Hermes+ - Warning End of Ribbon / End of Labels

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Principle of Warning

The sensor system of Hermes+ allows to calculate the diameters of label and ribbon supply rolls during operation. This will be done by measuring the rotational speed of the unwinders at known print speed. Warning levels can be activated by definition of threshold diameters, which advert to a near end of the material without interrupting the print job.

⚠️ Attention!
The activation of the warning parameters in the printer configuration is necessary for all warning methods described below!

Activation of the Warning Parameters

- Press the menu button.
- Select Setup > Print param..
- Select Warn level ribbon or Warn level labels.
- Set the threshold diameters.
- If the print job should be paused when reaching a threshold diameter, set Pause on media low to On.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
<th>Default</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Warn level ribbon</td>
<td>Warning when the remaining diameter of the ribbon supply roll undershoots the set value (32–74 mm).</td>
<td>Off</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Warn level labels</td>
<td>Warning when the remaining diameter of the label supply roll undershoots the set value (45–300 mm).</td>
<td>Off</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pause on media low</td>
<td>The printer switches to the Pause state when rest diameters set in the parameters Warn level ribbon or Warn level labels are undershot.</td>
<td>Off</td>
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Table 1 Warn level parameters
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**Warning via Warning Light**

The Warning Light Hermes+, Part No. 5961237.001, shows the most important status information of Hermes+.

<table>
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<th>Color</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
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<tr>
<td>red</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>yellow</td>
<td>Warning ribbon end or warning label end is active</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>green</td>
<td>Device is switched on</td>
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Table 2  Color assignment of the warning light

The signals for the warning light can also be measured directly on the connector:

![Connector warning light diagram](image1)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Pin</th>
<th>Direction</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Active State</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td>24V</td>
<td>Internal operating voltage 24 V</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
<td>/SGR</td>
<td>Device is switched on</td>
<td>low</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td></td>
<td>/SGE</td>
<td>Warning ribbon end or label end is active</td>
<td>low</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td></td>
<td>/SRT</td>
<td>Error</td>
<td>low</td>
</tr>
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Table 3  Pin assignment connector warning light

**Warning via I/O Interface**

Warning messages can be sent via I/O interface to the control of the network.

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<th>Signal</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Active State</th>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>VWE</td>
<td>Warning end of labels</td>
<td>Contact between Pin 2 and Pin 20 (RUEL) is open</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>VWF</td>
<td>Warning end of ribbon</td>
<td>Contact between Pin 15 and Pin 20 (RUEL) is open</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>RUEL</td>
<td>Common reverse line for all output signals with reference potential e.g. EXT_24P</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 4  I/O Warning signals

![Internal circuit of the warning signals diagram](image2)
Warning via SNMP

Warning messages can be sent via SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol). For that purpose the printer must be operated via Ethernet interface in a network.

Definition of Management Stations

- Call up the printer website by entering the printer IP address e.g. http://192.169.9.105.
- Select in "Setup" tab the menu "Interface" > "Ethernet".
- Set parameter "SNMP" to "On".
- Enter IP address of the management station(s) (Sink 1 or Sink 2).
- Assign the "Community" parameter the value "public".

Activation of SNMP Messages

- Select "System messages" tab.
- Select the warning messages "Low ribbon" or "Low labels" by clicking the cells in the columns "SNMP 1" or "SNMP 2".
  The selection is indicated via a symbol. To undo the selection click it again.

Display of a Warning Message at the Management Station

- Start a suitable SNMP monitoring tool.
  The warning message will shown in an info line.
Warning via E-mail

Warning messages can be sent via e-mail to selected addresses. For that purpose the printer must be operated via Ethernet interface in a network.

Definition of the E-mail Parameters
- Call up the printer website by entering the printer IP address e.g. http://192.169.9.105.
- Select in “Setup” tab the menu “Interface” > “Ethernet”.
- Set parameter “SMTP server” to “On”.
- Enter IP address of the SMTP server.
- Enter a valid e-mail address for the printer in the “From address” field.

Activation of E-mail Messages
- Select “System messages” tab.
- Select the warning messages “Low ribbon” or “Low labels” by clicking the cells in the column “e-mail”.
- Enter e-mail address or select from pull-down menu.

Fig 4 Selection of e-mail warning messages

E-mail Reception
- Start e-mail program.
  When occurring a warning event an e-mail appears the in-box.

Fig. 5 E-mail warning message
Warning via JScript Status Request

The JScript command ESCz can be used to query the status of the warning signals ▶ Programming Manual.

- Install a serial or Ethernet connection via a terminal program.
- Send ESCz.
  The printer responds with a character string.

![Fig. 6 Response after querying the status with ESCz](image)

The warning information is shown in the 5th and 6th characters:
- Character 5 = Y --> Warning end of ribbon on
- Character 6 = Y --> Warning end of labels on

Notice!
With the ESCz command the status will be queried respectively one time. In order to get a real warning effect the ESCz command must be repeated at frequent intervals.

Displaying the Diameters of Label and Ribbon Supply Rolls

A more indirect warning method is the request of the unwinding diameters of ribbon roll (qr command) and label roll (qw command). For that purpose no threshold diameter must be defined in the printer configuration.

- Install a serial or Ethernet connection via a terminal program.
- Send qr or qw.
  The printer responds with the appropriate diameter value.

![Fig. 7 Display of the unwinding diameters](image)