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User's Manual



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Chapter 1 Safety

Principles of CO₂ Laser

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Operating Environment

1.1 Principles of a CO₂ Laser

LASER is the acronym for Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation. A CO₂ laser works by electrically stimulating the molecules within a carbon dioxide gas mixture. When focused through a lens, this highly-intense, invisible beam will vaporize many materials. Depending on the speed and intensity of the projected beam, a CO₂ laser may be used to engrave or cut through a wide variety of materials.

1.2 Safety Ratings

The LV-180 is equipped with a sealed carbon-dioxide laser that emits intense and invisible laser radiation with a wavelength of 10.6 microns in the infrared spectrum. Although the laser tube itself is classified as a Class IV laser product. The laser system is designated as a Class I laser device, meaning that the system is equipped with key safety features and an enclosed laser head to completely contain the laser under normal use. One of the key safety features found on the LV-180 is a Class 2 red beam safety guidance pointer (similar to a laser-pointer presentation pen) allowing the operator to see the exact location where the laser beam will fire. Even though the LV-180 is equipped with our most powerful laser to date, proper usage and hardware safeguards make it an extremely safe machine. When the front door and back door are open, machine becomes Class 4 equipment and users must wear goggles to operate the machine.

1.3 The Safety Interlock System

The laser system is equipped with a safety interlock system utilizing magnetic sensors on the top and side access doors, laser-activation and door LED lights on the control panel. The magnetic sensors will deactivate the laser when either door is opened. At this time, the "door" LED light found on the control panel will illuminate, indicating an open or improperly closed door. When the laser is in operation, the "laser" LED will illuminate to inform the operator that the laser is activated. If at any time, any of the access doors are open and the "laser" LED is illuminated, IMMEDIATELY unplugs the laser system and contact your authorized Roland DG Corporation dealer.

WARNING

- DO NOT operate the laser system if any component of the safety system is malfunctioning.
- DO NOT attempt to remove or modify any component of the safety interlock system.



1.4 Safety Labels



According to CDRH standards, all fixed or removable covers that allow access to a laser beam must have the appropriate laser warning labels attached to them. These warning labels must be clearly visible to the operator prior to removing the cover. Additional labels must be applied inside of the machine and be visible in the event the covers are removed. A label clearly displaying the manufacturer's name, date of manufacture, description of product, model number, serial number, and compliance statement must be attached to the outside of the machine.

In compliance with CDRH standards, the required warning labels are affixed at the time of manufacture to the LV-180 in the appropriate locations. These labels are not to be modified in any way or removed for any reason. Please familiarize yourself with the specific labels and their locations on the machine. Below is a list of all the safety labels and their locations on the machine.

Product Label

This label is located at the right-back side of machine. All the product information such as Serial Number, Model Numbers, Laser Power and Electric power can be found here. Before requiring any tech support, always provide service person the information on this label.

| | | |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|  | | Serial Number 150357 |
| Product | Laser Engraver | |
| Model | LV | |
| Model Number | LV-180 | |
| Wavelength | 10.57-10.63 μm | |
| Power | CO ₂ 30W | |
| Input | 100-240VAC, 50-60Hz, Max 10A | |
| Manufactured | May 2019 | |
| Class I Laser Product Complies with EN60825-1:2014, EN ISO 13849-1:2015 Class II Laser Product Complies with CDRH Made in China Roland DG Corporation 1-6-4 Shinmiyakoda, Kita-ku, Hamamatsu-shi, Shizuoka-ken, 431-2103 Japan | | |
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Safety Label

CDRH and CE regulations require that all laser manufacturers add warning labels in specific locations throughout the equipment. The following warning labels are placed on the laser system for your safety. Do not remove these labels for any reason. If the labels become damaged or have been removed for any reason, do not operate the laser system and immediately contact Great Computer Cooperation or e-mail us for a replacement.

Door open warning labels



CDRH Label

This label indicates the class level of CDRH.



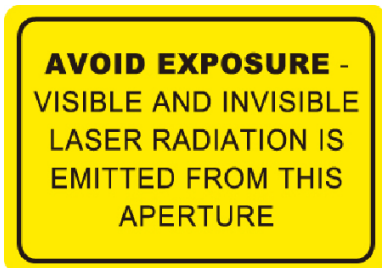
CE Label

This label identifies the classification of the Model in accordance with IEC 60825-1. It is located on the rear of the machine's cabinet.



Aperture warning stickers (mirror):

This label indicates the laser path. Normally you can find this label inside of machine or laser exit. Please take extra caution of this area when you conduct maintenance or operate machine.



Aperture warning stickers

DANGEROUS VOLTAGES ARE PRESENT WITHIN THE ELECTRONICS ENCLOSURES OF THIS SYSTEM. Access to these areas is not necessary during normal operation. If it becomes necessary to open one of these enclosures for service reasons, please remember to disconnect the power cord from your electrical supply.



Warning Label

Warning Label is written with all the necessary information to be aware of during operation. Invisible laser radiation when door open and interlock failed.

Avoid eye or skin exposure direct to laser radiation.

Do not leave the machine unattended during operation.

Please clean the bearings and motion system tracks every day.

Do not use reflective metals, heat sensitive surface or materials that may produce toxic substances or corrosion problems, such as PVC and Teflon



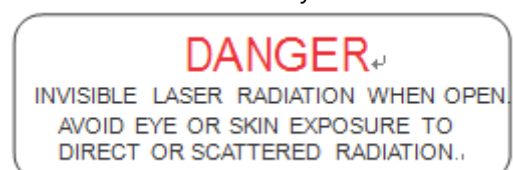
Laser Path Warning Label

This machine is very safe under normal use. Furthermore, Laser Path Warning Labels are displayed at the proximities of possible laser paths as a reminder. Operators should exercise caution when working close to these laser paths to avoid possible injury while machine is turned on.



