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Preface

This Guide has been prepared to help you (the operator) determine the type of problem and how to correct it, when the 3287 Printer Models 1 and 2 is not operating properly. It is designed to save you time by pointing out possible causes for troubles that you can easily and quickly correct yourself.

Related Publications:

The following documents contain related information that may help diagnose problems and recover from error conditions:

- *IBM 3287 Printer Operator's Guide*, GA27-3150
- *IBM 3287 Printer Operator's Trouble Report*, GX27-2923
- *IBM 3287 Printer Component Description*, GA27-3153

How to Use This Guide

This *3287 Problem Determination Guide* is divided into six sections, each of which is completely independent.

Each section (identified by a black tab at the right edge of the page) is a chart that describes and illustrates how to make some quick checks on a failing 3287 Printer. If you follow the charts, you should be able to determine the problem in your printer and what action you should take (either to correct the problem or to call the 3287 service representative).

- 1** From the "Contents", on the following page, find the symptom that best describes the problem.
- 2** Follow the arrow to the black tab at the right edge of the page. Next, flip through the guide until you find the black tab that matches the one on the contents page.
- 3** On the first page of that section, read the instructions on "How to use", then find the type of problem you are having with your printer.

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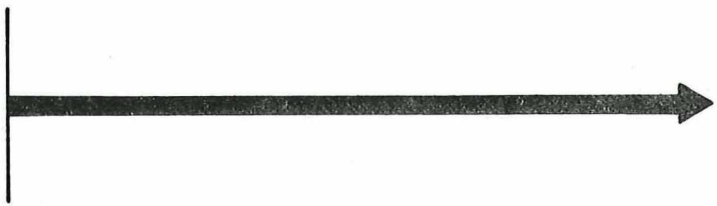
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- 01 41 47 62
- 07 42 50 63
- 08 43 51 67
- 09 44 52 XX
- 27 45 59
- 31 46 61



Switch Problems

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INTRODUCTION

This publication refers to Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the IBM 3287 Printer Models 1 and 2. Both stages of the printer perform identical functions; however the covers and operator panels are different in appearance. Throughout this publication the Stage 2 printer is used to illustrate the covers and operator panel. However, when it is necessary to describe a difference between the two stages in operator procedures, both the Stage 1 and Stage 2 printers are illustrated.

Refer to Figure 1 and Figure 2 for the Stage 1 and Stage 2 3287 Printer Models 1 and 2.

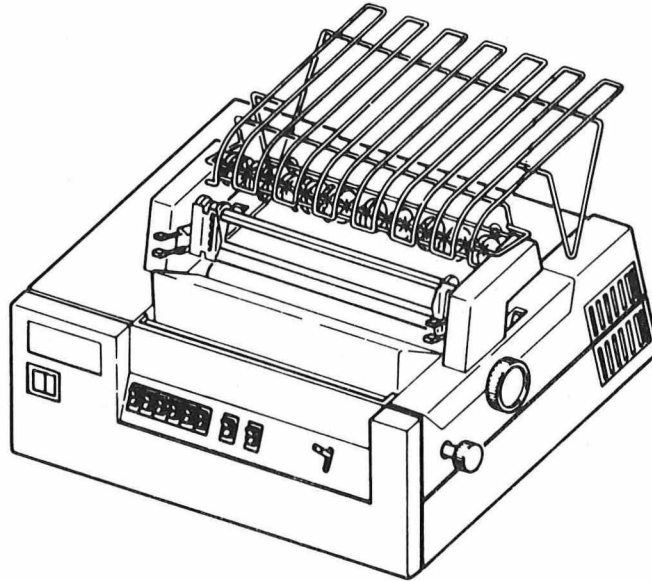


Figure 1. 3287 Printer (Stage 1 Printers)

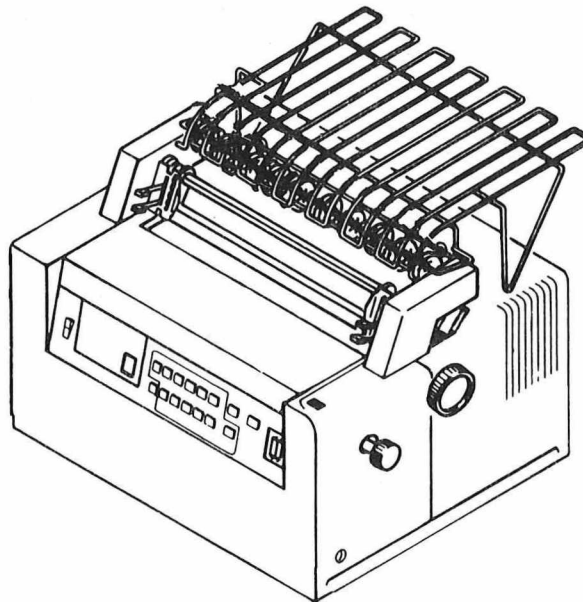
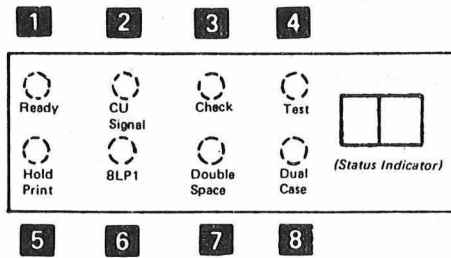


Figure 2. 3287 Printer (Stage 2 Printers)

Operator Panel Light Problems



How to use this section:

1 Find the name of the light in this column.

2 Find the problem you have, in this column.

3 Then take the action described in this column. (Whenever you are requested to press the Test switch, be sure the paper in the printer is at least 203.2 mm (8-inches) wide and at least 1.8 meter (6 feet) long, to provide enough space for the test to be printed out.)



Light



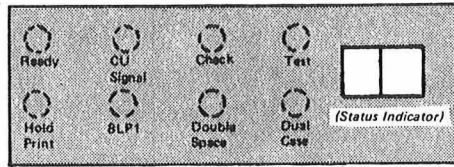
Read the following:



Then do this -

<p>1 Ready</p>	<p>Ready light is not ON. (For normal printing this light should be on. <i>If your printer is operating in SNA Character String (SCS) mode, the Ready light blinks when the printer is in the hold print condition. If any other light is on at this time, follow the action described for that light being on.</i>)</p>	<p>1. Check to see that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The 3287 is plugged in. The 3287 is turned on (the Power switch is set to ON). The paper forms are properly installed. Enable Print switch is pressed. <p>2. If you still have a problem:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Push the Test switch to obtain a printout (save this for the service representative). Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report. Call the 3287 service representative.
<p>2 CU Signal</p>	<p>CU Signal light is not ON. (For normal printing this light should be on.)</p>	<p>1. Check to see that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The device cable that connects your printer with the System Controlling Unit (SCU) is plugged in securely at the printer and at the SCU. The SCU operator has turned power on at the control unit. <p>2. If you still have a problem:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Push the Test switch to obtain a printout (save this for service representative.) Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report. Call the 3287 service representative.
<p>3 Check</p>	<p>Check Light is ON. (If this light is on, it indicates a problem. The number or character displayed on the Status Indicator <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> shows the type of problem.)</p>	<p>Go to the "Status Indicator" section of this guide and follow the directions for the number or character being displayed.</p>

Status Indicator



How to use this section

1 Find the number that is displayed on your status indicator in this column.

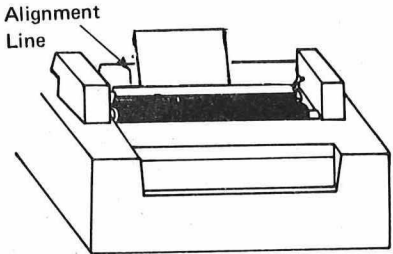


2 Find the problem you have in this column.



Then, take the action described in this column. (Whenever you are requested to press the Test switch, be sure the paper in the printer is at least 203.2 mm (8-inches) wide and 1.8 meter (6 feet) long, to provide enough space for the test to be printed out.)

