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No additional notes.

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"Operation Switch" refers to the Operation Panel Power Switch.



No additional notes.







□ Refer to the field service manual for detailed specifications.















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More on Drive Layout

- □ The top diagram shows the scanner. The scanner has one motor.
- □ The bottom diagram shows how the main motor drives the fusing unit, PCU, and development unit.
- □ The three insets on the right hand side show the main motor and the gear trains to these three units.
- □ The main motor also drives the paper feed mechanisms via the train of gears in the lower part of the bottom diagram.



More on the Copy Process

- □ The photoconductor unit (PCU) contains the drum, development roller, and charge roller.
- □ A charge roller gives the drum a negative charge.
- □ The laser beam writes a latent image on the drum, switching on to discharge the drum when writing black parts of the image. Toner is attracted to these discharged parts of the drum.
- The transfer roller applies a positive current to the reverse side of the paper (the size of the current depends on the resolution and the paper size). This pulls the toner off the drum and onto the paper.
- □ The electrostatic pull from the transfer roller separates the paper from the drum. There is also a discharge plate, which is grounded.
- □ The quenching lamp removes residual charge from the drum.
- □ The ID sensor and TD sensor are used for toner supply control.









More on Original Size Detection in Platen Mode

Overview

- □ Study the APS sensors. There are two length sensors and two width sensors.
- When the platen cover is being closed, the CPU checks the sensors when the platen cover is about 15 cm above the exposure glass (detected by the platen cover sensor).
- □ If the platen cover stays open during copying, the CPU checks the sensors when the Start key is pressed.

Multi-copy mode

□ Note that the machine scans each page once, and stores it to memory.

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Original Size		Length Sensors		Width Sensors		SP4301
A3/A4 Version	LT/DLT Version	L2	L1	W2	W1	Display
A3	11"x17"	1	1	1	1	11110000
B 4	8.5"x11"	1	1	0	1	11010000
8.5"x13"	-	1	1	0	0	1100000
A4 SEF	8.5"x13"	0	1	0	0	0100000
A4 LEF	11"x8.5"	0	0	1	1	00110000
B5 LEF	8.5"x11"	0	0	0	1	00010000
B5 SEF	8.5"x5.5"	0	0	0	0	0000000
_	8.5"x13"	0	1	0	1	01010000

The above table shows the outputs of the sensors for each original size. This original size detection method eliminates the necessity for a pre-scan and increases the machine's productivity.

For other combinations, "Cannot Detect Original Size" will be indicated on the operation panel display (if SP 4303 is kept at the default setting). However, if the by-pass feeder is used, note that the machine assumes that the copy paper is short-edge first. For example, if A4 paper is placed long-edge first on the by-pass tray, the machine assumes it is A3 paper and scans the full A3 area for the first copy of each page of the original, disregarding the original size sensors. However, for each page, the data signal to the laser diode is stopped to match the copy paper length detected by the registration sensor. This means that copy time for the first page may be slower (because of the longer time required for scanning), but it will be normal for the rest of the job.











The CCD generates an analog video signal. The SBU (Sensor Board Unit) converts the analog signal to an 8-bit digital signal, then it sends the digital signal to the BICU board.

The BICU board can be divided into three image-processing blocks: the IPU (Image Processing Unit), FCI (Fine Character Image), and VCU (Video Control Unit).

IPU: Auto shading, filtering, magnification, scanner gamma correction, ID gamma correction

VCU: Printer gamma correction, LD print timing control and laser power PWM control FCI (inside the VCU): Smoothing

Note: The IPU and VCU are contained in the same IC called SCRATCH on the BICU.



The CCD converts the light reflected from the original into an analog signal. The CCD line has 7,400 pixels and the resolution is 600 dpi (23.6 lines/mm).

The CCD has two output lines, for odd and even pixels, to the analog processing circuit. The analog processing circuit performs the following operations on the signals from the CCD:

1. Z/C (Zero Clamp): Adjusts the black level reference for even pixels to match the odd pixels.

2. Signal Amplification: The analog signal is amplified by operational amplifiers.

After the above processing, the analog signals are converted to 8-bit signals by the A/D converter. Each pixel will be assigned a value on a scale of 256 grades. Then, the digitized image data goes to the BICU board.



The image data from the SBU goes to the IPU (Image Processing Unit) on the BICU board, which carries out the following processes on the image data:

- 1. Auto shading
- 2. White/black line correction
- 3. ADS
- 4. Scanner gamma correction
- 5. Magnification (main scan)
- 6. Filtering (MTF and smoothing)
- 7. ID gamma correction
- 8. Binary picture processing
- 9. Error diffusion
- 10. Dithering
- 11. Video path control
- 12. Test pattern generation

The image data then goes to the GDI controller.