Laser Path Danger label

This label indicates the laser path. Normally you can find this label inside of machine. Please be very careful of this area when you do the maintenance.



Emergency Stop Label

This label indicates the emergency stop button. You can find this label on the right upper side of the machine.



Protection Window Label

This label indicates the protection wavelength. You can find this label in the lower right corner of window.



1.5 Safety Measures

- **LASER RADIATION WARNING:** Exposure to laser radiation may result in physical burns and severe eye damage. Proper use and regular maintenance of this machine is important to the safety of all people in the immediate area.
- Prior to operation, carefully read and familiarize yourself with the warning labels located on both your laser system and in this manual.
- Never leave the machine unattended during the laser cutting and engraving process. The laser may ignite combustible materials. A well-maintained fire extinguisher and operational smoke or fire detector should be kept in the vicinity of the machine.
- **Caution—Use of controls or adjustments or performance of procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure.**
- Roland DG Corp. cannot be held responsible for any direct or indirect damages, which result from using or working with the products electric circuits or software described herein. The apparatus must be used only by trained and skilled personnel. Before using the machine, user should read and follow the manuals carefully. Furthermore, Roland DG Corp. reserves the right to change or alter any product described herein without prior notice.
- Resulting debris from laser cutting are very dangerous and may cause fire hazard.
- **DO NOT** leave debris and scraps inside laser machine after job finished. Must keep machine clean after job finished.

⚠ WARNING

- Resulting debris from laser processing are very dangerous and may cause fire hazard
- **DO NOT** leave debris and scraps inside laser machine after job finished. Must keep machine clean after job finished.
- Always remove the vector grid or honeycomb table to clean any small pieces that have fallen through the grid.

NOTE

SmartGUARD™ is an optional fire detection alarm system. Contact your authorized Roland DG Corporation dealer for more details for having this safety option installed onto your system.

- Enable the SmartAIR™ nozzle when engraving or cutting materials that may easily ignite, such as acrylic, wood, or paper.
- Always wear safety goggles when the laser system is in operation. Reflective materials such as mirrors, enameled brass and anodized aluminum may partially-reflect some of the invisible laser radiation. Severe eye damage may occur if appropriate safety goggles are not worn.

NOTE

This machine is shipped with a single pair of safety goggles. If additional safety goggles are required, please contact your authorized Roland DG Corporation dealer. If you wish to purchase one on your own, please make sure the safety goggles meet these requirements:

9000-11000nm OD5+

- Connect to an electrical outlet that complies with this machine's ratings (for voltage, frequency and current). Incorrect voltage or insufficient current may cause fire or electrical shock.
- Connect the machine to a properly grounded power outlet. Ensure the voltage of the power source is identical to the voltage of the machine.
- When using an extension cord or power strip, use one that adequately satisfies the machine's ratings (for voltage, frequency, and current). Use of multiple electrical loads on a single electrical outlet or of a lengthy extension cord may cause fire.
- Do not open the laser access panel when the machine is plugged in.
- Do not attempt to modify or disassemble the laser module.
- Do not attempt to remove or modify any component of the machine's laser interlock safety system.
- Ensure the immediate work area of the machine is well-ventilated. Odors, vapors, and dust are by products generated during the laser engraving and cutting process. An exhaust system, vacuum cutting box, and honeycomb table are recommended. Please contact your authorized Roland DG Corporation dealer.
- Do not laser heat-sensitive surfaces or materials that may generate toxic fumes, such as PVC and Teflon.
- Regularly clean and maintain your machine according to our cleaning and maintenance instructions. Doing so will ensure a machine that will operate effectively and safely over a long period of time.

1.6 Operating Environment

Please follow the guidelines when considering a suitable location to set the LV-180. Improper work environments may lead to operational malfunction and/or unsafe working conditions. The LV-180 should be placed and operated in a standard office-type environment.

- Avoid environments where the machine is exposed to high levels of dust, temperature (temperatures exceeding 30°C or 85°F) or humidity (humidity exceeding 70% or where the ambient temperature is near the dew point).
- Avoid small, enclosed areas with poor ventilation.
- Avoid areas with high levels of noise and electrical noise.
- Select a location that is large enough to accommodate the LV-180, an exhaust system, a computer and a work or storage table.
- Select a location in which the ambient temperature remains between 15°C and 30°C (60°F to 85°F).
- Select a location in which the relative humidity remains between 30% - 40%.
- Select a location in which there is a short, direct path to the fume exhaust system.
- Set the LV-180 on a floor surface that is completely even.
- Make sure your smoke or fire detection system in the immediate area is functioning.
- Setup the machine to be at least 60 cm (2 feet) away from the wall.

NOTE

SmartGUARD™ is an optional fire detection alarm system. Contact your authorized Roland DG Corporation dealer for more details for having this safety option installed onto your system.

1.7 Noise Test

- Test Conditions: measured at a distance of 1 meter from the surface of the machinery and a height of 1.6 meters from the floor or access platform.
- LV-180 30W Sound Test Result: 56.9 dB

1.8 Machine Safety Information

EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

Manufacturer : Roland DG Corporation.

