

USER MANUAL

Cutter 2000



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Safety notes



WARNING!

Sharp cutter edges!

Hazard of getting your fingers cut by the cutter blades!

- Cleaning of the cutter must be done very carefully and with the printer switched off.
- Do not reach into the area of the rotating blade during printing/cutting operation.
- Do not use the cutter as a handle to carry the printer.
- Only operate the cutter, if it is fitted firmly to the printer.
- Switch off the printer before any operation that requires touching the cutter (e.g. fitting, cleaning, inserting label material).

CAUTION!

Damaging the cutter blades!

- Don't use sharp edged objects to clean the cutter blades.

Product description

PROPER USAGE

The „Cutter 2000“ option (subsequently referred to as the "cutter") is a peripheral device for label printers of the types 64-xx, AP 5.4 and XLP 50x. The cutter is designed for cutting label material after it has been printed. The printer provides power for the cutter motor via a socket on the front, which is also used for receiving signals relating to the position of the round blade.

The cut can be triggered after each label, after the umpteenth label or at the end of a print job. Printer control offers 3 different cut modes. Among other, the label can be pulled back under the print head after the cut and can be further printed without leaving an unprinted stripe (Real 1:1 mode).

TECHNICAL DATA

Suitable label material

The cutter blade cuts self-adhesive, cardboard and synthetic materials up to 240 g/m² and up to a material thickness of 0.9 mm – considering the following exceptions:

CAUTION!

Damaging or soiling the cutter blades!

Risk of malfunction of the cutter or damaging the blades!

→ The 8" wide cutter must not be used for materials exceeding 160 g/m².

→ Fiber strengthened materials (e.g. Tyvek) must not be cut.

→ If using self-adhesive material, cut between the labels. Otherwise, the adhesive will stick to the cutter blades and will have a negative effect on the cutting function.

Cut width

Cutters of varying widths are intended for use with printers with different print widths to allow labels to be cut up to the maximum material width of the printer being used.

Double cut

With the double cut function, the operator can remove gaps from the label material where required. Here the cut gap can be set from 1 to 5 mm.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Cutters in the appropriate width can be operated with the following printers:

Printer	Cutter width	Article number
AP 5.4 / XLP 504	4"	A1168
64-04 / 64-05	5"	A1169
64-06 / XLP 506	6"	A1170
64-08	8"	A1171

Preparation for peripheral devices:

For using the printers with a cutter, they must be especially equipped. This so called peripherals preparation consists mainly of an additional output stage board for the motor of the peripheral device and of some additional connection cables. From the outside, the peripheral preparation can be identified by the D-Sub connector (A) on the front side of the printer:



Fig. 1: The D-Sub connector is an indicator for the peripheral preparation of the printer.

WARNING NOTE AT THE CUTTER

The warning note „CAUTION! Rotating knife“ warns of the hazard of cut injuries at the hands by the rotating blade.

CAUTION!

Warning notes on the printer provide important information for the operating personnel.

- Do not remove warning notes.
- Replace missing or illegible warning notes.

Article number of the warning label: A8932



Fig. 2: Position of the warning label at the cutter.

Setting up

FITTING THE CUTTER

The cutter is secured to the printer by two screws and an adjustment plate. By moving the adjustment plate, the cutting line can be set parallel to the print image.

Tools:

- Hex socket screwdriver, 3 mm
- Socket wrench, size 8



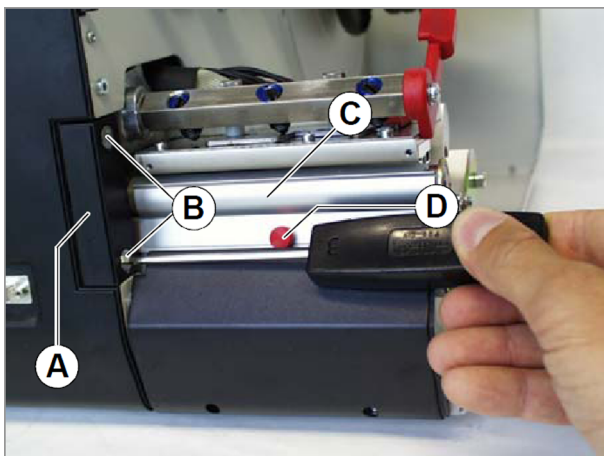
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Sharp cutter blades!

