

# specifications for micro dot printer Model-150II

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### Summary

Model-150II is the mechanical dot printer, whose Print Head consists of 4 Print Solenoids laying horizontally and moves for 24 dots horizontally. Print Head which moves horizontally prints unidirectionally as each Print Solenoid of it is energized in order. When Print Head return, paper is fed for 1 pitch automatically. By repetition of this dot line printing and paper feed desired Print Format can be obtained.

It is characterized by the following features :

1. Clear dot printing
2. Small-size, Light weight (60g) and Super thin thickness (12.8mm)
3. 44.5mm width normal paper
4. Ni-Cd Battery Drive
5. Low price

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1. General Specifications

- 1.1 Printing Method: Impact Dot Matrix Printer
- 1.2 Print Format
- 1) Number of Total Dot: Max. 96 dots/1 dot line
- 2) Number of Column: Max. 16 Columns ( In case of 5x7 dot matrix and 1 dot column space )
- 1.3 Print Speed
- 1) 1 Dot Line: Approx. 100 ms ( continous printing, 4.5VDC, 25°C)
- 2) 5x7 dot Matrix: Approx. 1 l/s ( continous printing, 4.5VDC, 25°C)  
( 3 dots line space )
- 1.4 Character Size
- 1) Dot Space: Horizontal 0.35 mm  
Vertical 0.35 mm
- 2) 5x7 Dot Matrix: 1.8 (W) x 2.5 (H)mm
- 1.5 Paper: 44.5 mm width woodfree paper
- 1.6 Paper Feed: Paper is fed automatically per dot line.  
With paper free mechanism
- 1.7 Inking: Ribbon Cassette  
Ribbon is fed automatically during Motor revolution.
- 1.8 Motor
- 1) Terminal Voltage:  $4.5 \pm_{-0.07}^{+0.05}$  VDC
- 2) Mean Current: Approx. 0.17 A ( 4.5VDC, 25°C )
- 1.9 Timing Detector: Tachometer-Generator (directly connected with motor )
- 1.10 Reset Detector: Reed-Switch
- 1.11 Print Solenoid
- 1) Terminal Voltage :  $4.5 \pm_{-0.12}^{+0.05}$  VDC
- Note : Print Solenoid terminal voltage and Motor terminal voltage should satisfy the voltage relationship which is shown in item 2. 8. 1).
- 2) Ohmic Resistance :  $1.5 \Omega \pm 0.15 \Omega$  (at 25°C)

L. 12 Connection

1) Printer side:

P. C. Board with 2.54mm pitch copper leaf pattern that is fixed on printer frame.

2) Circuit side :

Cable wires or Lead wires

L. 13 Ambient Temperature Operating: 0°C to 50°C

L. 14 Reliability:

MCBF  $5 \times 10^5$  lines

L. 15 Dimensions:

73.2 (W) x 42.6 (D) x 12.8 (H)mm

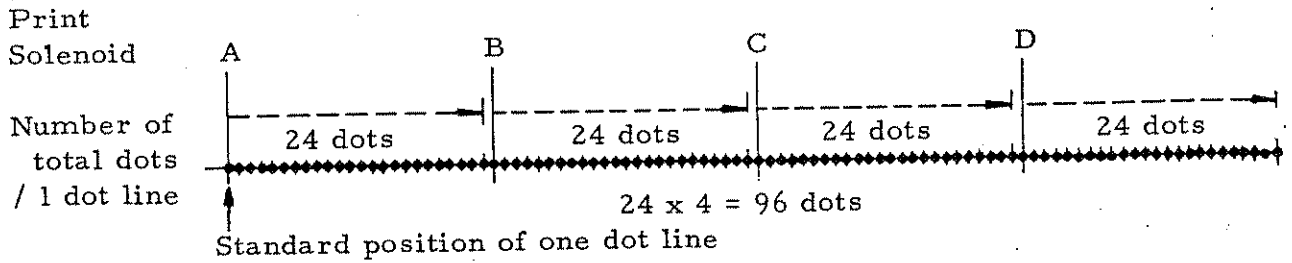
L. 16 Weight:

Approx. 60.g

2. Detail Specifications

2.1 Print Format

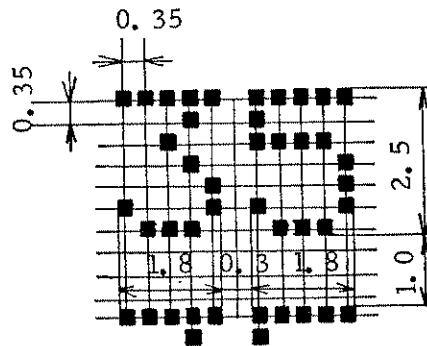
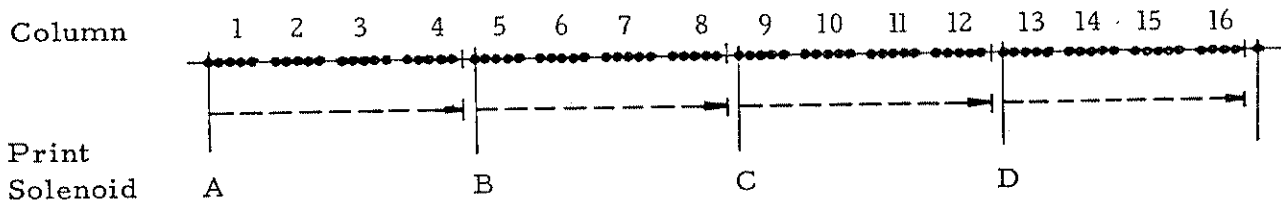
Print Head consists of 4 Print Solenoids (A. B. C. D) which are laid horizontally. Print Head moves to right direction from left side on stand-by condition. Moving amount of Print Head is 24 dots per Print Solenoid. One dot line is formed by energizing Print Solenoid one by one as Print Head is moving. Number of total dots per dot line is 96 dots (24 dots x 4 Print Solenoids )



1) 5x7 Dot Matrix

Divide 24 dots which one Print Solenoid is printable into four equal parts. And 6 dots in one part are used as one column ; That is 5 dots for printing and one dot for column space. Accordingly one dot line is formed of 96 dots which are divided into 16 parts and 5x7 dot matrix character can be got by repeating 7 times in the direction of paper feed. Number of columns is 16.