Address of Manufacturer : 1-6-4 Shinmiyakoda, Kita-ku, Hamamatsu-shi, Shizuoka-ken, 431-2103, Japan

Product Name : Laser Engraver

Model No. : LV-180, LV-####@-XXXYYY
(#### = 1, 2 ... 8, 9, 0 or blank (Table Size), @@=none character, blank, II, III, IV ... X or A-Z; XXX & YYY = laser supplier tube model or blank)

Directive : 2006/42/EC Machinery Directive
2014/35/EU Low Voltage Directive
2014/30/EU Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive

For the most specific risks of this machine, safety and compliance with the essential requirements of the Directive has been based on elements of:

- EN ISO 12100:2010 / Safety of machinery - General principles for design - Risk assessment and risk reduction
- EN ISO 11553-1:2008 / Safety of machinery - Laser processing machines - Part 1: General safety requirements
- EN 60825-1:2014 / Safety of laser products - Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements
- EN ISO 13849-1:2015 / Safety of machine - Safety-related parts of control systems - Part 1: General principles for design
- EN 60204-1:2006+A1:2009+AC: 2010 / Safety of machinery - Electrical equipment of machines- Part 1: General requirements- Industrial electrical device
- EN 61000-6-2:2005 / Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 6-2: Generic standards - Immunity for industrial environments
- EN 61000-6-4:2007/A1:2011 / Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 6-4: Generic standards - Emission standard for industrial environment



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Chapter 2 Unpacking & Contents

Unloading and Unpacking
Contents and Accessories Checklist

2.1 Unloading and Unpacking

The LV-180 is shipped in one crate that contains the machine, the software, and all of the necessary accessories. The following section contains detailed step-by-step instructions for unpacking and assembly of the machine.

WARNING

More than one person may be needed when loading and unloading the shipping crate in order to avoid body injury or damage to the machine. To prevent personal injury or damage to the machine, please obtain assistance when loading and unloading the shipping crate.

NOTE

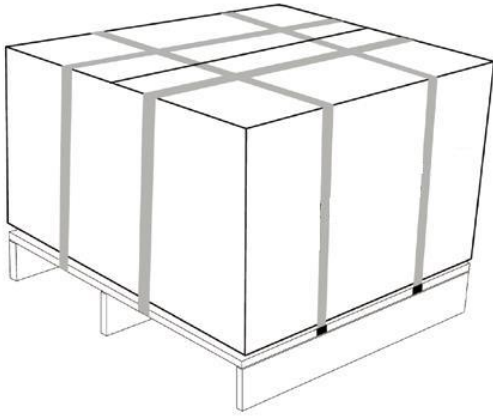
Please save the original shipping crate. If the machine must be returned for product servicing, it will need to be packed in its original shipping crate.

Before unpacking the laser system, make sure the location in which you intend to install the laser system will have at least **2 feet (0.6meter)** of clearance on all sides of the machine.

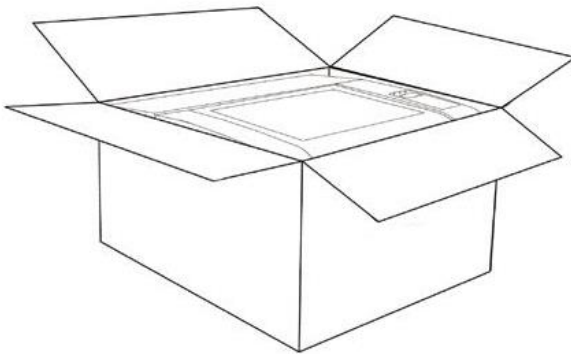


Unpack via the following steps:

- 1) Move the shipping crate near the designated work area.
- 2) Remove the packing tapes.



- 3) Open the carton box.



- 4) Carefully lift the machine out of the box with the help of another three persons.

2.2 Install the air exhaust connecting box

1) Fit the air exhaust connecting box into the top opening on the machine as shown in the picture below.



2) Tighten the 2 thumb screws by hand and the air exhaust connecting box installation is complete.



2.3 How to re-pack the machine

- 1) Remove the exhaust connecting box from the machine and put the machine into the EPE foam first.
- 2) Wrap the machine with the plastic bag carefully and place onto the bottom EPE foam



- 3) Place the top EPE on the machine and place the exhaust connecting box on to the EPE



Use tape to secure the slider on the exhaust

- 4) Place the machine into the package box.



5) Cover the lid and tighten by rope.



2.4 Contents and Accessories Checklist

Please check to make sure that all of the following items are included within the shipping crate. If any of the following items are missing, immediately contact your authorized Roland DG Corporation dealer.

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Accessory Check List

LV-180

Data Transmission Cable



Ethernet Cable

1 Piece



USB Cable

1 Piece

Cleaning Tools



Cotton Swab

1 Pack



PS2 Lubrication Grease

1 Piece



Cleaning Tissue

1 Pack

Others



CO₂ Goggle

1 Piece



Unilateral Wheel

6 Pieces



Odor Reduction Tubing Adaptor
(Including M4 x 4 Screws)

1 Set



2.5" Wormdriver Clips

2 Pieces



SmartPIN Auto Focus

1 Piece



2" Odor Reduction Tubing

1 Set



Spare Roller Set

3 Sets



2" Focus Tool

1 Piece



User's Guide CD
(Driver Included)

1 Piece



5" Wormdrive Clips

2 Pieces

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Chapter 3 Mechanical Overview

Front View

Top View

Right (Profile) View

Left (Profile) View

Rear View

Please take some time to familiarize yourself with this section regarding the mechanical overview of the LV-180. References will be made back to the different parts of the LV-180 in later sections.