More on Image Quality Adjustments 1

- □ There are three basic original types: text, photo, special.
- Each of these types has sub-categories, as shown on the slide, to make a total of 10 types that the user can select.
 - Only two are immediately accessible at the operation panel. However, the user can set up the operation panel with a user tool. This will be explained on the next slide.
- □ The table in the service manual gives details of the uses for each type.
- In the SP tables and other parts of the manual, these modes are also referred to as Text 1, Text 2, Photo 1, etc.
- □ Text 2 (Sharp) does not use any greyscales for scanning.
- Special 1 (Unneeded background) is similar to Text 2 (Sharp), but stronger. Special 1 only works well in certain cases and was designed for a specific case in the Japanese market (for copying vehicle inspection certificates).



More on Image Quality Adjustments 2

- □ Only two of the 10 settings can be accessed directly from the operation panel.
- □ In a new machine, these are Text 1 and Photo 1.
- □ To change to a different two settings, use the user tool indicated on the slide.
- Note that the Text indicator does not have to be allocated to a Text mode and the Photo key does not have to be allocated to a Photo mode.
 - For example, the Text indicator can be allocated to Photo 3, and the Photo indicator can be allocated to Special 4.





SP Modes

- □ SP 4015: Adjusts the area of the white plate used for auto shading
- □ SP 4903: ADS level
- □ SP 4904: Lower limit for ADS
- □ SP 4905: Determines how much of the image is used for ADS (the whole width or just a narrow strip)
 - Use SP 4015 to adjust the area of the white plate that is used for auto-shading. Adjust this if there is damage to the white plate causing defective auto shading.




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More on Laser Optics

□ The LSD (laser synchronisation detector) is part of the laser diode unit, and cannot be replaced separately.

Laser beam

□ There is only one in this model.

Automatic Power Control

□ Laser power is controlled automatically.

Shutter

□ There is no mechanical shutter to stop the laser beam.

Safety Switches

□ A safety switch stops power to the laser beam if the front or right cover is open.







Lab Work Before you start • Go to the machine. Look for the front and right cover switches. See how the covers operate the switches. • On the point-to-point diagram, look at the circuit from the power supply through to the laser diode. Practice the following • Laser unit component replacement procedures. » FSM \rightarrow Replacement and Adjustment \rightarrow Laser Unit Copy adjustments: » FSM → Replacement and Adjustment → Copy Adjustments Printing/Scanning → Printing □ Do any procedures you think should be practiced. □ IMPORTANT: Read the safety notice in the service manual, and examine the warning labels. Pay attention to all notes, cautions, and warnings in the manual. Slide 42







- □ OPC = Organic Photo-Conductor
- □ The ID sensor and quenching lamp are not included in the PCU.

PCU Details

□ The PCU contains the following.

- OPC drum
- Development unit (including development roller and TD sensor)
- Charge roller and charge roller cleaning brush
- Drum cleaning unit (blade, toner collection coil)
- Pick-off pawls

□ The PCU does not contain the following.

- Transfer roller
- ID sensor
- Quenching lamp
- Toner bottle

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More on Lab Work

PCU

- When a new PCU is installed, new developer must also be installed and SP 2214 must be done to reinitialize the TD sensor.
- □ There is no new PCU detection in this machine. This is because the user does not replace the PCU.

Developer

- Before adding new developer, note that you must tap the top of the PCU at several locations, as described in step 2 of the procedure.
 - This is to remove recycled toner from the toner collection coil. If this toner is not removed, it may fall into the new developer while the technician is reassembling the machine. Then there will be too much toner in the developer, and this will cause toner spots on copies.
 - This toner may drop into the developer when replacing other parts of the mechanism, but there is no point in tapping the coil because we are not going to remove the old developer. So, to remove the excess toner, the technician has to make skyshot copies after replacing any PCU components, as explained in step 7 of the 'After Replacement or Adjustment' section.

These skyshot copies are not necessary after replacing developer, because the coil was tapped to remove the toner before adding new developer.

Step 1 of the procedure says make 5 copies. These are test copies to check whether we have a problem with excess toner causing spots on copies.

Note that in step 6, we open and close the cover. This is to activate the cover sensor and trigger the toner supply coil rotation to dislodge toner blockages in the coil.