$(5+1) \times 16 = 96 \text{ dots} / 1 \text{ dot line}$



Line space 3 dots

Column space 1 dot

2.2 Paper Feed

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1) One dot line Feed :      | Paper is fed automatically for 0.35mm (one pitch) when Print Head is returned to left from right side. |
| 2) Space Feed :             | Line space feed is done by feeding one dot line continuously.                                          |
| 3) Paper Free Mechanism :   | Paper can be pulled out forward when the printer is in the halted state.                               |
| 4) Manual Paper Feed Knob : | Option                                                                                                 |

2.3 Ribbon Cassette

- |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1) Color :        | Purple or Black                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2) Dimensions :   | Approx. 74mm(W)x25mm(D)x7mm(H)                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 3) Life :         | Purple Approx. $1 \times 10^4$ lines<br>(4.5VDC 25°C continuous printing)<br>Black Approx. $7 \times 10^3$ lines<br>(4.5VDC 25°C continuous printing)<br>(Life test is done with print mode in Attached Table 1.) |
| 4) Parts number : | EPSON ERC-05                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

2.4 Paper

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|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1) Kind :         | Woodfree paper                                  |
| 2) Width :        | $44.5 \pm 0.5$ mm                               |
| 3) Diameter :     | Max. $\phi$ 50mm                                |
| 4) Thickness :    | Approx. 0.07mm                                  |
| 5) Basis weight : | $52.3\text{g/m}^2$ ( 14lb/500 sheet/17" x 22" ) |

2.5 Timing Detector

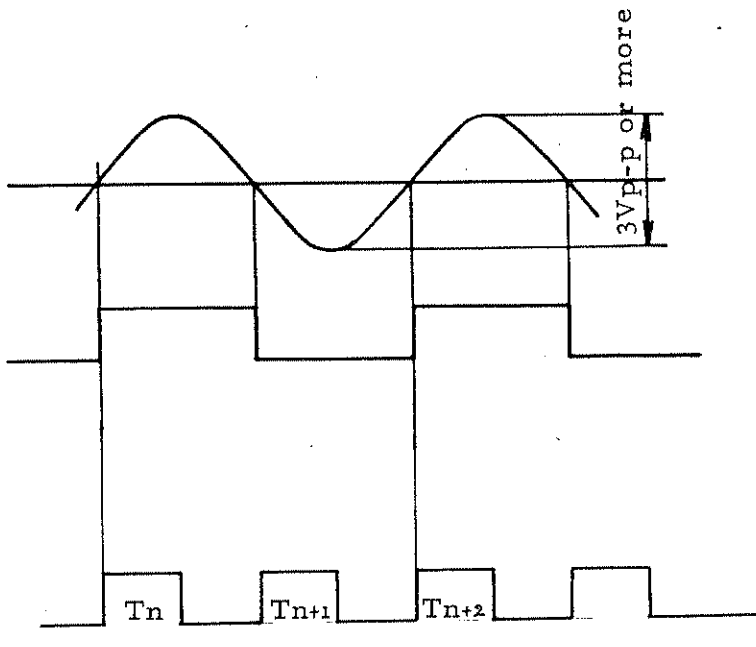
Timing Detector is tachometer-generator that is directly connected with motor. Detector generates 168 out-put signals per dot line ; 96 out-put signals correspond to dot position of Print Head and 72 out-put signals correspond to Print Head return. These out-put signals are arranged in a pulse wave form on the customer side, and are used as Timing Pulse.

1) Timing Pulse :

Timing Pulses should be obtained for threshold level to be  $0 \pm 1$  V of Timing Detector out-put signal.

2) Out-put Wave Form

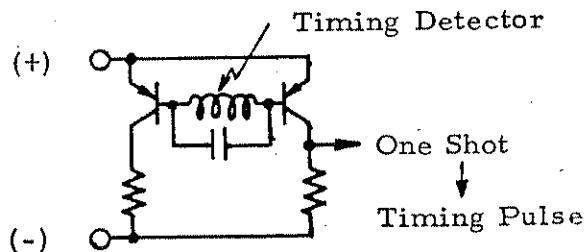
Timing Detector out-put signal



Timing Pulse

□ denotes the signal to be generated by the customer side.

<Wave shaping circuit>  
( Reference )



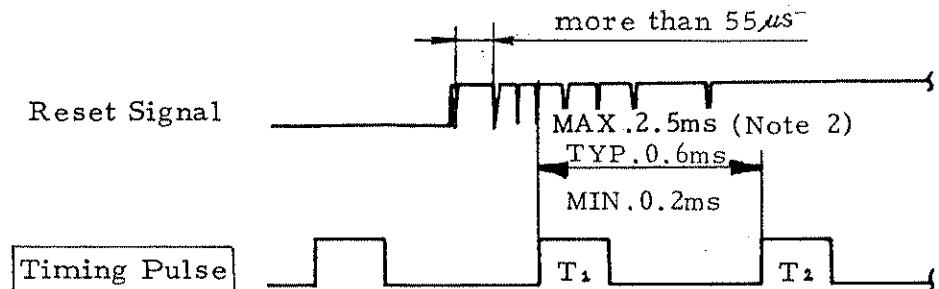


2.6 Reset Detector

Reset Detector has Lead-Switch that makes at each time of dot lines. Reset Detector out-put signal is used as Reset Signal which denotes standard position of dot position at each time of print cycles.

