General Data Company
ID/Positive CL-01

Laser Cassette Marker
User Guide
Introduction
The ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker is designed to generate a unique identification mark in the form of high-resolution linear bar codes, two dimensional bar codes and text onto ID/Positive Cassettes hence reducing errors due to misidentification of cassette blocks or specimen slides caused by illegible handwriting. The ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker comes equipped with 1 magazine with a capacity to accommodate 70 ID/Positive Cassettes. Optional additional magazines are available for easy cassette style or color changes.

Intended Use
The ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker is intended for imprinting identification marks on ID/Positive Tissue Cassettes.

Installation Procedure
The ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker and associated software must be installed, and instrument performance is to be verified, at the customer site by trained General Data representatives.

Relocation Procedure
Contact your General Data representative before relocating your ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker.

Disclaimers
This manual is not a substitute for the detailed operator training provided by General Data, or for other advanced instruction. A General Data representative should be contacted immediately for assistance in the event of any instrument malfunction.
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Section 1 | Safety

Caution Symbol

The CAUTION symbol appears on the instrument's product label to remind you of the necessity to refer to this guide, or other documentation, that outlines laboratory practices required by your facility and local regulatory agencies. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in a hazardous condition. This may also nullify the instrument warranty.

The ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker should not be used in any way not specified by General Data. Otherwise, the protection provided by the instrument may be impaired.

Note: Refer to Appendix B: Symbol Definitions for additional symbols.

Chemical Safety

Do not operate the ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker without ensuring that the filter unit is properly connected and running. Doing so will cause the instrument to malfunction and expel harmful dust particles.

Optical/Laser Safety

INVISIBLE LASER RADIATION
AVOID EYE OR SKIN EXPOSURE TO DIRECT OR SCATTERED RADIATION
CLASS 1 LASER PRODUCT, USING A CLASS 4 EMBEDDED LASER (5 W, 10.57 – 10.63 μm)

The laser beam exits the final lens 5 inches above the cassette while it is in the laser position.

Never attempt to operate the ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker without the protective covers in place.

Never attempt to override any of the safety interlocks on the instruments.

Never attempt to dismantle or repair the laser head. In case of malfunction contact a General Data service representative.

Any of the actions mentioned above may result in permanent eye or skin damage. Refer to Appendix A for more information on laser safety.
## Operational Safety

| ![Warning Icon] | Routine maintenance of ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker is required for maintaining system integrity and proper operation. Maintenance must be carried out as specified in this manual. Refer to Section 5: Maintenance for more information. |
| ![Warning Icon] | Do not attempt to install or re-locate the ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker. Doing so may result in corruption, of data and/or malfunctioning instrument. For Cassette Marker installation contact a General Data service representative. |
| ![Warning Icon] | Do not attempt to install or re-install the ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker control software. Doing so may result in corruption, of data and/or malfunctioning instrument. For software installation contact a General Data service representative. |
| ![Warning Icon] | Do not operate the ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker without ensuring that the filter unit is properly connected and running. Doing so will cause the instrument to malfunction and expel harmful dust particles. |
| ![Warning Icon] | Locate the ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker only on a sturdy flat surface. |
| ![Warning Icon] | Position the ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker so that the front and rear operation panels are easily accessible by the operator. |
| ![Warning Icon] | The ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker is intended for Indoor use only. Altitude up to 2000m, operating temperature 5 to 40 degrees C, 80% maximum relative humidity, rated 100-240Vac (max range of 90 to 264Vac), overvoltage category, II, pollution degree 2, IPX0 |
| ![Warning Icon] | Please be aware that some discoloration to the ID/Positive Cassettes can occur when they are subjected to reagents containing picric acid, e.g. Bouin’s Fixative. |
| ![Warning Icon] | Please be aware that degradation or loss of text printed text on ID/Positive Cassettes may occur when they are subjected to solutions containing strong acids for extended periods of time. |
| ![Warning Icon] | Decalcification processes of tissue in ID/Positive Cassettes involving strong acids such as hydrochloric acids or nitric acids should always be validated by the users prior to implementation. |
### Electrical Safety

| ![Warning] | Only connect the Filtronics GD125 filter unit supplied with your ID/Positive Cassette to the Exhaust Outlet |
|            | 100-240V, 50/60Hz, 1A max |
| ![Warning] | The main power cord for the ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker must be plugged into earthed outlet only |
|            | Be sure to position the ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker to allow for easy removal of the main power cord from the back panel |
| ![Warning] | The main power cord for the ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker must be plugged into earthed outlet only. |
|            | Only use the power cord provided with this product |

