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# PREFACE

This manual describes functions, theory of electrical and mechanical operations, maintenance, and repair of the FX-850 and FX- 1050.

The instructions and procedures included herein are intended for the experienced repair technician, and attention should be given to the precautions on the preceding page. The chapters are organized as follows:

- Chapter 1 - Provides a general product overview, lists specifications, and illustrates the main components of the printer.
- Chapter 2 - Describes the theory of printer operation.
- Chapter 3 - Discusses the options
- Chapter 4 - Includes a step-by-step guide for product disassembly, assembly, and adjustment.
- Chapter 5 - Provides Epson-approved techniques for troubleshooting.
- Chapter 6 - Describes preventive maintenance techniques and lists lubricants and adhesives required to service the equipment.

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**DANGER** Signals a precaution which, if ignored, could result in serious or fatal personal injury. Great caution should be exercised in performing procedures preceded by a **DANGER** headings.

**WARNING** Signals a precaution which, if ignored, could result in damage to equipment.

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1. ALWAYS DISCONNECT THE PRODUCT FROM BOTH THE POWER SOURCE AND THE HOST COMPUTER BEFORE PERFORMING ANY MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR PROCEDURE.
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5. REPLACE MALFUNCTIONING COMPONENTS ONLY WITH THOSE COMPONENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE MANUFACTURER; INTRODUCTION OF SECOND-SOURCE ICs OR OTHER NONAPPROVED COMPONENTS MAY DAMAGE THE PRODUCT AND VOID ANY APPLICABLE EPSON WARRANTY.

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## 1.1 FEATURES

The FX-850 and FX-1050 are serial dot matrix 9-pin terminal printers that print at a maximum of 264 CPS. Either model FX-850 with 80 columns or FX-1050 with 136 columns can be selected according to your requirements. The main features are as follows:

- Max. printing speed:           264 CPS (Draft and Elite)  
  220 CPS (Draft and Pica)
- Advanced paper handling functions: Auto tear-off  
  Auto loading  
  Auto back-out  
  Micro adjustment
- SelectType function (Any print mode can be selected directly from the front panel). Once a mode is selected, it is stored in the non-volatile memory, and is selected when the printer power is turned on.
- Two NLQ fonts (Roman and Saris-serif) are standard.
- Printer driver EPSON ESC/P-83 is standard. (This driver is compatible with the high class models such as FX-800, -1000, -86e, and -286e.)
- Double-height function
- Pitch control is possible in the NLQ mode. (Pica, elite, proportional modes)
- Since the IBM emulation mode is standard, these printers are IBM-compatible. The IBM characters are also standard.
- 8K-byte input data buffer (Buffering can be disabled.)
- Push tractor unit
- Printing is possible on envelopes and labels in addition to fan-fold paper, cut sheets, and roll paper.
- User-defined characters are supported in both the Draft and NLQ (Saris-serif) modes. Once a character is registered, it is stored in the non-volatile memory and need not be re-registered. The user-defined character set can only be selected (as a default character set) using the DIP switches.
- Compatible with EPSON optional interface board series #81 XX.

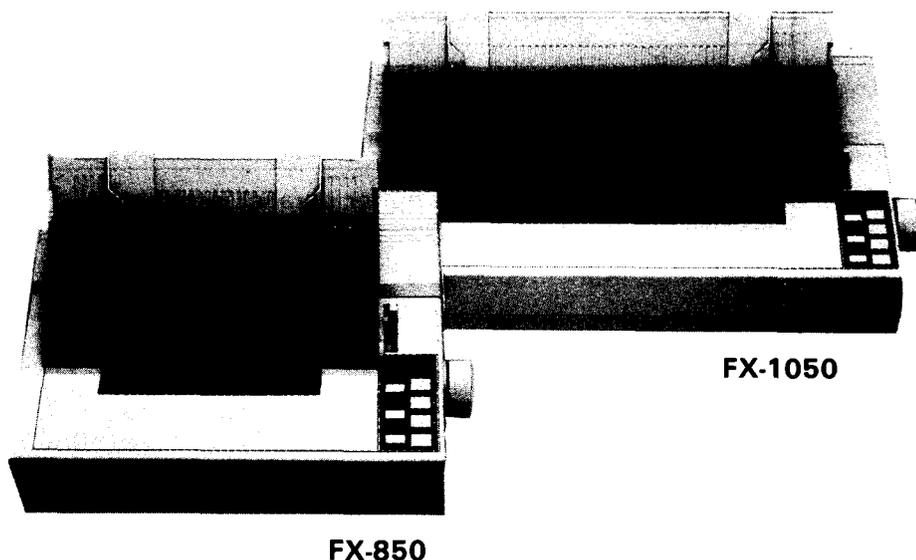


Figure 1-1. Exterior Views of the FX-850/1050

Table 1-1. Optional Units

No.	Name	FX-850	FX-1 050
#83 10	Roll Paper Holder	o	
#731 1	Pull Tractor Unit	o	
#731 2	Pull Tractor Unit		o
#7339	Cut Sheet Feeder (single-bin)	o	
#7340	Cut Sheet Feeder (single-bin)		o
#8750	Ribbon Cartridge	o	
#8755 (M)	Ribbon Cartridge		o
#8758	Ribbon Pack		o
#81 XX	Optional Interface Board		o