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|-------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1) Rating : | Voltage             | 2.85VDC - 20VDC                  |
|             | Current             | 20 $\mu$ A - 1mA                 |
|             | Instantaneous power | 5mW or less<br>(Resistance load) |

2) Pulse Wave Form, Phase



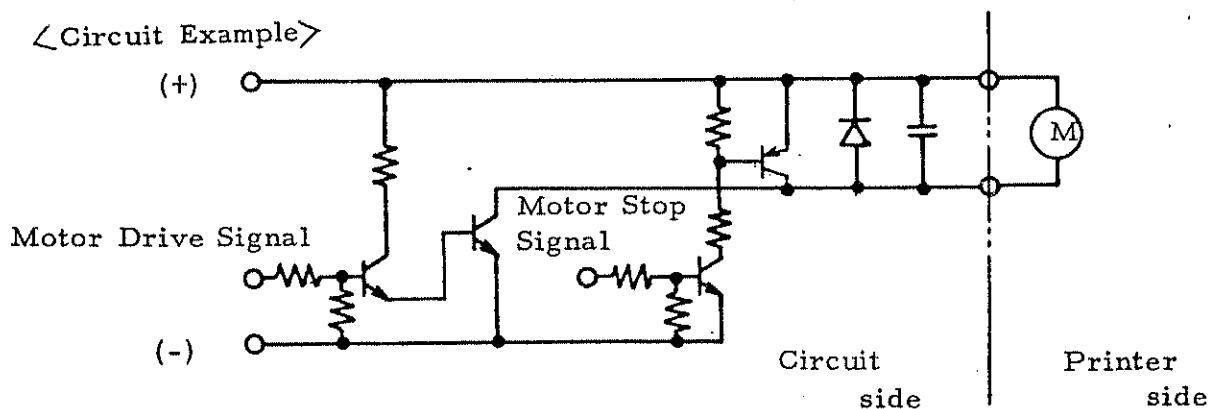
- Note 1.  denotes the signal to be generated by the customer side.
2. During motor steady driving (except for period from motor starting to generation of Reset signal R<sub>1</sub>)

2.7 Motor

1) Driving and Stopping

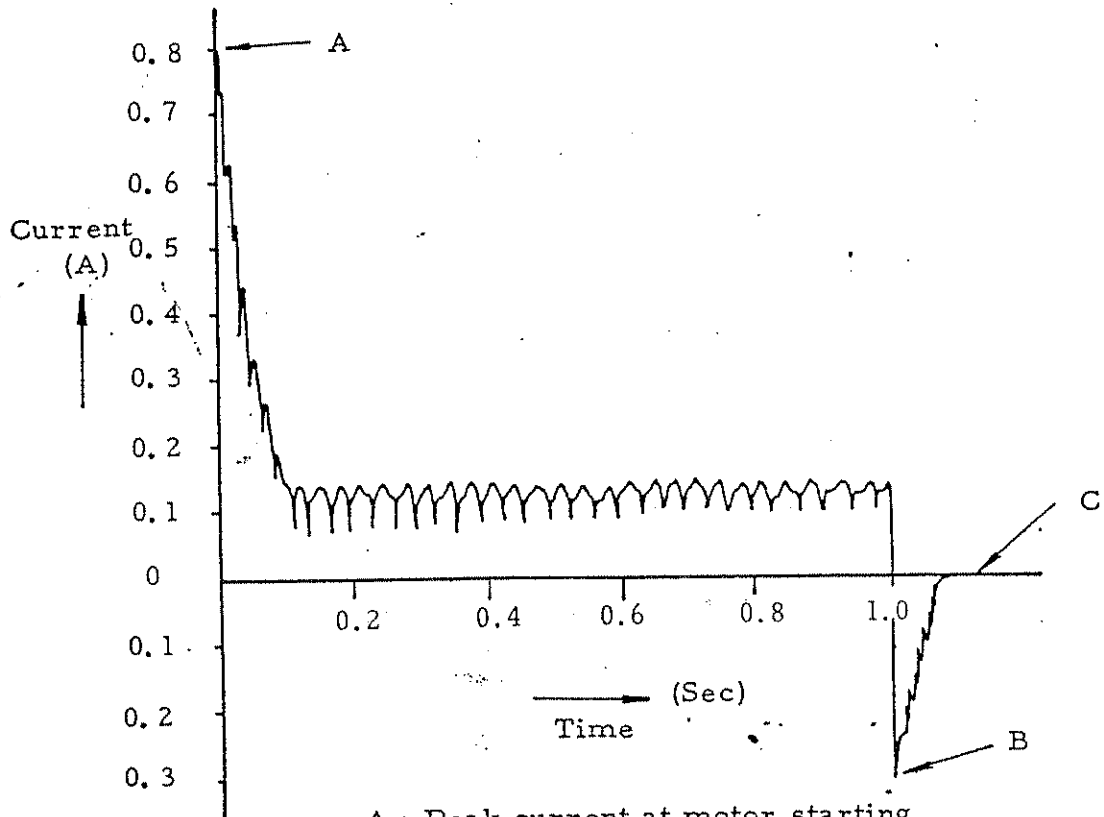
The motor is in the halted state when the printer is in the stand-by state (i. e. , non-printing condition). Application of electric brake to quickly stop the motor must be performed by interrupting Motor Drive Signal within 0.5ms after the leading edge of Reset Signal R<sub>n</sub> ( R<sub>n</sub> is R<sub>10</sub> in case of 5x7 dot matrix and 3 dots line space. ), and applying the Motor Stop Signal more than 100ms, and short-circuiting across the Motor terminals with a transistor.