### Mechanical Safety

| ![Warning] | Never attempt to operate the ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker without the protective covers in place. |
|            | Never attempt to override any of the safety interlocks on the instruments. |
|            | Apart from a class 4 laser, the instrument contains moving machinery that may cause damage to the user if the above advices are not followed. |
Konformitätserklärung
Déclaration de conformité
Declaración de Conformidad
Verklaring de overeenstemming
Dichiarazione di conformità

We/Wir/ Nous/WIJ/Noi

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declare under our sole responsibility that the product,
klären, in alleniniger Verantwortung,dass dieses Produkt,
déclarons sous notre seule responsabilité que le produit,
declaramos, bajo nuestra sola responsabilidad, que el producto,
verklaren onder onze verantwoordelijkheid, dat het product,
dichiariamo sotto nostra unica responsabilità, che il prodotto,

**ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker, Model CL-01**

to which this declaration relates is in conformity with the following standard(s) or other normative documents.
auf das sich diese Erklärung bezieht, mit der/den folgenden Norm(en) oder Richtlinie(n) übereinstimmt.
auquel se réfère cette déclaration est conforme à la (aux) norme(s) ou au(x) document(s) normatif(s).
al que se refiere esta declaración es conforme a la(s) norma(s) o otro(s) documento(s) normativo(s).
waarnaar deze verklaring verwijst, aan de volende norm(en) of richtlijn(en) beantwoordt.
a cui si riferisce questa dichiarazione è conforme alla/e seguente/i norma/o documento/i normativo/i
**Instrument Compliance**

General Data Company hereby declares the equipment specified conforms to the Classification(s), Directive(s) and Standard(s) set forth in this document.

General Data Company produces laser systems within one of two classes as identified and classified by the CDRH. These are Class I and Class IV. (see CDRH 21 CFR (J) 1040.1 - 1040.5). End user of the equipment should be familiar with ANSI, CDRH and OSHA standards for radiation emitting devices as they apply to them also.

**ANSI Z136.1 - 1993**

General Data Company will provide adequate data to the LSO (Laser Safety Officer) enabling LSO to designate NHZ (nominal hazard zone) as required pursuant to Class IV 3.4.1

**Certifications:**

**EMC Emissions**
- ICES-003 Issue 4 Class A ITE emissions Requirements (Canada)
- FCC 47 CRF Part 15 Class A emissions requirements (USA)
- VCCI Class A ITE emissions Requirements (Japan)
- EN 61000-3-2:2006 Limits of harmonic current emissions (equipment input current up to and including 16A per phase

**EMC Immunity:**

**Laser Safety:**
- 21CFR1040 Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH).

Note: Design guidelines are drawn from ANSI and CDRH

**CE and CB**
- EN 61010-1:2001
Warning
This is a Class A product. In a domestic environment this product may cause radio interference in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the manufacturer could void the user's FCC granted authority to operate the equipment.

Note
This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

This Class A or B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Cet appareil numérique de la classe A ou B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

This ISM apparatus meets all requirements of the Canadian Interference-Causing Equipment Regulations.

Ce générateur de fréquence radio ISM respecte toutes les exigences du Règlement sur le matériel brouilleur du Canada.
## Section 2 | System Specifications

