MODEL PT-1190
USER’S GUIDE

GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

- To avoid injuries, do not touch the cutter’s edge.
- Use only Brother TA tape with this machine to avoid damage. Do not use tapes that do not have the © mark.
- Tapes are available in three different widths: 0.23” (6 mm), 0.35” (9 mm) and 0.47” (12 mm).
- Do not pull the tape since this may damage the tape cassette.
- Do not attempt to cut the tape while printing or feeding since this will damage the tape.
- Do not clean the machine with alcohol or other organic solvents. Use only a soft, dry cloth.
- Remove the batteries if you do not intend to use the machine for an extended period of time.

Note: If power is disconnected for more than three minutes, all text shown in the display and any text flash stored in the memory will be lost.

- Do not put any foreign objects into the machine.
- Do not put anything on top of the machine.
- Do not expose the machine to high temperatures or high humidity. Never leave it on the dashboard or in the back of your car.
- Do not use the machine in dusty places, and keep it out of both direct sunlight and rain.
- Do not leave any rubber or vinyl on the machine for an extended period of time, which may cause permanent damage.
- To prevent damage during shipment, a clear protective sheet is placed over the LCD panel. Remove this clear protective sheet before beginning use.

POWER SUPPLY

Changing the batteries

Four machine requires 6 alkaline AAA batteries. Carefully follow these instructions.

1. Press the key [Off/on] to turn the machine off.
2. If a tape cassette is already installed, remove it by pulling one end of the tape while pressing the tape release button.
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4. Insert two hooks on bottom end of back cover into slots on bottom of machine. Push down firmly on cover until it snaps into place.
5. Insert tape cassette.
6. Feed the tape by holding down [ ] and pressing once.
7. Do not touch the print head mechanism. If the head is touched, clean it immediately with a soft sponge (e.g., a cotton swab) to avoid permanent damage.

Tape Cassette

This machine uses the Brother TA tape, which is available in a variety of colors and three widths: 0.23” (6 mm), 0.35” (9 mm) and 0.47” (12 mm). TA2 tape is supplied with this machine.

- Press in on the rough area at the top end of the machine and fold over the end of the tape. Should be the exact process as loading batteries.
- If a tape cassette is already installed, remove it by pulling it straight up.
- If the inner ribbon in the other tape cassette is loose, use your finger to tighten the ribbon by in the direction on the arrow on the tape. The machine will then turn on without any slack in the ribbon. Also, make sure that the inner ribbon is centered under the tape guide.
- Note: If you are using a new tape cassette provided with a single ribbon, be sure to remove the stopper.
- Insert the tape cassette firmly into the compartment, making sure that the entire back of the cassette contacts the bottom of the compartment
- Note: When inserting a tape cassette, make sure that the inner ribbon does not catch on the corner of the metal guide.
- Securely close the back cover, making sure that it snaps into place.
- Feed the tape by holding down [ ] and pressing once, and then push in the tape cutter lever to cut the tape.

LETTERING STICK

The enclosed lettering stick enables you to easily remove the backing from laminated tapes.
- Hold the tape in your left hand, with the printed surface facing up, and hold the stick in your right hand.
- Pass the tape halfway through the long narrow hole in the stick.
- Turn the stick one-quarter of a turn towards you and pull the tape away from you, as shown below.
- Peel off the label backing.

STARTING

Press [ ] and the power indicator lights to turn the machine on.
The machine automatically turns off if no key is pressed within five minutes. The current session’s information is stored in the machine’s internal memory and displayed when the machine is later turned on again.

CODE KEY

By holding down [ ] and pressing a key with a function, character or accent written above it, you can add the corresponding function or add the corresponding character to your text.

CAPS KEY

By pressing [ ] to enter Caps mode, you can add upper-case letters to your text by simply pressing the character keys. When this mode is on, the Cap indicator in the top-left corner of the display comes on. To exit Caps mode, press until the Cap indicator goes off.

NUM KEY

By pressing [ ] to enter Num mode, you can add numbers to your text by simply pressing the digit keys. When this mode is on, the Num indicator in the bottom-left corner of the display comes on. To exit Num mode, press until the Num indicator goes off.