Table 1-2. Optional Interface Boards

No.	Name
#8 143	New serial interface
#8145	RS-232C current loop interface type II
#8 148	Intelligent serial interface
#8 149	Intelligent serial interface type II
#8 149M	Intelligent serial interface type III
#816 1	IEEE-488 interface
#8 165	Intelligent IEEE-488 interface
#8172	32 K-byte buffer parallel interface
#81 72M	128K-byte buffer parallel interface

## 1.2 SPECIFICATIONS

The FX-850/1 050 communicates with a wide variety of host computers. This section describes the specifications for the printer.

### 1.2.1 Hardware Specifications

**Printing Method** Serial, impact dot matrix  
**Pin Configuration** See Figure 1-2 (diameter: 0.29 mm).

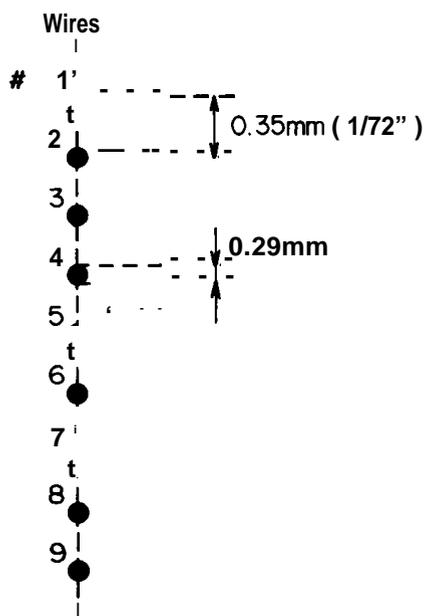


Figure 1-2. Printhead Pin Configuration

**Feeding Method** Friction feed  
 Tractor feed (push: standard, pull: optional)

**NOTES:** 1. When using friction feed:

- Use the paper tension unit.
- Do not use fanfold paper.
- Do not perform reverse feed beyond than 1/6 inches after the paper end has been detected.
- Do not use multi-part, single-sheet forms.

2. When using tractor feed:

- Release the friction feed mechanism.
- Multiple copies for printing must be finished by pasting them together at the line or dots.
- Copy paper must be a carbonless multi-part paper.
  - a) When using push tractor feed:
    - Use the paper tension unit.

- Do not perform reverse feeding for more than 1/6 inches.
  - Because accuracy of paper feed cannot be assured, do not perform reverse feeding after the paper end has been detected.
- b) When using pull tractor feed:
- Remove the paper tension unit and mount the pull tractor unit.
  - Use the paper path when a single sheet is inserted.
- c) When using push-pull tractor feed:
- Remove the paper tension unit and mount the pull tractor unit.
  - Do not loosen the paper between the platen and the pull sprocket.
  - -Precisely the horizontal position of the pull sprocket and push tractor.
  - Do not perform reverse feeding after the paper end has been detected.

**Paper Loading Directions**

Fanfold paper                      Inserted from the rear side  
 Cut sheet paper                    Inserted from the up side

Line Spacing                        1/6" or programmable (min. 1/2 16")

Line Feed Speed                    See Table 1-3.

**Table 1-3. Line Feed Speeds**

Type of Paper	Continuous Feed	Intermittent Feed	Feed Speed
Cut Sheet	48 ins/line	71 ins/line	3.5 "/see
Fanfold	53 ins/line	76 ins/line	3.1 "/see

**Paper Specifications**

Cut sheet paper                    Refer to Table 1-4.

**Table 1-4. Cut Sheet Paper Specified Conditions**

		FX-850	FX-1 050
Width	[mm]	182-257 (7.2 - 10.1")	182-366 (7.2 - 14.4")
Length	[mm]	182 - 364 (7.2 - 14.3")	
Thickness	[mm]	0.065 - 0.10 (0.0025 - 0.004")	
Weight	[Kg]	45 - 70 (14 - 22 lb)	
Quality		Plain paper	
Copies		Not available	

**NOTE:** The form overriding mechanism enables printing as close as 13.5 mm from the bottom edge of the paper. However, paper feed accuracy is not guaranteed within about 22 mm from the bottom.

Fanfold

Refer to Table 1-5.

Table 1-5. Fanfold Paper Specified Conditions

		FX-850	FX-1 050
Width	[mm]	101 - 254 (4.0 - 10.0")	101 - 406 (4.0 - 16.0")
Copies	[sheet]	4 (1 original + 3 ) at normal temperature 3 (1 original + 2 ) at all temperature range	
Quality		Plain paper	
Total Thickness	[mm]	0.065 - 0.32 (0.0025 - 0.01 2")	
Weight	[Kg]	Fanfold 45-70 (14 -22 lb) Multi-part forms 34 - 50 X N (N ≤ 4)	

Roll paper

Refer to Table 1-6.

