wires are broken.   | Check the continuity of the common wires for the printhead FPC.  | Replace the FPC.  |

Table 5-7. Printer Mechanism Repair (continued)

| Symptom   | Cause   | Checkpoint   | Solution   |
|---|---|--|--|
| A particular dot does not print.  | The printhead is defective.                           | Measure the <b>printhead</b> coil resistance. (Refer to Figure 5-4 for details.)   | Replace the <b>printhead</b> .   |
|   | The printhead is defective.                           | Check whether a dot wire is worn.  | Replace the <b>printhead</b> .   |
| The print is too light or print density is not uniform.                                   | <b>The printhead is defective.</b>                    | Check if the tip of a dot wire is worn.  | Replace the <b>printhead</b> .   |
|   | The parallelism value is incorrect.                   | Print density differs at the right and left <b>sides of the page</b> (darker on one side than the other).                              | Perform the <b>parallelism adjustment, as described in Section 4.1.5.</b>  |
| Printing is performed, but the printer does not feed paper or does not feed it correctly. | <b>Foreign objects are lodged in the paper path.</b>  | <b>Visually check the paper path.</b>  | <b>Remove any foreign substances.</b>  |
|   | <b>The PF motor is not driving the gear properly.</b> | Check whether the PF motor pinion gear rotates smoothly when rotated <b>manually</b> .   | Check backlash between PF motor pinion gear and paper feed reduction gear.   |
|   | <b>The PF motor is defective.</b>                     | <b>Measure coil resistance for the PF motor. (The correct resistance is approximately 2.85 ohms.) Also check the PF motor drivers.</b> | <b>Replace the PF motor, and if drivers are bad, replace main board at the same time.</b>  |
| The ribbon feed (RF) motor does not operate.  | <b>The ribbon cartridge is defective.</b>             | <b>Remove the ribbon cartridge, rotate it, and check whether it feeds the ribbon normally.</b>   | <b>Replace the ribbon cartridge.</b>   |
|   | <b>Foreign objects are caught in the gears.</b>       | Check whether the ribbon driving gear rotates when the cartridge is moved manually.  | <b>Remove any foreign objects or replace damaged ribbon feed mechanism part (the ribbon feed select gear, ribbon feed transmission gear, or ribbon feed gear).</b> |

Table 5-7. Printer Mechanism Repair (continued)

| Symptom                                       | Cause   | Checkpoint   | Solution   |
|---|---|--|--|
| The RF motor does not operate.                | The parallelism value is incorrect.             | Check whether the carriage moves smoothly when moved manually. (Check that foreign objects are not lodged in the printer mechanism.) | Perform the parallelism adjustment, as described in Section 4.1.5.   |
| The RF motor does not operate.                | The RF motor is defective.                      | Check the coil resistance of the RF motor. (It should be about 150 ohms.)  | Replace the RF motor.  |
| The PG motor does not operate.                | The backlash value is incorrect.                | Check whether the carriage guide shaft rotates smoothly when rotated manually.   | Loosen the 2 screws securing the PG motor to the left side frame. Then adjust the backlash between the PG motor pinion gear and the carriage guide shaft gear, as described in Chapter 4, <i>Adjustments</i> . |
|   | The PG sensor is defective.                     | Check the output signal of the PG sensor. (Refer to Table 5-6.)  | Replace the PG sensor.   |
|   | The encoder plate is defective.                 | Check whether the encoder plate is broken or stained.  | Replace the PG motor or clean the encoder plate.   |
|   | The PG home sensor is defective.                | Check the continuity of the sensor. (Check the status of the two micro switches.)  | Replace the PG home sensor (micro switch type).  |
|   | The PG motor is defective.                      | Check the coil resistance of the PG motor. (It should be about 250 ohms.)  | Replace the PG motor.  |
| Printing continues past the end of the paper. | The front, rear, or top PE sensor is defective. | Check the PE sensor.   | Replace the PE sensor.   |
| When paper jams, the printer does not beep.   | The paper jam sensor is defective.              | Check the paper jam sensor.  | Replace the paper jam sensor.  |

Table 5-7. Printer Mechanism Repair (continued)

| Symptom  | Cause  | Checkpoint   | Solution   |
|--|--|--|--|
| Printing occurs outside the paper width.                                 | The PW sensor is defective.  | Check the PW sensor.   | Replace the PW sensor.   |
| The paper bail assembly does not work.                                   | The plunger is defective.  | Check the coil resistance of the plunger. (It should be about 9 ohms.)                                 | Replace the plunger.   |
| Continuous paper becomes crumpled at the front or rear tractor assembly. | The tension value of the tractor wire spring is incorrect.           | The distance between the frame and the seal securing the white line should be about 3 mm (.12 inches). | Perform the tractor wire spring tension adjustment, as described in Section 4.1.3. |
| The tractor select (front or rear) function is not working.              | The tractor select sensor is defective.                              | Check the continuity of the tractor select sensor.   | Replace the tractor select sensor.   |
|  | The tractor select gear is disconnected from the tractor select cam. | Visually check the tractor select gear holder.   | Join the tip of the tractor select lever to the tractor select gear holder.        |

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## 6.1 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

To keep the printer in good condition, regularly clean the case exterior (using denatured alcohol) and vacuum the mechanism's interior to remove dust and paper debris. After cleaning the printer, check that it is adequately lubricated, as described in Section 6.2, below. Before returning the printer to the customer, inspect the springs and paper feed rollers and check that the printer operates properly.

### WARNING

*Disconnect the printer from the external AC power source before performing maintenance. Do not use thinner, trichloroethylene, or ketone-based solvents on the plastic components of the printer.*

**Note:** It is necessary to clean the carriage encoder belt periodically. When this printer is returned for service, clean the surface of carriage encoder belt.

## 6.2 LUBRICATION AND ADHESIVE APPLICATION

EPSON recommends that the printer be lubricated at the points illustrated in Figures 6-2,6-3, and 6-4 using EPSON lubricants 02 and G26. These lubricants have been extensively tested and found to comply with needs of the printer. Refer to Table 6-1 for information on lubricants 02 and G26. Table 6-2 lists the appropriate lubricant for each point. Make sure the parts to be lubricated are clean before applying lubricant. Also avoid applying too much lubricant because it may damage related parts.

