**MODEL PT-1200 USER’S GUIDE**

**GENERAL PRECAUTIONS**

- Use only Brother TZ tapes with this machine. Do not use tapes that do not have the TZ mark.
- Different tape widths are available: 1/4" (6 mm), 3/8" (9 mm) and 1/2" (12 mm).
- Do not pull the tape. This may damage the tape cassettes.
- Do not attempt to cut the tape while printing or feeding since this will damage the tape cassettes.
- 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 your machine for an extended period of time.
- Leave on 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. Keep it out of direct sunlight and rain.
- Do not leave any rubber or vinyl on the machine for an extended period of time. Doing so may cause staining.
- After inserting a new tape cassette, advance the tape by holding down and pressing once.
- Do not touch the print head mechanism. If the head is touched, clean it immediately with a soft, dry cloth (e.g., a cotton swab) to avoid permanent damage.
- To avoid injuries, do not touch the cutter edge.

**POWER SUPPLY**

Since this machine is compact and portable, it can be used anywhere by installing six AAA alkaline batteries (LR03). When changing the batteries, always replace all at the same time.

(1) Press in the rough area at the top end of the machine and pull off the back cover. At the same time, the cassette release lever on the back of the machine is lifted.
(2) Insert the batteries in the direction shown by the illustration on the bottom of the battery compartment. The positive end of the three batteries in the bottom one point toward the right, while the positive end of the top three point in the opposite direction.
(3) Replace the back cover by inserting the tab on the bottom end of the cover into the slot on the bottom end of the machine, then securely fitting it into place. Lock the back cover by pushing the release lever back into place.
(4) Press to display your message with the selected character added to it.
(5) Replace the back cover by inserting the tab on the bottom end of the cover into the slot on the bottom end of the machine, then securely fitting it into place. Lock the back cover by pushing the release lever back into place.
(6) Feed the tape by holding down and pressing once, then press in on the tape cutter button to cut the tape.

**TAPE Cassettes**

A TZ tape cassette is supplied with this unit. The Brother TZ tapes used in this machine are available in a variety of colors and three tape widths (1/4", 3/8" and 1/2"").

(1) Press in on the rough area at the top end of the machine and pull off the back cover. At the same time, the cassette release lever on the back of the machine is lifted.
(2) If there is a tape cassette already in the compartment, remove it by pulling it straight up.
(3) Replace the stopper from the new tape cassette and if the tape inside the cassette is loose, use your finger to twist the toothed wheel in the direction of the arrow on the tape cassette.
(4) Press the tape key to return the ribbon to the beginning of the message.
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**COMPOSITE CHARACTERS**

You can create composite characters, which consist of a letter and an accent.

The accents available are: ’, “, ‘, ”, and.

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**SYMBOLS**

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**OVERVIEW**

- **LCD display**: This machine's LCD display is 4 characters wide. Actually, you can create messages up to 55 characters in length. The 4-character display is like a window which moves across your message.

**STARTING**

Press ( ).

The machine's internal memory retains the last message created and displays it when you turn on the machine. This feature allows you to stop work on a message, turn off the machine and return to it later ...

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**STYLE**

You can use one of nine different print styles for the characters in your label.

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<tr>
<th>Font</th>
<th>OUTL. (outline)</th>
<th>BOLD</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>NORM (normal)</td>
<td>J.SMITH</td>
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1) Hold down and press once. The current print style is displayed.
2) Continue holding down and pressing until your desired print style appears. If you select a style other than normal, the Slit indicator on the bottom of the display comes on.

**FONT**

With the Font function, you can choose to print your text using either the "NORM" or the "TITL" font. If the "TITL" font is selected, the entire text is printed in capital letters.

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2) While still holding down press once, and keep hold down to display the current font setting.
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**UNDERLINE**

This option allows you to emphasize your entire text by underlining it.

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<td>OFF (no underline)</td>
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1) While holding down press once, and keep hold down to display the current underline setting.
2) While still holding down press once, and keep hold down to display the current underline setting.

**FRAME**

You can choose to print your text with a frame around it.

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1) While holding down press once, and keep hold down to display the current frame setting.
2) While still holding down press once, and keep hold down to display the current frame setting.

**LABEL LENGTH**

Although the length of the print label automatically adjusts to fit the length of the entered text, there may be times when you will want to make a label with a specific length. The Label length mode allows you to set the label length to between 2 7/8" (73 mm) and 9 5/8" (240 mm) wide.

1) Hold down and press once. The current label length setting appears on the display. If the label length setting is off, the label length mode is off. When the Label length mode is on, "L" and the current setting (in either inches or millimeters) are shown.
2) Continue holding down and pressing until the label length mode is turned on and the current setting is displayed.

**DOUBLE-LINE PRINTING**

This option enables two lines of text to be printed, one above the other. Double-line printing can only be used if 3 7/8" (100 mm) or 1 1/2" (39 mm)-wide tape is installed.

1) Enter the text for the upper line.
2) Hold down and press once. The double-line marker (—who) will appear on the display.
3) Type the text for the lower line.

