User's Manual

131 Tiny III Decoder

WARNING

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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1. <u>Introduction</u>

This User's Manual contains all the information needed to operate and configure the 131 Tiny III Decoder. This manual is divided into two parts. The first part of this manual describes the operation and programmable features of the decoder. And the second part of this manual is used for configuration, it contains the setup barcodes used to configure the decoder.

The 131 decoder is one of the most versatile and flexible decoder in the world. All the features and functions required for up to date barcode and MSR readings are included. It also includes an auxiliary RS232 port which can accept data from external RS232 device, such as electronic scale, RS232 scanner, or another Tiny III (which use RS232 interface to transmit data) to form a small and simple network. Also by use of this port, the Tiny III can be operated as an RS232 to keyboard wedge convertor.

Owing to the compact design and extremely low power consumption, this decoder provides for easy installation and high product durability. The Tiny III can not only fulfill the requirements needed today, but also can suffice for long term usage. The main functions and features provided on Tiny III are summarized below.

- Barcode Readability : Most popular barcode symbologies are supported.

- MSR Readability : MSR reader up to dual tracks is supported.

- Scanner Auto-Detection : Scanner type is automatically detected.

- Dual color LED for power, good read, and status indication

- Support negative barcodes.

- Support eight scan modes for Laser Emulated Barcode Scanner.

- Programmable Buzzer Volume and Beeping Tone
- Multi-Interface Support : KBD Wedge, RS232 (Single/Dual Port).
- Programmable Code ID : Code ID can be individually configured for each symbology type.
- Programmable Length Code
- Programmable Prefix Code
- Programmable Postfix Code
- Data Editing : Data can be reorganized according to user programmable formats. Up to three data editing formats are supported.
- Auxiliary RS232 port to accept data from external RS232 device

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2. General Features

2.1 Buzzer

The buzzer of the decoder beeps differently to indicate various operating conditions.

- **Power On Beep** : The 131 will issue a long beep to indicate a successful power on.

- **Good Read Beep** : There are four volume levels and four beeping tones (frequencies) that user can select from when there is a good read. The available options are listed below.

    Volume : Maximum/Loud/Medium/Minimum
    Frequency : 8 / 4 / 2 / 1 kHz

- **Error Beep** : The 131 will issue a long beep with a low tone to indicate errors.

- **Enter / Exit Configuration Beep** : The 131 will issue 6 beeps upon entering / exiting the configuration mode.

- **Setup Beep** : In configuration mode, the 131 will normally beep twice when a setup barcode is read. If the particular setup parameter needs more than one read, the 131 will only issue a short beep to indicate that there are more setup barcodes needed to complete the current parameter setting.

2.2 LED Indicator

There is a dual color indicator on top of Tiny III. Normally the indicator will be in red, as long as the power is supplied, and will turn green when there is a successful reading.

2.3 Reader Port

This port is where a barcode or MSR scanner is connected. Many scanner types are supported, and they are automatically recognized without further configuration.

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2.3.1 Supported Reader Types
The supported scanner types are listed below.

- Wand Scanner
- Undecoded CCD Scanner (also known as TTL or Laser Emulation CCD Scanner)
- Wand Emulation CCD Scanner
- Undecoded Laser Scanner (also known as TTL Laser Scanner)
- Wand Emulation Laser Scanner
- MSR Single Track Reader (Track 1, Track 2, or Track 3)
- MSR Dual Track Reader (Track 1 & 2, or Track 2 & 3)

2.3.2 Pin Assignments
The pin assignments of the Reader port are listed below. Please check the pin assignments before making connections.

- **Pin Assignment for WAND type Barcode Scanner**

Pin No.	Signal
1	No Connection
2	Data
3	No Connection
4	No Connection
5	No Connection
6	No Connection
7	Gnd
8	No Connection
9	+5V

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- **Pin Assignment for Laser Emulated Barcode Scanner**

Pin No.	Signal
1	SOS
2	Data
3	Good Read
4	No Connection
5	Trigger
6	Power Enable
7	Gnd
8	No Connection
9	+5V

- **Pin Assignment for MSR reader.**

Pin No.	Signal
1	No Connection
2	CLK1
3	No Connection
4	Data1
5	CLK2
6	No Connection
7	Gnd
8	Data2
9	+5V

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2.4 Interface Port

Data are transmitted to the host computer through the Interface port at the back of 131. It employs a female DB15 connector. The pin assignments for this port are shown on the next page.

