

P-touch
ELECTRONIC LABELING SYSTEM
1280

USER'S GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

With your PT-1280, you can create labels for any application. Select from the many frames, character sizes and styles to design beautiful custom labels. In addition, the variety of tape cartridges available allows you to print labels with different widths and exciting colors.

Industry Canada Compliance Statement (Canada Only)
Avis de conformité aux normes d'Industrie Canada (Canada seulement)
This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.
Cet appareil numérique de la classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

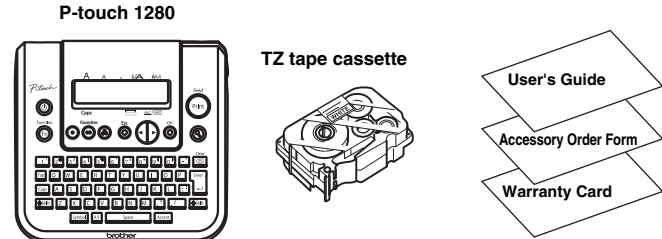
GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

- Use only Brother TZ tapes with this machine. Do not use tapes that do not have the mark.
- Do not clean the machine with alcohol or other organic solvents. Only use a soft, dry cloth.
- Do not touch the print head mechanism. Use a soft wipe (e.g. a cotton swab) when cleaning the print head.
- To avoid injuries, do not touch the cutter's edge.
- To prevent damage or breakage of the glass, do not press hard on the LCD display.
- Do not put any foreign objects into or heavy objects on the machine.
- Do not leave any rubber or vinyl on the machine for an extended period of time, otherwise the machine may be stained.
- Do not get the machine wet, such as by touching with wet hands or spilling beverages on to the machine.
- Do not expose the machine to extremely high temperatures or high humidity. Never leave it on the dashboard or in the back of your car, near heaters or other hot appliances. Keep it out of both direct sunlight and rain.
- Avoid using the machine in extremely dusty places.
- Do not pull on the tape being fed from the P-touch labeller, otherwise the tape cassette may be damaged.
- Do not attempt to cut the tape while printing or feeding since this will damage the tape.
- Do not try to print labels using an empty tape cassette set in the P-touch labeller. Doing so will damage the print head.
- Remove the batteries and disconnect the AC adapter if you do not intend to use the machine for an extended period of time. (Note: When power is disconnected for more than three minutes, all text shown in the display and any text files stored in the memory will be lost. Language and unit settings will also be cleared.)
- Do not use old and new batteries together or mix alkaline batteries with other type batteries, or set the positive and negative end in the wrong position. Otherwise, the batteries may leak or be damaged.
- Use only the AC adapter designed exclusively for this machine to prevent any damage or failure.

1 PREPARATION

Unpacking Your P-touch Labeller

Check that the package contains the followings before using your P-touch labeller.



Power Supply & Tape Cassettes

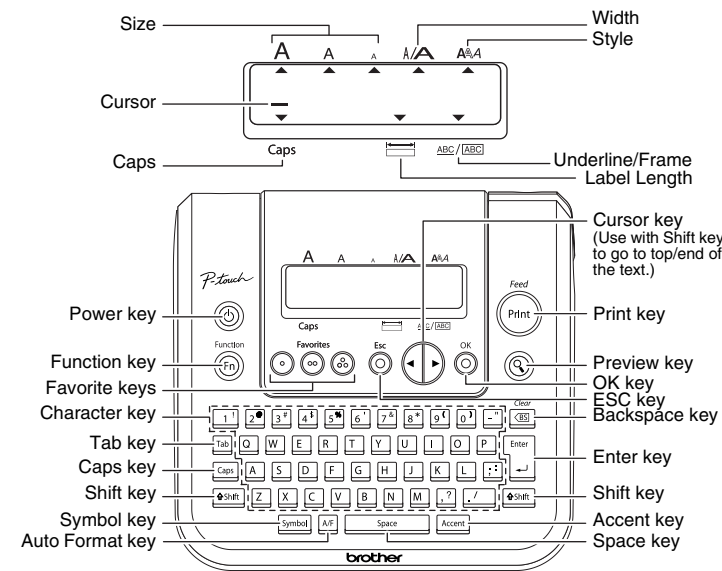
Make sure that the power is turned off when replacing batteries or tape cassette.