□ If new developer is added without changing the PCU, SP 2214 must also be *Ricoh Codone. http://www.ricoh.com/*

> Also, after adding a new PCU, new developer must be added, so developer





More on Drum Charge Roller

- □ The charge roller is part of the PCU unit.
- □ The charge roller turns by friction with the drum.
- □ A charge roller does not generate much ozone, so there is no ozone filter



With a drum charge roller system, the voltage transferred from roller to drum varies with the temperature and humidity around the drum charge roller. The higher the temperature or humidity is the higher the applied voltage required.

To compensate, the machine uses the ID sensor to measure the effects of current environmental conditions. For this measurement, the process control parameters are balanced so that any small change in drum potential caused by environmental effects is reflected in a change in the amount of toner transferred to the drum.

This measurement is made immediately after the ID sensor pattern for toner density control. Immediately after making ID sensor pattern [A], the charge roller voltage stays the same, but the development bias goes up to -600 V; as a result the drum potential is reduced to -650 V. The laser diode is not switched on, and the drum potential is now slightly higher than the development bias, so a very small amount of toner transfers to the drum. The ID sensor measures the density of this pattern [B], and the output voltage is known as Vsdp. This voltage is compared with Vsg (read from the bare drum at the same time).

If the humidity drops, the drum potential goes up (to a higher negative voltage) even if the charge roller voltage supply stays the same (efficiency of voltage transfer is higher with lower humidity). As a result, less toner is transferred to ID sensor pattern [B]. If the sensor output reaches a certain point, the drum charge voltage will be reduced.

To determine whether to change the drum charge roller voltage, the machine compares Vsdp with Vsg.

- Vsdp/Vsg > 0.95 = Make the drum charge voltage less negative (smaller) by 50 V
- Vsdp/Vsg < 0.90 = Make the drum charge voltage more negative (larger) by 50 V













This machine uses a single-roller development system. Two mixing augers mix the developer. The toner density (TD) sensor and image density (ID) sensor (see the illustration in the PCU section) are used to control the image density.





More on Developer Mixing

- □ Mixing does the following:
 - > Keeps the toner and developer evenly mixed
 - Prevents lumps from forming
 - > Helps create a triboelectric charge on the toner.
- □ The doctor blade splits the developer into the following two parts.
 - One part goes to the development roller to form the magnetic brush and the latent image on the drum.
 - The other part is returned to the development unit, where it is mixed with new developer (and recycled toner) and moved back to the development roller.





More on Development Bias

- □ This machine uses a negative-positive development system, in which black areas of the latent image are at a low negative charge (about −154 ± 50 V) and white areas are at a high negative charge (about −950 V).
- To attract negatively charged toner to the black areas of the latent image on the drum, the high voltage supply board applies a bias of -650 volts to the development rollers throughout the image development process. The bias is applied to the development roller shaft [A] through the drive shaft [B].
- □ The development bias voltage (-650 V) can be adjusted with SP 2201 1.



More on Toner Bottle Replenishment

- □ When the bottle is placed in the machine, the shutter opens to allow toner to go into the development unit.
 - > The shutter mechanism is shown in the bottom right part of the diagram.
- □ Then, when the holder is released, the top of the bottle is pulled out.
 - > The holder mechanism is shown in the top left part of the diagram.





More on Toner Supply Input to the Development Unit

- □ Toner enters the development unit through the shutter.
 - This shutter is opened when a bottle is put in the machine, as explained earlier.
- □ Note where the new toner enters the development unit.
 - Recycled toner also enters through the same opening. The toner collection coil for recycled toner can be seen at the top right side of the drawing on the right hand side of the slide.
- □ Toner recycling is covered in the next section of the course.





There are four modes for controlling toner supply which can be changed with by SP 2921. The factory setting is SP2921 = 0.

Basically, the toner concentration in the developer is controlled using the standard TD sensor voltage (Vts), toner supply reference voltage (Vref), actual TD sensor output voltage (Vt), and ID sensor output data (Vsp/Vsg).

The Four Modes

- Sensor Mode 1: SP2921 = 0, Normal sensor control mode
- Sensor Mode 2: SP2921 = 1, Design use only (don't use)
- Fixed Mode 1: SP2921 = 2, Design use only (don't use)
- Fixed Mode 2: SP2921 = 3: Use temporarily if the TD sensor needs to be replaced.

Toner Density Control – 2

Toner Density Sensor Initial Setting

 The TD sensor initial setting (SP 2214: Developer Initialize) procedure must be done after replacing the developer. During TD sensor initial setting, the TD sensor is set so that the TD sensor output is the value of SP 2926 (default: 2.4 V). This value will be used as the standard reference voltage (Vts) of the TD sensor.