<Circuit Example>



- 2) Stopping at abnormality  
Motor driving signal is cut off before the interval of timing pulse (T<sub>n</sub>~T<sub>n+1</sub>) is performed more than 1 second.

- 3) Terminal Voltage :  $4.5 \pm_{0.7}^{0.5}$  VDC
- 4) Current
- a) Peak Current : Approx. 0.8A (4.5VDC, 25°C)  
(Worst case 1.2 A or less)
- b) Mean Current : Approx. 0.17 A (4.5VDC, 25°C)
- c) Current wave form



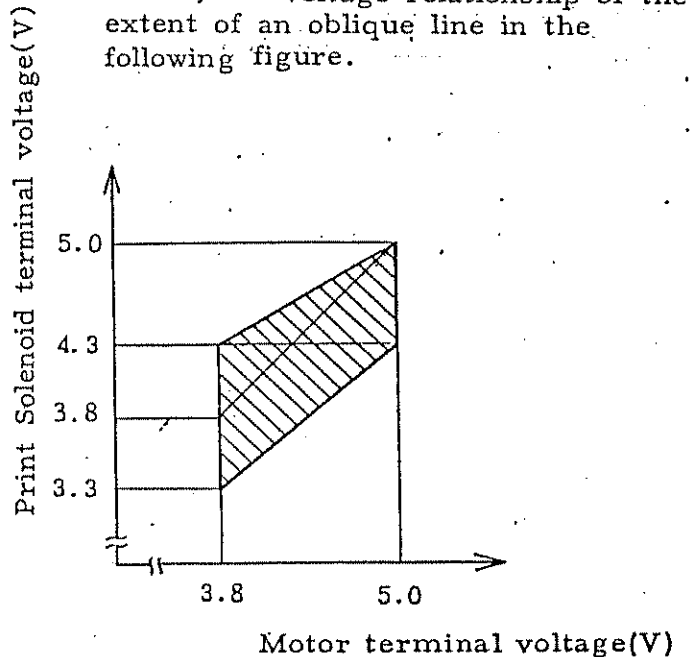
A : Peak current at motor starting  
B : Current at motor stopped  
C : Halted state

2.8 Print Solenoid

Dot Print is done by energizing Print Solenoid.

1) Terminal Voltage :  $4.5 \pm_{1.2}^{0.6}$  VDC

Print Solenoid terminal voltage and Motor terminal voltage should satisfy the voltage relationship of the extent of an oblique line in the following figure.



2) Ohmic Resistance :

$1.5 \Omega \pm_{0.15}^{0.15} \Omega$  (at 25°C)

3) Current :

3 A/Print Solenoid (Peak current)

4) Pulse Width :

From the leading edge of Timing signal  $T_n$  to the leading edge of Timing signal  $T_{n+1}$  (See following figure)

5) Watt consumption :

3mj/dot

6) Energizing Duty :

1/4

7) Continuous Energizing :

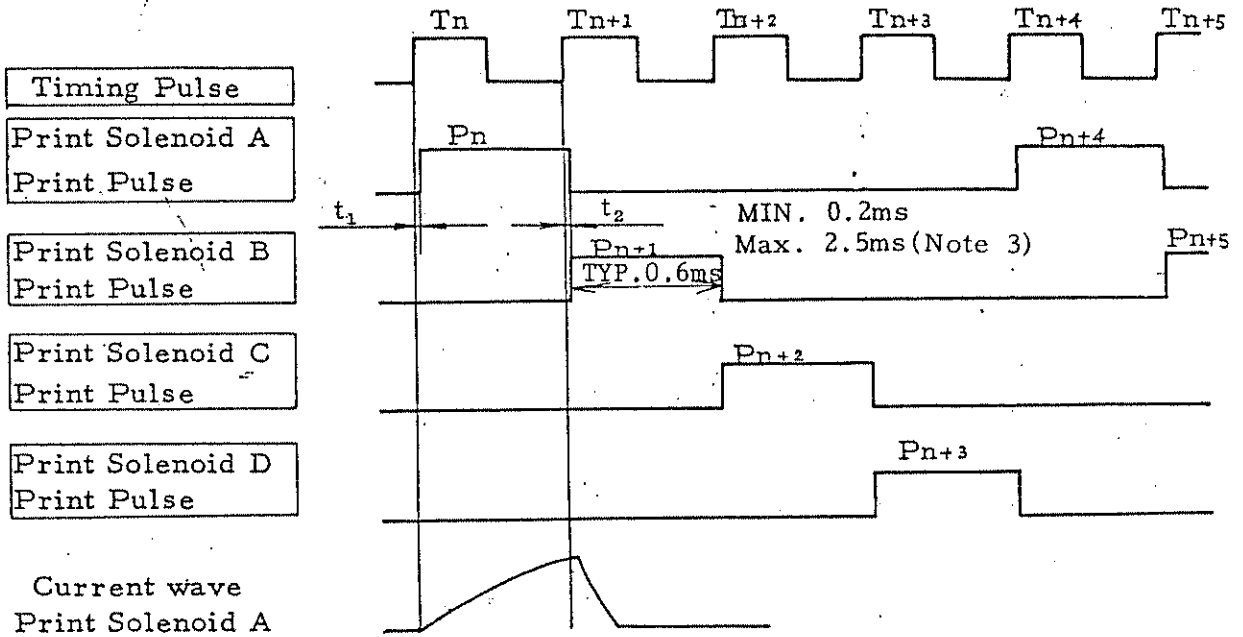
One Print Solenoid can be energized continuously by 400 dot lines (  $24 \times 400 = 9600$  dots). But it is necessary to take non-printing time longer than continuous energizing time.