Pin No.	Description
1	No Connection
2	RxD1
3	RxD2 (CTS)
4	TxD1
5	TxD2 (RTS)
6	+5V
7	PC_CLK
8	PC_DATA
9	KB_CLK
10	KB_DATA
11	KB_RSV
12	Wyse CLK
13	Wyse_PC
14	Wyse_KB
15	Gnd

2.5 Aux232 Port

The Aux232 port is located at the back of Tiny III, an RJ45 connector just beside the Interface port. If the Aux232 port is activated, data can be input to Tiny III using standard RS232 connection. The available baud rate, parity, and data bits are listed below. Please note that, Tiny III always employs an RTS/CTS handshake (flow control).

- Baud Rate : 19200 / 9600 / 4800 / 2400
- Parity : None / Even / Odd Parity
- Data Bits : 8 / 7

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2.5.1 Pin Assignments

The pin assignments of the Reader port are listed below. Please check the pin assignments before making connections.

Pin 1	Gnd
Pin 2	Transmit
Pin 3	+5V
Pin 4	RTS
Pin 5	CTS
Pin 6	+5V
Pin 7	Receive
Pin 8	Ground

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
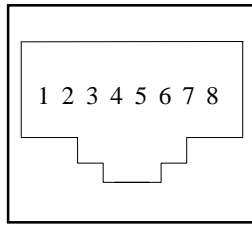
2.5.2 Input Data Delimiter

In order to process the data from the Aux232 port, the data delimiter must be correctly configured for Tiny III to identify the end of each piece of data. The delimiter is considered as the end of data and is excluded from the data being processed. The data delimiter can be a string up to four characters.

2.5.3 Prefix and Postfix Code

User configurable strings can be prefixed or appended (postfixed) to the data from the Aux232 port before they are sent to the host computer. Up to four characters can be configured for the prefix and postfix code.

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3. Barcode Scanner Parameters

3.1 Scan Modes

There are eight scan modes supported on the Tiny III for Laser Emulation Barcode Scanners. User can choose the desired scan mode depending on the application requirements. The supported scan modes are described below.

- **Auto Off Mode :** The scanner will start scanning once the switch is triggered. The scanning continues until either a barcode is read or a preset scanning period (*Scanner Time-Out Duration*) is expired.

- **Continuous Mode :** The scanner is always scanning.

- **Auto Power Off Mode :** The scanner will start scanning once the switch is triggered. The scanning continues until a preset scanning period (*Scanner Time-Out Duration*) is expired. Unlike the Auto Off mode, the scanner will continue to scan and the scanning period is re-counted each time there is a successful read.

- **Alternate Mode :** The scanner will start scanning once the switch is triggered. The scanner will continue scanning until the switch is triggered again.

- **Momentary Mode :** The scanner will be scanning as long as the switch is depressed.

- **Repeat Mode :** The scanner is always scanning just like Continuous Mode. But now the switch acts like a "re-transmit button". If the switch is triggered within 1 second after a good read, the same data will be transmit again without actually reading the barcode. This "re-transmit button" can be triggered as many times as user desired, as long as the time between each triggering does not exceed 1 second. This scan

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mode is most useful when the same barcode is to be read many times.

- **Laser Mode :** This is the scan mode most often used on laser scanners. The scanner will start scanning once the switch is pressed. The scanning continues until either a barcode is read or the switch is released.

- **Test Mode :** The scanner is always scanning. The 131 will decode repeatedly even with the same barcode.

By default, the scan mode is Auto Off mode.

3.2 Scanner Time-out Duration

This parameter is used to limit the maximum scanning period when the scan mode is either *Auto Off Mode* or *Auto Power Off Mode*. This time-out duration is specified in units of second. The default time-out duration is ten seconds. This parameter is effective only when a Laser Emulation barcode scanner is used.

3.3 Reading Redundancy

This parameter is used to specify the levels of reading (decoding) security. If *No Redundancy* is selected, only one successful decoding can make the reading valid. If *Three Times Redundancy* is selected, it will take 3 successful decodes to make the reading valid. It is obvious that the more redundancy the user selects, the higher the reading security and thus the slower the reading speed. The user must compromise between decoding security and decoding speed if the security feature is needed. This parameter is effective only when a Laser Emulation barcode scanner is used.