- Open the back cover by pressing in the rough area at the top end of the machine.
 - If a tape cassette is already installed, remove it by pulling it straight up. Also, if batteries are already installed, remove them.
- Insert six new AAA-size alkaline batteries (LR03), making sure that their poles point in the correct directions. Always replace all six batteries at the same time using brand new ones.
- Insert a tape cassette, making sure that it snaps into place.
 - Make sure that the end of the tape feeds under the tape guides.
 - If the ink ribbon is loose, use your finger to wind the toothed wheel in the direction of the arrow on the cassette.
 - Use only Brother TZ tapes with this machine.
- Securely close the back cover, making sure that it snaps into place. After you have installed the tape, feed the tape (see Feeding) once and then push in the tape cutter lever to cut the tape.

- When using optional AC adapter (model AD-30/AD-24)
- Insert the plug on the adapter cord into the adapter jack on the top end of the machine.
 - Insert the plug into the nearest standard electrical outlet.
- For memory back up, we recommend using AAA-size alkaline batteries (LR03) together when using the AC adapter.

2 OPERATION

Keyboard & LCD



The LCD shows one row of 15 characters; however, the text that you enter can be up to 80 characters in length.

Initial Setting

- Start your machine. Supply power by using six AAA batteries or the optional AC adapter, and then press .
 - Set the language (English/Spanish/French/Portuguese).
 - English
 - Set the unit (inch/mm).
 - inch
- The machine automatically turns off if no key is pressed within 5 minutes.
 - To cancel operations, press .
 - To initialize the settings, turn off the machine and then while holding down and , press to turn the machine back on. Finally, release and .

Creating Labels

See the under side for steps of creating labels.

3 REFERENCE

Troubleshooting

Error message	Cause/Remedy
Battery Weak!	The batteries are weak.
Check Battery!	The installed batteries are about to run out.
Invalid!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no text above the cursor when you set Numbering. Invalid character is selected for Numbering. Invalid number is selected for Tab Length or Label Length.
No Text!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You tried to print a text file when there is no data stored in the memory. The Print key is pressed when no text is entered. You tried to set Copies, Numbering or Mirror when no text is entered.
Line Limit!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You tried to enter a 3rd line by pressing Enter key. You tried to print a 2 line text when 9/64" (3.5mm) or 1/4" (6mm) tape is installed.
No Cassette!	You tried to print a label when there is no cassette installed.
Cutter Error!	Tape cutter lever is used in the middle of printing process.
Full!	The maximum number of characters (80 characters) have already been entered.
Text Too Long!	The text length exceeds the selected label length or the selected Auto Format setting length.
No Frame OK?	Printing on 9/64" (3.5 mm) tape with invalid Frame setting ON. (Select to print with no Frame, to cancel.)

What to do when...

Problem	Solution
The display stays blank after you have turned on the machine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check that the batteries are correctly inserted. If the batteries are weak, replace them. Check that the AD-30/AD-24 adapter is correctly connected.
The machine does not print, or the printed characters are blurred.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check that the tape cassette has been inserted correctly. If the tape cassette is empty, replace it.
The printed characters are not formed properly.	The batteries may be weak. Replace them.
The memory has cleared on its own.	The batteries may be weak. Replace them.
A blank horizontal line appears through the printed label.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There may be some dust on the print head. Remove the tape cassette and use a dry cotton swab to gently wipe the print head with an up-and-down motion. The print head can be cleaned more easily if the optional print head cleaning cassette (TZ-CL3) is used.
The machine has "locked up" (i.e., nothing happens when a key is pressed, even though the machine is on).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turn off the machine, and then while holding down and , press to turn the machine back on. Finally, release and . Note: The text and formats in the display and all text files stored in the memory are erased. Also, the language and unit settings will be cleared.