3.1 Front View



3.2 Top View



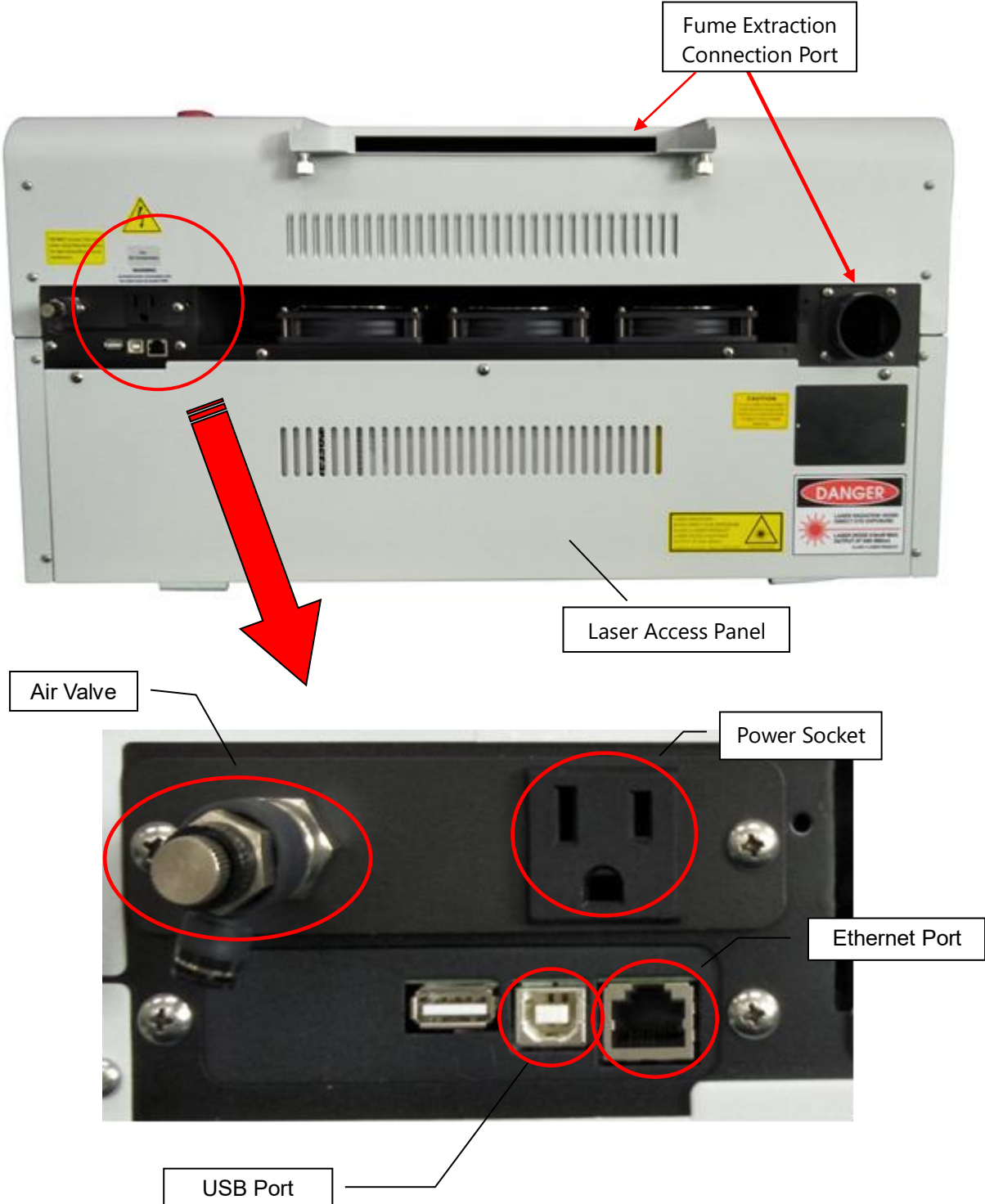
3.3 Right (Profile) View



3.4 Left (Profile) View



3.5 Rear View



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Chapter 4 Setup and Installation

Machine Setup

- Powering Up the Machine
- Power Cable Connection
- Connecting the Computer

Graphics Software Setup

- Recommended Computer Configuration
 - Installation of the USB Driver
 - Installation of the Printer Driver
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4.1 Machine Setup

4.1.1 Powering Up the Machine

CAUTION

Make sure both the LV-180 and computer are turned off before connecting either to a power source.

- 1) Connect the male end of the power cord to a quality surge protector and then connect the surge protector into a properly grounded outlet.
- 2) Do the same for the computer system.
- 3) Connect the female end of the power cord to the machine's power cable inlet located on the right side of machine.

NOTE

The LV-180 has been designed to automatically switch from 100-240 VAC.



TIP

Please adjust the LCD Display Screen's Contrast before plugging in the electrical cord of your laser. LCD adjustment wheel is located underneath the control panel

4.1.2 Connecting the Computer

The LV-180 can communicate with a computer through a USB Port or LAN Port connection interface. Regardless of the connection method chosen, you will need to connect the respective connection cable from the LV-180 to your computer.

USB Connectivity: Connect the included USB Port Cable to the USB Port on the right side of the LV-180.

Ethernet Connectivity: Connect the LAN Cable in accessory to the LAN port on the right-hand side of the laser system. Follow below instruction for Ethernet connectivity setting up.