3.4 Supported Symbologies

Most of the popular barcode symbologies are supported. Each symbology can be individually enabled or disabled. The 131

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will automatically discriminate and recognize all the symbologies that are enabled. The supported barcode symbologies are listed below.

- Code 39 (Standard / Full ASCII)
- Italy Pharmacode
- French Pharmacode
- Industrial 25
- Interleave 25
- Matrix 25
- Codabar (NW-7)
- UPCA (with or without Addon)
- UPCE (with or without Addon)
- EAN8 (with or without Addon)
- EAN13 (with or without Addon)
- Code 93
- Code 128
- EAN 128
- MSI
- Plessey

3.5 Negative Barcodes

The 131 can be configured to read negative barcodes. Normally, barcodes are printed with the color of the bars darker than that of the spaces. But for negative barcodes, they are printed in the opposite sense just like negative films. The spaces of the negative barcodes are printed with a color darker than that of the bars.

4. __MSR Parameters__

● __MSR Decoding__ : Single track or dual tracks decoding can be individually enabled or disabled by the user.

● __Transmit Start / Stop Characters__ : If this parameter is enabled, the start / stop characters will be transmitted together with the data of each track. The start and stop characters of track1 are "%" and "?" respectively, and they are ";" and "?" for both track2 and track 3.

● __Dual Track Transmission Sequence__ : The track transmission sequence can be reversed by setting this parameter, when dual tracks data are decoded. If this parameter is set to "Reverse", the 131 will place the second track data before the first track data when transmitting.

● __Track Separation String__ : The user has an option to put a track separation string between tracks of data, if dual tracks data are decoded. This string can be at most 4 characters.

● __Transmit "NO READ" Message__ : If this parameter is enabled, the "NO READ" message will be transmitted when there is an unsuccessful decoding.

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5. Output Interface

The 131 is a multi-interface decoder. It can be configured as a keyboard wedge decoder or an RS-232 decoder. Simply by replacing appropriate interface cable and configuring the desired interface type can change the output interface easily.

5.1 Keyboard Wedge Interface

5.1.1 Keyboard Type

The keyboard wedge interface is enabled by configuring / selecting keyboard type. The supported keyboard types are listed below.

- PCAT - US, French German, Italian, Swedish, Norwegian, UK, Belgium, Spanish, and Portuguese KBD
- PCXT
- PS2-30
- PS-55
- IBM 5550
- IBM 3477 TYPE (Japanese KBD)
- IBM 319X / 34XX (Memorex Telex -122Keys)
- Wyse Enhance KBD (US)
- DEC VT220,320,420
- Macintosh (ADB)
- Hitachi Elles
- NEC 5200
- NEC 9800
- NEC Astra
- Unisys TO-300
- Televideo 965
- ADDS 1010

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5.1.2 Capital Lock Status

In order to send alphabets with correct case, the decoder needs to know the capital lock status of the keyboard. Incorrect settings may result in reversed case of alphabets being transmitted. There are three options to this parameter : *On*, *Off*, or *Auto Detection*. If this parameter is set to *Auto Detection*, the decoder will automatically detect the capital lock status of the keyboard before it transmits data. But the *Auto Detection* option is supported only when the keyboard type configured is PCAT (all available languages), PS2-30, PS55, or IBM 319X/34XX (Memorex Telex).

5.1.3 Alphabets Transmission

User can choose how alphabets are sent by configuring this parameter. The alphabets can be sent according to their case (the *Case Sensitive* option), or the case is ignored (the *Ignore Case* option) when transmitting.

5.1.4 Digits Transmission

User can choose how 131 transmits digits by configuring this parameter. The 131 can transmit digits by using the alphanumeric key or by using the numeric key pad. The Num Lock status of the keyboard should be ON if numeric key pad option is selected.

Numeric Key Pad

AlphaNumeric Key
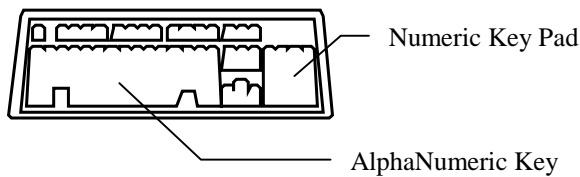
5.1.5 Inter-Character Delay

An inter-character delay of 0 to 255 ms can be configured to match the computer response time of the keyboard interface. The delay time configured is inserted between transmitting

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every character. The longer the delay time configured, the slower the transmission speed will be. The inter-character delay is zero by default.

