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Getting Started

The DATECS PP-55 allows you to print information from your PDA or Smartphone. This Getting Started Manual provides you with a short list of tasks to get your PP-55 up and running. For more in depth explanation, consult the full user's manual on the enclosed CD ROM or : <u>http://www.datecs.bg</u>

Quick Start:

Steps	What to do	Purpose	Where to find more information
1	Charge the PP-55 rechargeable battery pack as recommended in this manual.	The Lithium lon battery pack should be fully charged before used to ensure long battery life.	Charging Battery, in User's manual.
2	Install Print Software onto PDA and Desktop.	Different device types such as Palm, PocketPC, and BlackBerry require different software to run the PP-55.	Installing PrintSuite, in User's manual
3	Load PP-55 print media (Thermal Paper)	PP-55 requires Thermal paper for printing.	Loading Paper, in User's manual.



About Your PP-55



Battery recharge

NOTE: With a fully charged battery, PP-55 can print out more than 5000 inches of (alpha numeric) data.

Prolonged periods of storage can cause a drop in the power of the printer's rechargeable battery! To recharge the battery, plug AC/DC adapter supplied with printer and charge until the red battery charge indicator turns to green.



Adapter inlet





Charging Battery

Charging PP-55:

The PP-55 uses a Lithium Ion rechargeable battery pack. Before first use, the PP-55 battery pack should be charged for at least 4 hours.

To prevent electrical damage to the printer and/or battery pack, please use approved AC/DC adapter only.



Charging PP-55 & PDA:

The PP-55 has a built-in charging circuit to enable the charging of PDA device while in the PP-55's cradle. PDA charging only occurs when the external AC/DC adaptor is connected to PP-55 adapter inlet.







Loading Paper

The PP-55 uses a drop-and-load design making paper loading easy and trouble free. To load paper, simply remove the paper cover and drop in the new roll as shown in the steps below.

Make sure that the paper is placed in the printer as shown in step 2 below.



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Compatible Mobile Device

The PP-55 portable thermal printer is designed specifically for use with the world's most popular PDA devices.

The PP-55 can be used in a variety of applications where hardcopy printouts are required.

- End Users for printing Emails, HTML pages, Graphics files, Clipboard data, text only files, Screen Captures, and more.
- Manufacturers for shipping & receiving goods, date and time printing, inventory control and W.I.P. management.
- **Distributors** for marking prices, sales receipts, route deliveries.
- **POS** for mobile sales receipts and credit card verifications in POS application.

The PP-55 has several versions designed to be used with specific devices (Palm, PocketPC or BlackBerry). See in full user's manual section on compatible products to make sure your device will work with the PP-55.

Care must be taken to ensure that the PP-55 cradle connector and PDA connector are not accidentally damaged. **See Full User's Manual shows how to attach** the different device to the printer **and how to remove** the device from the printer.

For complete listing of compatible devices and attachment types please see Full User's Manual which is available on the CD delivered with your PP-55.

Note: Devices are added constantly. For updates on supported device, visit our web site at http://www.datecs.bg

Installing Print Software

The PP-55 comes with software package used for printing from your handheld device. Also included in the software package are Printer Driver and SDKs (Software Development Kits) for several IDE (Integrated Development Environment).

The following steps explain installing the PP-55 print software.

- 1). PP-55 software package must be installed onto the PC before it can be loaded onto a specific device.
- 2). Using the device PC sync manager, device specific print utilities must be installed onto the device.

The print software installation program "*PrintSuite.EXE*" can be found on the CD that is supplied with the PP-55 or at our developer web site at:

http://pda.datecs.bg

For detailed information on print software installation please refer to the Full PP-55 User's Manual on the CD or download it from the developer site indicated above.

DATECS Printer Status & Operating Modes

The PP-55 uses LEDs to indicate various conditions of operation. This may be charging, printing, out of paper or error conditions. The following explains these conditions and LED indication.



The PP-55's paper feed switch/button is used for entering various printer modes. These modes can be used to assist developers in debugging problems related to programming and communication. The following explain how to access the various operating modes.

Operation Modes				
Short Push	N/A	Paper feed		
Push and Hold - release after the number of beeps	1 - beep	Self-test		
	2 - beeps	Hex dump		
	3 - beeps	Reserved – For factory use only		
	4 - beeps	Reserved – For factory use only		
	5 - beeps	Reserved – For factory use only		

Note: Care must be taken when entering operating modes to prevent the clearing of factory preset configuration information.

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The PP-55MS has a built-in magnetic card reader. The card reader incorporates a (3)-track magnetic read head requiring a single swipe to read field data from all three tracks.



The magnetic read head faces towards the PDA cradle. When placing the card into the reader, the magnetic strip must be facing away from the PDA's cradle as shown in the figure below. Keep the edge of the card flat on the inner base of the reader to ensure that the magnetic strip passes over the read head evenly.



Developer Notes:

Integrating the magnetic card reader feature into an application requires the use of the PP-55 SDK's. For detailed information on integrating the card reader feature, refer to the User's Manual for your specific device type.



The PP-55 BC offers a version (factory option) with built-in barcode reader. The barcode reader incorporates a linear image scan head and is capable of reading 1D barcodes.



The effective reading distance of the PP-55 barcode reader is approximately 10 cm. To scan a barcode, position the read head as close to the barcode label as possible. Activate the scanner then slowly pull back the unit increasing the distance between the barcode and read head until the barcode has been read by the scanner.



Developer Notes:

Integrating the barcode reader feature into an application requires the use of the PP-55 SDK's. For detailed information on integrating the barcode reader feature, refer to the User's Manual for your specific device type.

Smart Card Reader (SC Version)

The PP-55 offers a version (factory option) with built-in smart card reader. The PP-55 SC supports smart cards that conform to ISO 7816-1/2/3. It reads all microcontroller cards.



Integrating the Smart Card reader feature into an application requires the use of the SCR SDK's. For detailed information on integrating the smart card reader feature, refer to the User's Manual for your specific device type.



Troubleshooting

If you're having a printing problem refer to the table below for possible causes.

Item	Problem	Possible Cause
1	Paper feeds after issuing a print job but no printed text visible on paper.	Thermal media is specially coated on outside of roll. Remove paper roll and reload properly. See section "Loading Paper" for details on loading paper.
		Paper cover not installed properly. See section "Loading Paper" for details on replacing paper cover.
2	On-line LED blinks fast continuously.	Printer out of paper.
		Paper not properly loaded. See section "Loading Paper" for details on loading paper.
3	Text and/or graphics are printed very light.	Battery level low. Recharge battery pack.
		Thermal media not imaging correctly. Verify that you are using the recommended thermal media.
4	Palm Device – PrintManager Printer icon battery shows low or no voltage but PP-55 battery is fully charged.	Verify Control Panel configuration set to PP-55 and 115200 BPS. See section "Control Panel" for details on changing configuration.
5	Strange characters are printed when printing.	Serial communication speed (Baud Rate) not same as PDA.
6	On-line LED always solid RED	Battery voltage low. See section on charging battery pack.
7	Printer stops responding to print and paper feed commands.	Remove battery for 5 seconds and reconnect battery.

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