8) Spark Killer :

Prepared by the customer side refer the circuit and case design recommendations.

9) Protection of solenoid at abnormality :

Energizing pulse to solenoid should be cut off less than 1 sec.



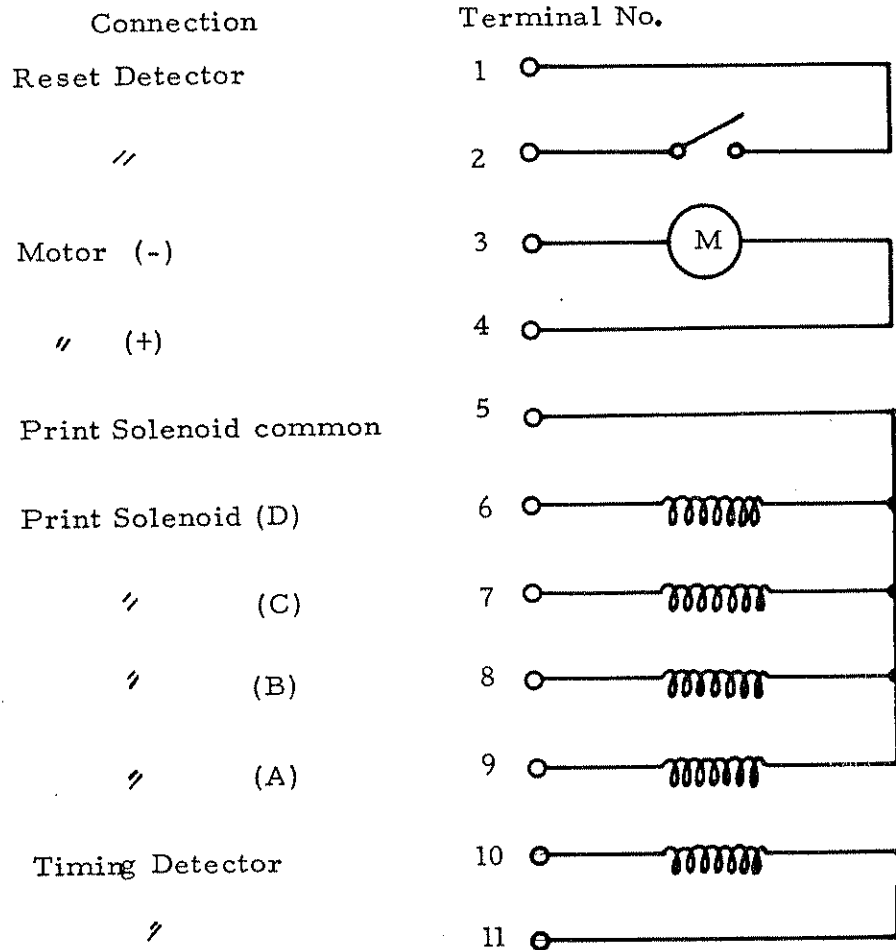
□ denotes the signal to be generated by the customer side.

Note; 1.  $t_1 = t_2 \cong 50\mu s$

2. In case of printing 5x7 matrix character, Print Solenoid A is energized with Print Pulse  $P_n$  which has Pulse width of Timing signal  $T_n$  to  $T_{n+1}$ , and next Print Solenoid B is energized with Print Pulse  $P_{n+1}$  which has Pulse width of Timing signal  $T_{n+1}$  to  $T_{n+2}$ . In the same way Print Solenoid C is energized with Print Pulse  $P_{n+2}$ , Print Solenoid D is energized with Print Pulse  $P_{n+3}$ , and the Print Solenoid A is energized with Print Pulse  $P_{n+4}$  again. As upper mentioned four Print Solenoids should be energized according to the order of Print Solenoid A, B, C, D.