Toner Concentration Measurement

 The toner concentration in the developer is detected once every copy cycle. The sensor output voltage (Vt) during the detection cycle is compared with the standard reference voltage (Vts) or the toner supply reference voltage (Vref).

No additional notes.

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Toner Density Control – 3 Vsp/Vsg Detection

- □ The ID sensor detects the following voltages.
 - Vsg: The ID sensor output when checking the drum surface
 Vsp: The ID sensor output when checking the ID sensor pattern
- In this way, the reflectivity of both the drum surface and the pattern on the drum are checked, compensating for any variations in the reflectivity of the ID sensor pattern or the reflectivity of the drum surface.
- □ The ID sensor pattern is made on the drum by the charge roller and laser diode.
- Vsp/Vsg is not detected every page or job; it is detected during warm-up at power on to decide Vref. This is done if the machine starts warming up when the fusing temperature is 30C or less (default) after entering night mode or low power mode (SP 2994 specifies the temperature setting).

No additional notes.

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More on abnormal sensor conditions

ID Sensor

Readings are abnormal if any of the following conditions occur:

- Vsg 2.5V
- Vsg < 3.5V when maximum power (979) is applied
- Vsp 2.5V
- (Vsg Vsp) < 1.0V
- Vt 4.5V or Vt 0.2V

The above ID sensor values can be checked using SP 2221.

When this is detected, the machine changes the value of Vref to 2.5 V then does the toner density control process (in a similar way to sensor control mode 2).

No SC code is generated if the ID sensor is defective.

TD Sensor

The TD sensor output is checked every copy. If the readings from the TD sensor become abnormal, the machine changes the toner density control mode to fixed supply mode 2, and the toner supply amount per page is always 200 ms, regardless of the value of SP 2925. If the machine detects the TD sensor error condition 10 times consecutively, an SC code is generated (SC390) and the machine must be repaired.



- □ No near-end or end sensors
- □ Toner near-end/end are determined by TD sensor output (current and reference voltages).
- □ If near-end is detected, toner is added for a short period (adjustable with SP 2 923).
- □ If the toner level does not recover, toner end is after 50 more copies (the number of copies is adjustable with SP 2 213).
- □ There is no toner end or near-end detection if the machine is in fixed control 2 mode.

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- □ SP 2221: ID sensor error display (Vsg, Vsp, Vt, etc if an ID sensor error occurred)
- □ SP 2908: Forced toner supply
- □ SP 2921: Toner supply mode (sensor control, fixed control)
- □ SP 2922: Toner supply motor on time (sensor control mode)
- □ SP 2925: Toner supply motor on time
- □ SP 2926: Adjusts Vts (target for TD sensor initialization
- □ Sp 2927: Use of the ID sensor, enable/disable












More on Drum Cleaning

- □ This machine uses a counter blade, but no brush.
 - The blade scrapes toner off the drum, and a toner collection coil picks up toner from the top of the pile and carries it back to the development unit.
 - At the end of every copy job, the drum reverses for 5 mm to scrape toner off the edge of the cleaning blade.



More on Toner Recycling

- □ The slider with the two comb-like appendages on it is always vibrating.
 - > The comb-like appendages break up any blockages of toner.
- □ Note the two slots in the development unit.
 - > The one on the left receives fresh toner from the cartridge.
 - > The one on the right receives the recycled toner.
 - > New and recycled toner are mixed together in the development unit.
- Mixing auger 1 in the development unit mixes the recycled toner with fresh toner from the bottle.
- Toner adhering to the transfer roller is sent back to the drum, as we shall see in the Transfer section of the course. This toner is in turn recycled to the development unit. It may contain some small amounts of paper dust.





□ The discharge plate is grounded.





Transfer Roller Cleaning

- Negative cleaning current is applied, followed by positive current.
 - Negatively and positively charged toner particles are both transferred back to drum.
 - Current for negative-charge phase can be adjusted with SP 2301-4.

□ Three conditions for entering cleaning mode:

- Before starting a job
 » Default: Cleaning is not done before each job.
 Change with SP 2996 if required
- Just after turning on power.
- After a copy paper jam has been removed.

More on Transfer Roller Cleaning

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- □ Toner may transfer from drum to transfer roller if:
 - > A paper jam occurred
 - > The paper size is smaller than the printed image
- □ The transfer roller must be cleaned to prevent toner from being transferred from the roller to the back side of copies.
 - There is no mechanism, just the application of positive and negative current to transfer any adhering toner back to the drum.

The negative current pushes negatively-charged particles back to the drum.

The positive current pushes positively-charged particles back to the drum.