Table 1-6. Roll Paper Specifications

		FX-850 only
Width	[mm]	216 ± 3
Length	[mm]	Roll diameter not more than 127 mm (5")
Thickness	[mm]	0.07 -0.09 (0.0028 - 0.0035")
Weight	[Kg]	45 - 55
Quality		Plain paper
Copies		Not available

Envelope

Refer to Table 1-7.

Table 1-7. Envelope Specifications

		FX-850/1 050
Size	[mm]	166 X 92, 240 X 104
Weight	[Kg]	3 9 - 78 (12 -24 lb)
Quality		Plain, Bond, Air mail

Operating conditions:

Printing must be executed at normal room temperature.

Envelopes must be oriented with the long direction parallel to the carriage.

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Label

Refer to Table 1-8.

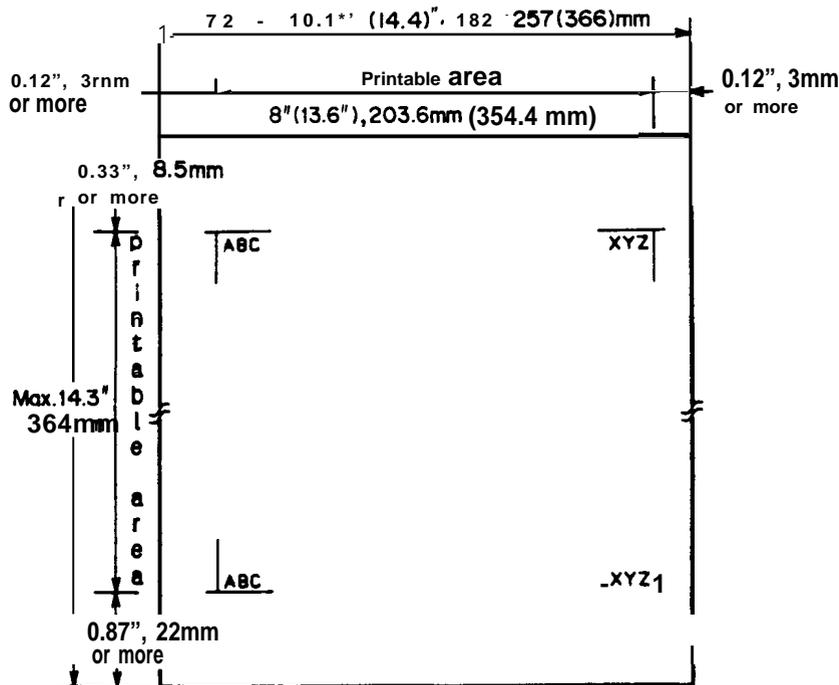
Table 1-8. Label Specifications

		FX-850/1 050
Size	[mm]	63.5 X 2.38 (2.5 X 15/16"), 101.6 X 2.38 (4 X 15/1 6") 101.6 X 36.5 (4 X 1 7/1 6")
Thickness	[mm]	less than 0.19 (0.0075")

Printable Area

Cut sheet paper

See Figure 1-3.



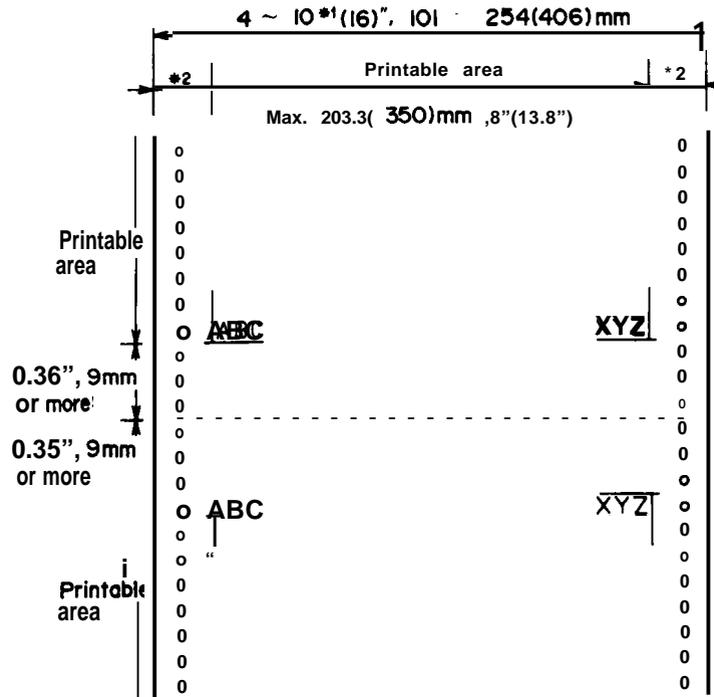
NOTES: 1. Values in the parentheses apply to the FX-1050.

- Printing is possible for approximately 42 mm after the bottom edge of a page has been detected. Thus, the value 13.5 mm (lowest print position) is given for reference only. Paper feed accuracy cannot be assured in the area approximately 22 mm (0.87") from the bottom edge of the page.