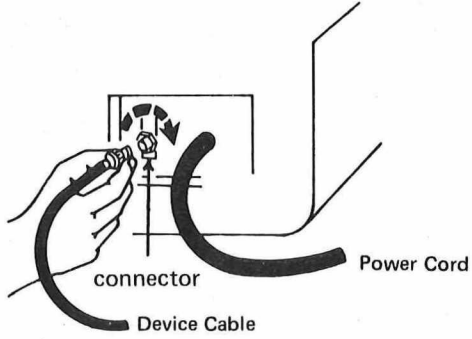


Number Displayed	Check the following:	Then do this -
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">0 1</div>	<p>Is paper installed in the printer? or Is the paper that is in the printer torn?</p> <p>Is the paper positioned at the left side of the printer, next to the alignment line?</p> 	<p>If there is no paper, or if the paper is torn:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Press the Hold Print switch</u> (<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">0 1</div> disappears). 2. Install more paper forms. (For details on installing paper, refer to Chapter 4 of the <i>IBM 3287 Printer Models 1 and 2 Operator's Guide</i>.) 3. Press the Buffer Reprint switch. One of the following messages is displayed: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">0 8</div> , <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">0 9</div> , <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">6 7</div> , or <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> </div> (blank display). 4. Press the Enable Print switch. <p>NO - 1. <u>Press the Hold Print switch</u> (<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">0 1</div> disappears).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Align the paper. 3. Press the Enable Print switch. <p>YES - 1. Push the Test switch to obtain a printout (save this for the service representative).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report. 3. Call the 3287 service representative.
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">0 7</div>	<p>No checking required.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Push the Reset switch, then try to resume normal operation. 2. Did the <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">0 7</div> error condition return? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO - Continue normal operation. YES - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Push the Test switch to obtain a printout (save this for the service representative). b. Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report. c. Call the 3287 service representative.
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">0 8</div>	<p>No checking required. (<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">0 8</div> indicates that either (1) the printer has been in the hold print condition for over 10 minutes, or (2) the Buffer Reprint switch was pressed while the printer was operating in SCS Mode.)</p>	<p>Press the Enable Print switch.</p>

Number Displayed

Check the following:

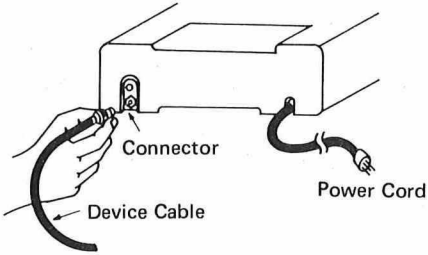
Then do this -

<p>0 9</p>	<p>Check the operation you are trying to perform. (0 9 indicates that you have attempted to perform an improper operation. For example: setting the wrong switches or trying to perform an operation that requires a feature that is not installed on your printer.)</p>	<p>Verify that the operation you are trying to do is a valid operation (0 9 disappears).</p>
<p>2 7</p> <p>(continued)</p>	<p>Is the CU signal light ON?</p> <p>YES →</p> <p>NO →</p>	<p>1. Push the Reset switch, then try to resume normal operation.</p> <p>2. Did the 2 7 error condition return (it may take 2 or more minutes to return)</p> <p>NO - Continue normal operation.</p> <p>YES -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Push the Test switch to obtain a printout (save this for the service representative).b. Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report.c. Call the 3287 service representative. <p>1. Make sure that power is turned on at the System Controlling Unit.</p> <p>2. Make sure that the device cable that connects your printer with the System Controlling Unit is plugged in securely at both the printer and the System Controlling Unit.</p> <p>Stage 1 Printer</p> <p>Twist the plug until it locks snugly on the connector.</p>  <p>3287 Printer (Stage 1 Printers)</p>

Number Displayed

Check the following:

Then do this -

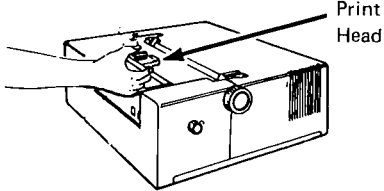
<p>(continued)</p> <p>2 7</p>		<p>Stage 2 Printer</p> <p>Twist (↻) the plug until it locks snugly on the connector.</p>  <p>3287 Printer (Stage 2 Printers)</p> <p>3. Push the Test switch to obtain a printout.</p> <p>4. Did the 2 7 error condition return (it may take 2 or more minutes before it returns)?</p> <p>NO - Continue normal operation.</p> <p>YES - If there is another 3287 Printer connected to the same System Controlling Unit as yours, check to see if that printer is also having a similar problem.</p> <p>If so - The problem appears to be at the System Controlling Unit. Contact the System Controlling Unit operator to correct the problem.</p> <p>If not - Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report and call the 3287 service representative (save the test printout from step 3 for the service representative).</p>
<p>3 1</p> <p>(continued)</p>	<p>Is paper installed in the printer?</p> <p>NO →</p>	<p>1. Install more paper forms. (For details on installing paper, refer to Chapter 4 of the <i>IBM 3287 Printer Models 1 and 2 Operator's Guide</i>.)</p> <p>2. Press the Enable Print switch.</p> <p>3. Did the 3 1 disappear?</p> <p>YES - Continue normal operation.</p> <p>NO -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Push the Test switch to obtain a printout (save this for the service representative.).Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report.Call the 3287 service representative.

STATUS 00

Number Displayed

Check the following:

Then do this -

<p>(continued)</p> <p>4 7</p>	<p>Physically take hold of the print head and move it back and forth across the printer.</p>  <p>Does the ribbon advance when you move the print head back and forth across the printer?</p> <p>None of the preceding conditions are present.</p>	<p>If the ribbon fails to advance, do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report. Call the 3287 service representative. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Push the Reset switch, then try to resume normal operation. If you still have a problem: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Push the Test switch to obtain a printout (save this for the service representative). Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report. Call the 3287 service representative.
<p>5 0</p> <p>5 1</p> <p>5 2</p>	<p>No checking required.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Push the Reset switch. Did the 5 0 , 5 1 , or 5 2 error condition return? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO - Resume normal operation. YES - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Push the Test switch to obtain a printout (save this for the service representative). Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report. Call the 3287 service representative.
<p>5 9</p>	<p>No checking required. (5 9 indicates that you pressed the Cancel Print switch to cancel the message currently being printed.)</p>	<p>No action required. (5 9 disappears before your printer starts printing the next message sent from the control unit.)</p>
<p>6 1</p>	<p>No checking required. (6 1 indicates that you pressed the PA1 switch.)</p>	<p>No action required. (6 1 disappears when the program at the control unit has started.)</p>
<p>6 2</p>	<p>No checking required. (6 2 indicates that you pressed the PA2 switch.)</p>	<p>No action required. (6 2 disappears when the program at the control unit has started.)</p>
<p>6 3</p>	<p>No checking required. (6 3 indicates that the control unit is requesting that you press either the PA1 or PA2 switch.)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Press the Hold Print switch.</u> Press the PA1 or PA2 switch (which switch you press depends upon the instructions from your programming department). Press the Enable Print switch. (6 3 disappears automatically.)