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<th>Item</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td><strong>ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Dimensions</td>
<td>10” W x 18” D x 14” H - 25” H with Magazine  (254mm W x 457mm D x 356mm H – 635mm H with Magazine)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>43 lbs. (19.5 kg.)</td>
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<td>Laser</td>
<td>Class 1 Sealed Laser, 5 watt output</td>
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<tr>
<td>Electrical requirements</td>
<td>100 – 240V, 50/60Hz, 3A</td>
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<td></td>
<td>The main power supply voltage fluctuations should not exceed + or - 10%.</td>
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<td>Electrical output to filter unit</td>
<td>Voltage and frequency identical to what is supplied to the Cassette Marker.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>The maximum current to be drawn from the outlet is 1 A</td>
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<td>Cassette Capacity</td>
<td>1 magazine, capable of holding up to 70 cassettes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cassette compatibility</td>
<td>Only compatible with General Data ID/Positive Cassettes</td>
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<td>Speed</td>
<td>5 seconds cassette to cassette</td>
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<td>Resolution</td>
<td>200 lines per inch</td>
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<td>Barcode compatibility</td>
<td>Code 128, Code 39, DataMatrix, PDF417</td>
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<td>Connectivity to PC</td>
<td>USB / Ethernet / Serial</td>
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<td><strong>Filter Unit</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Dimensions</td>
<td>13 3/16” W x 13 3/16” D x 20 1/16” H  (335mm W x 335mm D x 510mm H)</td>
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<td>Weight</td>
<td>35 lbs., (16 kg)</td>
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<td>Voltage Range/Power</td>
<td>100-240 VAC, 50/60Hz/100W</td>
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<td>Sound Level at 1 m</td>
<td>50db (A)</td>
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<td>Electrical requirements</td>
<td>The filter unit is powered directly from the Cassette Marker</td>
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<td>Filter compatibility</td>
<td>Use only filter specifically designed for the filter unit. Contact a General</td>
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<td>Data Service Representative for ordering instructions.</td>
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Section 3 | LabeLase Producer CL®

Creating or changing the password

Click on the **File** pull-down menu and select **Supervisor**.

The password screen will open. If creating a new password, click <OK>. If changing a password, enter the password and click <OK>. 
The Setup and Maintenance pull down menus are now active. Click on the Setup menu and select Supervisor Password...

The Change Password Dialog box will open. You can enter a new password and confirm, or change the current password. Click <OK> when done.
Select **Preference** from the **Setup** pull down menu.

Click on the **Configuration Tab**.
In the **Supervisor Only Feature** box:

Verify all three boxes are checked

Checking the boxes prevent any editing of text or data entry fields, it also disables Darkness and Draft Mode controls unless in Supervisor Mode.
Magazine Low

When there are 3 or 4 cassettes left in the MAGAZINE, a warning will appear, it is time to insert more Cassettes into the MAGAZINE.

Magazine Empty

When there no Cassettes in the MAGAZINE the warning will change from LOW to "ERROR: Out of required cassettes". You can either switch to another MAGAZINE with Cassettes already loaded or reload the installed MAGAZINE.
Deleting a Job in the Queue

Select a job in the queue you want to delete, click on <Delete> this will bring up a Confirm window. Click <Yes> to delete.
NOTE: This will permanently remove the selected print job.

Deleting the entire Job Queue

Click on <Clear> this will bring up a Confirm window. Click <Yes> to delete all print jobs in the queue.
NOTE: This will permanently delete the entire job queue.
Reprioritizing the Print Queue

Select which print job you want to place at the top of the queue by clicking on that file. Then Click on <Move to Top> click <Yes> to Confirm. The print job has now print next. The remaining job queue will print in order.
Section 4 | Operating the ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker

The Cassette Marker comprises a laser enclosure with 1 cassette magazines capable of holding 70 tissue cassettes.

Directly beneath the cassette magazine is the gripper mechanism which pushes cassettes from the magazine, transports them to the marking position and subsequently reverses them through the exit opening and down the cassette slide. The cassette magazine can be easily removed by simply lifting the magazine straight up to allow the user to change the cassette style or color. *(Optional additional magazines are available for easy cassette style or color changes.)*

Located on the front panel are an Emergency Stop Button, Power Indicator (red LED) and an Online Button. The Online Button will illuminate when the Cassette Marker is online.

Main features of the CL-01 ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker
Loading Cassette Magazines

The correct cassette color and type must be selected by the user. The magazines must be manually loaded with cassettes of the type and color the user intends to print. The Cassette Marker is not capable of identifying what type and color cassettes are placed in the magazines or what magazine is loaded into the machine.

⚠️ IMPORTANT Only use ID/Positive Cassettes for the Cassette Marker. The ID/Positive Cassettes are coated with a black coating on its front surface. Without this coating the Cassette Marker will not be able to print on the cassette.

To load a Cassette Magazine:
- Place cassettes into the magazine with the band tab facing the opening on the side of the magazine and the coated surface of the cassettes facing towards the closed side of the magazine.

Correct placement of cassettes in magazine
- Remove the banding while supporting the cassettes with a finger.
- Release cassettes once the band is removed.