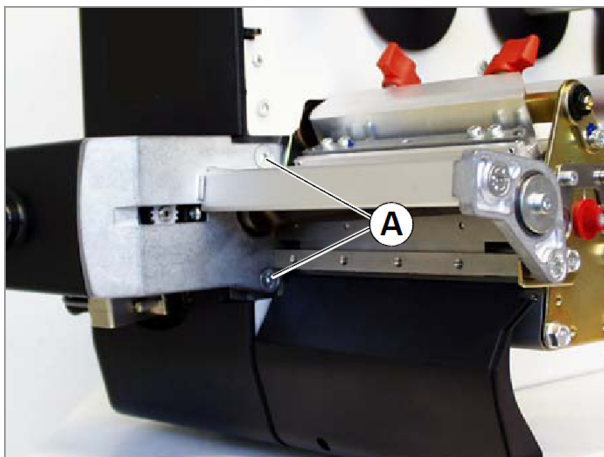
Hazard of getting your fingers cut by the cutter blades.

→ Switch off the printer and disconnect the power cable before fitting the cutter.

1. Remove the tear-off edge (C) by unscrewing the thumb screw (D).
2. Remove the cover on the cutter flange (A) by unscrewing the two screws (B).

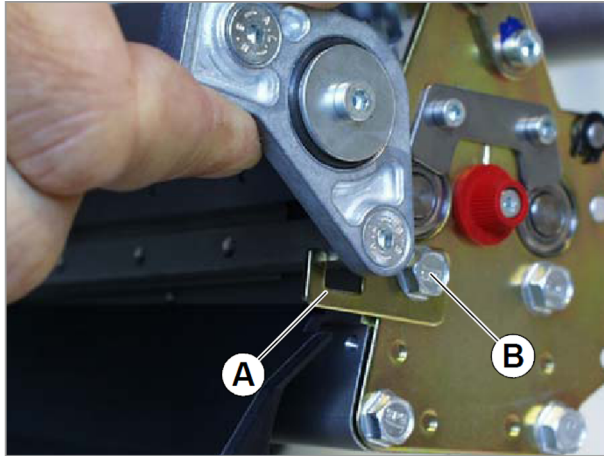


3. Screw on the cutter in place of the cutter flange cover. To do this use the fastening screws of the cutter cover (2x Allen M 5x20). Initially just screw them in slightly.

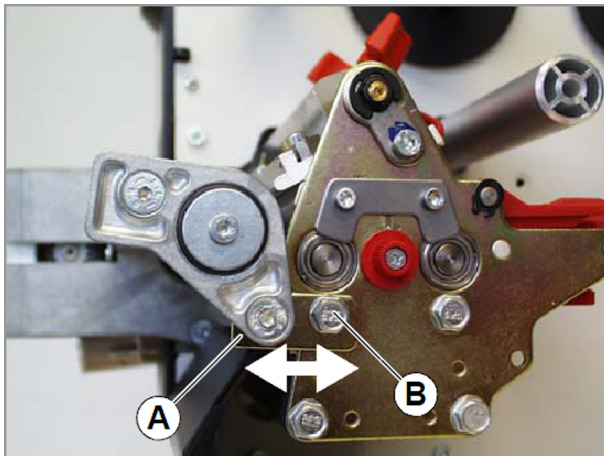


4. Attach the adjustment plate by unscrewing the top left hex screw (B) on the print unit, place the adjustment plate (A) underneath, and then tighten the screw again - initially only lightly.

|| The square axle of the cutter unit must rest in the square recess of the adjustment plate (A). ||



5. If necessary, position the adjustment plate with the help of the hex screw so that the cut line and print image are parallel.