Adhesive application is necessary at the points indicated in Table 6-3 when parts are disassembled or replaced. EPSON recommends Neji Lock #2 (G) adhesive be applied to the points indicated in Figures 6-2,6-3, and 6-4. Avoid allowing excess adhesive to overflow onto related parts.

**Table 6-1. Lubricants and Adhesive**

| Classification | Description      | Capacity | Availability | Part No.    |
|----------------|------------------|----------|--------------|-------------|
| Oil            | 02               | 40 cc    | EPSON*       | B71 0200001 |
| Grease         | G26              | 40 g     | EPSON*       | B702600001  |
| Adhesive       | Neji Lock #2 (G) | 1000 g   | EPSON*       | B730200200  |

\* EPSON-exclusive product

Table 6-2. Lubrication Points

| Ref No. | Ref. Fig. No. | Lubrication Points   | Lubricant |
|---------|---------------|--|-----------|
| (1)     | 6-3           | Carriage oil pad ring (on both left and right sides of carriage)                           | 02        |
| (2)     | 6-3           | Carriage oil pad (under the carriage head cable holder)                                    | 02        |
| (3)     | 6-3           | Hole holding the tip of the rear carriage guide shaft (in both left and right side frames) | G26       |
| (4)     | 6-3           | Both edges of the rear carriage guide shaft  | G26       |
| (5)     | 6-3           | Parallelism adjustment lever (contact point with the rear carriage guide shaft)            | G26       |
| (6)     | 6-4           | Rear carriage shaft holding lever (contact point with the rear carriage guide shaft)       | G26       |
| (7)     | 6-3           | Carriage guide shaft (on the both front and rear shafts)                                   | 02        |
| (8)     | 6-4           | Platen roller shaft holder (contact point with the platen toiler)                          | G26       |
| (9)     | 6-4           | Paper bail gear  | G26       |
| (10)    | 6-2           | Shafts of paper feed gears (shafts on the left frame)                                      | G26,02    |
| (11)    | 6-2           | Paper feed gears (gears on the left frame)   | G26       |
| (12)    | 6-2           | Tension pulley (pulley shaft and hook for the tension pulley spring)                       | G26       |
| (13)    | 6-3           | Fulcrum point for the paper bail shaft and plunger   | G26       |
| (14)    | 6-4           | Platen gap motor pinion  | G26       |
| (15)    | 6-3           | Carriage guide shaft gear  | G26       |
| (16)    | 6-3           | Ribbon feed gears  | G26       |
| (17)    | 6-3           | Tractor select cam   | G26       |

Table 6-3. Adhesive Application Points

| Ref No. | Ref. Fig. No. | Adhesive Application Points   | Adhesive         |
|---------|---------------|---|------------------|
| (18)    | 6-3           | Carriage motor fixing screws (2 screws)                             | Neji Lock #2 (G) |
| (19)    | 6-3           | Timing belt holder fixing screw                                     |                  |
| (20)    | 6-3           | Parallelism adjustment lever fixing screws (2 screws)               |                  |
| (21)    | 6-4           | Platen roller holder fixing screw (fixing the holder to the platen) |                  |
| (22)    | 6-4           | Lower paper guide assembly fixing screws (3 screws)                 |                  |
| (23)    | 6-4           | Connector junction board fixing screws (2 screws)                   |                  |
| (24)    | 6-4           | Platen gap motor fixing screws (2 screws)                           |                  |
| (25)    | 6-3           | Tractor tension wire  |                  |