**TAPE FEED**

This function can be used to learn equal margins on the left and right sides of the label: 1/8" (4 mm) when "M" is displayed, 1/2" (12 mm) when "M" is displayed, and 1 1/8" (28 mm) when "##" is displayed. In addition, one label with multiple form styles can be printed using the "–" setting, which does not feed the tape after printing the label.

1) Hold down and press once. The current tape speed setting appears on the display.
2) Continue holding down and pressing until your desired speed setting appears. 

**MIRROR PRINTING**

This function prints your label so that the text is legible from the adhesive side of the tape. If you are printing on a translucent tape, such as a sash window, or some other transparent material, they can be read correctly from the opposite side. For this application, transparent tape must be used.

1) Hold down and press once. The current mirror printing setting appears on the display. When "M" is displayed, the label is printed normally. If "M" is not displayed, the mirror-printing function is on.
2) Continue holding down and pressing until your desired setting appears.

**PRINTING & CUTTING**

1) If the tape is being fed, the text is printed. The labels will be printed. The label comes out of the tape exit slot on the top end of the machine.
2) If the tape is not being fed, the message "PRINT" is displayed while the message is being printed.
3) Press the "PRNT" button to cut the tape.

**REPEAT PRINTING**

This function allows you to repeatedly print the same label up to nine times. It is recommended to set the label margins to "–" or "##". (Refer to TAPE FEED.)

1) Enter the text for the upper line.
2) Hold down and press once. The message "–" is displayed.
3) Press the number key (1-9) corresponding to the number of labels you want to print. For example, if you want to print nine labels, press 9.
4) Press and set the number of labels to be printed. If the margins are set to "–", hold down and press once before cutting the tape. (Refer to TAPE FEED.)

**NUMBERING**

This function can be used to print a set of numbers in which the designated number automatically increases by 1 after the label is printed, for example when printing labels containing a date ("JULY 4, 1962", "JULY 5, 1962", and "JULY 6, 1962"). It is recommended to set the label margins to "–" or "##". (Refer to TAPE FEED.)

1) Position the cursor beneath the number in the text to be increased, then hold down and press once. The message "–" will be displayed.
2) Press the number key (1-9) corresponding to the last number to be printed. For example, for the example explained above, press 9.
3) Press and the labels will be printed, with the specified number increased by 1, until the number entered is reached. If the margins are set to "–", hold down and press once before cutting the tape. (Refer to TAPE FEED.)

**PHRASE MEMORY**

You can use the Phrase Memory to store your most frequently used messages. Text stored in the Phrase Memory will not be deleted by the usual message deleting operation (holding down and pressing ).

1) Hold down and press once. The message "1-9" is displayed.
2) Press the number key (1-9) corresponding to the Phrase Memory area that you wish to select. Your message is stored in the chosen area and the message previously shown in the working area reappears on the display.
3) If you select a message number that is already used, the message "ERROR" will briefly appear, then you will again be asked to choose an area. In this case, select a different area between 1 and 9.
4) If messages are already stored in all nine areas, you must delete one of them before you can store your current message.
5) A blank tape cassette is already stored in the Phrase Memory and you try to store more, the message "FULL" will appear on the display. You must delete one of the memory areas before you can store your current message.

**RECALLING FROM PHRASE MEMORY**

1) Hold down and press once. The message "1-9" is displayed.
2) Press the number key (1-9) corresponding to the Phrase Memory area containing the message that you want to recall. The number and the beginning of the selected message appear on the display. If you selected the wrong number, you can now press a different number key (1-9) to display the correct message.
3) Press to recall the message selected from the Phrase Memory and display it in the working area for use.

**DELETING FROM PHRASE MEMORY**

1) Hold down and press once. The message "1-9" is displayed.
2) Press the number key (1-9) corresponding to the Phrase Memory area containing the message that you wish to delete. The number and the beginning of the selected message are displayed.
3) Press to delete the selected message from the Phrase Memory.

**SPECIFICATIONS**

**Keyboard:** 40 keys (40 character keys and 9 function keys)

**Print speed:** 0 to 10 letters/sec.

**Charater size:** Standard size

**Print mode:** Double width

**Character font:** 8-bit character

**Print tape:** Pressure-sensitive adhesive-based (TZe tape only)

**Paper size:** 1/2" (12 mm) tape width

**LCD:** 7 x 3 dots

**Power supply:** 110-120 VAO

**Dimensions:** 7 3/8" W x 6 1/2" H (190 x 165 mm)

**Weight:** 0.88 lbs (400 g)

**Working area:** 55 characters

**Phrase Memory:** 300 characters maximum, 9 storage areas available

**IMPORTANT WARRANTY INFORMATION**

Thank you for purchasing this Brother Product. We hope that you will enjoy using it. We suggest that you keep all packing and other materials.

**SHOULD YOU ENCOUNTER ANY PROBLEMS WITH YOUR PRODUCT? PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR PRODUCT TO THE STORE!**

After referring to the instruction manual, if you still need assistance, call Brother Customer Service.

**Voice:** 1-877-4-Ptouch OR

**Fax:** 1-903-370-1210

If you need a local service center, please call 1-800-284-HELP to locate the authorized service center closest to you.