NOTE

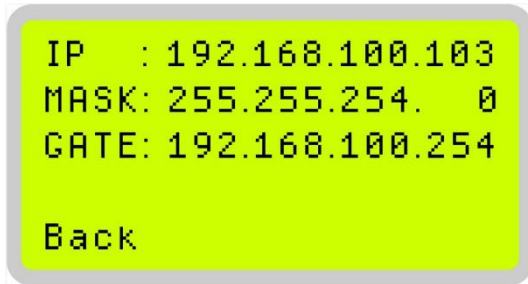
1. Never leave laser system unattended during laser cutting, engraving, and marking process, even with Ethernet or Wi-Fi connection setup, this requirement cannot be avoided. Exposure to the laser beam may cause ignition flame to combustible materials.
2. DO NOT connect USB cable when using Ethernet function for data transmission.
3. If you have purchased additional Optional Accessories for the LV-180, please refer to chapter 7 for instructions on how to properly setup your optional accessories. These should be setup prior to working with your LV-180.

4.1.2.1 Networking Connectivity Setup

LV-180 laser engraver is built-in with LAN port to enable multiple laser engravers to be operated by one PC and multiple PCs to share a single unit of laser engraver.

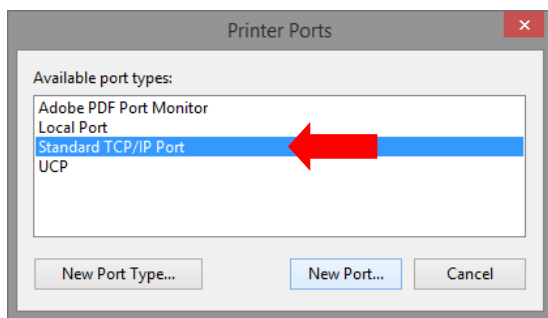
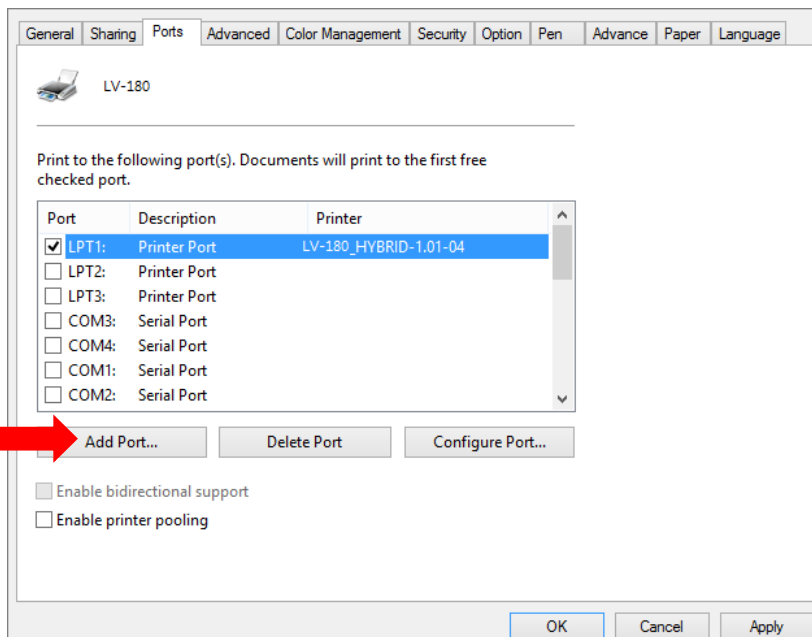
Step 1. Connect LAN cable to the LAN port of THIS MACHINE laser engravers and turn on machine