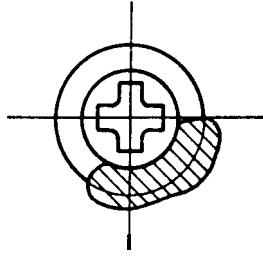


Figure 6-1. Correct Adhesive Application

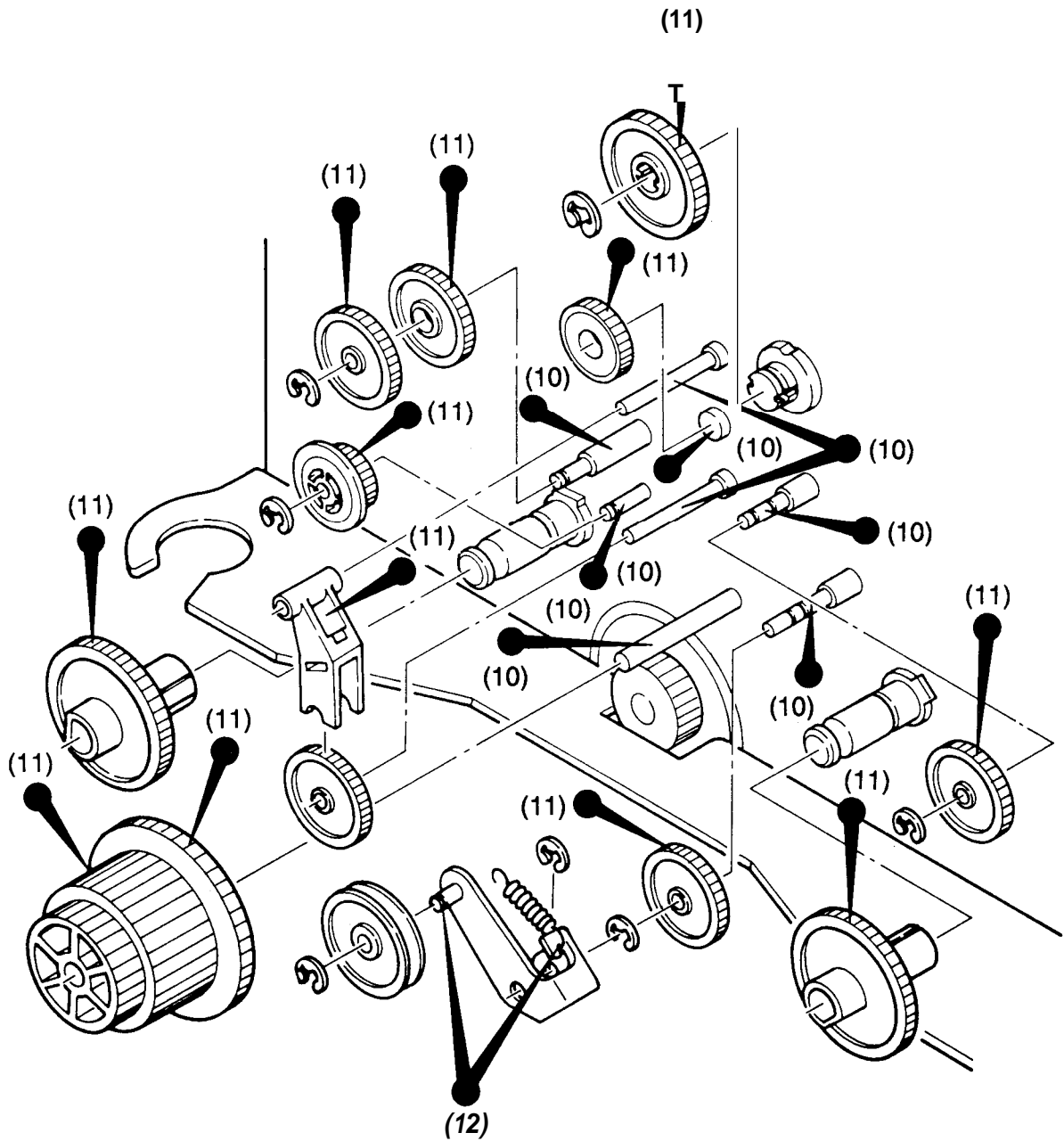


Figure 6-2. Lubrication and Adhesive Diagram 1



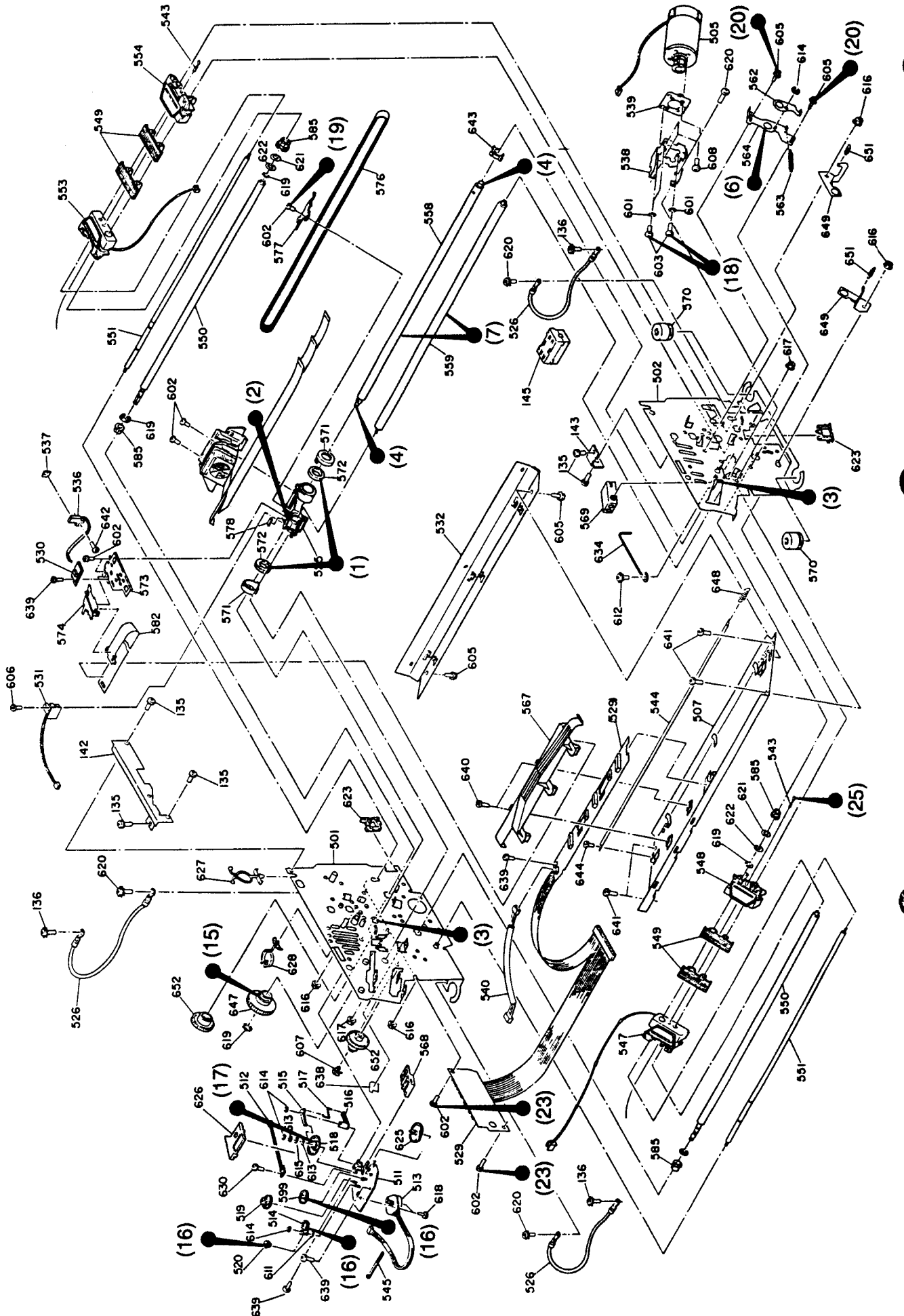