3. Max 2.5ms : During motor steady driving (except for period from motor starting to generation of Reset signal  $R_1$ )

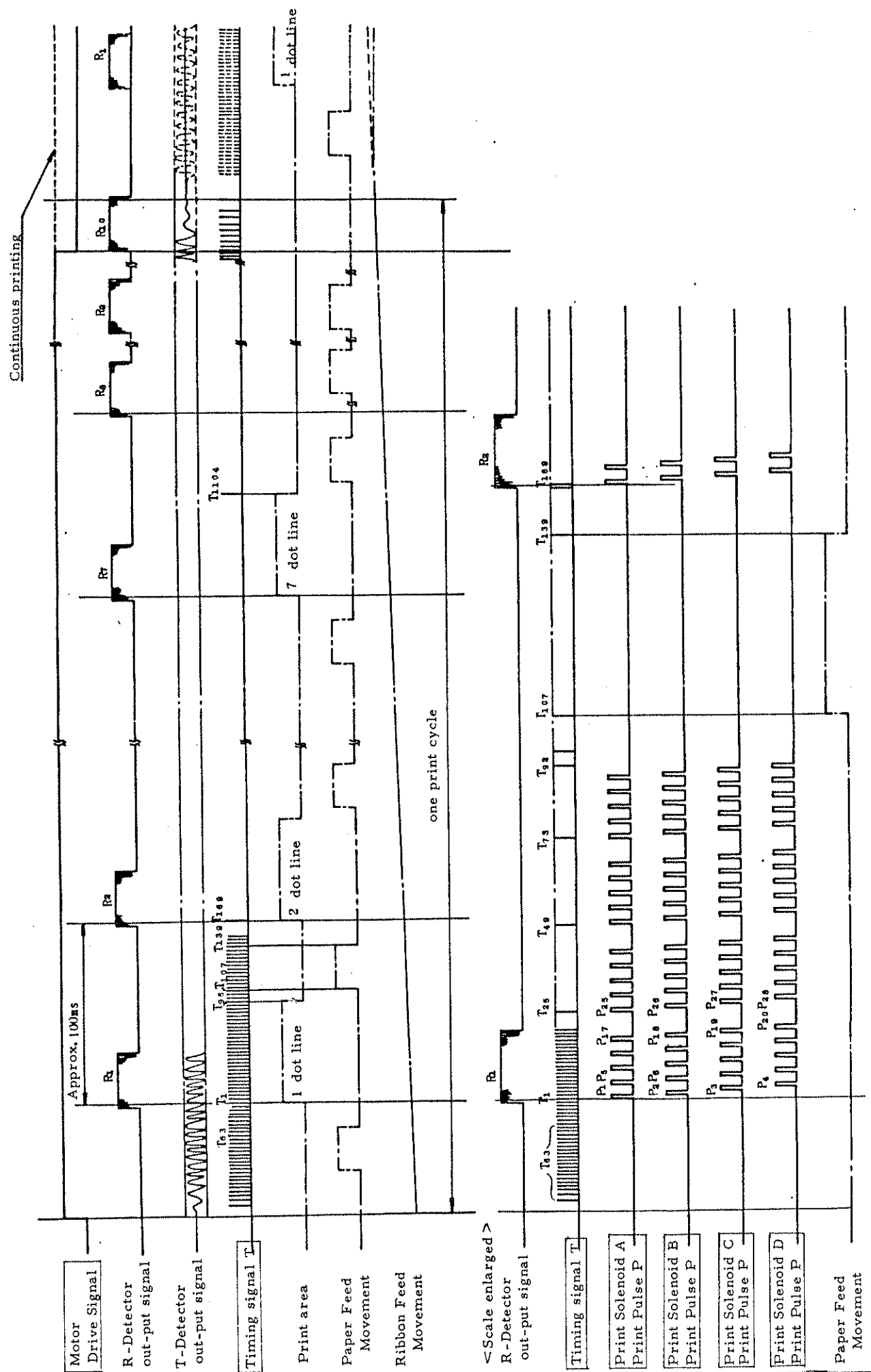
2.9 Terminal Assignment



Note ; Terminal numbers are 1, 2, ..... 11 from left side of copper leaf pattern on P. C. Board. (See 2.11 Overall Dimensions)

2. 10 Time Chart

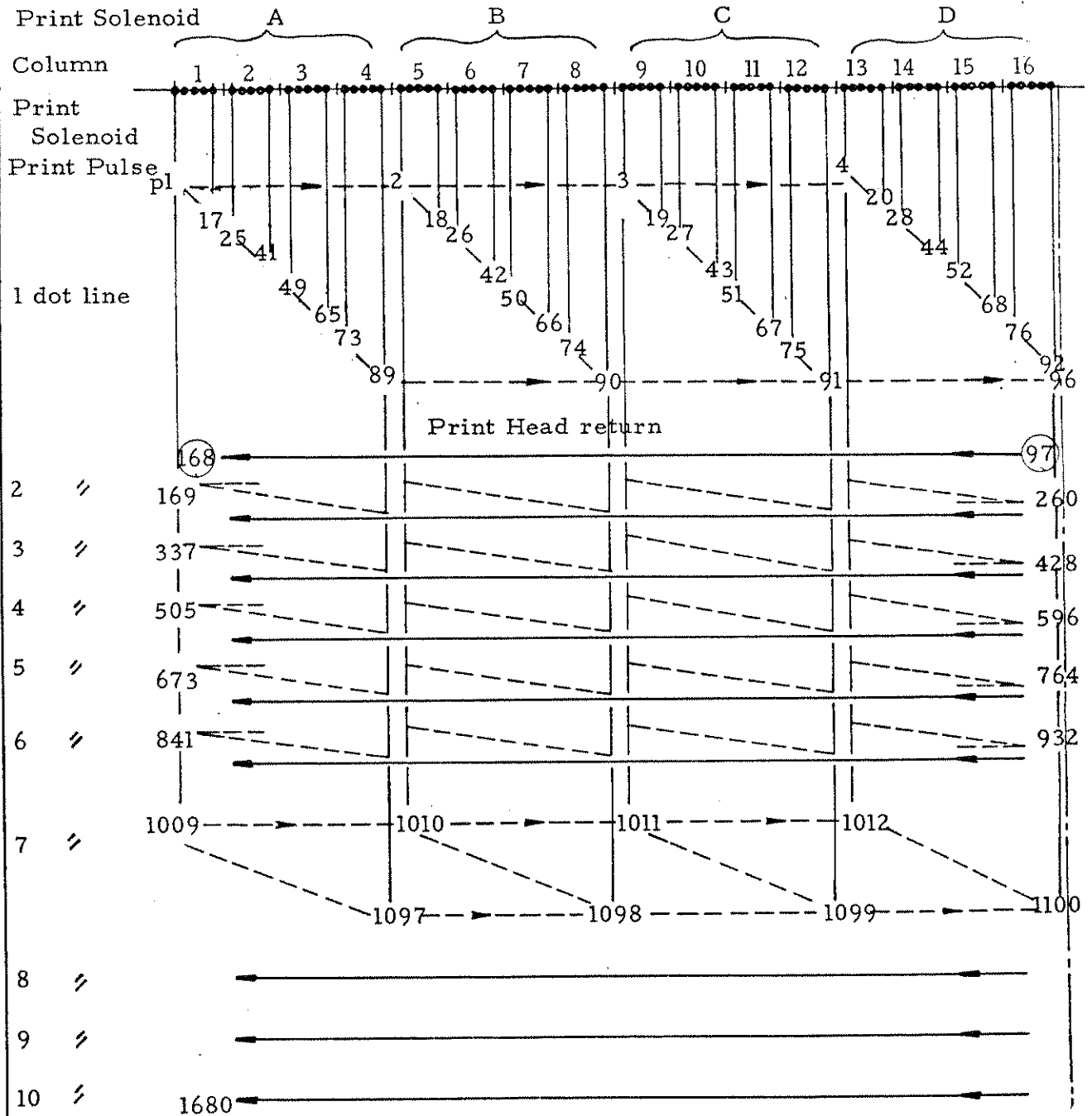
1) Time Chart Diagram ( 5x7 Dot Matrix, 3 dots line space )



Note:  denotes the signal to be generated by the customer side.