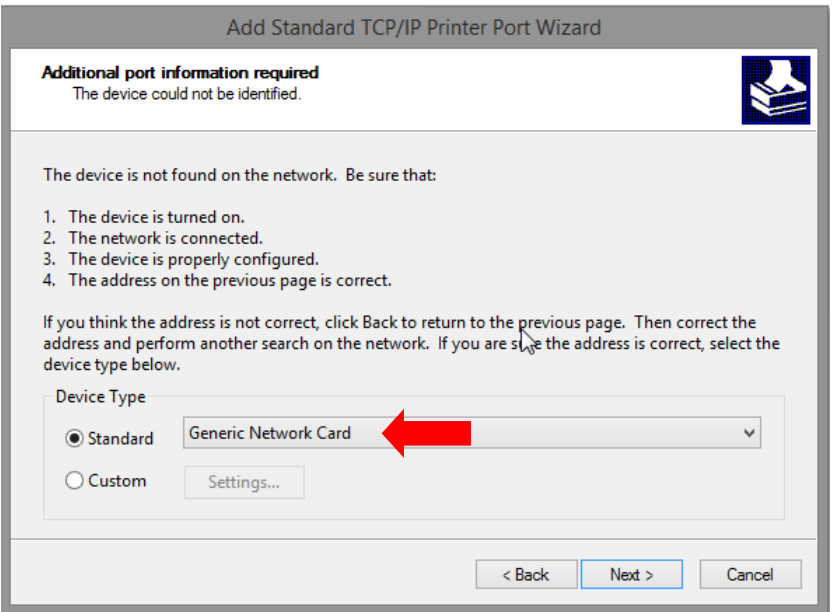
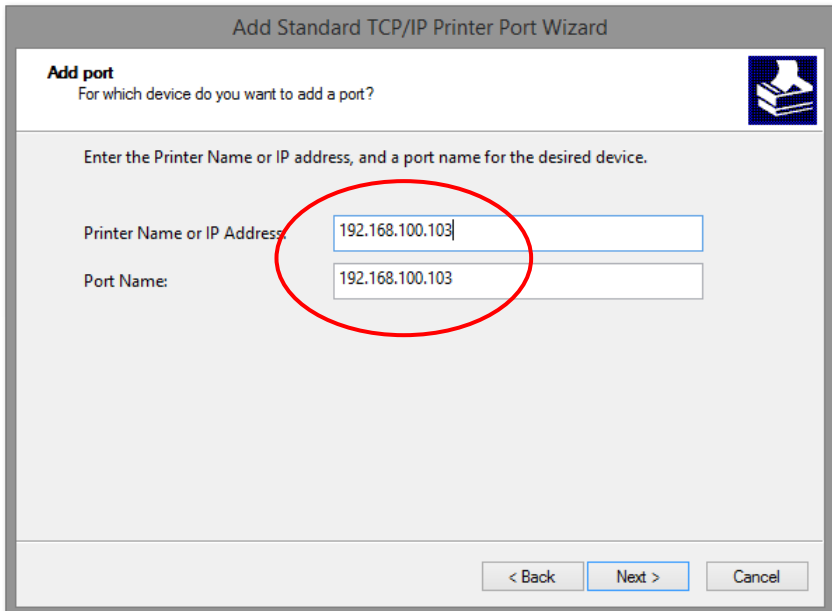
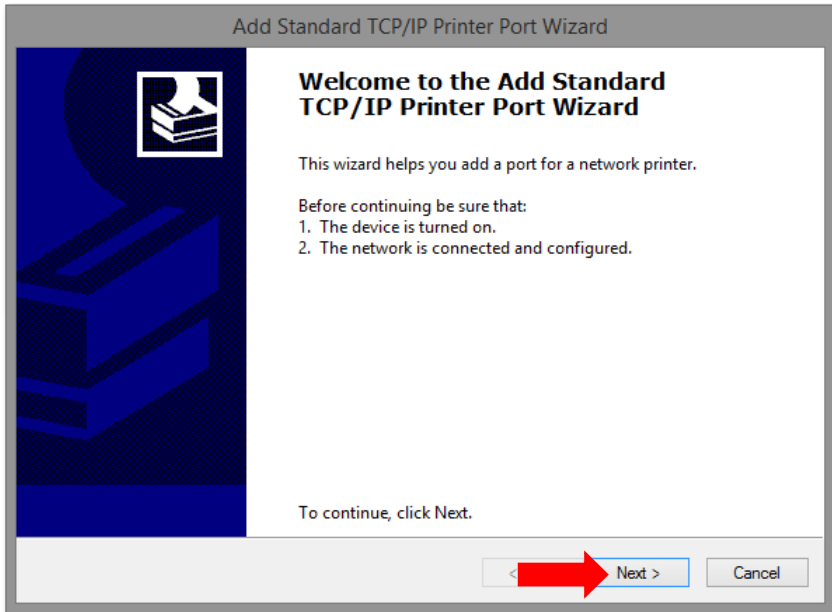
Step 2. Navigate the control panel through <F4> Function → <Machine Setting> → <LAN Setup Wizard> → IP Address.

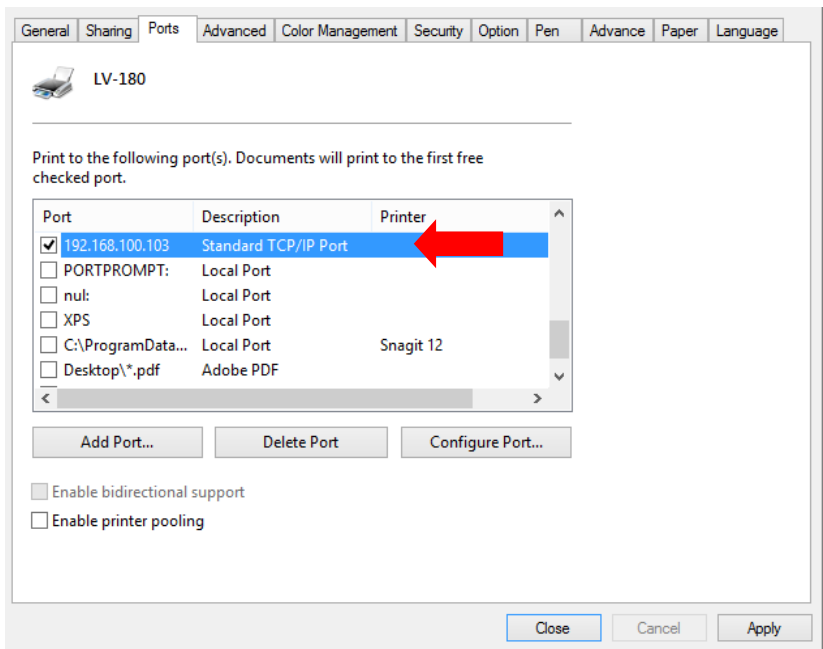
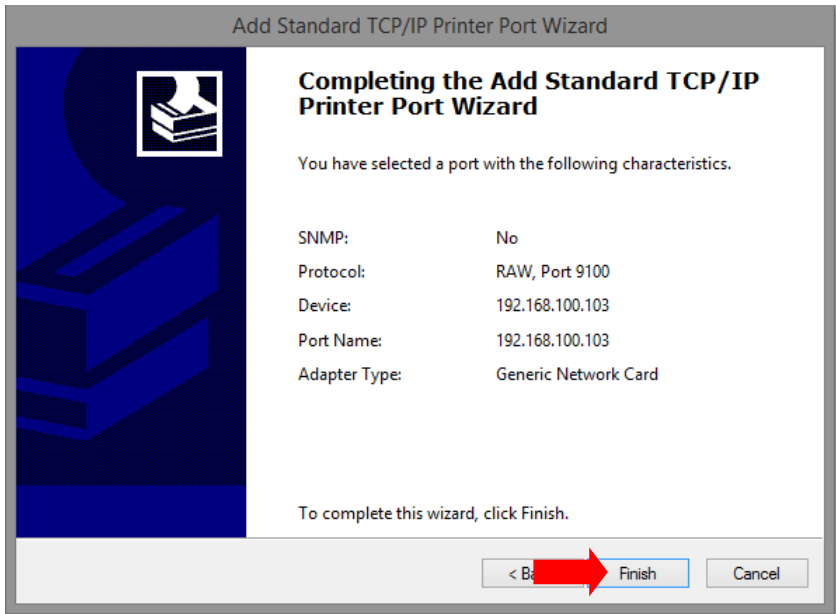