- Note that the roller is not cleaned before each job unless the setting of SP2-996 is changed from the default. This is to keep the copy speed as high as possible.
- □ The toner that transfers back to the drum is recycled with the other unused toner. Paper dust may also find its way into the toner because of this.



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More on Overview

- Note that the paper feed roller and shaft come out with the tray when the user pulls the tray out. This prevents paper from getting caught inside the machine when the tray is pulled out.
- □ Note the functions of the two relay sensors.
- □ The by-pass tray is not shown on the diagram.
- □ The by-pass tray can handle thick paper (this mode is also for OHPs) and 'special' paper (meaning envelopes, traditional Japanese paper, etc.).
 - The machine does not change the fusing, transfer, or other parameters if the user selects 'special paper'.

Choose "Special Paper" from the driver when printing from a tray that is set up for 'special paper'. Otherwise, the job will not print.

Trays set up for 'special paper' will be skipped for Auto Continue





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More on Paper Size Detection

Using a non-standard paper size

- □ To use a non-standard paper size, set the dial to the * mark
- □ Then, set the size with a User Tool (System Settings Tray Paper Settings Tray Paper Size).
- □ The machine disables paper feed from the tray if the paper size cannot be detected (the paper size cannot be detected if the paper size actuator is broken or if no tray is installed).

Paper size table

 $\Box \quad On = Not pushed, Off = Pushed$

Paper Size	SW 1	SW 2	SW 3
A3, 11" x 17"	Off	Off	Off
A4 LEF	On	On	Off
A4 SEF, 8½" x 11"	On	Off	Off
A5 LEF, 8½" x 14"	Off	On	On
8½" x 13"	On	Off	On
11" x 8½"	Off	On	Off
* (asterisk)	Off	Off	On



More on Paper Size Detection

- □ The side guides contain ratchets that turn a gear wheel at the center of the sensor. The gear wheel contains terminals. The output of the sensor changes when the gear wheel rotates over the wiring patterns on the rectangular part of the width sensor.
- □ The bypass tray hardware only determines the paper width. The base copier hardware determines the length.

North America

CN No. (BICU)	11" x 17"	8 ¹ / ₂ " x 14"	5 ¹ / ₂ " x i	8 ¹ / ₂ "	
CN136-1	ON/OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
CN136-2	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF
CN136-3 (GND)	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
CN136-4	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF	ON
CN136-5	ON	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF

Europe/Asia

CN No. (BICU)	A3	A4 SEF	8" x 13"	A5 SEF
CN136-1	ON/OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
CN136-2	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON/OFF
CN136-3 (GND)	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
CN136-4	OFF	ON	ON	OFF
CN136-5	ON	ON	OFF	OFF



More on Side Fences

- If the tray is full of paper and it is pushed in strongly, the fences may deform or bend. This may cause the paper to skew or the side-to-side registration to be incorrect.
- □ Each side fence can be secured with a screw for customers who do not want to change the paper size.



More on Registration

- □ The paper feed clutch stays on slightly after the registration clutch turns off, so that the paper buckles against the registration roller.
 - > SP 1003 can be used to adjust the amount of buckling.
- The paper feed clutch can come on again to help paper feed get started after registration. This is a good idea if there are frequent jams at the registration roller just after registration.
 - These jams occur when the paper jumps over the registration instead of going between them. The clutch comes on again for certain paper types, such as thick paper, to try to push the paper between the rollers.
 - > SP 1903 adjusts this feature.
 - In lab tests, this problem was not found when feeding from tray 1. So there is no adjustment for tray 1.







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Components

- 1. Paper exit roller
- 2. Exit sensor
- 3. Hot roller strippers
- 4. Pressure roller
- 5. Cleaning roller
- 6. Pressure spring
- 7. Fusing lamps
- 8. Thermistor
- 9. Thermostat
- 10. Hot roller
- 11. Thermostat





More on Automatic Release

Pressure release when the cover is open

□ The drive gear releases when the cover is open, so that jams can be removed.

Pressure release during warm-up

- During warm up (just after the main power is switched on, or from standby/energy saver mode), if the temperature is above 18°C, the solenoid turns on and disengages the drive gear, which cuts the drive to the fusing unit.
- □ If the solenoid is off, the drive gear is engaged, and the hot roller turns whenever the main motor is on. When the hot roller turns, it will be cooled down by the pressure roller. So, the machine will take longer to detect the standby temperature.
- □ However, when the machine is cold (below 18°C), the hot roller turns so that it will warm up evenly. Then, at 18°C, the roller will stop turning.
- □ Note that if fusing idling is switched on (SP 1103), the solenoid will always engage the drive gear and the rollers will turn, regardless of the temperature.