5.2 RS232 Interface

The RS-232 interface is enabled by reading the "Activate RS-232 Interface" label in configuration mode. User can select the desired transmission mode, flow control, baud rate, parity, and data bits to be used in this output interface.

5.2.1 Transmission Mode

There are four transmission modes supported on the 131 when RS232 output interface is used. One of them is for single port operation, and the others are for dual port operation. Single port operation is used where the 131 is connected directly to the host computer, whereas the dual port operation is used where the 131 is connected between host and terminal. The interface cable for dual port operation always has two connectors, one of them is a male connector and the other one is a female connector. Under dual port operation, user can select whether data are transmitted to either ends or are transmitted to both ends. The supported transmission modes are listed below.

- Single Port
- Dual Port - Data are transmitted to male connector end.
- Dual Port - Data are transmitted to female connector end
- Dual Port - Data are transmitted to both ends.

5.2.2 Baud Rate / Parity / Data Bits

The supported baud rate, parity, and data bit are listed below.

- Baud Rate : 38400 / 19200 / 9600 / 4800 / 2400 / 1200 / 600 / 300
- Parity : None / Even / Odd

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- Data bit : 8 / 7

5.2.3 Flow Control

If the single port transmission mode is selected, user can further configure the flow (handshake) control method to be used. The available options are listed below.

- No Flow Control
- Scanner Ready : The 131 will activate the RTS signal after power on. After each good read the 131 will then wait for the CTS signal becomes active. The data will not be sent until CTS signal becomes active.
- Data Ready : The RTS signal will be activated after each good read. The 131 will then wait for the CTS signal becomes active. The data will not be sent until CTS signal becomes active.
- Inverted Data Ready : It is like the *Data Ready* flow control, but the RTS signal level is inverted.

5.2.4 Inter-Character Delay

An inter-character delay of 0 to 255 ms can be configured to match the computer response time. The delay time configured is inserted between transmitting every character. The longer the delay time configured, the slower the transmission speed will be. The inter-character delay is zero by default.

5.3 PC Term Mode

The PC Term mode is enabled by reading the "Activate PC Term Mode" label in configuration mode. User can select the desired baud rate, parity, and data bits to be used in this output interface. The Inter-Character Delay and Capital Lock Status settings can also be configured.

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6. <u>Symbology Parameters</u>

This section describes user configurable parameters which are pertaining to barcode symbologies.

6.1 <u>Code39</u>

- **Standard / Full ASCII Code 39** : User can choose to read either Standard Code 39 or Full ASCII Code 39 by configuring this parameter.

- **Start/Stop Transmission** : This parameter specifies whether the start/stop characters of Code 39 are included in the data being transmitted.

- **Checksum Verification** : This parameter specifies whether the 131 will perform checksum verification when decoding Code39 barcodes. If the checksum is incorrect, the barcode will not be read.

- **Checksum Transmission** : This parameter specifies whether the checksum character are included in the data being transmitted.

6.2 <u>Italy / French Pharmacode</u>

For Italy /French Pharmacode, there is always a checksum character included in the barcode. So the checksum verification is always performed when decoding these symbologies. User though can choose whether the checksum character is to be transmitted or not. The start / stop transmission of this code shares the same setting of Code 39.

- **Checksum Transmission** : This parameter specifies whether the checksum character are included in the data being transmitted.

6.3 <u>Industrial / Interleave / Matrix 25</u>

- **Start / Stop Selection** : This parameter provides the readability of all 2 of 5 symbology variants. For

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example, flight tickets actually use an Industrial 25 barcode but with Interleave 25 start / stop. In order to read this barcode, the **start / stop selection** parameter of Industrial 25 should set to '**Interleave 25'**.

- **Checksum Verification** : This parameter specifies whether the 131 will perform checksum verification when decoding these barcodes. If the checksum is incorrect, the barcode will not be read.

- **Checksum Transmission** : This parameter specifies whether the checksum character are included in the data being transmitted.

- **Code Length Qualification** : Because of the weak structure of the 2 of 5 codes, a partial scan has a high probability of decoding as a valid but shorter 2 of 5 codes (known as short scan). To prevent this kind of undesired reading, the **Code Length** settings can help to insure that the correct code is read by qualifying the allowable code length. Code length parameters can be configured in two ways : **Fixed Code Length** or **Max / Min Code Length**. If the fixed code length is selected, up to 2 fixed lengths can be specified. And if max / min code length is selected, the max length and the min length must be specified, and the 131 will only accept those codes with lengths fall between max / min length specified.