Figure 1-3. Cut Sheet Paper Printable Area

Fanfold paper

See Figure 1-4.



- NOTE: 1. Values in the parentheses apply to FX-1050.  
 2. 0.47", 12 mm or more when the 101 to 242 mm (4 to 9.5") width paper is used.  
 0.98", 25 mm or more when the 254 mm (10") width paper is used.

Figure 1-4. Fanfold Paper Printable Area

Envelopes

Size No. 6 (166 X 92 mm), No. 10 (240 X 104 mm)  
 Quality Bond paper, xerographic copier paper, airmail paper  
 Thickness 0.16 - 0.52 mm (0.0063 - 0.0197")

NOTE: Differences in thickness within printing area must be less than 0.25 mm (0.0098").

Weight 121 - 241 lb (45 - 91 g/m<sup>2</sup>)

- NOTES: 1. Envelope printing is only available at normal temperature.  
 2. Keep the longer side of the envelope horizontally at setting.  
 3. Set the left of No. 6 envelope at the setting mark of the sheet guide.

Label

Size 2 1/2 X 15/16", 4 X 15/16", 4 X 1 7/16"

Thickness 0.19 mm (0.0075) max.

NOTE: Thickness excluding the base paper must be less than or equal to 0.12 mm (0.0075").

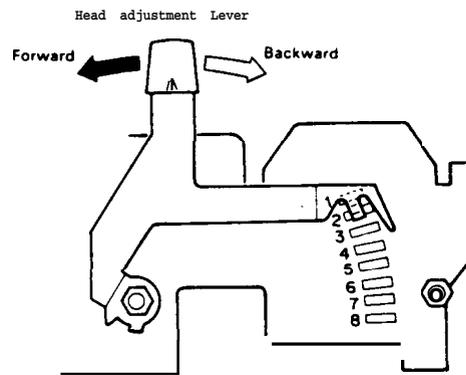
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- NOTES:**
1. Printing of labels is only available at normal temperature.
  2. Labels must be fanfold.
  3. Labels with pressure-sensitive paper must be jointed by pasting along the dots or lines, and the total thickness must be less than or equal to 0.3 mm (0.118") to be printed out under conditions that must be between 5 to 35 °C and 20 to 80% RH.
  4. Examples of labels: **AVERY CONTINUOUS FORM LABELS**  
**AVERY MINI-LINE LABELS**

**Lever Adjustment** See Figure 1-5 and Table 1-9.

**Table 1-9. Lever Adjustment**

Lever Position	Paper Thickness [mm]
2nd	0.06 - 0.12
3rd	0.13 - 0.17
4th	0.18 ~ 0.25
5th	0.26 ~ 0.32



**Figure 1-5. Head Adjustment Lever Positioning**

- NOTES:**
1. When printing density becomes lighter, set the head adjustment lever one position lower.
  2. When using thicker paper than shown in the above table, set the head adjustment lever to the 6th or higher appropriate position by performing the self-test operation.

**Ribbon Cartridge** See Table 1-10.

**Table 1-10. Ribbon Cartridge Specification**

Ribbon Model No.	# 8750	#8755 (M)
Printer	FX-850	FX-1050
Color	Black	
Life [characters]	3 million (14 dots/character)	
Dimension [mm] (w) X (h) X (d)	293 X 34 X 72	468 X 34 X 78

**Dimensions** See Table 1-11 (Details are shown in Figures A-45 and 46).  
**Weight** See Table 1-11.

Table 1-11. Dimensions and Weight

	Width [mm]	Height [mm]	Depth [mm]	Weight [Kg]
FX-850	430	150	360	9.5
FX-I 050	605	150	360	12.5

**NOTE:** Excluding platen knob and paper guide.

**Electrical Specifications** See Table 1-12.

Table 1-12. Electrical Specifications

	120 V Version	220/240 V Version
Voltage [V AC]	120V $\pm$ 10%	220/240V $\pm$ 10%
Frequency range [Hz]	49.5 - 60.5	
Rating current [A]	2	1
Insulation resistance [M ohm] min. (between AC line and chassis)	10	
Dielectric strength [V AC, rms] (1 minute, between AC line and chassis)	1250	1250

**Environmental Conditions** Refer to Table 1-13.

Table 1-13. Environmental Conditions

	Storage	Operating
Temperature [°C]	-30 - 60	5 - 35
Humidity [% RH]	5 - 85	10 - 80
Resistance to shock [G] (within 1 ms)	2	1
Resistance to vibration [G] (55 Hz, max.)	0.50	0.25

**Reliability**

**MCBF** 5 million lines (excluding printhead)  
(MCBF... Mean Cycles Between Failure)

**MTBF** FX-850: 4000 POH (duty 25%)  
FX-1050: 6000 POH (duty 25%)

**Printhead life** 100 million characters (14 dots/character)

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**Safety Approvals**

Safety standards    UL4785th (U.S.A. version)  
                              CSA22.2#220  
                              VDE0806(TUV) (European version)  
Radio Frequency (RFI) FCC class B (U.S.A. version)  
Interference            VDE871 (European version)