Remove banding from cassettes through the magazine opening
Safety Interlocks

To prevent accidental exposure to harmful laser radiation the ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker incorporates several types of safety features:

Mechanical Switches

These switches are located on the front, rear and inside the main cover of the Cassette Marker. They will remove power supplied to the Cassette Marker.

- Switch A – Large Red, easily accessible, E-STOP operator Emergency Stop Push Button, located on the front of the CL-01 Cassette Marker
- Switch B – Key switch, located on the rear of the Cassette Marker for lockout/tagout during service
- Switch C – On/Off Power rocker switch, located on the rear of the Cassette Marker
- Switch D – Safety Interlock, located inside the main cover
IMPORTANT
If the Safety Interlock operates, the user must:
Immediately investigate the reason for operation
Check the main cover for any damage before operating the cassette marker
If any damage is noted or the unit will not operate discontinue use of the cassette marker and contact your General Data Service Representative for maintenance.

Mechanical Design
The beam path from laser tube to final pass through lens is entirely enclosed in a metal shield, with suitable material that will absorb the heat produced by the beam emitting from the laser.

Password Security Access
The Software requires a supervisor password to change layout of cassettes or to alter the operating parameters of the Cassette Marker itself, including laser duty cycle. The password protected areas of the Cassette Marker software should not be accessed without consulting a General Data service representative.

The features and precautions described above are designed with the safety of the user in mind. Should you have any questions or suggestions please contact General Data directly.
Fuse Replacement

Use the following procedure for fuse replacement:

⚠️ **IMPORTANT** Remove power cord from Cassette Marker before replacing the fuse.

1. Remove fuse holder using small flat blade screwdriver.
2. Replace fuse with 5A, 250V fast acting fuse.
3. Reinsert fuse holder.
4. Reinsert the power cord.
Section 5 | Maintenance

To keep your Cassette Marker operating properly it is critical that the following parts are cleaned biweekly.

- Laser Lens
- Area around the Laser Lens
- Filtration system Intake Ports
- Optical Sensors
- Cassette Transport Path and Plunger Solenoid

**IMPORTANT**
- When completing this routine maintenance, the user should inspect the cassette marker for any damage.
- If the cassette marker is damage immediately discontinue use of the cassette marker and contact your General Data Service Representative for replacement information.

Laser Lens Cleaning

A clean lens on the laser will keep your machine printing clearly readable cassettes. To clean the Laser lens follow the following procedure:

**Locating the Laser Lens**

- Remove the two knobs.
CAUTION: Never attempt to manually rotate the lens assemble. Manual rotation will cause permanent damage to your Cassette Marker.

Cleaning the Laser Lens

IMPORTANT Use distilled white vinegar only to clean the laser lens. All other solvents will permanently damage the lens.

To clean the laser lens follow the following procedure:
- 2 inch by 2 inch gauze pads work best for cleaning the lens.
- Moisten the gauze pad with distilled white vinegar.
- Reach under the Lens Assembly.
- Thoroughly wipe the glass lens and the metal parts around the lens.
- Be sure that the area where the glass meets the metal is thoroughly cleaned.
The above photo is a close up of the Laser Lens.
Cleaning the Filtration Intake Tubes
The Cassette Marker filtration system needs to be cleaned biweekly to keep it operating properly.
- The silver Intake Tube is located inside the Main Cover

Cleaning the Intake Tube
The silver intake tube can collect dust if it is not cleaned biweekly.
- Use a 2 inch by 2 inch gauze pad to clean the Intake Tube and the area around the tube.
- First wipe the area with a dry gauze pad
- Then use a gauze pad moistened with distilled white vinegar to thoroughly clean the Intake Tube and the area around the tube.
Cleaning the Optical Sensors

The Optical Sensors allow the machine to know if it is loaded with cassettes. If the Sensors become covered with dust the machine will stop operating. The Sensors will need biweekly cleaning.

Locating and Cleaning the Sensors

- The Sensors are located as shown by the red arrows.
  - There are Sensors on both sides of the housing.
- Lightly blow compressed air into this area to clean the Optical Sensors.
  - Be careful not to freeze the Sensors with the compressed air.
  - You can purchase caned compressed air from your local office supply
Lightly blow compressed air into this area to clean the Optical Sensors.
  - Be careful not to freeze the Sensors with the compressed air.
CAUTION: Always use a dry gauze to clean the main laser assembly. Allowing liquid to drip into the motor or other electrical parts will cause permanent damage to your cassette marker.

- Use a DRY gauze to thoroughly clean the area around the main laser assembly.