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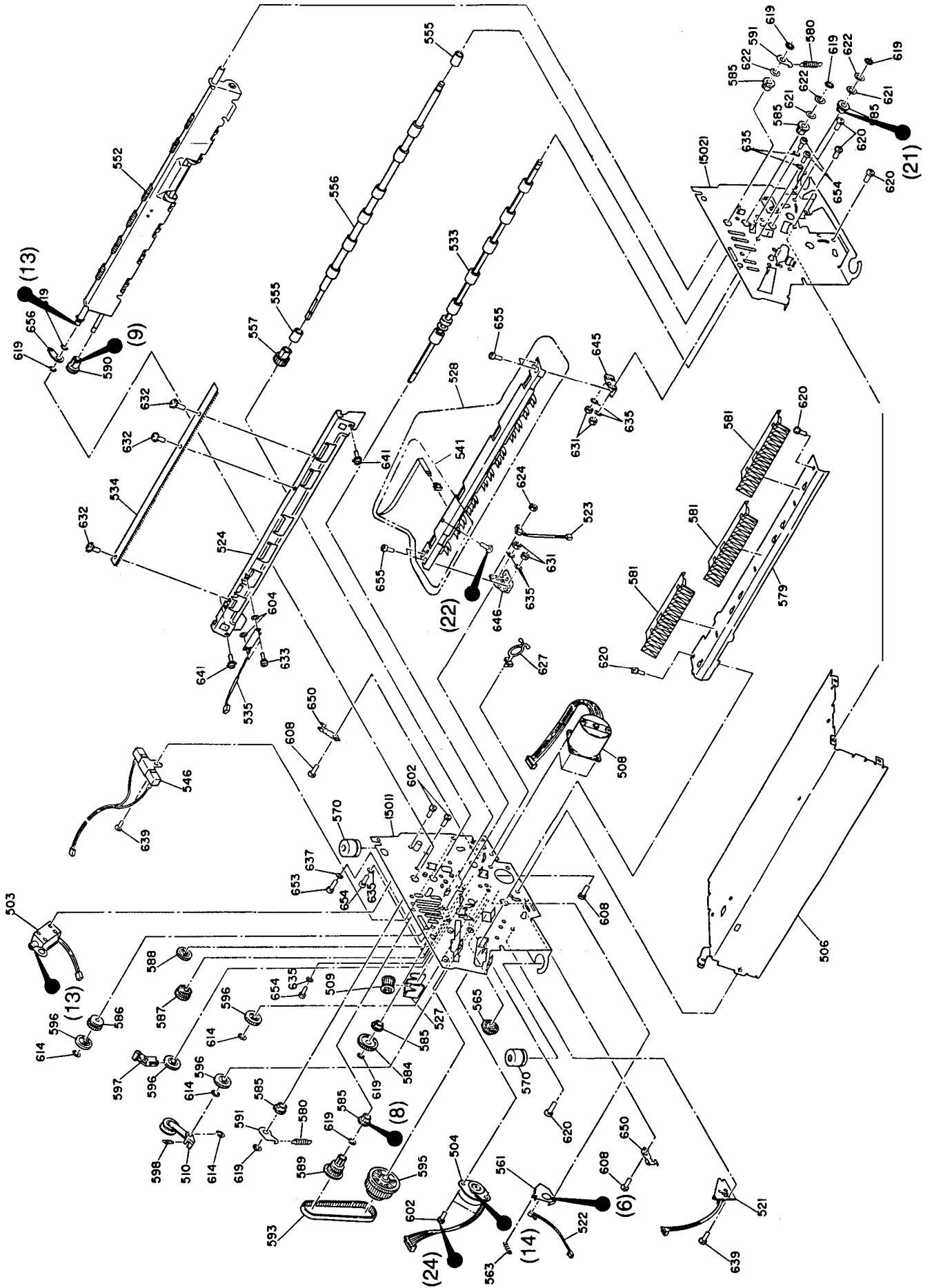


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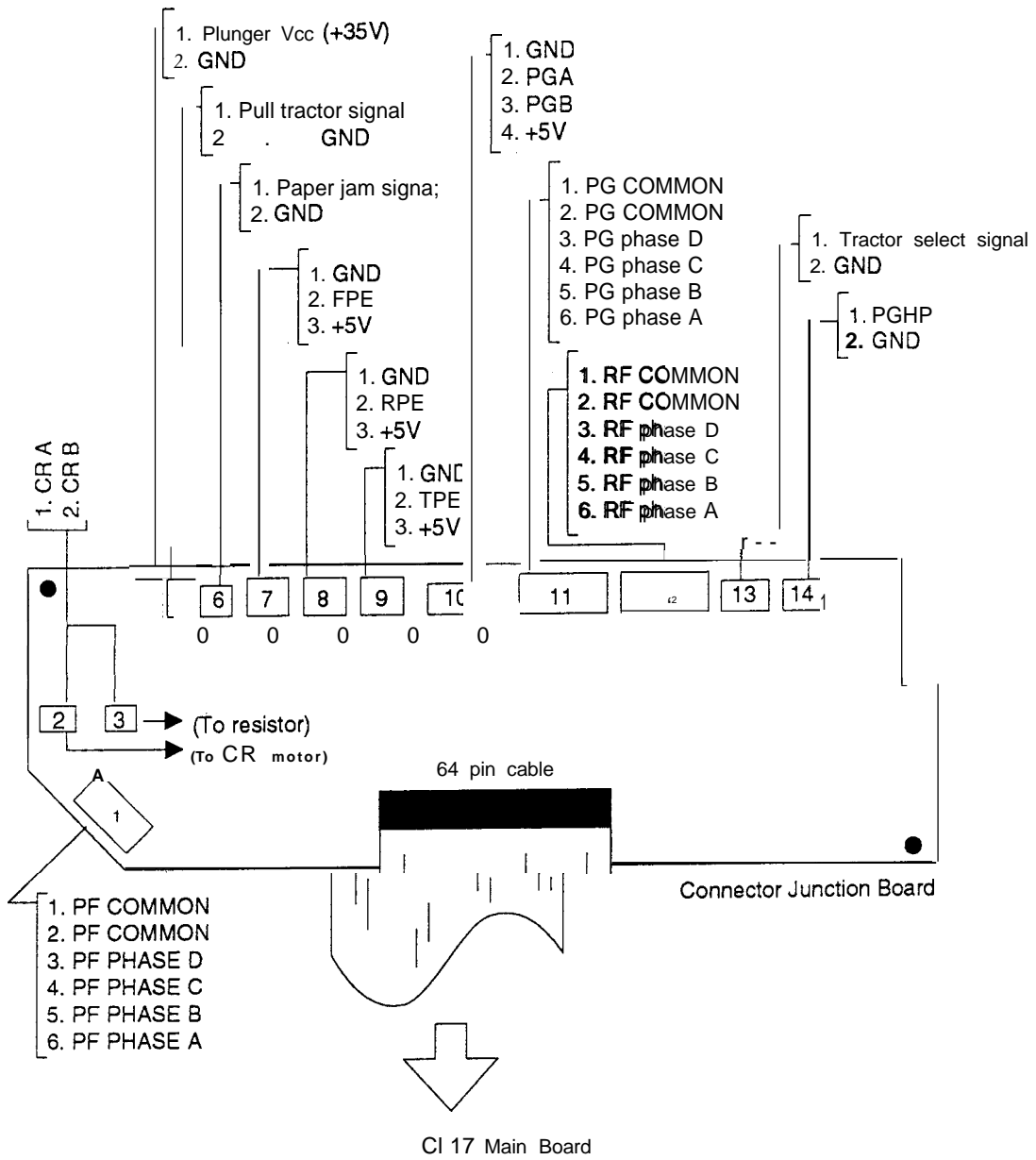