Number Displayed

Check the following:

Then do this -

<p style="text-align: center;">6 7</p>	<p>No checking required. (6 7 indicates that you pressed the Buffer Reprint switch.)</p>	<p>Press the Enable Print switch. (6 7 disappears)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">X X</p> <p>XX represents any other number that might be displayed.</p>	<p>No checking required.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Push the Test switch to obtain a printout (save this for the service representative). 2. Did you get a printout and did the Test light go off? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> YES - Try to resume normal operation. If the same error condition occurs, fill out an Operator's Trouble Report and call the 3287 service representative. NO - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report. b. Call the 3287 service representative.

STATUS 00

Switch Problems

The printer operation switches on the 3287 Stage 1 (Figure 3) are of the momentary dual pushbutton type. The Stage 2 (Figure 4) Printer Operation switches are of the momentary single pushbutton type. However, the functions of the switches are exactly the same. Therefore to illustrate and explain the use of the switches, the 3287 Stage 2 panel is used as an example.

Notes:

1. The Stage 1 Power ON/OFF switch is a two position toggle switch. The Stage 2 Power ON/OFF switch is a rocker CB (circuit breaker) type. The function of both switches is the same.
2. The Selector Switches and Power ON/OFF switch is located on the front panel of both the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Printers.

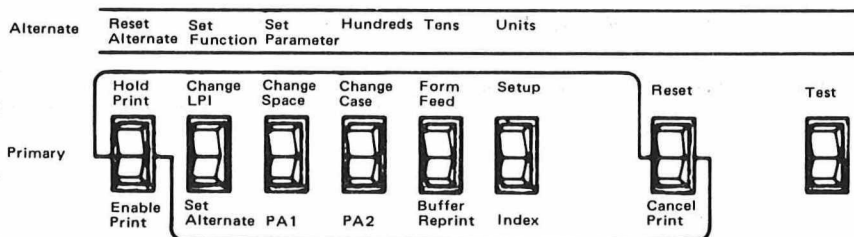


Figure 3. Switches, Stage 1 Printers

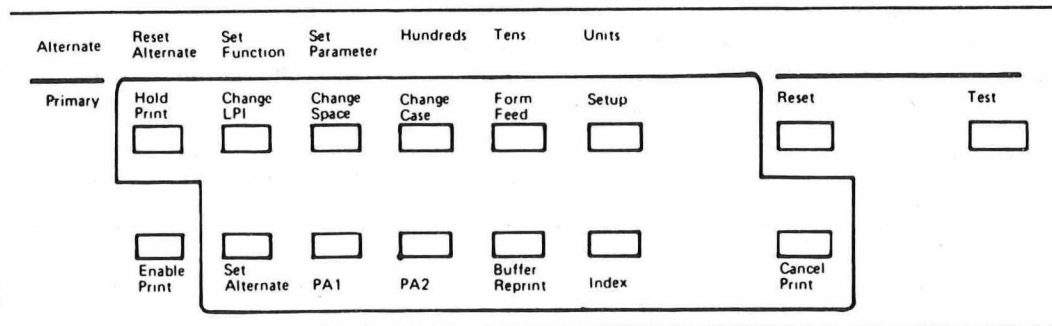


Figure 4. Switches, Stage 2 Printers

How to use this section

1 Find the name of the switch in this column.

2 From this section, read the description of *what should take place* when the switch is pushed. If this does not take place, (1) fill out an Operator's Trouble Report form, and (2) call the 3287 service representative.



Switch



What should take place -

<p>Hold Print</p>	<p>Hold Print</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ready light goes off (if your printer is operating in SCS mode, the Ready light blinks at this time). ● Hold Print light comes on. ● Printing stops ● Print head moves to the left side of the printer. ● The following switches become active (depending upon the features installed on your printer): Change LPI/Set Alternate, Change Space/PA1, Change Case/PA2, Form Feed/Buffer Reprint, Setup/Index, and Cancel Print <p><i>Note: The Hold Print switch should always be pressed before turning power off.</i></p>
<p>Enable Print</p>	<p>Enable Print</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ready light comes on. ● Hold Print light goes off. ● Printing is resumed. ● The switches that became operative in the Hold Print condition become inoperative.
<p>Change LPI</p>	<p>Change LPI</p> <p>(Operational only after the Hold Print switch has been pressed and the Hold Print light comes on and remains on continuously.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pressing Change LPI once causes the 8 LPI light to come on. ● Eight lines of information per inch are printed. (If the Double Space light is also on at this time, only four lines per inch are printed.) ● Pressing Change LPI a second time causes the 8 LPI light to go off. ● With the 8 LPI light off, six lines of information per inch are printed. (If the Double Space light is on at this time, only three lines per inch are printed.) <p><i>Note: If your printer is operating in SCS mode (indicated by the Ready light blinking while the 3287 is in the hold print condition, the LPI setting is controlled by the System Controlling Unit; the change LPI switch has no effect at this time.</i></p>
<p>Set Alternate</p>	<p>Set Alternate</p> <p>(Operational only after the Hold Print switch has been pressed and the Hold Print light comes on),</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This puts the switches on your printer into alternate operation (the Hold Print light blinks on and off at this time). You can use the switches (in the unshaded area of the following illustration) to specify how many print positions you want your printer to print on a print line. (For more details, refer to "Setting the Maximum Print Position", in Chapter 3 of the <i>3287 Printer Models 1 and 2 Operator's Guide</i>. <div data-bbox="536 1685 1252 1910" data-label="Diagram"> <p>The diagram shows a control panel with the following sections and switches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternate: A shaded area containing the 'Hold Print' switch. Reset Alternate: A shaded area containing the 'Reset' switch. Set Function: A shaded area containing the 'Change LPI' switch. Set Parameter: A shaded area containing the 'Change Space' and 'Change Case' switches. Hundreds: A shaded area containing the 'Form Feed' switch. Tens: A shaded area containing the 'Setup' switch. Units: A shaded area containing the 'Test' switch. Unshaded Area (Alternate Operation): Contains the 'Enable Print', 'Set Alternate', 'PA1', 'PA2', 'Buffer Reprint', 'Index', and 'Cancel Print' switches. </div>