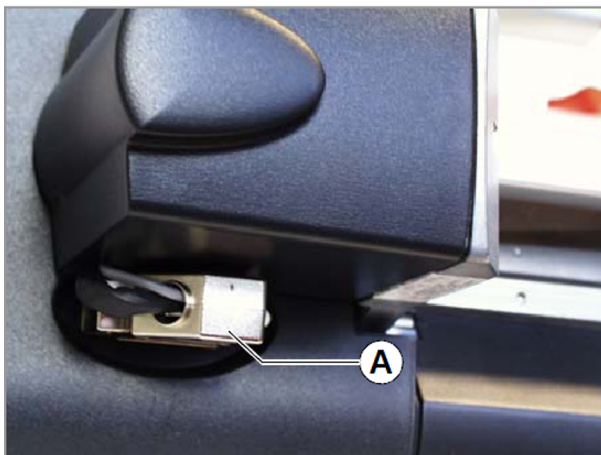
6. Tighten all three fastening screws.

7. Plug the connector (A) of the motor cable into the socket on the front of the printer.

CAUTION!

Hazard of damaging the electronics


→ Under no circumstances should the plug be attached or removed when the device is switched on.



8. Carrying out a function test.

AP 5.4 / 64-xx: Call **SERVICE FUNCTIONS** > Cutter test.

|| The cutter does not need to be activated for the test. ||

XLP 504/506: Press the button below the  icon.

|| The cutter must be activated before the test (read the following chapter). ||

ACTIVATING/DEACTIVATING THE CUTTER

After installation, the cutter must still be activated by setting the corresponding parameters in the parameter menu.

Prerequisite: The cutter is ready fit and connected. The printer is switched on.



WARNING!

Danger of cutting hands and fingers!

Activating a non-existent option (peripheral device) can cause the device to malfunction.

- Never touch the knife blade with your fingers while operating the cutter/printer.
- Only activate options which are mounted and connected properly.

64-xx / AP 5.4

Activating the cutter:

- Set the parameter **SYSTEM PARAMETER > Periph. device** to **Cutter**.

The printer will now be reset. The cutter is rotated automatically to its correct starting position. In the parameter menu **PRINT PARAMETERS** show up the following parameters for setting the cut:

- Cut mode
- Cut speed
- Cut position
- Double cut
- Cut width

Additional information about the parameter functions can be found in the user manual of the printer, topic section „Info printouts and parameters“.

Deactivating the cutter:

- Set the parameter **SYSTEM PARAMETER > Periph. device** to **None**.

XLP 504/506

Activating the cutter:

- Set the parameter **Options > Selection > Periph. device** to **Cutter**.

The printer will now be reset. The cutter is rotated automatically to its correct starting position. In the parameter menu shows up additionally the submenu **Cutter**, which contains the following parameters for setting the cut:

- Cut mode
- Cut speed
- Cut width
- Cut position
- Double cut

Additional information about the parameter functions can be found in the user manual of the printer, chapter „Parameter menu“.

Deactivating the cutter:

- Set the parameter **Options > Selection > Periph. device** to **None**.

Operation / Malfunction / Cleaning

OPERATION

The cutter is ready for operation, if it is ready fitted, connected and activated. The cut can be triggered by pressing a button at the operation panel or automatically via the print job.

Inserting label material

→ Insert the label material following the instructions in the user manual of the printer. Place the beginning of the material web so that it reaches some millimeters into the cutter.

Triggering a cut manually

→ AP 5.4: Toggle to Offline mode. Press the Cut button.

→ XLP 504/506: Toggle to the „Home“ screen. Press the button under the  icon.

Triggering a cut automatically

→ Integrate the Easy Plug command #ER with the appropriate parameters into the print job or provide the appropriate setting in the label layout software.

Writing print jobs without layout software requires knowledge of the command language Easy Plug. For details refer to the Easy Plug manual.

TROUBLESHOOTING

There are many possible causes for a malfunction of the cutter. Here are explained remedies for those causes, which can be done by the operator himself.

If the malfunction has not one of the below mentioned causes, please contact a service technician. Further causes are explained in the service manual of the printer in chapter „Malfunctions“ > „Fault location“ > „Cut function, cutter“ (XLP 50x), respectively in topic section „Fault location“, chapter „Error sources“ > „Cut function, cutter“ (64-xx).