Table A-1. Connector Summary

| Unit         | Connector | Description   | Pins | Reference Table |
|--------------|-----------|---|------|-----------------|
| C117 MAIN    | CN1       | Receives the +5 VDC and $\pm 12$ VDC voltages from connector CN3 on the CI 17 PSB/PSE board.  | 9    | A-2             |
|              | CN2       | Standard serial interface; receives serial data from the external computer.   | 7    | A-3             |
|              | CN3       | Receives the +35 VDC voltage from connector CN2 on the CI 17 PSB/PSE board.   | 8    | A-4             |
|              | CN4       | Type B optional interface; receives parallel or serial data from the external computer.   | 36   | A-5             |
|              | CN5       | Standard parallel interface; receives 8-bit parallel data from the external computer.   | 36   | A-6             |
|              | CN6       | <input type="checkbox"/> RF, PF, CR, and PG motor and fan driver signals<br><input type="checkbox"/> Plunger driver signals<br><input type="checkbox"/> Head fan temperature<br>CI PG sensor<br><input type="checkbox"/> PW sensor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Front, rear, or top PE sensor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Paper jam sensor<br><input type="checkbox"/> PG home sensor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Tractor select sensor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pull tractor sensor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Printhead temperature sensor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Printhead coil driver signal. | 64   | A-7             |
|              | CN7       | Connector for the signals from the cover open sensor.   | 2    | A-8             |
|              | CN8       | Connector for the signals from the CI 17 PNL board  | 22   | A-9             |
|              | CN9       | Connector for the interlock switch.   | 2    | A-10            |
|              | CN10      | Connector for the CR sensor (encoder).  | 4    | A-11            |
| C117 PSB/PSE | CN1       | AC power input  | 3    | A-12            |
|              | CN2       | Supplies the DC voltage (+35V) to the CI 17 MAIN board for the motors, plunger, and printhead coils.  | 8    | A-13            |
|              | CN3       | Supplies the DC voltages (+5V and $\pm 12$ V) to the CI 17 MAIN board assembly. Receives the control signal (DRERR) from the CI 17 MAIN board assembly.   | 9    | A-14            |
|              | CN4       | Supplies the DC voltage (+35V) to the CI 17 MAIN board assembly for the fan drivers.  | 2    | A-15            |

Table A-2. CN1, C117 MAIN Board Assembly

| Pin No. | I/O | Name   | Description   |
|---------|-----|--------|---|
| 1       | 0   | VPC    | OK for +35 VDC voltage output<br>(used in conjunction with DRERR) |
| 2       | 0   | DRERR  | Driver error signal to drop voltage to the head driver IC         |
| 3       |     | CLIMIT | Power supply board voltage drop signal                            |
| 4       |     | +12    | +12 VDC input for serial interface                                |
| 5       |     | -12    | -12 VDC input for serial interface                                |
| 6,7     | -   | GND    | Ground for logic  |
| 8,9     |     | +5     | Power source for logic  |

Table A-3. CN2, C117 MAIN Board Assembly

| Pin No. | I/O | Name | Description                    |
|---------|-----|------|--------------------------------|
| 1       | 0   | REV  | Reverse (same function as DTR) |
| 2       | 0   | DTR  | Data terminal ready            |
| 3       |     | RXD  | Receive data                   |
| 4       | 0   | TXD  | Transmit data                  |
| 5       |     | NC   | Not connected                  |
| 6       |     | SG   | Signal ground                  |
| 7       |     | FG   | Frame ground                   |

Table A-4. CN3, C117 MAIN Board Assembly

| Pin No. | I/O | Name | Description   |
|---------|-----|------|---|
| 1,2     |     | +35A | For six of the nine printhead pins (1,3,5,7,8 and 9)            |
| 3,4     | -   | GPA  | Power ground  |
| 5,6     | -   | GPB  | Power ground  |
| 7,8     |     | +35B | For three of the nine printhead pins (2,4 and 6) and the motors |

Table A-5. CN4, C117 MAIN Board Assembly

| Pin No. | I/O | Name                      | Description                                |
|---------|-----|---------------------------|--|
| 1-6     | I   | +5V                       | Power source for Type B optional interface |
| 7       | O   | TXD                       | Serial transmission data                   |
| 8       | O   | $\overline{\text{READY}}$ | Ready to receive data                      |
| 9       | I   | RXD                       | Serial receiving data input                |
| 10      | .   | NC                        | Not connected                              |
| 11      | O   | $\overline{\text{RST}}$   | Reset signal for Type B interface card     |
| 12      | O   | INH                       | Inhibit signal output                      |
| 13      | I   | $\overline{\text{CMREQ}}$ | Command request signal input               |
| 14      | I   | $\overline{\text{WRRDY}}$ | Write ready signal input                   |
| 15      | I   | $\overline{\text{RDREQ}}$ | Read request signal input                  |
| 16      | O   | $\overline{\text{WR}}$    | Write signal input                         |
| 17      | O   | $\overline{\text{RD}}$    | Read signal input                          |
| 18      | O   | $\overline{\text{CS}}$    | Chip select signal input                   |
| 19-24   | .   | GND                       | Ground                                     |
| 25-28   | O   | A3-A0                     | Address output                             |
| 29-36   | I/O | D7-D0                     | Data bus                                   |

Table A-6. CN5, CI 17 MAIN Board Assembly

| Pin No.   | I/O | Name                     | Description                  |
|-----------|-----|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1         | I   | STRBX                    | Strobe signal input          |
| 2-9       | I/O | DATA1-8                  | Data input/output            |
| 10        | O   | $\overline{\text{ACK}}$  | Acknowledge signal output    |
| 11        | O   | BUSY                     | Busy Signal output           |
| 12        | O   | PE                       | Paper end signal output      |
| 13        | O   | SLCT                     | Printer select signal output |
| 14        | I   | $\overline{\text{AFXT}}$ | Auto line feed signal input  |
| 15,34     | .   | NC                       | Not connected                |
| 16,1&-30, | .   | GND                      | Ground                       |
| 17        | .   | FG                       | Frame ground                 |
| 31        | I   | INIT                     | Initialize signal input      |
| 32        | O   | ERR                      | Error signal output          |
| 18,35     | I   | +5V                      | +5 VDC pullup                |
| 36        | I   | SLIN                     | Printer select signal input  |