Switch

What should take place -

<p>Change Space</p>	<p>Change Space</p> <p>(Operational only after the Hold Print switch has been pressed and the Hold Print light comes on and remains on continuously.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pressing the Change Space switch once causes the Double Space light to come on. ● A double space occurs between lines of print. <pre> 00000 00000 00000 00000 00000 00000 00000 00000 00000 </pre> <p>} double spacing (Double Space light is on)</p> <p><i>Note: If the 3287 Printer is operating in SCS mode, the Change Space switch is inoperative.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pressing the Change Space switch a second time causes the Double Space light to go off. ● A single space occurs between lines of print. <pre> 00000 00000 00000 00000 00000 00000 00000 00000 00000 </pre> <p>} single spacing (Double Space light is off)</p>
<p>PA1</p>	<p>PA1</p> <p>This switch is operational only when <i>all</i> of the following conditions are present:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your printer has the SCS Support feature installed. 2. Your printer is in the hold print condition, indicated by the Hold Print light being on continuously. (<i>Press the Hold Print switch</i> to put your printer in this condition.) 3. Your printer is operating in SCS mode (indicated by the Ready light blinking while the 3287 is in the hold print). 0 9 is displayed if your printer is not in SCS mode at this time. <p>When you press the PA (Program Attention) 1 switch, the following takes place:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 6 1 is displayed on the Status Indicator. 2. Your printer sends a signal to the System Controlling Unit to start a program (which has been entered in the System Controlling Unit by your programming personnel). When the signal is received by the System Controlling Unit, the 6 1 disappears from the Status Indicator. <p><i>Note: If 6 1 does not disappear, the System Controlling Unit never started a program. Check with your programming personnel to see if the problem is with the System Controlling Unit or with your operation.</i></p>
<p>Change Case</p>	<p>Change Case</p> <p>(Operational only after the Hold Print switch has been pressed and the Hold Print light comes on and remains on continuously).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pressing Change Case once causes the Dual Case light to come on. ● With the Dual Case light on, your printer should print in upper and lowercase characters. ● Pressing Change Case a second time causes the Dual Case light to go off. ● With the Dual Case light off, your printer should print only uppercase alphabetic characters (all capital letters). <p><i>Note: If your printer is operating in SCS mode (indicated by the Ready light blinking when the 3287 is in hold print condition), the Case is controlled by the System Controlling Unit. If your printer has ASCII, APL, or Katakana character sets, this switch is not functional.</i></p>
<p>PA2</p> <p>(continued)</p>	<p>PA2</p> <p>This switch is operational only when <i>all</i> of the following conditions are present:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your printer has the SCS Support feature installed. 2. Your printer is in the hold print condition, indicated by the Hold Print light being on continuously. (<i>Press the Hold Print switch</i> to put your printer in this condition.)


Switch

What should take place -

<p>(continued) PA2</p>	<p>3. <i>Your printer is operating in SCS mode (indicated by the Ready light blinking while the 3287 is in the hold print condition). 09 is displayed if your printer is not in SCS mode at this time.</i></p> <p>When you press the PA (Program Attention) 2 switch, the following takes place:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 62 is displayed on the Status Indicator. Your printer sends a signal to the System Controlling Unit to start a program (which has been written and put into the System Controlling Unit by your programming personnel). When the program has completed, the 62 disappears from the Status Indicator. <p><i>Note: If 62 does not disappear, the System Controlling Unit never started a program. Check with your programming personnel to see if the problem is with the System Controlling Unit or with your operation.</i></p>
<p>Form Feed</p>	<p>Form Feed</p> <p>This switch is operational only when both of the following conditions are present.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Your printer has either the Page Length Control feature or the SCS Support feature installed.</i> <i>Your printer is in the hold print condition, indicated by the Hold Print light being on continuously. (Press the Hold Print switch to put your printer in this condition.)</i> <p>When you press the Form Feed switch, the printer advances the paper forms until the first print line of the next page is reached.</p> <p><i>Note: If your printer is operating in SCS mode (indicated by the Ready light blinking when the 3287 is in the hold print condition), the forms advance is controlled by the System Controlling Unit.</i></p>
<p>Buffer Reprint</p>	<p>Buffer Reprint</p> <p>This switch is operational only when both of the following conditions are present:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Your printer has the 3274/3276 Attachment feature installed. Your printer is in the hold print condition, indicated by the Hold Print light being on continuously. <i>(Press the Hold Print switch to put your printer in this condition.)</i> <p><i>Note: Pressing the Buffer Reprint switch (under certain conditions) causes your printer to reprint the message that was in progress. 08 or 67 is displayed at this time. For more details, refer to "Buffer Reprint", in Chapter 3 of the IBM 3287 Printer Models 1 and 2 Operator's Guide.</i></p>
<p>Setup</p>	<p>Setup</p> <p>(Operational only after the Hold Print switch has been pressed and the Hold Print light comes on and remains on continuously.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An "H" is printed each time you press the switch. Continuous "Hs" are printed if you keep the switch pressed, up to the maximum print position that you have set into the printer.
<p>Index</p>	<p>Index</p> <p>(Operational only after the Hold Print switch has been pressed and the Hold Print light comes on and remains on continuously.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The paper advances upward one line (if you continue to hold the switch in the Index position, the paper continues to advance upward).
<p>Reset</p>	<p>Reset</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the Check light is on, pressing this switch resets the error by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Turning off the Check light Resetting the Status Indicator

Switch

What should take place -

<p>Cancel Print</p>	<p>Cancel Print</p> <p>This switch is operational only when both of the following conditions are present:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your printer has the SCS support feature installed and is printing SCS data. 2. Your printer is in the Hold Print condition, indicated by the Hold Print light being on continuously. (<u>Press the Hold Print switch</u> to put your printer in this condition.) <p>If you press the Cancel print switch while the printer is printing a message from the control unit 5 9 is displayed on the Status Indicator, and printing stops. The 5 9 disappears, and printing is resumed when the control unit sends another message.</p> <p>If you press the Cancel Print switch when the printer is not printing SCS data, 0 9 is displayed, indicating an error.</p>
<p>Test</p>	<p>Test</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 3287 built-in automatic test runs. • The Test light comes on, together with other lights.
<p>Power Switch</p>	<p>(On)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to the printer is turned on. • The 3287 runs built-in automatic test (indicated by the Test light coming on). • The fan on the right rear side of the printer starts. <p>(Off)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to the printer is turned off. (No printing can take place.) <p><i>Note: Press the Hold Print Switch before turning power off.</i></p>
<p>(Selector Switches)</p> 	<p>These switches are operational only if your 3287 Printer is equipped with the Page Length Control or the SCS feature.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This switch determines the maximum number of print lines on a page, up to 99. (For example, when it is set to 03, only three lines should be printed on a page.) <p>(For details, refer to "Setting the Page Length", in Chapter 3 of the <i>3287 Printer Models 1 and 2 Operator's Guide</i>.)</p> <p><i>Note 1: If your printer is operating in SCS mode (indicated by the Ready light blinking while the 3287 is in hold print condition), the printer advances the paper, using the values specified by the System Controlling Unit. However, the Selector Switch (if pressed) value is read and stored for printing non-SCS data.</i></p> <p><i>Note 2: The Selector Switches are present on the Stage 2 Printer only if the printer has the Page Length Control feature.</i></p>

Printing Problems (Stage 1 and Stage 2 Printers)

Caution: When lifting the covers to check the ribbon, the printhead, etc., follow the instructions shown in Figure 5 (Stage 1 Printers) or Figure 6 (Stage 2 Printers).

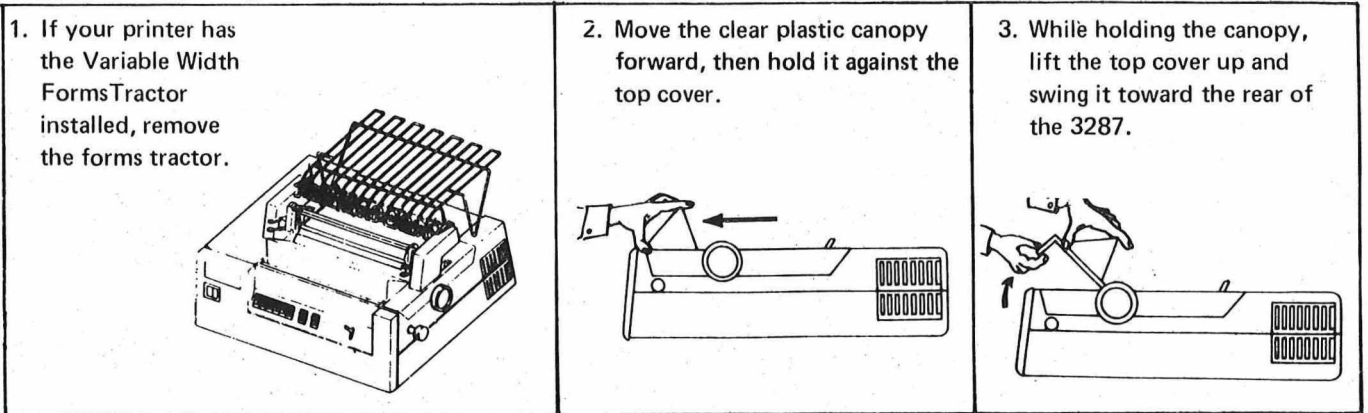


Figure 5. 3287 Printer (Stage 1)