- **Read Odd Number of Digits** : This parameter is available only to the Interleave 25. This parameter must be enabled in order to read Interleave 25 labels which contain odd number of digits.

6.4 Codabar

- **Start/Stop Transmission** : This parameter specifies whether the start/stop characters of Codabar are included in the data being transmitted.

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- **Start / Stop Selection** : Four different start / stop pairs can be selected as start / stop characters as listed below.

  abcd / abcd
  abcd / tn*e
  ABCD / ABCD
  ABCD / TN*E

- **CLSI Conversion** : If this parameter is enabled, the 131 will perform the CLSI conversion when a 14 digits Codabar barcode is read.

6.5 UPCE

- **System Number Selection** : The UPCE comes with 2 flavors : **System Number 0** and **System Number 1**. These two differ in the way data are encoded. The system number 1 is the new UPCE extension to the ordinary UPCE (system number 0). User can have the choice of enabling both system numbers or just system number 0.

  Warning : Because of the way system number 1 is encoded, if both system numbers are enabled, user might suffer from short scanning UPCA or EAN13 into UPCE system number 1 barcodes.

- **Convert to UPCA** : If this parameter is enabled, the UPCE read will be expanded into UPCA, and the following processing will follow the parameters configured for UPCA.

- **System Number Transmission** : If this parameter is enabled, the system number will be included in the data being transmitted.

- **Checksum Transmission** : If this parameter is enabled, the checksum character will be included in the data being transmitted.

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6.6 EAN8

- **Convert to EAN13** : If this parameter is enabled, the EAN8 read will be expanded into EAN13, and the following processing will follow the parameters configured for EAN13.

- **Checksum Transmission** : If this parameter is enabled, the checksum character will be included in the data being transmitted.

6.7 UPCA

- **Convert to EAN13** : If this parameter is enabled, the UPCA read will be expanded into EAN13, and the following processing will follow the parameters configured for EAN13.

- **System Number Transmission** : If this parameter is enabled, the system number will be included in the data being transmitted.

- **Checksum Transmission** : If this parameter is enabled, the checksum character will be included in the data being transmitted.

6.8 EAN13

- **ISBN / ISSN Conversion** : If these parameters are enabled, the 131 will convert the code read into ISBN or ISSN code if the formats are correct (EAN13 codes start with 978 or 979 for ISBN, and 977 for ISSN).

- **Checksum Transmission** : If this parameter is enabled, the checksum character will be included in the data being transmitted.

6.9 MSI

- **Checksum Verification** : Three kinds of checksum calculations can be implemented into MSI code :

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Single Modulo 10, **Double Modulo 10**, or **Modulo 11 & 10** checksum. If the checksum character is incorrect, the barcode will not be read.

- **Checksum Transmission** : User can control how the checksum is transmitted by configuring this parameters.

    1) Transmitted
    2) Last digit not transmitted
    3) Last 2 digits not transmitted

- **Code Length Qualification** : Because of the weak structure of the MSI code, a partial scan has a high probability of decoding as a valid but shorter MSI codes (known as short scan). To prevent this kind of undesired readings, the Code Length settings can help to ensure that the correct code is read by qualifying the allowable code length. Code length limitations can be set in 2 ways : **Fixed Code Length** and **Max / Min Code Length**. If the fixed code length is selected, up to 2 fixed lengths can be specified. And if max / min code length is selected, the max length and the min length must be specified, and the 131 will only accept those codes with lengths fall between max / min length specified.

6.10 <u>Plessey</u>

- **Convert to UK Plessey** : If this parameter is enabled, the 131 will change each occurrence of the character 'A' into character 'X' in the code.

- **Checksum Transmission** : If this parameter is enabled, the checksum characters (two characters) will be transmitted together with data.

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7. **Data Output Format**

Data read by the 131 will be processed in the following sequence.

1) The Code ID and the Length Code (if they are enabled) are inserted at the beginning of the data as shown below.

    [Code ID] [Length Code] [Data]

2) The resulting data of step 1 will be processed by the editing formats. For details, please refer to the section "Data Editing".

3) And finally the Prefix Code and the Postfix Code will be added before transmission.