DISPLAY

This machine’s LCD shows one of 8 characters; however, the text that you enter can be up to 55 characters including spaces. The 8-character display is like a window which moves across the text.

CURSOR MOVEMENT

You can view and edit different parts of the text by moving the cursor backward and forward.
- To move the cursor one character at a time, press [ ] or [ ].
- To move the cursor to the beginning of the text, hold down [ ] and press [ ].
- To move the cursor to the end of the text, hold down [ ] and press [ ].

BACKSPACE KEY

This key can be used to remove characters from your text, clear all of the text or cancel the current function and return to the last input mode.
- To delete the character to the left of the cursor or to cancel a function, press [ ].
- To clear all of the text that is currently entered, hold down [ ] and press [ ].

SPACE KEY

As on a word processor, press [ ] to add a blank space to your text.

RETURN KEY

Press [ ] when you want to accept or confirm a setting, or end the first line of text and begin the second.
- To add a second line, press [ ]. The return mark ( ) appears in the text to indicate the end of the first line and the beginning of the second.

ACCENTED CHARACTERS

You can also choose from a list of other accented characters that can be added to your text.

Letter Accented character Letter Accented character
A A Á Ä Â Æ a à á ä â âæ
B B Ñ b ñ C C Ç c ç
I I Í Ï Î i í ï í è
d=ô ú
F 4 TMTMTMTMTM ®®®®® ©©©©©
I

Symbols

In addition to the letters, symbols, and numerals on and above the keys, there are 72 symbols available with the Symbols function. These symbols are divided into 9 groups, corresponding to the letters A through I:

Home

Symbols

A
B
C
D
E
F
G
H
I

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INTRODUCTION

With your new PT-1190, you can create labels for any application. Select from the many frames, character sizes and styles to design beautiful custom labels. In addition, the variety of tape cartridges available allows you to print labels with different widths and exciting colors.

You no longer have to worry about urgent tasks that require professional printing. In the office, the printer offers outstanding performance, letting you produce professional-looking labels for your files. At home, use this printer to add unique personal touches to your letters and gifts.

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- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.
- Interference by one or more of the following measures:
  - Turning the equipment off and on,
  - Placing the equipment away from the receiver,
  - Increasing the distance between the equipment and receiver,
  - Consulting the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician.
TAPE MARGIN

This function can be used to leave equal margins of 1/8" (4 mm), 1/2" (12 mm) or 1" (24 mm) on both sides of the label. Using the “+” tape margin setting, multiple formats can be grouped on the label with margin (9 mm), only one after the other without feeding the tape, onto a single label.

1. Press the following procedure at any time without making any changes, press [SIZE 1]
   [SIZE 2] until [SIZE 3] is displayed, and then press [OK].
   • Note: To apply the selected tape margin setting to the text.

   • After printing with the “+” tape margin setting, hold down [PREV] and press once to feed the tape before pushing in the tape cutter lever to cut it, otherwise some of the printed characters may be cut off.

   • To cut off the label, push in the tape cutter lever to cut off the label, and then use scissors to cut along the printed dots (∅) and center the text within the label.

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REPEAT PRINTING

This function allows you to print up to nine copies of the same label.

1. Press the following procedure at any time without making any changes, press [OK].
2. Press and until [STY] is displayed, and then press [OK].
3. Press and until the desired style setting is displayed.
4. Press to apply the selected style setting to the text.

UNDERLINE/FRAME

This option allows you to emphasize or decorate your entire text by framing or underlining it. If any character size is selected, the frame size automatically adjusts the characters to the largest possible size according to the width of the inserted tape. The current selected size setting is shown by the indicators at the top of the display. All of the options above are valid when the AUTO setting is selected.

1. Press the following procedure at any time without making any changes, press [OK].
2. Press and until the desired margin setting is displayed.
3. Press to apply the selected tape margin setting to the text.

NUMBERING

This function can be used to print many copies of the same text while increasing a selected number by 1 after each label is printed, for example, when printing labels containing a serial number (for example, 0123, 0134, and 0135).

1. Press the following procedure at any time without making any changes, press [OK].
2. Press and until the desired underline/frame setting is displayed.
3. Press to apply the selected underline/frame setting to the text.

