

Instructions for setting a Lexmark 2480/2490/2400 series dot matrix printer.

There are generally only 2 settings which will need to be changed:

1. Set top of form -- this is the beginning print position -- remember you can only move the paper, not the printing, so if it is printing too high, you need to move the paper down.
2. Set the tear off -- this is the position of the paper before printing occurs. This is also the position where the paper should end when the ticket is printed. You need to make sure the form size is set in the printer folder for the correct size paper. On Windows XP and 2000, you also have to set the paper to tractor 2

The first step might be to reset the printer to the factory defaults -- this will usually automatically set the tear off. To do this:

- a. turn off the printer
 - b. open the ribbon access cover (the top cover)
 - c. move the printhead to the left until it stops
 - d. close the ribbon access cover
 - e. press and hold the **Tear Off** + **Load/unload** while you turn on the printer
 - f. continue to hold these buttons until the carrier (printhead) moves
- note: the operator panel lights blink On and Off several times

Setting top of form.

- a. make sure the paper select level is in the continuous forms position (front right lever down)
- b. press **load/unload** (should move the paper down and the paper out light blinks)
- c. remove the ribbon access cover (the top cover)
- d. press **load/unload** (the paper should move to the current top of form and the paper out light goes off)
- e. open the operator panel cover to access layer 2 (the left on the front of the printer)
- f. press the **micro up** or **micro down** buttons to move the paper. (if you push the button it will move approximately 1/64 of an inch. you can hold down the button, but don't move it too much)
- g. after you think you have moved the paper enough, press the **set TOF** to save the new top of form.
- h. close the operator panel cover
- i. press **load/unload** to unload the paper
- j. press **load/unload** again to reload the paper.
- k. press **start/stop** to set the printer online

Setting the tear off position

- a. press **start/stop** to take the printer offline
- b. press and hold the **tear off** button until the printer beeps
- c. open the operator panel cover
- d. press **micro up** or **micro down** to move the paper to the correct position on the tear off bar
- e. close the operator panel cover (the printer should beep twice, roll backward, then go to the new tear off position)
- f. the ready light is on
- g. press **start/stop**