**1.2.2 Firmware Specifications**

Control Code            ESC/P-83  
Printing Direction  
    Text                 Bidirectional printing with logic seeking  
    Bit-image            Unidirectional printing  
Character Code         8 bits  
Character Set           96 ASCII and 13 international character sets  
                              Graphics  
Font                     NLQ Roman:    10, 12, 15, Proportional  
                              NLQ Saris-serif: 10, 12, 15, Proportional  
                              Draft:         10, 12, 15, Proportional  
Printing Mode           Printing quality (Draft/NLQ)  
                              Character pitch (10, 12, 15 CPI or Proportional)  
                                  Condensed  
                                  Double-width  
                                  Double-height  
                                  Emphasized  
                                  Double-strike  
                                  Italic  
                                  Underlined

NOTE: A condensed mode for 15 CPI characters is not available.

Print Speed             Refer to Table 1-14.

Table 1-14. Print Speed

Type of Letters	Print Speed [cps]
Draft pica	220 (107)
Draft elite	264 (128)
Condensed draft pica	183 (91)
Emphasized draft pica	107
NLQ normal pica	45

NOTE: When any italic character is in the same line, the print speed will be reduced to the value in the parentheses.

## Print Columns

Refer to Table 1-15.

Table 1-15. Print Columns

Type of Letters	Printable Columns [cpl]	
	FX-850	FX-1 050
Normal	80	136
Condensed	137	233
Elite	96	163
Condensed elite	160	272

NOTE: In Condensed mode, printable column is always 137.  
(Previous FX series is 132.)

## Character Size, Pitch

Refer to Table 1-16.

Table 1-16. Character Size and Pitch

Type of Letters	Width [mm]	Height [mm]	Character Pitch [mm]
Normal	2.1	3.1	2.54 (10 cpi)
Emphasized	2.1	3.1	2.54 (10 cpi)
Condensed	1.05	3.1	1.48 (17 cpi)
Elite	1.7	3.1	2.11 (12 cpi)
Condensed elite	0.85	3.1	1.27 (20 cpi)

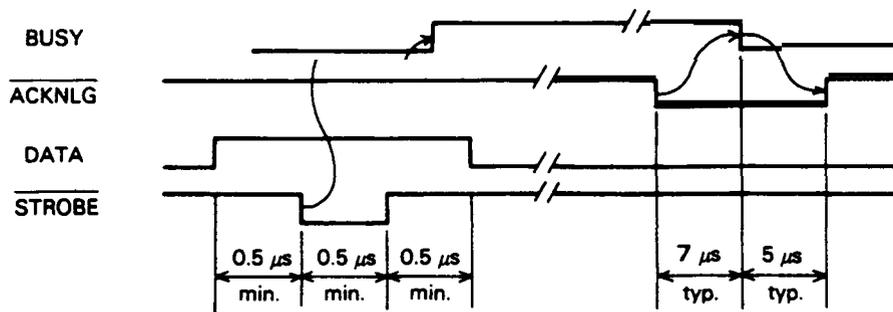
NOTE: Width of Elite character is changed to 1.7 mm from 2.1 mm (not same as normal mode).

## 1.3 INTERFACE OVERVIEW

The FX-850/1 050 has 8-bit parallel interface as standard.

### 1.3.1 8-bit Parallel Interface Specifications

Data Transmission Mode	8-bit parallel
Synchronization	By $\overline{\text{STROBE}}$ pulse
Handshaking	By $\text{BUSY}$ and $\overline{\text{ACKNLG}}$ (either or both)
Logic Level	TTL compatible
Data Transmission Timing	See Figure 1-6.
Connector	57-30360 (AMPHENOL) or equivalent (See Figure 1-7.)



NOTE: Transmission time (rising and falling time) of every input signal must be less than  $0.2 \mu\text{s}$ .