- Lightly blow compressed air into this area to clean the Optical Sensors.
  - Be careful not to freeze the Sensors with the compressed air.

Cleaning the Cassette Transport Path and Solenoid Plunger

- A buildup of tape adhesive from the Cassette Packs may cause a problem with Cassettes not properly ejecting. Cleaning the Solenoid Plunger and Slide Guide will keep the area clear of any adhesive.
Filter Replacement

Filters in the Filtration System must be changed periodically to ensure safe and reliable operation of your ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker.
  • The filter unit contains two filters; the pre-filter and the main filter.

⚠️ **IMPORTANT** Use only pre-filter bags and main filter cartridges recommended by General Data. Other filters may hamper the airflow in the filter unit, or may not be able to remove all dust particles from the exhaust. Contact a General Data representative for further information.

**Replacing the Pre-Filter**

The pre-filter bag must be changed once a fixed number of cassettes have been printed as indicated in the notice below or when the machine detects diminished air flow as indicated by constant beeping of the filter unit. When either condition (warning or beeping) is present the user must change the pre-filter bag.

![Warning message requesting user to change pre-filter bag.](image)

In the case of the warning, click **OK** on the warning message window after you have changed the filter to reset the counter back to zero. If you click **Cancel**, the window will close, but will be redisplayed again after the next cassette has been printed.

In the case of the beeping, changing the pre-filter bag should stop the beeping. If it does not, contact General Data service at 1-800-245-5029.
CAUTION: To ensure proper operation of your filtration system, carefully follow the instructions below.

The Pre-Filter is changed by opening the Pre-Filter compartment of the filter unit and replacing the Pre-Filter Bag.

1. Power off the Filter Unit and disconnect the Vacuum Hose. (See Step 1 of Changing the Main Filter.) Open the pre-filter compartment by lifting up on both latches and removing the HOLD DOWN PLATE and COVER.

2. Remove the old Pre-Filter and discard. Install the new Pre-Filter by lining up the holes of the fiber mounting plate to the LOCKING PINS. Rotate to lock in place.

3. Reinstall the COVER and HOLD DOWN PLATE. Insert the LATCH CLIP into the slot in the HOLD DOWN PLATE (both sides). Press down on the Latches to Lock. Re-attach the Filter Hose and energize the Filter Unit. (See Step 6 in Changing Main Filter for details.)

Do not operate the ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker without ensuring that the filter unit is properly connected and running. Doing so will cause the instrument to malfunction and expel harmful dust particles.
Replacing the Main Filter

The MAIN FILTER must be replaced annually or after printing 100,000 ID/Positive Cassettes. When the Main Filter is installed, the filter should be marked by the user with the recommended replacement date. **Note: Record the replacement date in the Maintenance and Inspection Log**

1. De-energize the Filter unit with the ON/OFF Switch and disconnect the Vacuum Hose.

2. Remove the COVER as described in Step 1 of Changing the Pre-filter.

3. Remove the Old Filter by lifting out. Discard the old filter. Install the new Filter.

4. Record the date of replacement on the Maintenance and Inspection Log located in the back of the User Guide.
5. Re-install the COVER and HOLD DOWN PLATE and lock the COVER down with the Latch.

6. Reconnect the 90° Elbow and Vacuum Hose.

7. Energize the Filter Unit. Test by printing a cassette. There should be no air leaks and the Filter Unit should power down approximately 2½ minutes after the cassette has printed.
Troubleshooting the Main Filter Unit

1. If the Filter Unit does not energize, check:
   a. The Power Cable on the Filter and Cassette Marker are connected
   b. Check the Fuse in the Power Inlet. (See Figure 1)
   c. Plug the unit into a wall outlet, a computer power cable will be necessary for this
      i. If the unit energizes, the problem is in the Cassette Marker. Call General Data Service
      ii. If the unit does not energize, the problem is in the Filter unit. Call General Data for service

2. An Alarm sounds three seconds after the unit is energized
   a. **Recommended Filter life has been exceeded, replace the Main Filter.** The Filter Unit will
      continue to operate, this is just an alarm.
   b. Call General Data Service (800-245-5029)

3. Three Beep Alarm, RED LED on the panel flashes
   a. **Suction capacity is low** – The unit will stop in 5 minutes if service is not provided.
   b. Look for any obstructions in the Vacuum hoses.
   c. Check and clean hoses, replace the Pre-Filter.