    [Prefix Code] [Resulting Data of Step 2] [Postfix Code]

7.1 **Prefix / Postfix Code**

Different Prefix / Postfix code setting can be configured for scanner port and Aux232 port. Each prefix / postfix code can be up to four characters.

7.2 **Code ID**

Up to two characters of Code ID can be configured for each symbology. To minimize the Code ID configuration efforts, the 131 provides five predefined Code ID Sets that user can select from. User can first select one of the Code ID Sets and then make desired modifications. The pre-defined Code ID Sets are shown below.

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	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
Code 39	A	C	Y	M	A
Italy Pharmacode	A	C	Y	M	A
French Pharmacode	A	C	Y	M	A
Industrial 25	C	H	H	H	S
Interleave 25	D	I	Z	I	S
Matrix 25	E	G	G	G	S
Codabar	F	N	X	N	F
Code 93	I	L	L	L	G
Code 128	H	K	K	K	C
UPCE	S	E	C	E	E
EAN8	P	B	B	FF	E
EAN13	M	A	A	F	E
MSI	V	V	D	P	M
Plessey	W	W	E	Q	P
UPCA	J	A	A	A	E
MSR Single Track	X	X	M	R	Z
MSR Dual Track	Y	Y	N	S	Z

7.3 Length Code

Two digits Length Code representing the length of data (character count) can be inserted in front of data being transmitted.

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8. Data Editing

The 131 decoder provides advanced data editing functions for data formatting. Data editing is performed according to user configured editing formats. Up to three editing formats can be configured.

Data is divided into fields by user specified rules. These fields together with user configurable additional fields constitute the data actually sent to the host computer. The detailed descriptions and the configuration procedures of the editing format are described in this section.

8.1 Select Editing Format

To start configuring an editing format, the editing format to be configured must first be selected. Once it is selected, the parameters pertaining to editing format (applicable condition, total number of field, field dividing rules, additional fields, and field transmission sequence parameters) can be configured. After all the desired parameters are configured, the "End of Format Programming" label must be read to complete the configuration of that editing format.

Note : Before completing the configuration of the editing format, if parameters other than those pertaining to editing format are read, the editing format under configuration will be aborted. User must restart the configuration again by selecting editing format to be configured.

8.2 Restore Default Format

After the editing format to be configured is selected, user can read the "Restore Default Format" label to put the editing format back to default setting. The default settings of the editing format are listed below.

- Applicable Code Type : All
- Applicable Length : Both max and min length are zero.

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- Matching string : Empty
- Matching String Location : 0
- Total number of field : 1
- Field Setting : Not Configured
- Additional Fields : Empty
- Field Transmission Sequence : F1

8.3 Applicable Conditions

Three applicable conditions can be configured to qualify whether the data read by the 131 can be processed by the particular editing format. Data editing will not be performed unless all three applicable conditions are met The configurable applicable conditions are described below.

- **Code Type** : This parameter specifies the code type of the data eligible for data editing. Multiple code types can be specified for this parameter.

- **Data Length** : This parameter specifies the length (character count) of the data eligible for data editing. It is specified in the range format. The length of the data must fall between max and min length limits. If the max length and the min length configured is both zero, the 131 will not perform this length qualification.

- **Matching String and its Location** : User can specify a particular character string (up to four characters) that must appear in the data which is eligible for data editing. User can also specify where (character position, starts from one) this string should appear in the data by configuring the **Matching String Location** setting. If the location specified is zero, the 131 only checks for the existence of the matching string in the data. To disable the matching string qualification, just leave the matching string empty.

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8.4 Number of Fields to be Divided

Data can be divided into at most 6 fields. The number of fields to be divided must be correctly specified. The divided fields are numbered from F1 to F5 accordingly. Please note that, the extra data characters beyond the last field configured will be automatically assigned to the next field. That is, if three fields are configured for the editing format, the data characters after F3 will be assigned to F4 automatically. This feature is quite useful especially when data of variable lengths are processed by editing formats.

8.5 Dividing Data into Fields

Data eligible for editing format are divided into fields according to user specified rules. The rule for each field can be configured in two ways.

- **Field Terminating String** : The field dividing rule can be configured by specifying the field terminating string. The field terminating string configured can be up to two characters. The 131 will search for the occurrence of this particular string in the data for the field. The field terminating string is always included in the field. User though, has the option of discarding this terminating string.

- **Field Length** : The field dividing rule can be configured by simply specifying the field length. The 131 will assign the next specified number of characters into the field.