Figure 1-6. Data Transmission Timing of 8-bit Parallel Interface

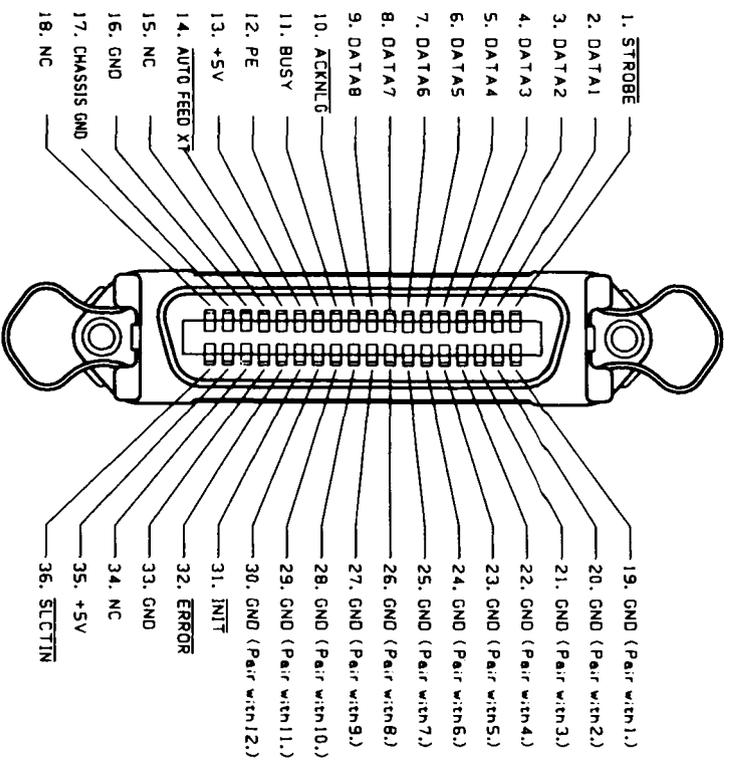


figure 1-7. 36-Pin 57-30360 Connector

Table 1-17 shows the connector pin assignments and signal functions of the 8-bit parallel interface.

Table 1-17. Connector Pin Assignments and Signal Function

Pin No.	Signal Name	Return Pin No.	DIR	Functional Description
1	$\overline{\text{STRORE}}$	19	In	Strobe pulse to read the input data. Pulse width must be more than $0.5\mu\text{s}$ . Input data is latched after falling edge of this signal.
2	DATA 1	20	In	These signals represent information of the 1st to 8th bits of parallel data, respectively. Each signal is at "HIGH" level when data is logical "1" and "LOW" when logical "0".
3	DATA 2	21	In	
4	DATA 3	22	In	
5	DATA 4	23	In	
6	DATA 5	24	In	
7	DATA 6	25	In	
8	DATA 7	26	In	
9	DATA 8	27	In	
10	$\overline{\text{ACKNLG}}$	28	out	This pulse indicates data has been received and the printer is ready to accept more data. Pulse width is approximately $12\mu\text{s}$ .
11	BUSY	29	out	A "HIGH" signal indicates that the printer cannot receive data. The signal becomes "HIGH" in the following cases: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. During data entry</li> <li>2. During printing operation</li> <li>3. In off-line status</li> <li>4. During printer error status</li> </ol>
12	PE	30	out	A "HIGH" signal indicates that the printer is out of paper.
13				Pulled up to +5V through 3.3 K ohms resistor.
14	$\overline{\text{AUTO FEED XT}}$		In	With this signal at "LOW" level, the paper is automatically fed one line after printing. (The signal level can be fixed to "LOW" with DIP SW 2-4.)
15	NC			Not used.
16	OV			Logic GND level.
17	CHASSIS GND			Printer chassis GND. In the printer, the chassis GND and the logic GND are isolated from each other.
18	NC			Not used.
19 - 30	GND			TWISTED-PAIR RETURN signal GND level.
31	INIT		In	When the level of this signal become "LOW", the printer controller is reset to its initial state and the print buffer is cleared. This signal is normally at "HIGH" level, and its pulse width must be more than $50\mu\text{s}$ at the receiving terminal.
32	$\overline{\text{ERROR}}$		out	The level of this signal becomes "LOW" when the printer is in - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Paper-out status</li> <li>2. Off-line status</li> <li>3. Error status</li> </ol>

Table 1-17. Connector Pin Assignments and Signal Function (cont'd)

Pin No.	Signal Name	Return Pin No.	DIR	Functional Description
33	GND			Same as with Pin No. 19 to 30.
34	NC			Not used.
35				Pulled up to +5V through 3.3 K ohms resistor.
36	SLCT-IN		In	The DC 1/DC3 code is only valid when this signal is "HIGH" level. (Internal fixing can be carried out with Jumper- I.)

- NOTES:**
1. "DIR" refers to the direction of signal flow as viewed from the printer.
  2. "Return" denotes "TWISTED-PAIR RETURN" and is to be connected at signal ground level. As to the wiring for the interface, be sure to use a twisted-pair cable for each signal and never fail to complete connection on the Return side. To prevent noise effectively, these cables should be shielded and connected to the chassis of the host computer and the printer, respectively.
  3. All interface conditions are based on TTL level. Both the rise and fall times of each signal must be less than  $0.2\mu s$ .
  4. Data transfer must not be carried out by ignoring the  $\overline{\text{ACKNLG}}$  or BUSY signal.  
(Data transfer to this printer can be carried out only after confirming the  $\overline{\text{ACKNLG}}$  signal or when the level of the BUSY signal is "LOW".)

Table 1-18 shows the printer select/deselect (DC 1/DC3) control, including relations among ON-LINE,  $\overline{\text{SLCT-IN}}$  input, DC 1/DC3, and interface signals.