![Figure 1](image)
Appendix A | Backing up Printer Configuration and Layout Format Files

On occasion the Client PC has a failure on the hard drive. This creates a problem because the files used for printing the barcode may be lost. Also if the printer configuration files get corrupted, this will cause additional printing problems. Therefore it is highly recommended that backing up the **Printer Configuration** and **Layout Format** files be done at installation.

The following procedure will step you through creating **Printer Configuration** and **Layout Format** backup files:

### Exporting Printer Configuration Files

1. Create a folder on a network drive or external device to copy the **Printer Configuration** file and **Layout Formats**. For example create a folder named **CL-12 4034**. CL-12 for the 12 color marker and 4034 for the last 4 digits of the serial number.
   a. Create a sub folder within the CL-12 folder for the **Info Tag Layout files** (`.itl files`). As an example, name the subfolder “Format Files”. Drag and drop the Info Tag Layout files into the sub-folder.

2. From the **File** pull down menu, select **Supervisor**…
3. Enter the password if one is required, click <OK>

4. From the **Setup** pull down menu, select **Printer configuration**...
5. Click on <Export> to copy the **Printer Configuration** files to an external device.

6. Open the Folder you created, ex. CL-12 4034
7. Name the “Printer Configuration.ini” file the last 4 digits of the Cassette Marker serial number. Click <Save>.

**Importing Printer Configuration files**

1. Open the *Printer Configuration* Dialog Box and click on <Import>.

2. Navigate to the folder that contains the *Printer Configuration*.ini files. Type in the file name or click the displayed .ini file, then click <Open>. The Configuration file has been sent to the Marker.
Appendix B | Laser Safety

Laser Hazard Classifications

The intent of laser hazard classification is to provide clear distinction of the lasers’ properties and hazards to users so appropriate protective measures can be taken. Classification is based on the maximum output available for the intended use. Specific labeling requirements indicate that the class of the laser as well as the emission wavelength(s) and any other applicable precautionary instructions must be included on any signage. Laser classification is also used for determining requirements for medical surveillance for those individuals working with and around lasers.

The Federal United States laser safety standard [21 CFR 1040.10], the ANSI standard [ANSI Z136.1], as well as the international standard [EN 60825], divide lasers into five distinct hazard categories. These classes are based upon the combination of wavelength range, power, and emission duration, which are used to determine the level of risk and the potential to cause biological damage to the eye or skin. The definitions compiled from ANSI Z136.1 are as follows:

The General Data ID/Positive Laser Cassette Marker, Model CL-01 is rated as follows:

CLASS 1 LASER PRODUCT, USING A CLASS 4 EMBEDDED LASER (5 W, 10.57 – 10.63 μm)

Class 1: Any laser, or laser system containing a laser, with wavelength ranges from Ultraviolet through Far Infrared (180 nm – 100,000 nm +), that cannot emit laser radiation levels exceeding Class 1 Accessible Emission Limits (AEL) as defined by ANSI Z136.1. For example this would compute to exposure (for an eight-hour period) for a 488 nm laser of no greater than 0.2 mW. Basically, the laser radiation level emitted by a device classified as Class 1 produces no hazard whatsoever to the user during normal operation. Presently, Class 1 lasers and laser systems are exempt from all control measures. The Class 1 designation does not apply during times of maintenance or service where the safety controls of the device are defeated or otherwise removed. The Class 1 environment resumes once the device is returned to its original state with all safety devices properly reconnected.

Class 2: This classification applies only to continuous wave (CW) and repetitive-pulse lasers and laser systems of the visible part of the electromagnetic spectrum (400 – 700 nm) that exceed Class 1 levels, but do not exceed an average radiant power of 1 mW.

Class 3a: Lasers and laser systems that have an accessible output between one and five times the Class 1 AEL for wavelengths shorter than 400 nm or longer than 700 nm, or less than five times the Class 2 AEL for wavelengths between 400 and 700 nm. Lasers of this class have intermediate power ranges of 1 - 5 mW.

Class 3b: Lasers and laser systems having the power range between 5 - 500 mW. This applies to lasers with wavelength ranges from Ultraviolet through Far Infrared (180 nm – 100,000 nm +). These lasers or laser systems can produce a hazard if viewed directly, and may produce an eye hazard when viewing diffuse reflections off of a shiny surface at angles of less than 5 degrees from the source, however Class 3b lasers should not produce a hazardous diffuse reflection from a matte (not shiny) surface.