Table A-7. CN6, CI 17 MAIN Board Assembly

| Pin No.                           | I/O | Name        | Description                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-------------|---|
| 13,21,15,<br>25,20,23,<br>16,9,18 | 0   | HD1 HD9     | Head driver signal output                       |
| 11,12,14                          | 0   | HDCOM1      | Head common (HD2,4,6)                           |
| 5-8,10                            | 0   | HDCOM2      | Head common (HD1 ,3,5,7,8,9)                    |
| 19                                | I   | HTMP        | Head temperature detection data input           |
| 59,61                             | 0   | CRA         | CR motor driver signal output                   |
| 55,57                             | 0   | CRB         | CR motor driver signal output                   |
| 53                                | 0   | PLGP        | PNP transistor drive signal                     |
| 54                                | 0   | PLGN        | NPN transistor drive signal                     |
| 39                                | 0   | PGCOM       | PG motor common                                 |
| 40                                | 0   | PGD         | PG motor phase D signal output                  |
| 41                                | 0   | PGA         | PG motor phase A signal output                  |
| 42                                | 0   | PGB         | PG motor phase B signal output                  |
| 43                                | 0   | PGC         | PG motor phase C signal output                  |
| 44,45                             | I   | PENCA,PENCB | PG sensor data input                            |
| 1,4                               | 0   | FANA, FANB  | Head fan motor driver signal output             |
| 2                                 | 0   | FANCOM      | Head fan motor common                           |
| 63,64                             | 0   | PFCOM       | PF motor common                                 |
| 56,58,60,<br>62                   | 0   | PFA-PFD     | PF motor phase signal output                    |
| 34                                | 0   | RFCOM       | RF motor common                                 |
| 36-38,35                          | 0   | RFA-RFD     | RF motor phase signal output                    |
| 3                                 | I   | FTMP        | Head fan motor temperature detection data input |
| 26                                | I   | PWID        | Paper width detection data input                |
| 33                                | I   | TR.SEL      | Pull tractor sensor status data input           |
| 51                                | I   | P.TRCT      | Pull tractor sensor                             |
| 32                                | I   | PGHOME      | PG home sensor detection signal input           |
| 50                                | I   | PJAM        | Paper jam sensor data input                     |
| 48                                | I   | F.PE        | Front PE sensor data input                      |
| 47                                | I   | R.PE        | Rear PE sensor data input                       |
| 46                                | I   | T.PE        | Top PE sensor data input                        |
| 27,49                             | 0   | +5V         | Power source for the sensors                    |
| 17                                |     | HFTGND      | Head fan temperature sensor                     |
| 29,30,31,<br>52                   | -   | GND         | Ground for HTMP and FTMP sensor                 |
| 22,24,28                          | -   | NC          | Not connected                                   |

Table A-8. CN7, C117 MAIN Board Assembly

| Pin No. | I/O | Name  | Description                  |
|---------|-----|-------|------------------------------|
| 1       | I   | COVER | Cover open sensor data input |
| 2       | O   | GND   | Ground                       |

Table A-9. CN8, C117 MAIN Board Assembly

| Pin No. | I/O | Name   | Description                           |
|---------|-----|--------|---------------------------------------|
| 1       | O   | TEARLP | TEAR OFF LED output                   |
| 2       | O   | BUZZER | Buzzer signal output                  |
| 3       | O   | REGLP  | REAR LED paper loaded output (green)  |
| 4       | O   | 17CPI  | 17 cpi PITCH LED output               |
| 5       | O   | RERLP  | REAR LED paper out output (red)       |
| 6       | O   | 12CPIL | 12 cpi PITCH LED output               |
| 7       | O   | FRGLP  | FRONT LED paper loaded output (green) |
| 8       | O   | 10CPIL | 10 cpi PITCH LED output               |
| 9       | O   | FRRLP  | FRONT LED paper out output (red)      |
| 10      | O   | POUTLP | PAPER OUT LED output                  |
| 11      | O   | TOFLP  | TOP OF FORM LED output                |
| 12      | O   | PAUSEL | PAUSE LED output                      |
| 13      | I   | LFFFSW | LF/FF button input                    |
| 14      | I   | MFBSW  | Backward MICRO FEED button input      |
| 15      | I   | PSELSW | PAPER SELECT button input             |
| 16      | I   | MFFSW  | Forward MICRO FEED button input       |
| 17      | I   | PITCH  | PITCH button input                    |
| 18      | I   | TEARSW | TEAR OFF button input                 |
| 19      | I   | TOFSW  | TOP OF FORM button input              |
| 20      | I   | PAUSE  | PAUSE button input                    |
| 21      | -   | GND    | Ground                                |
| 22      | O   | +5V    | Power source for control panel        |

Table A-10. CN9, C117 MAIN Board Assembly

| Pin No. | I/O | Name  | Description      |
|---------|-----|-------|------------------|
| 1       | O   | VP    | +35 VDC          |
| 2       | -   | INTSW | Interlock switch |

Table A-1 1. CN10, CI 17 MAIN Board Assembly

| Pin No. | I/O | Name  | Description                          |
|---------|-----|-------|--------------------------------------|
| 1       |     | GND   | Ground                               |
| 2       | 0   | +5V   | Power source for CR sensor (encoder) |
| 3       | I   | ENC_A | Encoder pulse phase A input          |
| 4       | I   | ENC_B | Encoder pulse phase B input          |

Table A-12. CN1, CI 17 PSB/PSE Power Supply Board Assembly

| Pin No. | I/O | Name | Description   |
|---------|-----|------|---------------|
| 1       | I   | L    | Line          |
| 2       |     |      | Not connected |
| 3       |     | N    | Neutral       |

Table A-13. CN2, CI 17 PSB/PSE Power Supply Board Assembly

| Pin No. | I/O | Name      | Description  |
|---------|-----|-----------|--|
| 1,2     | 0   | +35V 12A  | +35 VDC for the main board for six of the nine printhead pins (1 ,3,5,7,8 and 9)           |
| 3-6     | -   | GP        | Ground for +35 VDC   |
| 7,8     | 0   | +35V / 2A | +35 VDC for the main board for three of the nine printhead pins (2,4 and 6) and the motors |