More on Entrance Guide Shaft

- □ The entrance guide can be moved to prevent creasing.
- Moving the guide to the right feeds the paper more directly to the gap between the two rollers.











More on Fusing Temperature Control

- □ The cpu switches the fusing lamp on/off depending on the thermistor output.
- The cpu determines how long to keep the lamp on during the next second by comparing the current and previously detected temperatures with the target temperature.
- Starting and stopping the fusing lamp power every 1.5 seconds may cause fluorescent lighting in the room to flicker. To reduce this flickering, increase the value stored in SP 1108.





More on Room Lighting Affects

- The CPU checks the output from the fusing thermistor once every 1.5 seconds (default setting). The CPU compares the current and previous temperatures. Based on the result, it then decides how long the fusing lamp power should be on during the next one-second interval
- □ Even with the 'soft start' feature, starting and stopping the fusing lamp power every second can cause fluorescent lighting in the room to flicker.
- □ To reduce this flickering, use SP 1108 to change the cycle to a longer setting.



More on Poor Fusing on the First Few Copies

- If the room is cold, the fusing on the first few copies may be poor because the hot roller may not be holding enough heat, even if it has reached the correct fusing temperature.
- □ If this happens, enable fusing idling with SP 1103. This will turn the hot roller and heat it for longer than is needed to heat the roller to the ready temperature (it turns for 30 seconds instead of just 6 seconds, if the fusing unit temperature is lower than 100°C). The customer must wait this extra time whenever the machine is switched on or recovers from energy saver mode.
- □ With fusing idling set to 'off', the machine just waits for the roller to reach the ready temperature, then prints. This may not be enough to warm the roller up.

What is the purpose of fusing idling?

- Fusing idling allows the hot roller to heat the pressure roller to a constant temperature. This prevents insufficient fusing opposite cooler parts of the pressure roller. It also repairs small dents on the pressure roller that could cause jitter on the first few copies. However, the machine takes longer to warm up, so it is normally only used in high-speed copiers.
- Fusing idling is normally disabled in this machine, because the copy speed is only in the middle range. However, if fusing is incomplete on the 1st and 2nd copies, switch it on. This may occur if the room is cold, especially with thick paper.



- □ Target fusing temperature lowered by 10°C
 - If the smallest copy paper width detected during a 40-second interval is less than 220 mm.
- □ Target fusing temperature lowered by another 5°C
 - If, during the next 80 seconds, the smallest width detected is again less than 220 mm.

More on Offset when Making Copies

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- □ If narrow paper is fed through the fusing unit continuously, the temperature at the ends of the rollers becomes higher than at the center.
 - > This is because paper is not drawing heat away from the ends.
- □ Then, if a wider paper is used soon after, the higher temperature could cause offset to appear at the sides of the copy.
 - This is very likely when making several copies of an original with many pages using the rotation sort feature (sets of copies are made with SEF and LEF paper alternately – the ends of the rollers heat up when making a copy on SEF paper, then offset will appear when making the next set on LEF paper).
- □ The machine deals with this as explained on the slide.
 - However, note that if A6 is detected, the temperature increases 10°C as explained earlier (Thick paper from the By-pass Tray).



- To ensure that images are properly fused onto paper 220 mm or less in width, machine automatically reduces copy speed under following conditions:
 - After 180 seconds of continuous copying.
 - When Thick or Special paper mode is used.
 - When paper is fed from the by-pass tray.

More on Reduced Copy Speed – Narrow Paper

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- The feature described on the previous slide shows how the machine prevents the ends of the hot roller from getting too hot when copying using narrow-width paper.
- □ The feature on this slide prevents the centre of the roller from cooling down too much when using narrow-width paper.
- D Paper removes heat from the roller
- □ The temperature has been lowered, because of the feature explained on the previous slide.
- So, the temperature in the middle may drop too low, and fusing may not be sufficient.
- Because of all this, the copy speed is reduced so that paper does not cool down the middle part of the roller too quickly.
Overheat Protection

□ Three levels of overheat protection Normally, the primary level can fully protect the hardware. The second works as the fail-safe feature for the first one. The third works as the fail-safe feature for the second one.

- Primary Level:
 - If the fusing temperature reaches 230°C (or higher) and stays so for one second, the controller turns the fusing lamp off. In a case like this, SC543 or SC553 shows.
- □ Second Level:
 - If the fusing feature reaches 250°C, the controller cuts off the 24V line. (The fusing lamps are on the 24V line.)
- Third Level:
 - Two thermostats are attached on each line of the two fusing lamps. (four thermostats in total). One of the two thermostats cuts the power supply to the fusing lamp at 179°C, and the other cuts the power supply at 180°C. (Note that the thermostat temperature is somewhat lower than the fusing temperature.)