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→ Switch off the printer before any operation at the cutter (e.g. fitting or cleaning).

Disturbances that prevent the round blade from rotating in its initial position cause the error message „5005 Cutter“.

Material jam

1. Switch off the printer.
2. Clear the area between cutter and printer of jammed material. If necessary, remove the cutter.
3. Fit the cutter.
4. Switch on the printer.

Soiled cutter

If the cut leads through the adhesive of self-adhesive label material, some glue gathers at the blades. This can block the cutter.

→ Clean the cutter blades (see below).

Labels are pulled upwards with the ribbon

If the applied label material is very thin and flexible, it may occur that it is pulled upwards with the ribbon after being printed, instead of running into the cutter. The stripper avoids this effect.

Article numbers:

Printer	Article number stripper
AP 5.4 / XLP 504	A0799
64-04 / 64-05	A0798
64-06 / XLP 506	A0800
64-08	A0801



Fig. 3: The stripper - a self-adhesive plastic strip.

Assembly:

1. Remove the cutter from the printer.
2. Clean the rim (A) with some ethyl alcohol.
3. Remove the cover paper from the stripper.
4. Glue the stripper (B) to the rim as illustrated.

|| The stripper must protrude the rim towards the paper-insertion side (C). ||

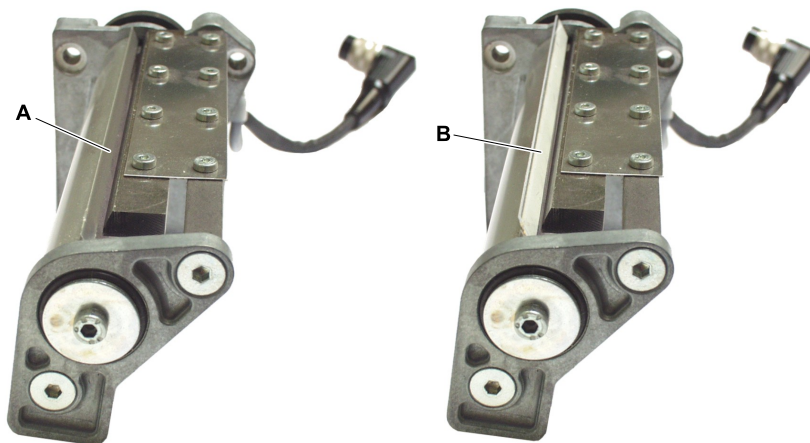


Fig. 4: Attaching the stripper (B).

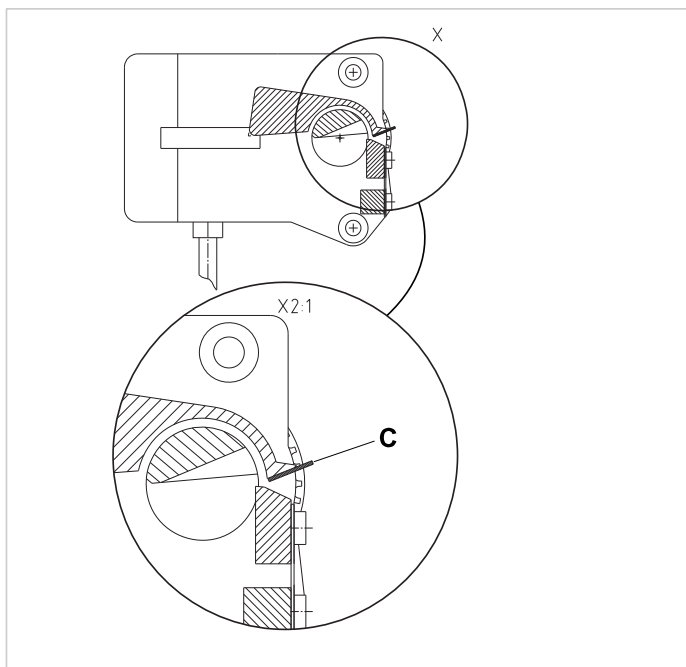


Fig. 5: The stripper (C) must protrude the rim.