8.6 Additional Fields

User can create up to five additional fields for each editing format. Each additional field can have at most four characters. The additional fields are numbered AF1 to AF5 accordingly.

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8.7 Field Transmission Sequence

After the data fields and the additional fields are configured, user can now program the transmission sequence of these fields that comprise the final data. The "Start" label must be read before assigning the field transmission sequence. And then the desired field transmission sequence can be specified. The 131 will transmit the fields in the order (sequence) user programmed when sending data. The field transmission sequence can be assigned in any desired order and fields can also be assigned multiple times. The maximum number of fields can be assigned is twelve. After the sequence has been assigned, the "End" label must be read to complete the setting.

8.8 End of Format Programming

After all the desired parameters are configured, the "End of Format Programming" label must be read to conclude the programming of the editing format. This label is located at the bottom of every even page in the "Editing Format Parameters" section.

8.9 Activate Data Editing Formats

Before data can be processed by a particular editing format, that format must be enabled. The editing formats can be enabled or disabled individually.

8.10 Exclusive Data Editing

If this parameter is enabled, all data read by the 131 are required to be processed by the editing format. If the data is not eligible for all enabled editing formats, the 131 will issue a long low beep to indicate error, and the data will not be transmitted.

8.11 Programming Examples

Example 1 : Extracts data from the 10th character to the 19th character.

> Total Number of Fields : 3
> Field 1 : Divide field by field length, set field length to 9
> Field 2 : Divide field by field length, set field length to 10
> Field Transmission Sequence : F2

Example 2 : Extract the date code, item number, and quantity information from barcodes. Data is encoded in the barcode like this : From the first character to the 6th character is the date code. From the 7th character is the item number, its length is not fixed but is delimited by a '-' character. After the '-' character is the quantity information.

Data should be transmitted like this : Item number goes first, then a TAB character, and then the date code, and then another TAB character and finally the quantity.

> Total Number of Fields : 3
> Field 1 : Divide field by field length, set the field length to 6.
> Field 2 : Divide field by field terminating string. Set terminating string to '-', and discard the terminating string.
> Additional Field 1 : Set to one TAB character.
> Field Transmission Sequence :
> > F2 AF1 F1 AF1 F3

9. Configuring 131

Configuring the 131 decoder is done by reading the setup labels contained in the Configuration Manual (the second part of this manual). This section describes the procedure of configuring the 131. Some configuration examples are also given in this section for illustration.

9.1 Enter Configuration Mode

To start the configuration, the **"Enter Setup"** label must be read. This will put the 131 in the configuration mode. The 131 will respond with 6 beeps. This "Enter Setup" label is located at the bottom of almost every even page of the Configuration Manual.

9.2 Default

All the parameters of the 131 will return to their default values by reading the "Default" label. The 131 will beep twice when the "Default" label is read.

9.3 List Setting

The current setting of all 131 parameters can be sent to the host computer for user inspection. The listing is separated into ten pages. User can select the page of interest by reading the "Page x" label.

Page 1 : Interface, Buzzer, and Scanner Parameters
Page 2 : Aux232, Prefix, Postfix, and Length Code
Page 3 : Code ID
Page 4 : Readable Symbologies
Page 5 : Symbology Parameters (1/3)
Page 6 : Symbology Parameters (2/3)
Page 7 : Symbology Parameters (3/3)
Page 8 : Editing Format 1
Page 9 : Editing Format 2
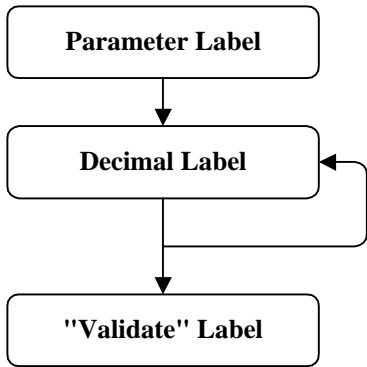Page 10 : Editing Format 3

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9.4 Setting Parameter Values

For most of the parameters, only one reading is required to set them to new values. The 131 will respond with two beeps when these parameters are configured. But for some special parameters, multiple readings are required to complete the setting. The 131 will respond with a short beep if the configuration of the parameter is still not complete. These parameters usually refer to settings of a numeric value or a string of characters, such as keyboard type, inter-character delay, prefix / postfix code, etc..