2) Detail Timing Pulse distribution (5x7 Dot Matrix, 3 dots line space)

$P_n = T_n \sim T_{n+1}$  ( $P_n$ ; Print Pulse,  $T_n$ ; Timing Pulse)



Print Solenoid A is energized with Print Pulse P<sub>1</sub> of Timing Pulse T<sub>1</sub> to T<sub>2</sub>, and the left-upper-most dot of first column character is printed. Next Print Solenoid B is energized with Print Pulse P<sub>2</sub> of Timing Pulse T<sub>2</sub> to T<sub>3</sub>, and the left-upper-most dot line of 5th column characters is printed. Upper-mentioned control is done in order, and Print Solenoid D is energized with Print Pulse P<sub>2</sub> of Timing Pulse T<sub>2</sub> to T<sub>3</sub>, and the right-upper-most dot of 16th column characters is printed.

Column space of 4th, 8th, 12th and 16th column are kept one dot, and Print Head is returned to home position between Timing signal T<sub>96</sub> and T<sub>168</sub>. And paper is fed automatically one dot. Upper-mentioned movement is done continuously through 7 dot lines, and Print Solenoid D is energized with Print Pulse P<sub>100</sub> of Timing Pulse T<sub>100</sub> to T<sub>101</sub>, and the right-down-most dot of 16th column characters is printed. And printing of 5x7 dot matrix character has completed. Next, to keep 3 dots line space, paper is fed in 3 dots line; that is 8, 9 and 10 dot line, and one print cycle has completed at Timing signal T<sub>168</sub>.

3) Discrimination of R<sub>1</sub> and R signal

After the motor is started by applying Motor Drive Signal, Timing Signal should be counted. The Reset Signal after 63 times of Timing Signal counting should be set as R<sub>1</sub> signal. After R<sub>1</sub> signal is set, the Reset Signal from R<sub>2</sub> to R<sub>n</sub> is set as same as R<sub>1</sub> signal is set. Initial Setting to confirm that Print Head is set at the stand-by state is completed by detecting R<sub>1</sub> signal. Timing signal T<sub>1</sub> that shows standard dot position of each one print cycle is determined by detecting R<sub>1</sub> signal.

4) Continuous printing or continuous Paper feed

It is performed by applying Motor Drive Signal continuously without interrupting Motor Drive Signal.

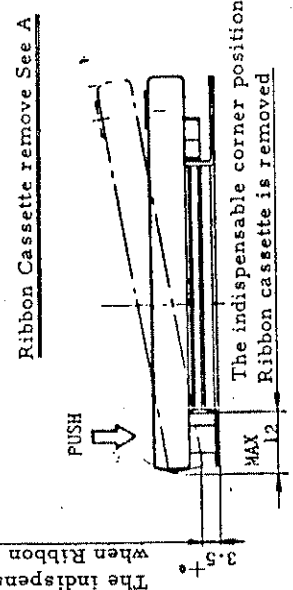
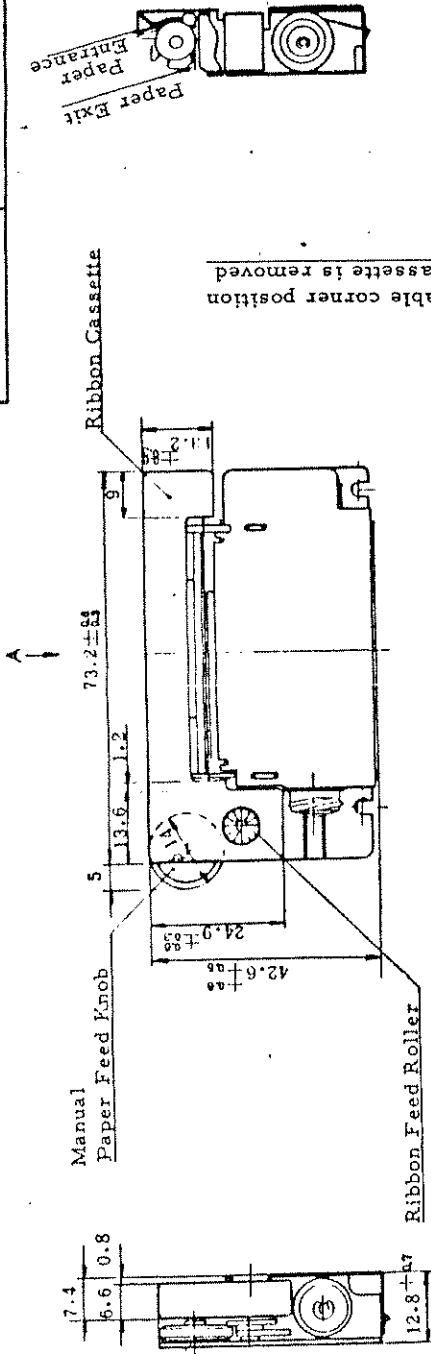
5) Reset Signal

Reset Signal does not sometimes make at stand-by state.