CLEANING

During operation of the cutter, particles of dust and paper can accumulate especially around the cutting blades.

→ Remove these particles with a soft brush or with a vacuum cleaner.

More cleaning effort is required, if the cutter doesn't cut through the label gap, but through the label material including the glue layer. The glue deposits at the blades and must be removed regularly. Remove the cutter for cleaning.

At this occasion, it is a good advice to clean the print roller too. This is a place, where the glue also deposits, especially if the printer operates in „Real 1:1 mode“ mode with backwards movement of the label web (Instructions can be found in the user manual of the printer).



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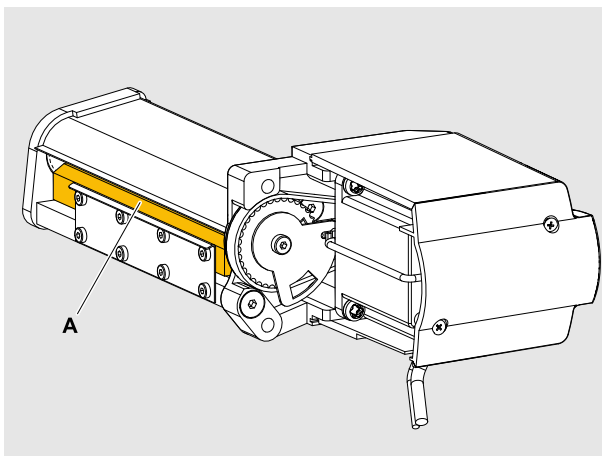
Cleaning agent: Ethyl alcohol or isopropyl alcohol

1. Switch off the printer.
2. Remove the cutter.
3. Moisten a cloth with ethyl alcohol and wipe the fixed blade (A) with it.

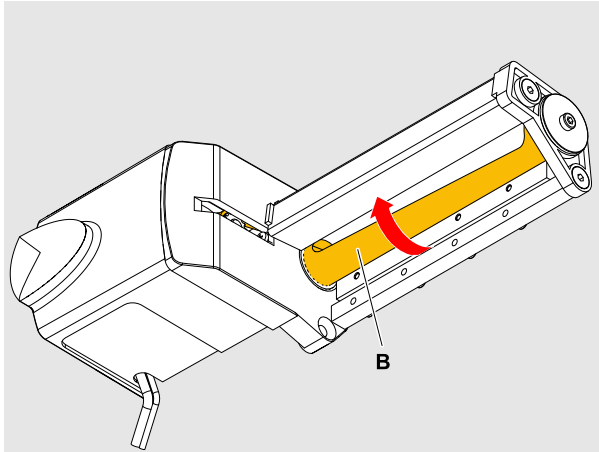
CAUTION!

Damaging the cutter blades!

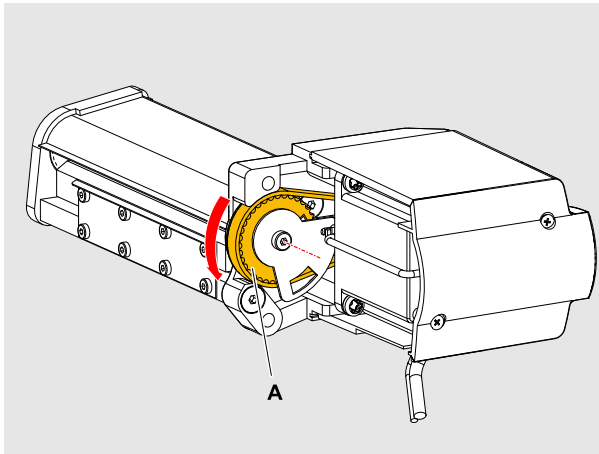
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4. Moisten a cloth with ethyl alcohol and wipe the round blade (B) with it.



5. Rotate the round blade stepwise by moving the toothed belt (A).



6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 until all glue residues are removed.
7. Fit the cutter.
8. Switch the printer on again.

The cutter will be initialized, that is it will be rotated in its ground position.

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