Step 3. Go to Windows <Control Panel> → <Hardware and Sound> → <Printer>, and right click on LV-180 printer to check printer properties.

Step 4. Go to <Ports> tab of printer properties, and select <Add Port>, and follow the instruction to enter the TCP/IP information received from laser machine control panel in step 2.



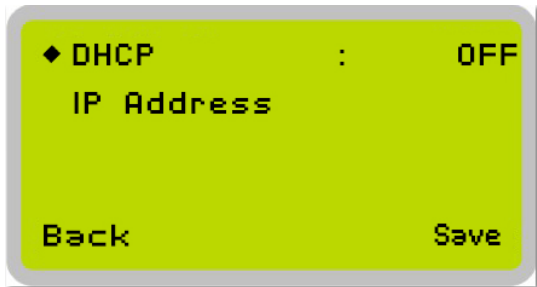




4.1.2.2 Ethernet Connectivity Setup

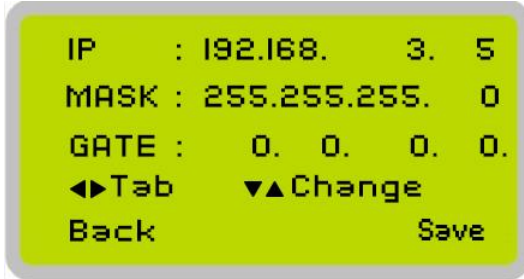
This machine is built-in with LAN port to transmit data from PC to laser engraver with ease and higher speed instead of USB port option.

- Step 1. Connect LAN cable to the LAN port of this machine and turn on machine.
- Step 2. Navigate the control panel through <F4> Function → <Machine Setting> → <LAN Setup Wizard> → DHCP: OFF.

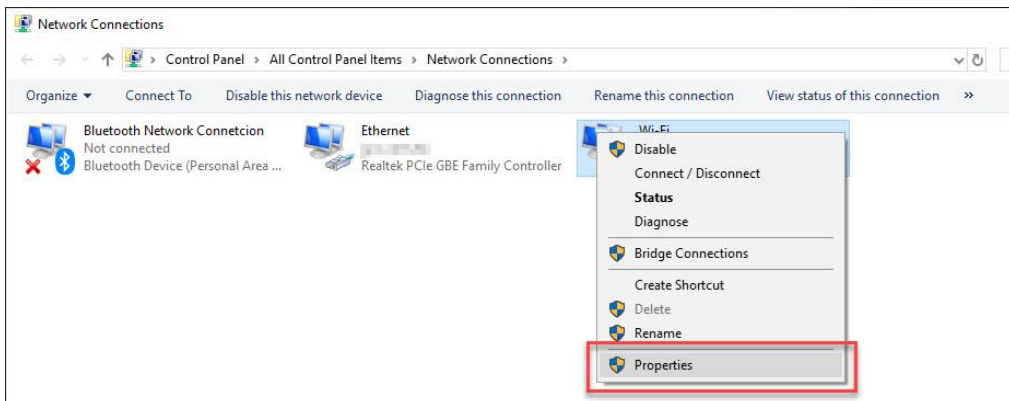


Step 3. Navigate the control panel through <F4> Function → <Machine Setting> → <LAN Setup Wizard> → IP Address.

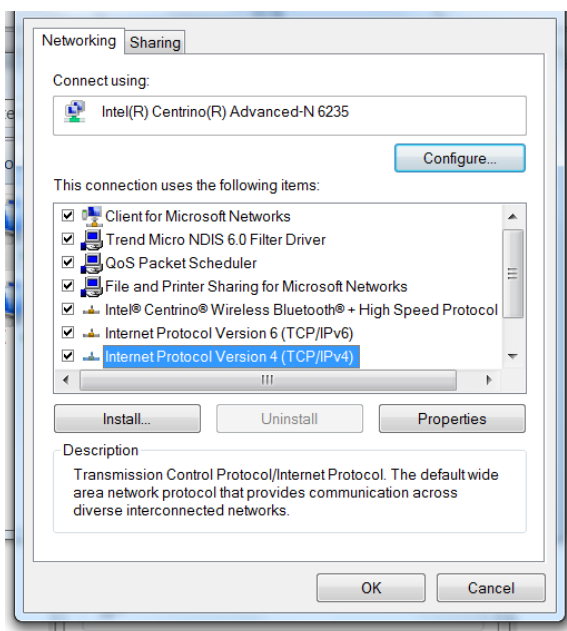
Step 4. Enter 192.168.3.X (X refers to 1~255 value which can't be the same value with IP address setting in PC or Notebook) for IP, and 255.255.255.0 for MASK with UP/ DOWN keys.