Table 1-18. Printer Select/Deselect Control

ON-LINE SW	$\overline{\text{SLCT-IN}}$	DC1/DC3	$\overline{\text{ERROR}}$	BUSY	$\overline{\text{ACKNLG}}$	DATA ENTRY
OFF-LINE	HIGH/LOW	DC 1/DC3	LOW	HIGH	No pulse	Disable
ON-LINE	HIGH	DC 1	HIGH	LOW/HIGH (During data entry)	Pulse output after entry	Enable (Normal Process)
		DC3	HIGH	LOW/HIGH (During data entry)	Pulse output after entry	Enable (Waits DC1. See Note 2)
	LOW	DC 1	HIGH	LOW/HIGH (During data entry)	Pulse output after entry	Enable (Normal Process)
		DC3	HIGH	LOW/HIGH (During data entry)	Pulse output after entry	

- NOTES: 1. In the Table 1-18, it is assumed that no  $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$  status exists other than that attributable to OFF-LINE mode.
2. Once the printer is deselected by the DC3 code, the printer will not revert the selected state unless the DC 1 code is input again. (In the deselected state, the printer ignores input data until the DC 1 code is received.)
3. The DC 1 and DC3 codes are enabled only when the  $\overline{\text{SLCT-IN}}$  signal (Input Connector No.36 for the parallel interface unit) is HIGH and printer power is initialized.
4. If the  $\overline{\text{SLCT-IN}}$  signal is LOW when the printer is initialized, DC 1/DC3 printer select/deselect control is invalidated, and these control codes are ignored.
5. If the  $\overline{\text{SLCT-IN}}$  signal is HIGH and is not set to LOW by jumper 6 when printer initialized, the printer starts from the selected (DC 1 ) state.

## 1.4 DIP SWITCHES AND JUMPER SETTINGS

This section describes the DIP switch selections and jumper setting for the FX-850/1 050 printer.

### 1.4.1 DIP Switch Settings

The DIP switches are located at the right side of the printer. When the printer hardware is initialized, the following functions are set to the default values shown in the table below.

Table 1-19. DIP Switch 1 Settings

SW	Description	ON	OFF
1-1	Default character set	User-defined	ROM
1-2	Shape of zero	Slashed	Not slashed
1-3	Table select	Graphic	Italic
1-4	Protocol mode	IBM emulation	ES C/P
1-5	Short tear-off mode	off	On
1-6	International character set	See Table 1-20.	
1-7			
1-8			

**NOTE:** When DIP SW1-4 is on (IBM mode), the function of DIP SW1-3 changes to auto CR ON/OFF.

#### Default character set

When DIP switch 1-1 is ON, the user-defined character set will be selected as default. User-defined characters are maintained in printer memory even when the power is turned off, so the user-defined character set can be easily selected simply by turning off the power, setting this switch to ON, and then turning the power on again.

#### Shape of zero

When DIP switch 1-2 is ON, prints a slashed zero (0); when OFF, prints open zeros (0). Useful for clearly distinguishing between uppercase O and zero when printing program lists, etc.

#### Protocol mode

When DIP switch 1-4 is ON, printer operates in the IBM emulation mode; when off, printer operates in the Epson ESC/P mode.

Functions of DIP switches 1-6, 1-7, and 1-8 are different when using the printer in the IBM emulation mode.

#### Short Tear-off

When print operation has finished, the short tear-off feature automatically feeds the perforation of the continuous paper to the tear-off edge of the sheet guide cover so that the user can tear off the last sheet. When the user resume printing, the paper is fed backward to the loading position.

Table 1-20. International Character Set

Country	SW 1-6	SW 1-7	SW 1-8	IBM CG Table
USA	ON	ON	ON	CG Table 1
France	ON	ON	OFF	CG Table 2
Germany	ON	OFF	ON	
UK	ON	OFF	OFF	
Denmark	OFF	ON	ON	
Sweden	OFF	ON	OFF	
Italy	OFF	OFF	ON	
Spain	OFF	OFF	OFF	

NOTE: When DIP SW1-4 is on (IBM mode), the functions of DIP SW1-6 through SW1-8 change to IBM character generator selection.

Table 1-21. DIP Switch 2 Settings

Sw	Description	ON	OFF
2-1	Page length	12 inch	11 inch
2-2	Cut sheet feeder mode	On	off
2-3	1 -inch skip over perforation	On	off
2-4	Auto line feed	On	off

1.4.2 Jumper Setting

The jumper J 1 is located on the main board and it can fix the  $\overline{\text{SLCT-IN}}$  signal to "LOW" level.

Table 1-22. J1 Setting

ON	Fix to "LOW"
OFF	Depend on the external signal.

NOTE: If the jumper J 1 is connected, the  $\overline{\text{SLCT-IN}}$  signal is fixed to LOW, and DC 1 /DC3 printer select control is ignored.



## 1.6 HEXADECIMAL DUMP FUNCTION

The hexadecimal dump function causes the printer to print the received data in hexadecimal. The printer prints 16 values in hexadecimal, followed by the corresponding ASCII characters, on one line. If there is no corresponding printable character for a value (i.e. a control code), a period (.) is printed. Any remaining data (less than 16 values) can be printed by operating the ON LINE switch. No panel settings can be made in the hexadecimal dump mode. This function makes it easy for technician to identify the source of communications problems between the printer and computer.