MIRROR PRINTING

This function prints your label so that the text can be read from the adhesive side of the tape. If mirror-printed labels are attached to glass or some other transparent material, they can be read correctly from the opposite side.

1. With this function, the text must be printed on transparent tape.
2. To set the following procedure at any time without making any changes, press [OK].
3. Press and until MIRROR is displayed, and then press [OK].
   • Note: To apply the selected mirror printing setting to the text.

MEMORY

You can use the memory to store your most frequently used text. The text file remains in the memory, even after all characters are removed from the display by holding down and preventing label memory. Later, the text can easily be recalled by recalling it from the memory. The machine’s memory can store up to 300 characters including spaces, which can be divided into as many as nine text files. The maximum capacity for a single text file is 55 characters including spaces.

STORING TEXT

1. Press the following procedure at any time without making any changes, press [OK].
2. Press and until MEMORY is displayed, and then press [OK].
3. Press and until STORE is displayed, and then press [OK].
4. Press and until the file number where you want to store the text is displayed.
   OR
5. Press the key (1-9) corresponding to the file number where you want to store the text.
   OR
6. Press to print the text. The text previously shown in the display reappears.

DELETING A TEXT FILE

1. Press the following procedure at any time without making any changes, press [OK].
2. Press and until MEMORY is displayed, and then press [OK].
3. Press and until DELETE is displayed, and then press [OK].
4. Press and until the delete file that you want to recall is displayed.
5. Press the key (1-9) corresponding to the file number of the text that you want to delete.
6. Press to delete the selected text file.

ERROR MESSAGE LIST

An error has occurred such as the tape is exhausted or locked by the key selector to be large for the tape, etc...

1. If the batteries are weak, replace them.
2. If the tape cassette is not empty and it is not tape cassette.
3. If the batteries are weak, replace them.
4. If the batteries may be weak. Replace the batteries.
5. The last number that will be printed must be larger than the number selected in the text, otherwise the message “ERROR” will appear when you try to print.
6. Press to print the label.
7. Press to print the label.
8. Press to print the label.
9. Press to print the label.
10. Press to print the label.

SPECIFICATIONS

Keyboard: 42 keys
Print speed: 10 mm/sec.
Character size: Standard size
Double width
Double height
4-width & double width
Character font: HELSINKI
Print tape: Pressure-sensitive adhesive-based (TZe tape only)
Memory size: 300 characters including spaces maximum, 9 text files
Battery: Minimum character size: 33 characters including spaces have already been entered or the memory is full.
Batteries: 6 AA alkaline batteries (LR6) or 6 Ni-MH rechargeable batteries
Battery power: 1.2 V (6 AA batteries) or 1.2 V (6 Ni-MH batteries)
Memory size: 255 characters including spaces
Memory: 9 text files
Warranty: 1 year for parts, 1 year for labor

TROUBLESHOOTING

1. The display stays blank after you have pressed and held down the power switch.
2. The machine does not print, or the computer characters are blurred.
3. The printed characters are not properly spaced.
4. The text file has cleared from the memory.
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6. The batteries may be weak. Replace the batteries.
7. The machine has ‘frozen’ (i.e. nothing happens when a key is pressed, even though the machine is on).

SOLUIONS

1. Press the following procedure at any time without making any changes, press [OK].
2. Press and until MEMORY is displayed, and then press [OK].
3. Press and until STORE is displayed, and then press [OK].
4. Press [CLEAR] once to feed the tape before pushing in the tape cutter lever.
5. Press [CLEAR] once to feed the tape before pushing in the tape cutter lever, and then use scissors to cut along the printed dots (∅) and center the text within the label.
6. Press [CLEAR] once to feed the tape before pushing in the tape cutter lever, and then use scissors to cut along the printed dots (∅) and separate the labels.
7. Press [CLEAR] once to feed the tape before pushing in the tape cutter lever.

30 Days/One Year Limited Warranty and Replacement Service. For further details regarding the warranty please refer to the warranty card that is included with the product. Thank you for purchasing the Brother QL-500. We hope that you will enjoy using it. We suggest that you keep all packing and other materials.

If you need to locate a service center, please call 1-877-BROTHER (1-877-278-4673) or visit us at www.brother.com.