Table A-14. CN3, CI 17 PSB/PSE Power Supply Board Assembly

| Pin No. | I/O | Name   | Description  |
|---------|-----|--------|--|
| 1       | I   | VPC    | OK for +35 VDC voltage output (used in conjunction with DRERR)       |
| 2       | I   | DRERR  | Driver error signal to prohibit +35 VDC voltage (head driver broken) |
| 3       | 0   | CLIMIT | Voltage drop detection signal (sent to main board)                   |
| 4       | 0   | -12V   | Supply for the serial interface circuit on the main board            |
| 5       | 0   | +12V   | Supply for the serial interface circuit on the main board            |
| 6,7     | -   | GL     | Ground for logic   |
| 8,9     | 0   | +5V    | Supply for the logic circuit on the main board                       |

Table A-15. CN4, CI 17 PSB/PSE Power Supply Board Assembly

| Pin No. | I/O | Name | Description  |
|---------|-----|------|--------------|
| 1       | 0   | FAN  | +35 VDC      |
| 2       |     | FG   | Frame ground |

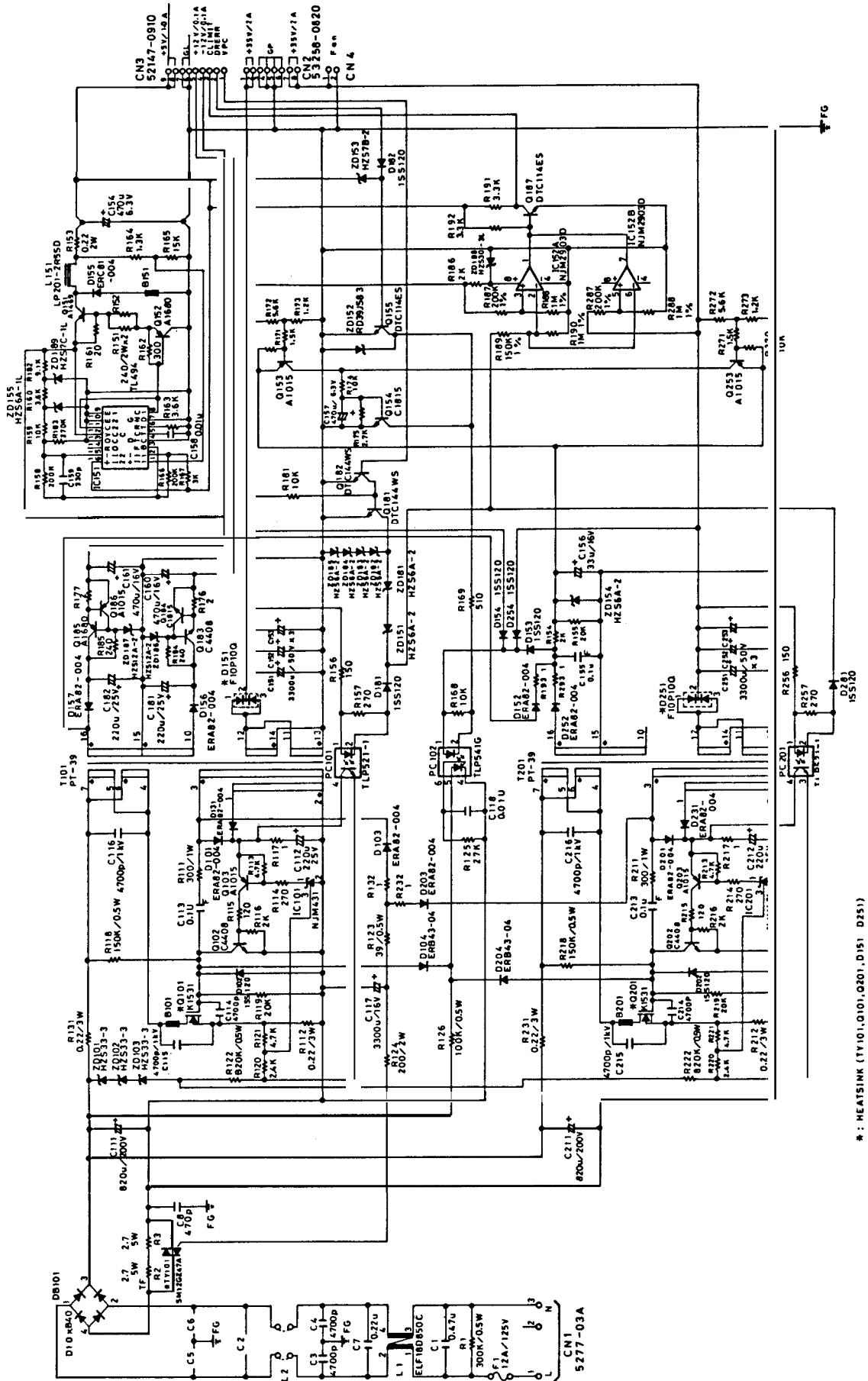


Figure A-3. C117 PSB Board Assembly Circuit Diagram

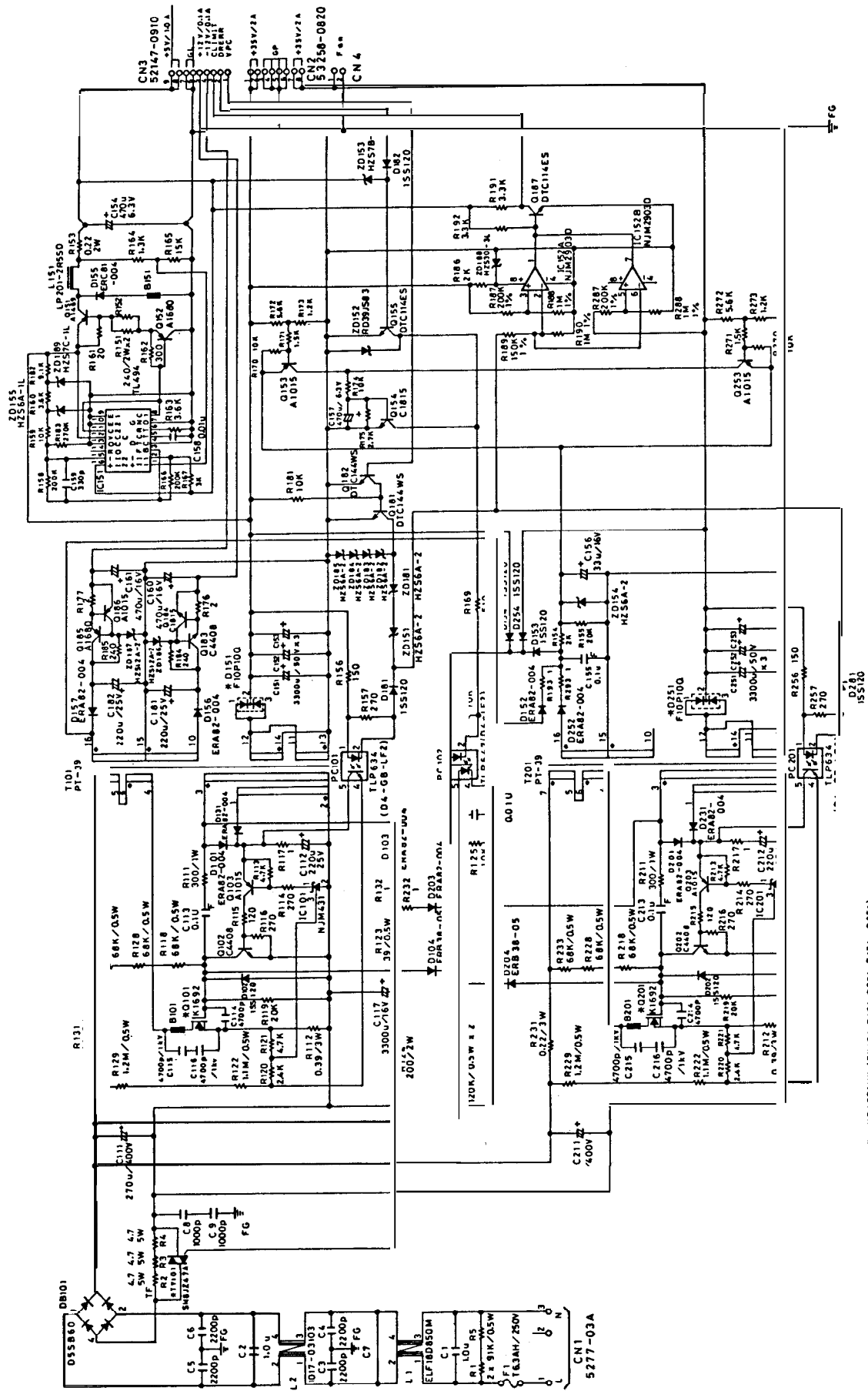


Figure A-4. C117 PSE Board Assembly Circuit Diagram





A.5 CASE OUTLINE DRAWING

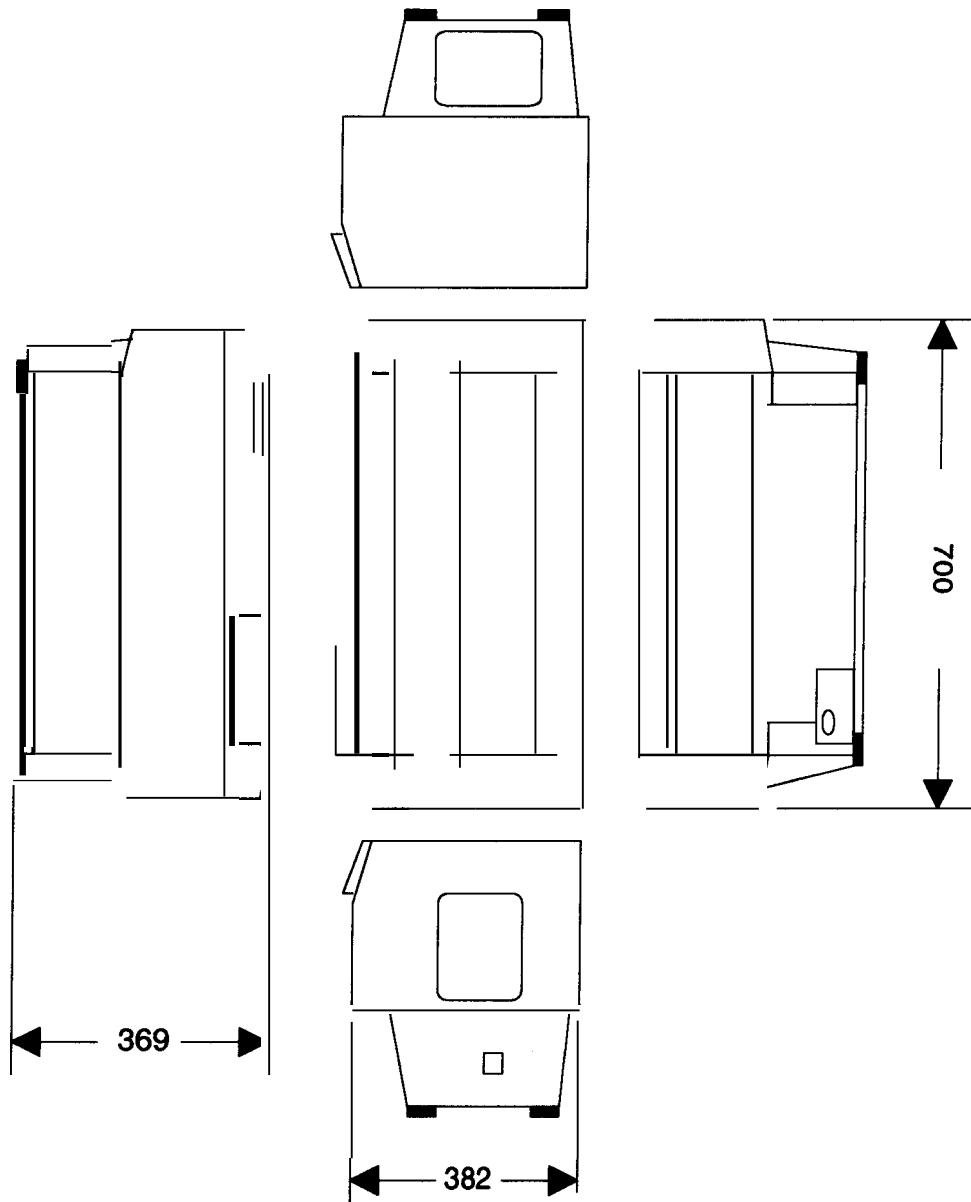


Figure A-10. DFX-5000+ Case Outline Drawing



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