Class 4: Lasers and laser systems having power greater than 500 mW. This applies to lasers with wavelength ranges from Ultraviolet through Far Infrared (180 nm – 100,000 nm +). This class of laser poses the greatest
hazard, and any and all precautions should be taken to protect oneself from exposure to direct or diffuse laser radiation. Direct exposure to the eye from this class of laser can cause permanent damage. Stray beams are potential fire hazards and combustible material should be kept out of beam paths at all times.

## Control Measures for Laser Classifications

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ANSI Z136.1 requires specific control measures for each laser classification and the environment in which they are used. The chart above lists some of the requirements that may need to be implemented in a laboratory setting. The company Laser Safety Officer, or designee, should reference the applicable safety regulations for appropriate control measures to implement in the area the instrument will be used.
Biological Effects of Laser Irradiation

Eye Injury
Because of the high degree of beam collimation, a laser serves as an almost ideal point source of intense light. A laser beam of sufficient power can theoretically produce retinal intensities at magnitudes that are greater than conventional light sources, and even larger than those produced when directly viewing the sun. Eye exposure to a direct beam can cause permanent eye damage including blindness. Protective eyewear should always be worn when potential exposure to direct laser beams exist.

- Due to the lens-like focusing effect of the human eye, it is 100,000 times more vulnerable to injury than the skin.
- Laser safety eyewear should always be available for the wavelengths of lasers in use.
- Eye protective equipment, however, should be considered the last line of defense against laser beam exposure – engineering and administrative controls should be used first.
- Remove all jewelry when working with an open beam to prevent reflection of the beam in unsafe directions.
- When possible, use all protective housings, interlocks and shields.
- Laser Safety Eyewear should always be worn during laser repair, alignment, or installation, or at any time when any laser safety control is not in place.

Thermal Injury
The most common cause of laser-induced tissue damage is thermal in nature, where the tissue proteins are denatured due to the temperature rise following absorption of laser energy.

The thermal damage process (resulting in burns) is generally associated with lasers operating at exposure times greater than 10 microseconds and in the wavelength region from the near ultraviolet to the far infrared. Tissue damage may also be caused by thermally induced acoustic waves following exposures to sub-microsecond laser exposures.

Skin Injury
To the skin, UVA (315-400 nm) can cause hyperpigmentation and erythema (aka: sunburn). Exposure in the UVB (280-315 nm) range is most injurious to skin. In addition to thermal injury caused by ultraviolet energy, there is also possibility of radiation carcinogenesis from UVB. The shorter wavelengths are absorbed in the outer dead layers of the epidermis (stratum corneum) and the longer wavelengths have an initial pigment-darkening effect followed by erythema if there is exposure to excessive levels.

The hazards associated with skin exposure are of less importance than eye hazards; however, with the expanding use of higher-power laser systems, particularly ultraviolet lasers, the unprotected skin of personnel may be exposed to extremely hazardous levels of the beam power if used in an unenclosed system design.

Skin burns caused by lasers can happen quite fast and with great intensity. Protective clothing should be worn when potential exposure to direct laser beams exist.

- UVC: 200-280 nm exposure may cause erythema (sunburn), skin cancer, and burns.
- UVB: 280-315 nm exposure may cause accelerated skin aging, increased skin pigmentation and burns.
- UVA: 315-400 nm exposure may cause pigment darkening and skin burns.
- Visible: 400-700 nm exposure may cause photosensitive reactions and skin burns.
- Infrared 700-100,000 nm exposure may cause skin burns.
# Appendix C | Symbol Definitions

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| **Correct Disposal of this Product**  
Contact a General Data representative for disposal of the equipment at the end of its working life. This product should not be mixed with other commercial waste for disposal.) |
## Maintenance and Inspection Log

**CL-01 Cassette Printer**

Serial Number ____________

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**NOTE:** Use only 5% to 8% Acetic Acid for cleaning the Laser Lens, Use of any other solvent will permanently damage the lens

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**NOTE:**

1. Recommended replacement of Pre-Filter Bag is every 10,000 to 15,000 Cassettes. Pre-Filter Bag for GD125, Part Number - G1-2EE-1042 (Qty 5)

2. Recommended replacement of HEPA Filter is every 12 months. HEPA Filter for GD125, Part Number – G1-2EE-1025