Stage 2 Printers

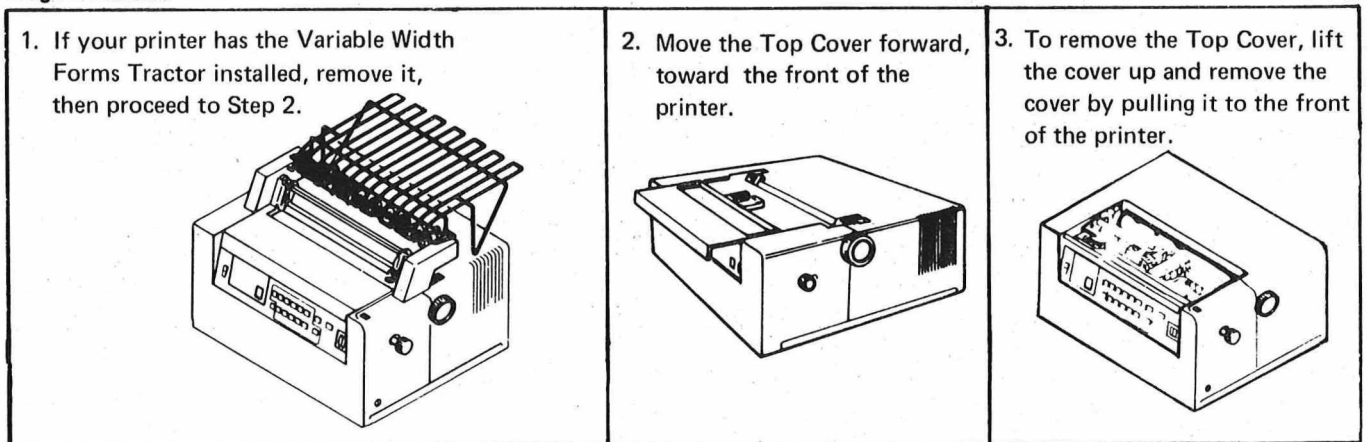


Figure 6. 3287 Printer (Stage 2)

How to use this section

1 If you have this print problem:

2 Check the following.

3 Then do this:
(Whenever you are requested to press the Test switch, be sure the paper in the printer is at least 203.2 mm (8-inches) wide and 1.8 meter (6 feet) long to provide enough space for the test printout.)



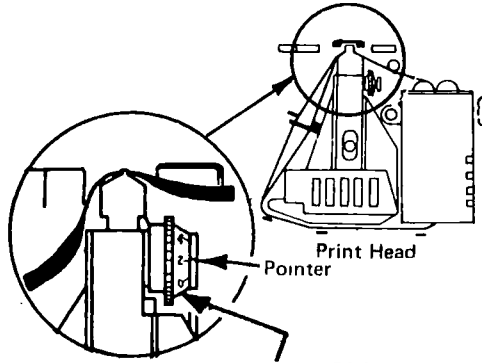
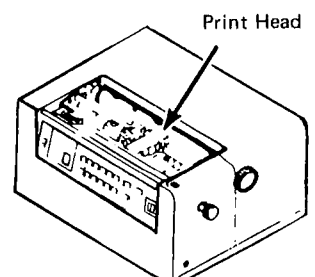
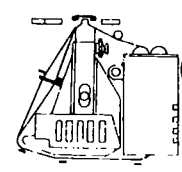
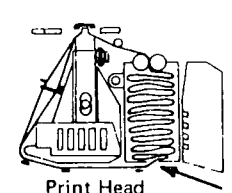
Print Problem



Check the following:



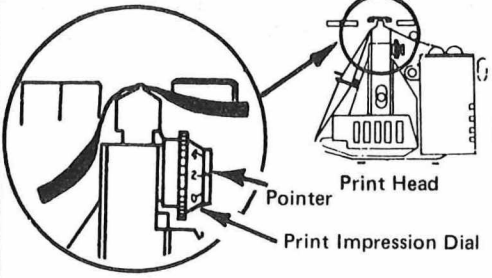
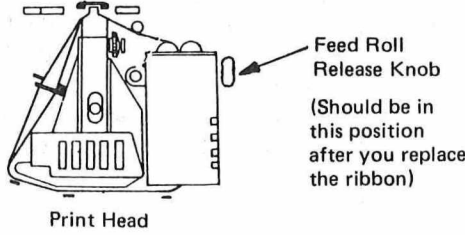
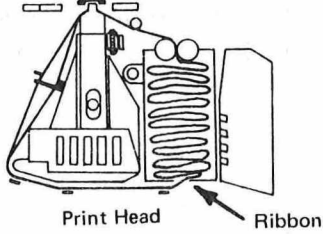
Then do this -

<p>Printing is too light.</p>	<p>Is the Print Impression Dial set correctly?</p>  <p><i>Note:</i> This dial is set to the lower numbers for single-part forms and to the higher numbers for multipart forms.</p>	<p><u>Press the Hold Print switch</u> to stop the printer, rotate the Print Impression Dial one number towards "0", then operate the printer (press Enable Print). If the printing is still too light, stop the printer and rotate the dial one more number toward "0", then operate the printer. Repeat this until you get legible printing. If you still cannot get legible printing, do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report. 2. Call the 3287 service representative.
	<p>Is the ribbon worn out?</p>	<p>Replace the ribbon. (See Chapter 3 of <i>IBM 3287 Printer Models 1 and 2 Operator's Guide</i> for the procedure for replacing the ribbon.)</p>
	<p>Is the ribbon advancing?</p> <p>You can see if the ribbon is advancing by stopping the printer by <u>pressing the Hold Print switch</u>, then by physically taking hold of the print head and moving it back and forth across the platen.</p>  <p>The ribbon should advance each time you move the print head back and forth.</p>	<p>If it is not advancing, do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make sure that the Feed Roll Release knob is in the vertical position, as shown.  <p>Feed Roll Release Knob (Should be in this position after you replace the ribbon)</p> 2. Make sure that the ribbon is installed and threaded properly.  <p>Print Head Ribbon</p>
	<p>If none of the preceding solves the problem . . .</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report. 2. Call the 3287 service representative.