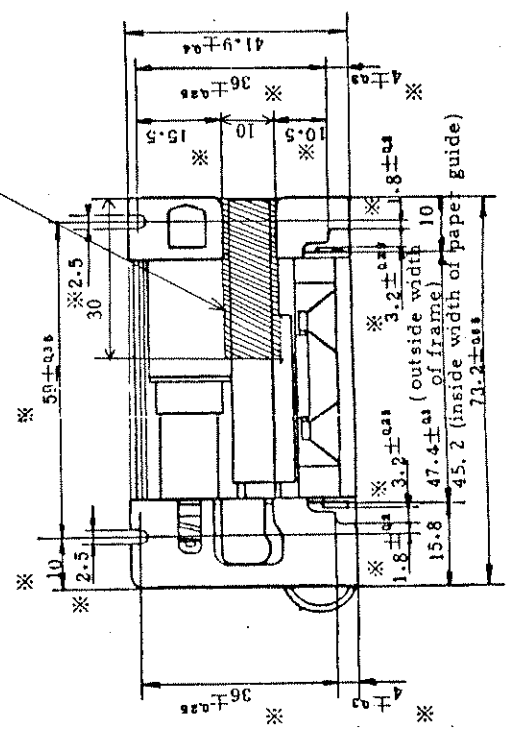
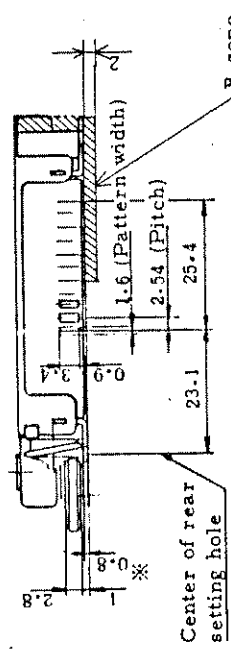
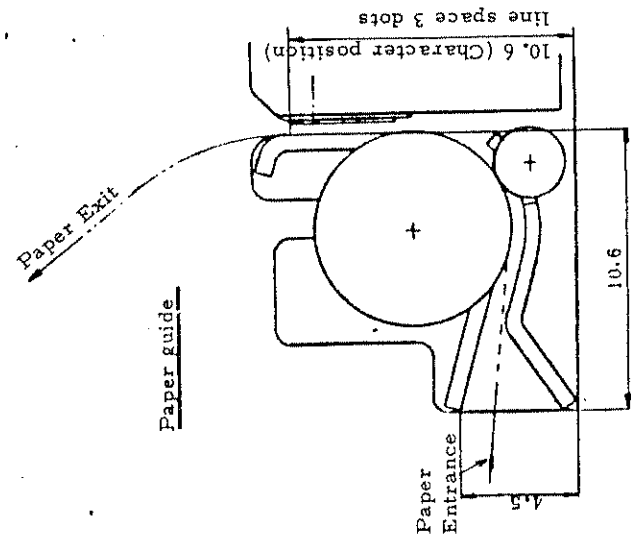
Note ;

1. More than 63 Timing Pulses are generated between Motor starting and generation of R<sub>1</sub> signal.
2. Term of energizing Print Solenoid prohibited
  - 1) From Motor starting to the leading edge of R<sub>1</sub> signal (from Motor starting to regular revolution)
  - 2) From Timing Signal T<sub>97+168n</sub> to T<sub>168+168n</sub> (Term of Print Head Return ; n is from 0 to 10)
  - 3) Print Solenoid Print Pulse should not be energized and interrupted with electric noise.
  - 4) After the Reset Signal R<sub>1</sub> is confirmed per each one print cycle, count of Timing Signal should be cleared per each one print cycle.





The indispensable corner position when Ribbon cassette is removed



- Note :
1. Mark\* denotes the dimensions of setting hole.
  2. Set the center of paper holder to that of printer frame.
  3. In order to prevent paper feeding trouble, the inside dimension of paper holder should not be over the "paper width plus 2.0mm" and the paper holder should not press the both dege of paper.
  4. Roll-in protection device and paper cutter are designed on calculator case side.
  5. The calculator case should be set lest any projection of said case come into B zone (30 x 10 x2).

Attached Table 1 Print Mode

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0123456789::<=>?  
123456789::<=>?@  
23456789::<=>?@A  
3456789::<=>?@AB  
456789::<=>?@ABC  
56789::<=>?@ABCD  
6789::<=>?@ABCDE  
789::<=>?@ABCDEF  
89::<=>?@ABCDEFG  
9::<=>?@ABCDEFGH  
::<=>?@ABCDEFGHI  
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REV. NO.	PAGE	DESCRIPTION	DATE	
1	1	1.3 Print Speed "Print condition" is added.	September 10, 1983	
		1.5 Paper Paper width is "44,5mm", was "45mm".		
		1.11 Print Solenoid "Terminal voltage " is changed.		
	4	2.3 Ribbon cassette "Life " is added. "Print condition" is added.		
	6	2.6 2) Wave form, Phase "TYP.0.6ms" is added. "MIN.0.2ms" is added.		
	8	2.8 Print Solenoid "Terminal voltage " is changed. 3) Current "Current value" is "3A", was "2.5A". 8) Spark Killer "Prepared by the customer side refer the circuit and case design recommendations".		
	9	Note : Note 1 is " $t_1 = t_2 \leq 50 \mu s$ ", was " $t_1 = t_2 \leq 28 \mu s$ ".		
	3, 12,13	Column number is "1 column, 2 column, 3 column --- from left side", was "1 column, 2 column, --- from right side".		
	14	2.11 "Overall Dimensions" is changed.		
	15	"Attached Table 1" is added.		
2	6	2.6 2) Pulse Wave Form, Phase "MAX 2.5ms " is added.		October 11, 1984
		2.7 2)"stopping at abnormality" is added.		
	8	2.8 9)"protection of Solenoid at abnormality" is added.		
	9	Max 2.5ms is added.		