Table 1-24 lists the self test operating instructions and Figure 1-9 shows the hexadecimal dump printing.

Table 1-24. Hexadecimal Dump Operation

Function	Operation	stop
Hexadecimal dump mode	Turn the power ON while pressing both the LINE FEED and FORM FEED switches	● Press the ON LINE switch to set the printer off line. Next, turn off the printer.

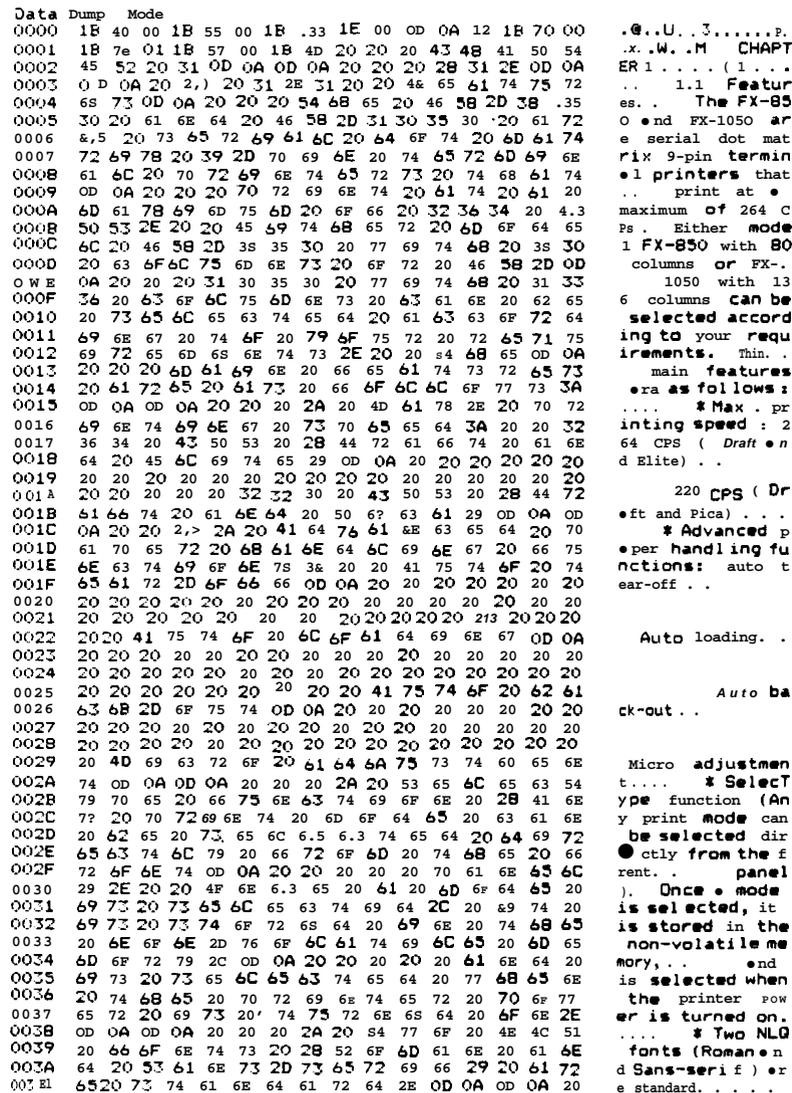


Figure 1-9. Hexadecimal Dump Printing

## 1.7 PRINTER INITIALIZATION

There are two initialization methods: hardware initialization and software initialization.

### 1.7.1 Hardware Initialization

This type of initialization occurs when printer power is turned on or when the printer receives the INIT signal from the host computer via the 8-bit parallel interface.

When printer is initialized in this way, it performs the following actions:

- Initializes printer mechanism.
- Sets the on-line mode.
- Sets the page length to 11 or 12 inches according to the DIP switch.
- Clears the input data buffer and print buffer.
- Read DIP switch and jumper settings.
- Sets the print mode according to the DIP switch and the non-volatile memory set by control panel.
- Sets printer selections to their default values

### 1.7.2 Software Initialization

This type of initialization occurs when the printer receives command (ESC@) via software.

When the printer is initialized in this way, it performs the following actions:

- Clears the print buffer.
- Sets printer selections to their default values.

**NOTE:** The printer's default values are as follows:

Page Position	Preset paper position becomes top of form position
Left and Right Margin	Released
Line Spacing	1/6 inches
Vertical Tab Position	Cleared
Horizontal Tab Position	Every 8 characters (relative)
VFU Channel	Channel 0
Family Number of Type Style	Roman (Family Number 0)
Downloaded Characters	Deselected: Software initialize Cleared: Hardware initialize
Justification	Left justification
Character Per Inch	10
Bit Image Mode Assignment	ESC K = ESC * 0, ESC L = ESC * 1, ESC = ESC * 2, ESC Z = ESC * 3
Printing Effects	Cleared