Specifications

Item	Specification
Dimensions	6.4" (W) x 6.0" (D) x 2.4" (H) (163 mm (W) x 151 mm (D) x 60 mm (H))
Weight	1.03 lbs. (470 g) (without batteries and tape cassette)
Power supply	Six AAA-size alkaline batteries (LR03) or optional AC adapter (model AD-30/AD-24)
Tape cassette	Brother TZ tape (width): 9/64" (3.5 mm), 1/4" (6 mm), 3/8" (9 mm), 1/2" (12 mm)

Accessories (Supplies may differ by distribution.)

Accessories	Stock No.
Tape Cassettes	See the attached "Accessory Order Form".
AC Adapter	model AD-30/AD-24
Cutter Unit	TC-5 (replacement)
Carrying Case	CC1000

If the cutter blade becomes blunt after repetitive use and the tape cannot be cut cleanly, replace with new cutter unit (stock no. TC-5) by obtaining from an authorized brother reseller.

Contact Information

Contact may differ by country. See the Web site. (<http://www.brother.ca>)

1 MAKING TEXT

Switching Upper Case/Lower Case



Making Two Line Text

Move the cursor to where the second line starts and press . Use either 3/8" (9 mm) or 1/2" (12 mm) wide tape for two line text.

Entering Symbols

Group	Symbols	Group	Symbols
1	. , : ; ' ' .	7	\$ % € £ ¥ °
2	@ - & - - \ /	8	² ³ ★ ☆ ○
3	# % ? ! ; i *	9	↓ ~ ~ ~ = + μ Ω
4	+ - x ÷ ± =	10	☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹
5	() [] < >	11	☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎
6	← → ↑ ↓		

- To go to the next group, press .
- To cancel operations, press .

Entering Accented Characters

Accented Characters	Accented Characters
A A A A A E A A A A A	a a a a a e a a a a a
C C C C	c c c c
D D D	d d d d
E E E E E E E E E	e e e e e e e e e
G G G	g g g
I I I I I I I I I	i i i i i i i i i
K K	k k
L L L L L	l l l l l
N N N N N	n n n n n
O O O O O O O O O	o o o o o o o o o
R R R	r r r
S S S S S	s s s s s
T T T T	t t t t
U U U U U U U U U	u u u u u u u u u
Y Y Y	y y y
Z Z Z Z	z z z z

- To cancel operations, press .
- The order of accented characters differ by the selected LCD language.

To Clear

By pressing the Backspace Key, the letters will be deleted one by one.

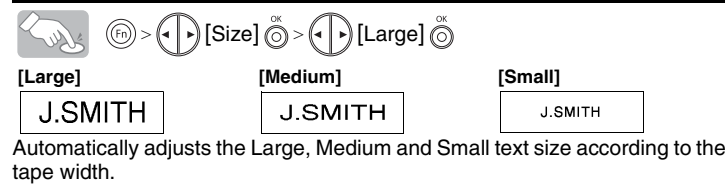


All text and settings will be cleared.



2 DESIGNING LABELS

Setting [Size]

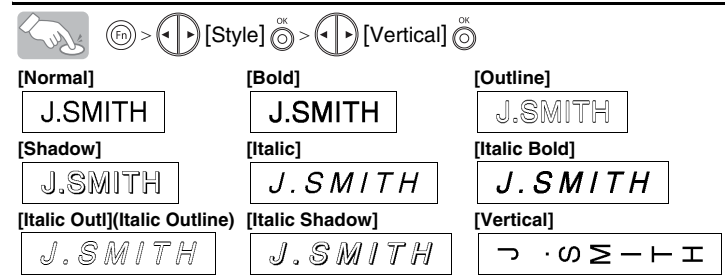


Automatically adjusts the Large, Medium and Small text size according to the tape width.

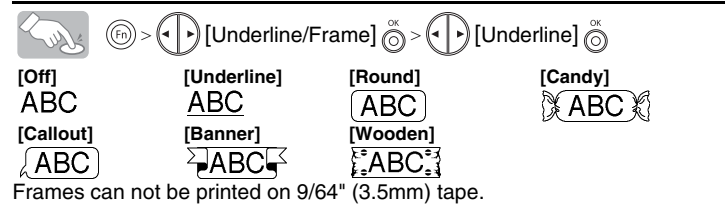
Setting [Width]



Setting [Style] (Vertical)



Setting [Underline/Frame]



Setting [Tab]

You can make aligned texts by setting tabs. Example: To set a tab between "ABC" and "D". The cursor should be positioned where you set a tab.