More on Overheat Protection

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- □ There are three error codes associated with thermostat failure.
 - > SC544 is related to low temperature detection
 - > SC546 is related to unstable fusing unit temperature.
 - > SC541 occurs after resetting the above codes, if the thermostat is still open.



SP Modes

- □ SP 1103: Fusing idling on/off
- □ SP 1105: Fusing unit temperatures
- □ SP 1106: Displays the current fusing unit temperature
- □ SP 1107: Soft start adjustment
- □ SP 1108: Fusing temperature control cycle (1, 1.5, or 2 seconds)
- □ SP 1109: Nip band width adjustment
- □ SP 1902: Displays the mains ac frequency to the fusing lamp

No additional notes.

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□ This section is for the K-C3.5Lcd only. The K-C3.5Lb is a simplex machine.



More on Overview

- □ The duplex unit consists of an inverter table above the copy exit, and a duplex unit attached to the right side of the machine.
- □ The duplex unit is in the B269/B244 models only









More on Duplex Feed Path

- While the paper is being fed towards the duplex unit, the junction gate goes back to the normal position, to make sure that the paper goes to the duplex unit and not directly down to the fusing unit.
- □ If there are two or more copies being made with A4/81/2" x 11" or smaller, the next sheet waits at the registration sensor for the current sheet to exit the inverter.







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Overview

- Feeds originals past the DF exposure glass while scanning
- No inverter unit
- □ The DF exposure glass is a narrow glass to the left of the exposure glass.
- □ The ADF does not use the main exposure glass, unless the user selects book mode and places the originals on the glass (in which case, the ADF mechanism isn't used - just the cover).
- Study the component layout diagrams (mechanical, electrical, and drive) in the DF2000 service manual.

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Transport and Feed-out



Model K-C3.5L

RICOH





SP 6006: Registration
SP 6009: ADF free run
SP 6901: APS sensor display for the ADF

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No additional notes.

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More on Electrical Components

- □ Note the functions of the following components:
 - Trailing edge sensor: During one-to-one copying, copy paper is fed to the registration roller in advance, to increase the copy speed. This sensor monitors the stack of originals in the feeder, and detects when the trailing edge of the last page has been fed in. This stops the copier from feeding an unwanted extra sheet of copy paper.
 - Original reverse sensor: Detects paper coming back from the reverse tray in double-sided original mode
 - The original width sensor uses an electrode plate, with terminals attached to the document guides. The sensor output changes when the user slides the guides to match the document width. Of course, this means that the wrong width will be detected if the user doesn't position the guides correctly.
 - The DF position sensor only detects when the DF is opened. The platen cover sensor triggers the APS sensors.



More on Original Size Detection

- □ The width sensor has four possible outputs, as shown in the diagram in the manual.
- □ As pointed out earlier, the user must position the guides correctly.
- The link at the bottom of the slide goes to a table that shows how the machine interprets the outputs from the sensors. There is also some more information about how the sensors work.







More on Original Transport and Exit Single-sided Originals

- Study the path of paper through the DF.
- □ The machine scans the original through the DF exposure glass.
- □ The original stops at the registration sensor. However, there is no registration like in the paper feed path (the feed motor in the ADF has stopped, so there is no skew correction). The purpose of stopping here is for timing, so that the original can be fed in at the correct time to synchronize with the rest of the copy process.



























More on Mechanical Components

- □ The feed roller is part of the tray.
 - When the user pulls out the tray, paper caught between the feed roller and friction pad does not remain jammed inside the machine.
- □ The drive layout diagram shows the motor and gears for driving the paper feed roller.


More on Electrical Components

- □ There are two motors, one to lift the tray and one to drive the rollers.
- □ There are no clutches.
 - The two-tray unit has clutches, to direct motor drive to the rollers in the correct tray.



- □ The paper tray holds 500 sheets.
- □ The paper feed roller drives the top sheet of paper from the paper tray to the copier/printer.
- □ The friction pad allows only one sheet to feed at a time. A spring presses the friction pad against the feed roller.



More on Paper Lift

- □ This mechanism has two purposes:
 - > To lift the stack to the paper feed height.
 - > To apply a suitable paper feed pressure.
- □ This slide shows how the shafts engage when the tray is pushed into the machine.