Print Problem

Check the following:

Then do this -

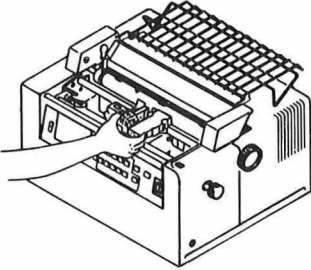
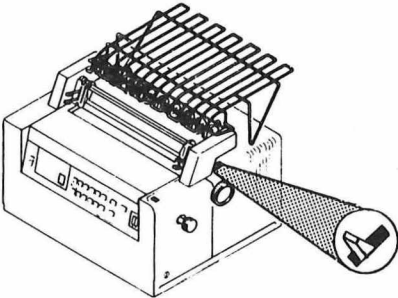

Printing is too heavy or smudged.	Is there a paper jam? Is the Print Impression Dial set correctly?  <p><i>Note:</i> This dial is set to the lower numbers for single-part forms and to the higher numbers for multipart forms.</p>	If so, remove the paper jams. <i>Press the Hold Print switch</i> to stop the printer, rotate the Print Impression Dial one number towards "8", then operate the printer (press Enable Print). If the printing is still too heavy, stop the printer and rotate the dial one more number toward "8", then operate the printer. Repeat this until you get legible printing. If you still cannot get legible printing, do the following: 1. Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report. 2. Call the 3287 service representative.
	If none of the preceding solves the problem . . .	1. Press the Test switch to obtain a printout (save this for the service representative). 2. Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report. 3. Call the 3287 service representative.
Print ribbon is jamming.	Is the Feed Roll Release knob in the vertical position, as shown?  <p>Print Head</p>	If not, put the knob in the vertical position; then try to operate the 3287.
	Is the ribbon torn or are the edges of the ribbon frayed?	If so, replace the ribbon; then try to operate the 3287. (See Chapter 3 of the IBM 3287 Printer Models 1 and 2 Operator Guide for Procedures for replacing the ribbon.)
	Is the ribbon threaded properly, as shown?  <p>Print Head Ribbon</p>	If not, thread the ribbon as shown; then try to operate the 3287.

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Print Problem

Check the following:

Then do this -

<p>(continued) Print ribbon is jamming.</p>	<p>Does the print ribbon advance smoothly? You can check this by stopping the printer by <u>pressing the Hold Print switch</u>, then by physically taking hold of the print head and moving it back and forth across the platen.</p>  <p>The ribbon should advance smoothly each time you move the print head back and forth across the platen.</p>	<p>If the ribbon does not advance smoothly (or if it does not advance at all), do the following: 1. Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report. 2. Call the 3287 service representative.</p>
	<p>If none of the preceding solves the problem</p>	<p>1. Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report. 2. Call the 3287 service representative.</p>
<p>Prints without paper (Printing continues after the printer has run out of paper.)</p>	<p>Is the Form Release Lever in the forward position?</p> 	<p>If not, move it forward, then try to operate the printer. If it is already in the forward position, do the following: 1. Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report. 2. Call the 3287 service representative.</p>
<p>Unusual characters are printed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●  (Error Graphic symbol) is printed within a message printout. Begin at step 1. ● X is printed in print position 1 of the line following a message printout. Begin at step 1. ● - is printed within a message printout. Begin at Step 2. ● Unwanted characters are printed within a message printout. Begin at Step 2. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact the control unit operator and request the data be retransmitted. 2. Contact the System Programming Personnel for assistance. 3. If there is no problem at the control unit, keep the printout of the unusual characters for the 3287 service representative and do the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Press the Test switch to obtain a printout (save this for the service representative). b. Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report. c. Call the 3287 service representative.
<p>Print head is stuck (Print head does not return to the left side of the printer.)</p>	<p>No checking required.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn power off <i>immediately</i>. 2. Unplug the power cord. 3. Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report. 4. Call the 3287 service representative.

Miscellaneous Problems

How to use this section:

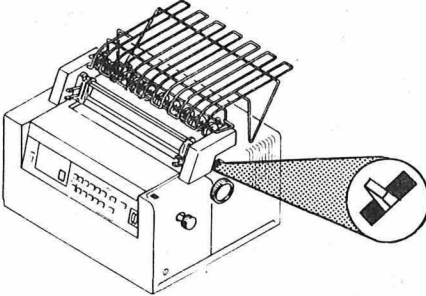
Find the problem you have, in this column.

Check the Following

3 Then take the action described in this column.



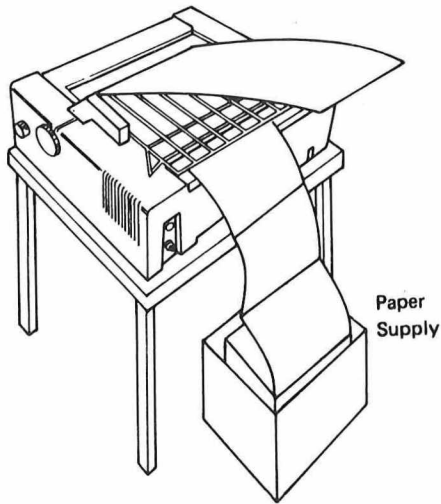
Problem

<p>"Dead" printer (No lights, no action)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the electrical power cord plugged in? 2. Is the Power switch in the ON position? 3. Is there electrical power at the receptacle that your printer is plugged into? (You can check this quickly by plugging in another device that you know is working properly, such as a lamp.) 	<p>If the answer is YES to all three checks and if the printer still does not work, do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn power off <i>immediately</i>. 2. Unplug the power cord. 3. Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report. 4. Call the 3287 service representative.
<p>Audible alarm does not stop.</p>	<p>No checking required.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Press the Hold Print switch.</u> 2. Does the alarm stop? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> YES - Try to resume normal operation. NO - a. Push the Test switch. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Does the alarm stop? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> YES - Try to resume normal operation. NO - Turn power off at the printer, fill out the Operator's Trouble Report, then call the 3287 service representative.
<p>Unusual problems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unusual noises ● Odors (burning smell) ● Excessive heat ● Fan is not running. ● Print head is stuck (it does not return to the left side of printer). 	<p>No checking required.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn power off <i>Immediately</i>. 2. Unplug the power cord. 3. Fill out an Operator's Trouble Report. 4. Call the 3287 service representative.
<p>Paper is jamming. (This applies to printers with or without the Variable Width Forms Tractor Unit.)</p>	<p>Is the Form Release Lever in the Forward position?</p> 	<p>If not, move it forward, then try to operate the printer.</p>

Problem

Check the following:

Paper is jamming.
3287 Printer
with Variable
Width Forms
Tractor



Check to see that:

- Paper box is aligned with the printer.
- Paper feeds evenly up into the printer.
- Printed paper forms coming out of the printer do not interfere with paper going into the printer.
- Paper coming out of the box does not drag on the sides of the box.

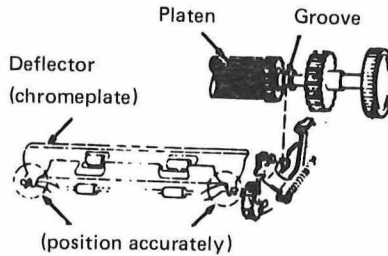
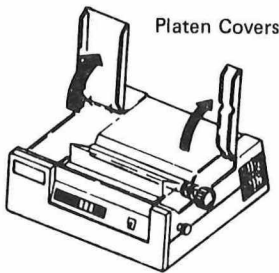
(If you continue having problems with the paper feeding out of the box, remove the paper from the box.)

(For more details on how the paper should be installed, refer to "Loading Paper Forms with the Variable Width Forms Tractor", in Chapter 4 of *IBM 3287 Printer Models 1 and 2 Operator's Guide*.)