For these kinds of parameters, the label of the parameter to be configured must be read first. And then, the labels comprising the numeric value or character string are read. And finally, the "Validate" label must be read to complete the setting. The 131 will respond with two beeps after the "Validate" label is read.

9.4.1 Numeric Parameters

The configuration procedures for numeric parameters are shown below.

```
┌─────────────────────────┐
│     Parameter Label     │
└─────────────────────────┘
            │
            ▼
┌─────────────────────────┐
│      Decimal Label      │◄──┐
└─────────────────────────┘   │
            │             └───┘
            ▼
┌─────────────────────────┐
│     "Validate" Label    │
└─────────────────────────┘
```
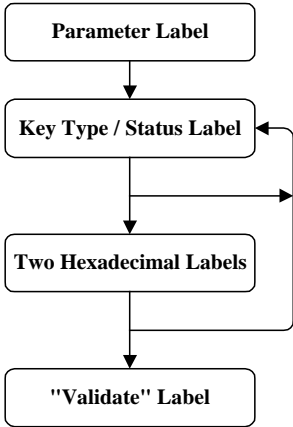
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For example, to configure the Inter-Character Delay to be 15 ms, the "Inter-Character Delay" label is first read, and then the decimal digit labels "1" and "5", and finally, the "Validate" label to complete the setting.

9.4.2 <u>Character String Parameters</u>

Basically, each character programmed for the character string parameters is represented by two hexadecimal digits. The two hexadecimal digits usually comprise a value which is the ASCII code equivalence of the character being programmed.

Beside the two hexadecimal digits, there is an optional key type/status can also be specified for each character of the string parameters. This optional key type/status can only be specified for some particular parameters when <u>keyboard interface</u> is used. These parameters are : Prefix Code, Postfix Code, Code ID, and Additional Fields of Editing Formats.

The available key type/status settings can be selected will be described briefly. The configuration procedures for character string parameters are shown below.

```
┌─────────────────────────┐
│    Parameter Label      │
└─────────────────────────┘
             │
             ▼
┌─────────────────────────┐◄─────┐
│  Key Type / Status Label│      │
└─────────────────────────┘      │
             │         ────────►  │
             ▼                    │
┌─────────────────────────┐      │
│  Two Hexadecimal Labels │      │
└─────────────────────────┘──────┘
             │
             ▼
┌─────────────────────────┐
│     "Validate" Label    │
└─────────────────────────┘
```

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For example, to configure the Prefix Code to be "AB", the "Prefix Code" label is first read, and then the hexadecimal digit labels "4", "1", "4", and "2" are read, and finally, the "Validate" label to complete the setting.

9.4.3 Key Type/Status Setting

The key type/status is specified in character basis. Each character programmed is by default of *Normal* key type. A character of normal key type can have associate status settings (such as Shift, Control, and / or Alternate). Whereas a character of *Scan Code* type may not have any associate key status settings.

- **Normal Key Type:** When this label is read, the 131 will assume the following hexadecimal digits are the ASCII code of the character being programmed. And it will also clear all the associate key status settings made to the current character.

- **Scan Code** : When this label is read, the 131 will assume the following hexadecimal digits are the scan code value of the character being programmed.

- **Add Shift** : The Shift key will be sent together with the character programmed.

- **Add Control (L)** : The left Control key will be sent together with the character programmed.

- **Add Alternate (L)** : The left Alternate key will be sent together with the character programmed.

- **Add Control (R)** : The right Control key will be sent together with the character programmed.

- **Add Alternate (R)** : The right Alternate key will be sent together with the character programmed.

For example, to program the Prefix Code to be "Ctrl-Shift-B", "C", the programming sequence should be :

1) "Prefix Code" label

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2) "Add Control (L)" label
3) "Add Shift" label
4) "4" of the hexadecimal digit
5) "2" of the hexadecimal digit
6) "4" of the hexadecimal digit
7) "3" of the hexadecimal digit
8) "Validate"

Note : In internal representation of the characters which are specified with either scan code or associate key status, occupy two normal character space each. So the maximum number of characters can be configured for a string parameter will decrease, if these character specifications are used.

9.5 Exit Configuration Mode

Both the "Update", and the "Exit Setup without Changes" labels will exit the 131 from configuration mode when they are read. These two labels differ in whether to keep the new settings on the 131 or not, as their names suggest. The 131 will respond with 6 beeps and restart itself, if either label is read.

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