More on Paper Lift – Pressure Application

- □ This slide shows how the tray is lifted.
- □ The lift motor turns on, and turns clockwise as viewed on the diagram.
 - The main pressure spring pulls the bottom plate pressure lever, and this lifts the tray bottom plate.
- □ When the top of the stack touches the feed roller, the motor cannot pull up the plate any more, so it pulls the actuator into the lift sensor.
 - The pressure of the feed roller on the paper is now too high, so the lift motor now reverses to reduce this pressure. It reverses for 200 ms or 600 ms, depending on the paper size. For smaller paper, it reverses the larger amount (600 ms) to reduce the pressure more.
 - The lift motor reverse timing can be adjusted with SP1-908-1, to change the pressure from the main pressure spring.

If the pressure is too strong, the sheet of paper may not be fed smoothly, and if it is too weak, more than one sheet of paper may be fed at a time.

- For A4-LEF, A3-SEF, and B4-SEF paper, a projection on the side fence engages the secondary pressure spring, to ensure that extra pressure is applied to wider paper.
- □ Finally, when the tray is pulled out, the lift motor reverses for 1.7 ms. This makes it easier to put the tray back.







More on Paper Height Detection

- Note that these sensors are not used unless the optional printer controller has been installed. Then the current status can be viewed from the driver. Note that this feature is only available for the optional paper tray units.
- □ The two paper height sensors detect the amount of paper in the tray.
- □ The actuator is attached to the bottom plate pressure lever.
- □ The lift motor rotates to increase the feed pressure when the remaining paper falls below a certain amount.
 - When the tray contains paper of a small width, the paper feed pressure may become too low when the thickness of the remaining stack of paper has decreased. To counteract this, the lift motor rotates forward for a short while after the remaining paper falls below a certain level. This increases paper feed pressure, simulating the pressure generated by a full tray.



More on Side Fences

- If the tray is full of paper and it is pushed in strongly, the fences may deform or bend. This may cause the paper to skew or the side-to-side registration to be incorrect.
- □ Each side fence can be secured with a screw, for customers who do not want to change the paper size.













More on Mechanical Components

- □ The feed roller is part of the tray.
 - When the user pulls out the tray, paper caught between the feed roller and friction pad does not remain jammed inside the machine.
- □ The drive layout diagram shows the motor and gears for driving the paper feed roller.
- □ A relay roller feeds paper up from the lower tray. This is operated by the relay clutch.



More on Electrical Components

- There are three motors, one lift motor for each tray and one to drive the rollers in both the trays.
- □ The upper and lower paper feed clutches transfer drive from the paper feed motor to the correct set of rollers.
- □ The vertical transport sensor detects paper coming up from the bottom tray.



More on Paper Feed and Separation

- □ This tray unit has clutches. The one-tray unit does not.
- □ For the relay clutch, see the drive layout.







Lab Work Practice the replacement procedures in the *Two-Tray Paper Tray Unit* (PS460) Service Manual. Do any of the procedures that you think that you need to practice. Pay attention to all notes, cautions, and warnings in the manual.











More on Paper Detection

- □ If the paper source is the bypass tray, the output will not go to the one-bin tray, even if the user specified that this type output should go to that tray.
- □ This is because the one-bin tray cannot handle thick paper, which the bypass tray can feed.

















More on Memory Clear

- This is only done after replacing the NVRAM or recovering from NVRAM problems.
 - The NVRAM will have to be replaced if you want to install a new total counter in the machine.
 - Note that after installing a new NVRAM, you can copy the contents of the old NVRAM from a flash memory card using SP 5825.
- □ The procedures are in the field FSM.











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Energy Saver Modes - 2/3 User can set these timers with User Tools System settings > Timer setting Energy saver timer (1–240 min) Energy Saver Mode Default setting: 1 minute Auto off timer (1–240 min) Off Mode Default setting: 1 minute Energy saver timer: 1 min. Auto Off: 1 min. The machine goes to Off mode after 1 minute. The machine goes to Off mode after 1 minute.











 (5) Multiply this by power consumption spec for each mode and convert result to kWh (kilowatt hours) (6) This is a simulated value for power consumed. Example calculations: 													
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							Mode/condition	SP8941: Machine Status	Time at Start (min.) (1)	Time at End (min) (2)	Running time (hour) (2) – (1)/60 = (3)	Power Consumption Spec. (W) (4)	Power consumption (KWH) (3) x (4)/1000 =
							Operating	001: Operating Time	21089	21386	5.0	1081.8	5.3
Stand by (Ready)	002: Standby Time	306163	308046	31.4	214.0	6.7							
Energy save	003: Energy Save Time	71386	75111	62.1	214.0	13.2							
Off/Sleep	005: Off mode Time	508776	520377	193.4	7.0	1.3							
Total (6)					•	26.7							

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