Stage 1 only

Lift up the platen covers and check to see that:

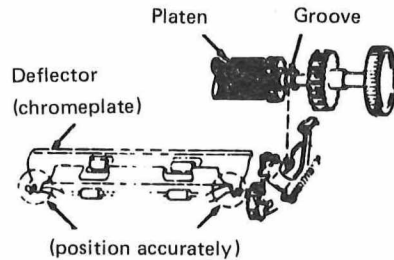
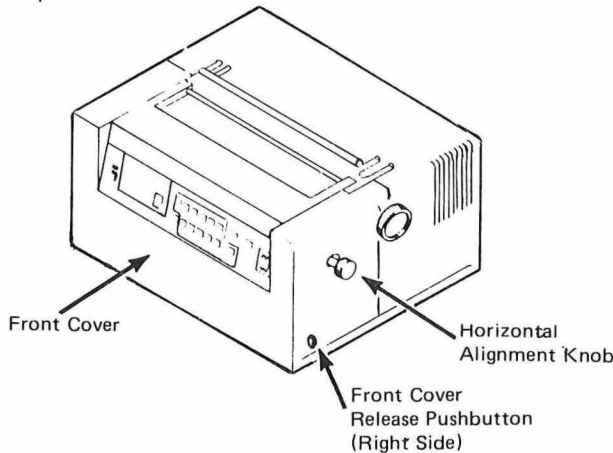
- Both ends of the deflector plate rest on the small tabs
- The platen is seated tightly on both ends of the printer



Stage 2 only

Press the front cover release pushbuttons, slide the cover forward and check to see that:

- Both ends of the deflector plate rest on the small tabs.
- The platen is seated tightly on both ends of the printer.



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Problem

Check the following:

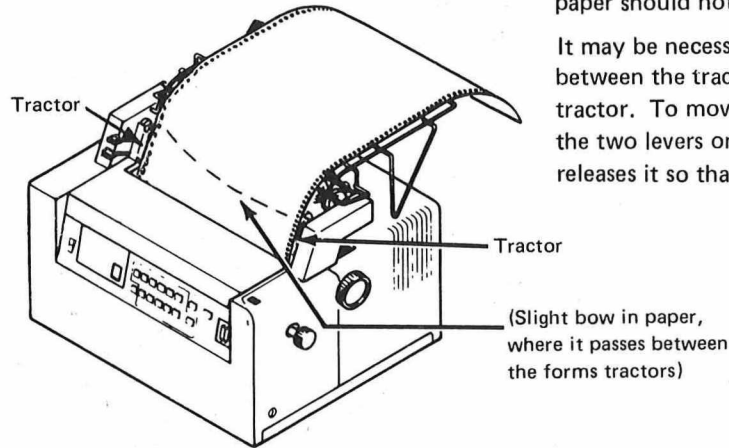
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Paper is jamming:
3287 Printer with
Variable Width
Forms Tractor

Check to see that:

- There is a slight bow where the paper goes between the forms tractors, but the slack in the paper should not be excessive.

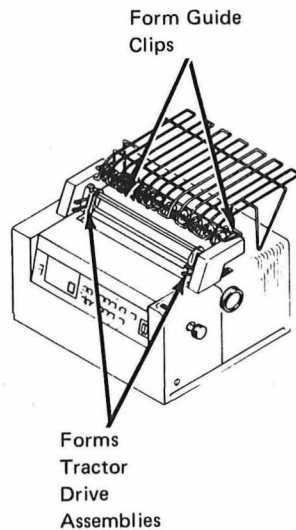
It may be necessary to reposition the paper between the tractors by moving the right tractor. To move the tractor, simply squeeze the two levers on the front of the tractor; this releases it so that you can reposition it.



Paper is jamming:
3287 Printer with
Friction Feed
Paper Handling
Device (Using
continuous feed
forms)

Check to see that:

- The Form Guide Clips are adjusted properly.
- To avoid skewing, tearing or enlarging the margin punched holes, or uneven feeding of the paper forms, ensure that the paper forms path is parallel to, and even with, the tractor drive assemblies. To obtain this condition, adjust the forms guide clips or reposition the paper forms supply, located behind the printer.

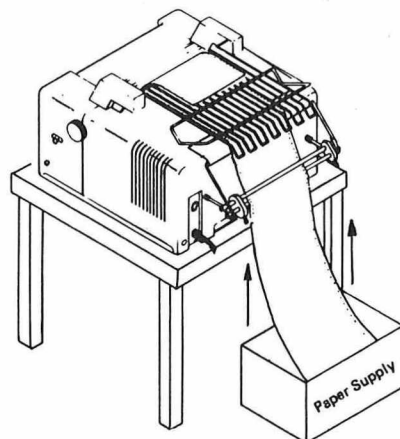


Check to see that:

- Paper box is aligned with the printer.
- Paper feeds evenly up into the printer.
- Printed paper forms coming out of the printer do not interfere with paper going into the printer.
- Paper coming out of the box does not drag on the side of the box.

(If you continue having problems with the paper feeding out of the box, remove the paper from the box.)

For more details on how the paper should be installed, refer to "Loading Paper Forms with the Friction Feed Device", in Chapter 4 of *IBM 3287 Printer Models 1 and 2 Operator's Guide.*



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Problem

Check the following:

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Paper is jamming:

3287 Printer with Friction Feed Paper Handling Device (Using continuous feed forms).

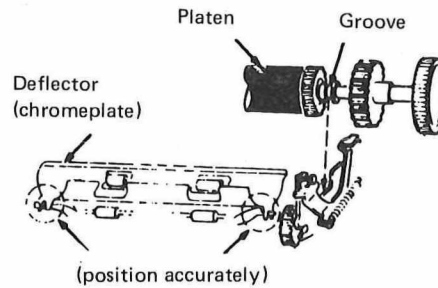
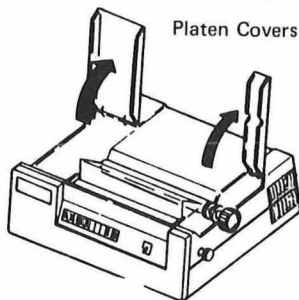
Stage 1 only

Check to see that:

Both the platen and the deflector plate are seated tightly, on both ends of the printer (you must lift up the platen covers to check this).

Lift up the platen covers and check to see that:

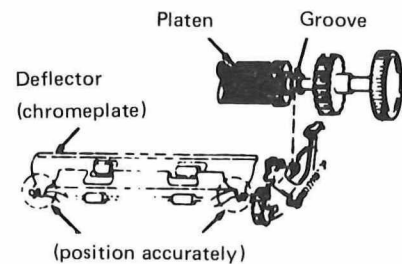
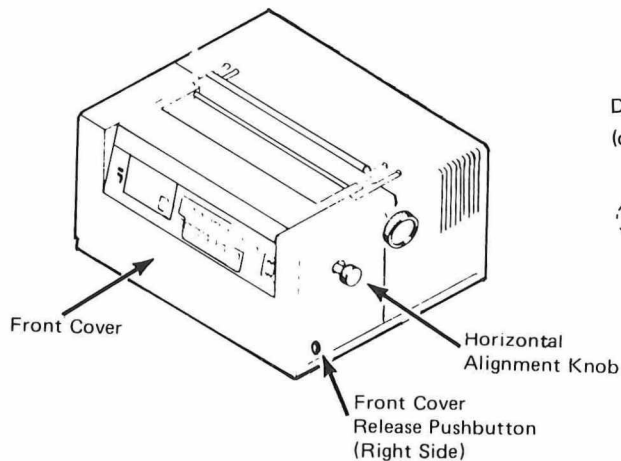
- Both ends of the deflector plate rest on the small tabs.
- The platen is seated tightly on both ends of the printer.



Stage 2 only

Press the front cover release pushbuttons, slide the cover forward and check to see that:

- Both ends of the deflector plate rest on the small tabs.
- The platen is seated tightly on both ends of the printer.