Setting [Tab Length] (Auto / 0.0" - 4.0")

You can also select the length by entering the length with Num keys.

Setting [Label Length] (Auto / 1.2" - 12.0")

You can also select the length by entering the length with Num keys.

Setting [Auto Format]

You can choose label length from six formats to create labels for various applications.

Application	Length	Application	Length
VHS Spine	5.5" (140 mm)	CD Case Spine	4.4" (113 mm)
MiniDV Spine	1.6" (42 mm)	File Tab	3.2" (82 mm)
Audio Tape	3.5" (89 mm)	Divider Tab	1.6" (42 mm)

3 PRINTING LABELS

Text Preview

You can preview the text before printing. The LCD shows the whole text and the label length (inch/mm), then returns to the original text. Only the text can be previewed, not the font, style, size, underline/frame or any additional features.

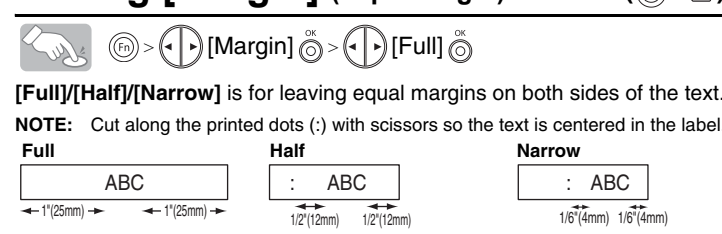
Feeding (Tape Feed)



Printing

- To cut off the label, push in the tape cutter lever on the upper-right corner of the machine.
- To prevent damage to the tape, do not try to cut while the message "Print" or "Feed" is displayed.

Setting [Margin] (Tape Margin)



[Full]/[Half]/[Narrow] is for leaving equal margins on both sides of the text. NOTE: Cut along the printed dots (•) with scissors so the text is centered in the label.

[Chain Print] is for printing more than 1 copy of a label with minimum margin <e.g. 1>. You can also create a label containing texts in various styles; print a text in one style, and before feeding, enter the second text in another style <e.g. 2>.

Using [Print Option]

[Copies] You can print up to 9 copies of each label. You can also select the number of copies by entering with Num keys.

[Numbering]

You can print many copies of the same text while increasing a selected number by 1 after each label is printed.

Select the highest number you wish to be printed when setting the number.

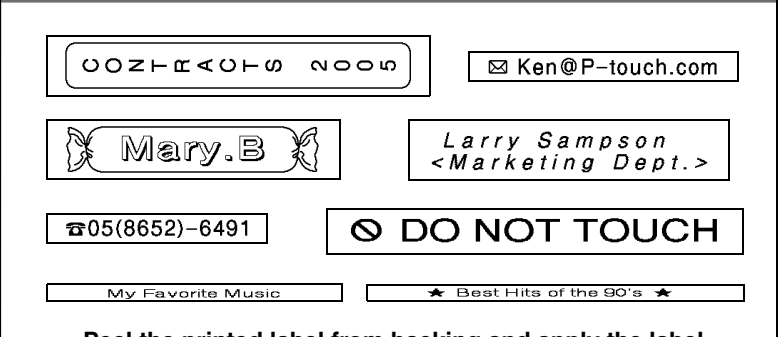
[Mirror]



Use clear tape in [Mirror], so the labels can be read correctly from the opposite side when attached on glass, windows or other transparent surfaces.

[CREATING LABELS]

4 COMPLETED LABELS



Peel the printed label from backing and apply the label.

USEFUL FUNCTIONS

Memory (Favorites)

You can save and print your favorite label in seconds at the touch of a button. There are three Favorite Keys () to store your three favorite labels.

To Save: Press to save the current label to the first favorite key.

To Print: Press to print the label from the first favorite key.

To Open (for editing): Press to open the label from the first favorite key for editing.

Function Shortcuts

Key	Function	Key	Function
	[Size]		[Tab Length]
	[Width]		[Label Length]
	[Style]		[Auto Format]
	[Underline/Frame]		[Margin]
	[Tab]		[Print Option]