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Problem

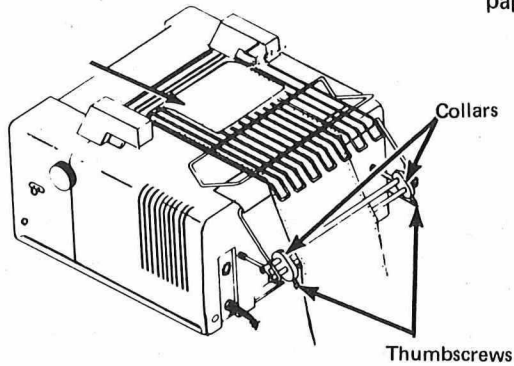
Check the following:

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Paper is jamming:
3287 Printer with
Friction Feed
Paper Handling
Device (Using
continuous feed
forms).

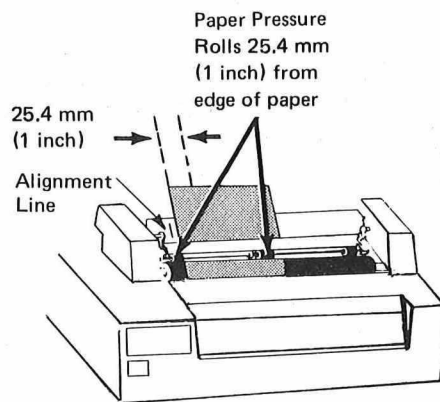
Check to see that:

- The collars are tight on the shaft.
- The collars are positioned close to the edge of the paper.
- The collars are not positioned so close to the edge of the paper that they interfere with the paper feeding.



Check to see that:

- The paper pressure rolls are down on the paper.
- The left edge of the paper is on the alignment line that is engraved in the paper guide plate, and against the alignment block on the rear paper guide plate.
- There is a paper pressure roll approximately 25.4 mm (1 inch) from the edge of each side of the paper (adjust the rolls, if needed).



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Problem

Check the following:

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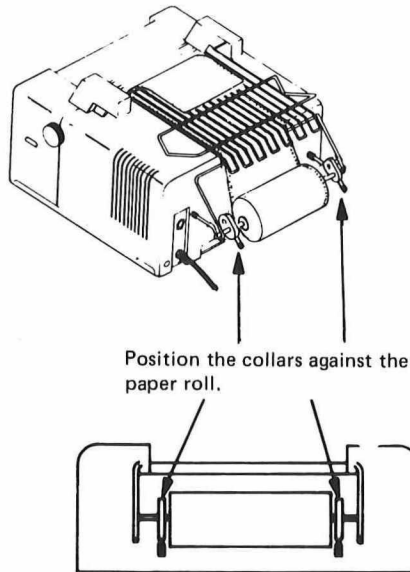
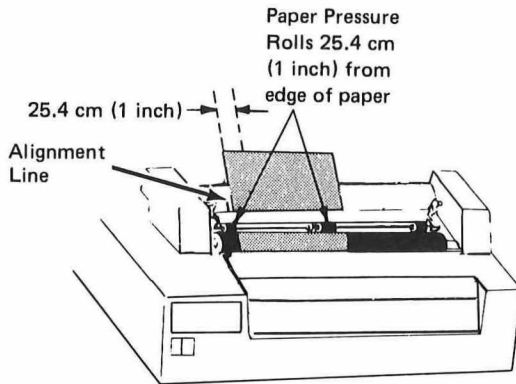
Paper is jamming:

3287 Printer with Friction Feed Paper Handling Device (Using continuous feed forms).

Check to see that:

- The paper pressure rolls are down on the paper.
- The left edge of the paper is on the alignment line that is engraved in the paper guide plate, and against the alignment block on the rear paper guide plate.
- There is a paper pressure roll approximately 25.4 mm (1 inch) from the edge of each side of the paper (adjust the rolls, if needed).

(For more details on how roll paper should be installed, refer to "Loading Roll Paper", in Chapter 4 of the *IBM 3287 Printer Models 1 and 2 Operator's Guide*.)



Check to see that:

- The paper roll is positioned for straight paper feeding.
- The collars are tight on the shaft.
- The collars are positioned close to the paper roll.

Rear View of Printer

IBM 3287 Printer Operator's Trouble Report

A properly filled out IBM 3287 Printer Operator's Trouble Report GX27-2923 can aid the 3287 service representative to isolate and solve your problem(s). A pad of 25 of these forms is provided with the printer, for your use. If you need additional forms, contact your IBM representative or the IBM branch office nearest you.

GX27-2923-1
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IBM 3287 Printer Models 1 and 2 - Operator's Trouble Report

Unit Identification (serial number) _____
Unit Location _____
Date and Time _____
Reported by _____

1 Put an "X" in the box (or boxes) that describes the trouble you are having.

<input type="checkbox"/> A. Unusual noise, odor, smoke, or excessive heat.	} If any of these conditions are present, turn the printer power off IMMEDIATELY, unplug the power cord, and call the 3287 service representative; otherwise, continue with this report.
<input type="checkbox"/> B. Cooling fan not blowing air from the side of the printer.	
<input type="checkbox"/> C. Print head stays at right margin.	
<input type="checkbox"/> D. Severe ribbon jam.	
<input type="checkbox"/> E. Ribbon not feeding properly.	
<input type="checkbox"/> F. Paper not feeding properly.	
<input type="checkbox"/> G. Printing error (describe error in H below).	
<input type="checkbox"/> H. Other (describe problem): _____	

2 Show which indicators were on when the trouble occurred (put an "X" in the circle of each light that was on). Also, write in any digits that were displayed on the Status Indicator when the trouble occurred.

<input type="checkbox"/> Ready	<input type="checkbox"/> CU Signal	<input type="checkbox"/> Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Test	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Print	<input type="checkbox"/> BLP1	<input type="checkbox"/> Double Space	<input type="checkbox"/> Dual Case	

3 A. Press the Test switch.

B. Show which lights are on after the test is finished (after printing stops); by putting an "X" in the circle of each light that is on. Also, write in any digits that are displayed on the Status Indicator.

C. Turn power off at your printer by (1) pressing the Hold Print switch, then (2) pressing the Power switch to 0 (Off). Have the test that was just printed and this Trouble Report Form ready for the service representative.

<input type="checkbox"/> Ready	<input type="checkbox"/> CU Signal	<input type="checkbox"/> Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Test	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Print	<input type="checkbox"/> BLP1	<input type="checkbox"/> Double Space	<input type="checkbox"/> Dual Case	

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REFERENCE MATERIALS

Offline Test Printout

This is an example of the printout (reduced in size) that is printed at your 3287 Printer whenever you press the TEST switch.

(Before you begin running this test, be sure you have sufficient paper in your printer. Use paper that is at least 203.2 mm (8 inches) wide and at least 1.8 meter (6 feet) long.

Note: This printout is an example only; the contents of the printout from your machine may be different.

Test Printout

000 095A1F1E 0D3A8001 0DABH001 0A2A4C00
010 0040005E 01010017 02994508 00000104
020 001600C1 13A506A4 06001104 00000400
030 00622000 0629041A 11001101 11E6F7JC
040 00010000 00F100EF 00525200 000013HC
050 40001105 15002090 00000F15 00000000
060 002F00FF 01090050 00000000 04000000
070 00000000 00000000 00101510 00040005
080 00F50000 20900000 F1D0C02 00000411
090 0001191A 00000000 00000000 00000000
0A0 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
0B0 00CC0000 FFF1201A 20001540 2A8A2V00
0C0 00020460 7F001050 03000000 00000000
0D0 00000000 00000000 10000000 00000000
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