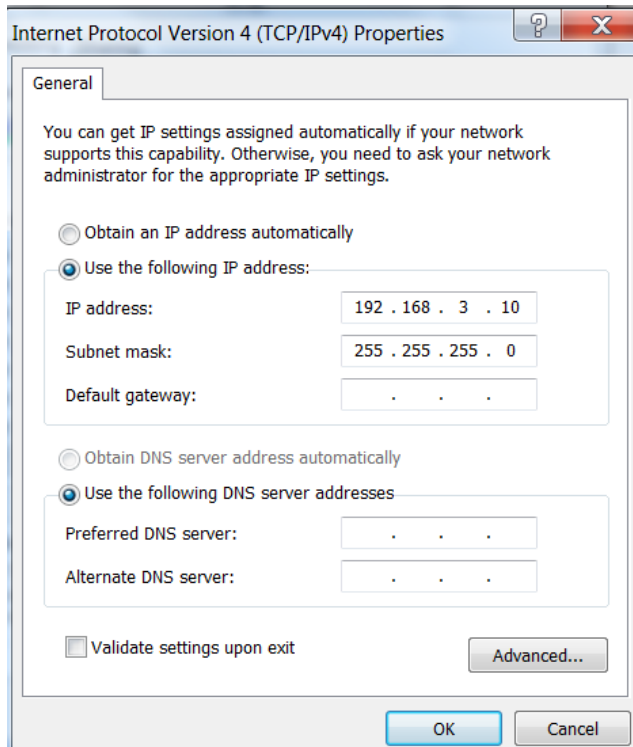
Step 5. Go to <Control Panel → Network and Internet → Network Connections> of computer, right click mouse on the connected internet device, and choose <Properties>



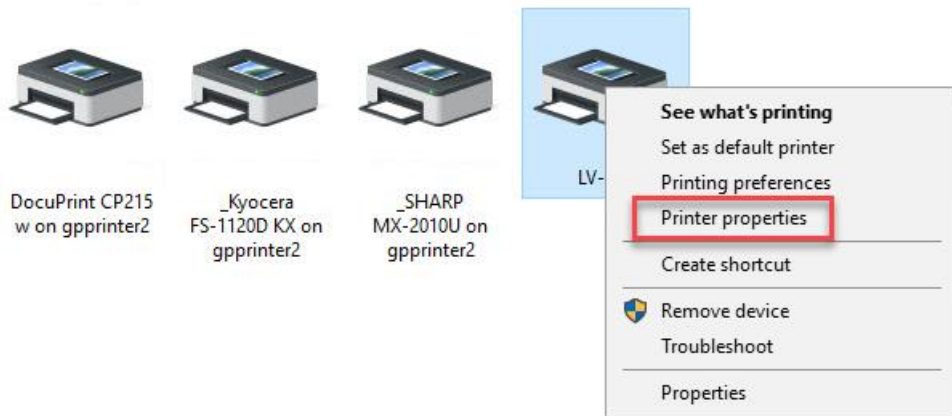
Step 6. Choose the <Internet Protocol Version 4(TCP/IPv4)> and click <Properties> to open up the setting window.



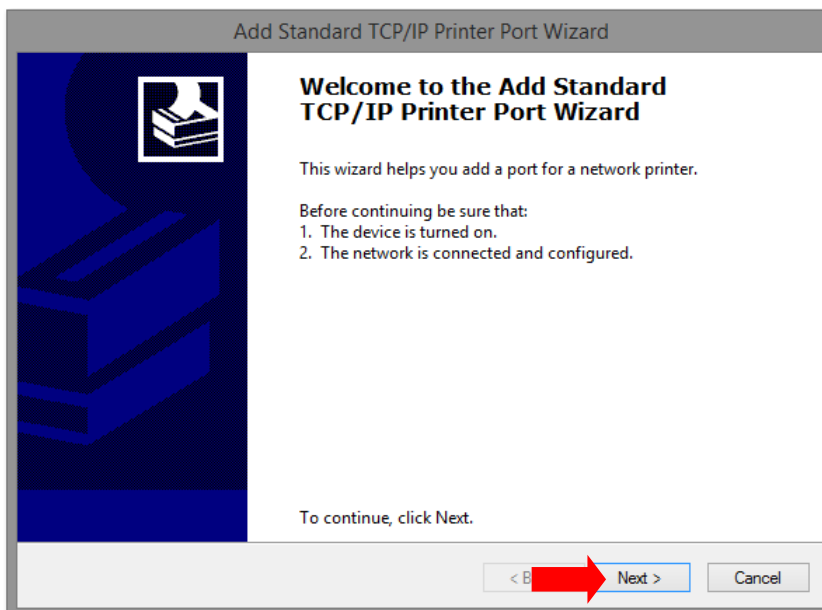
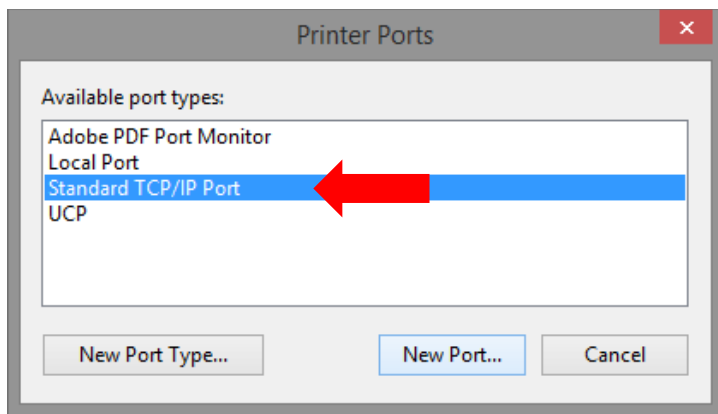
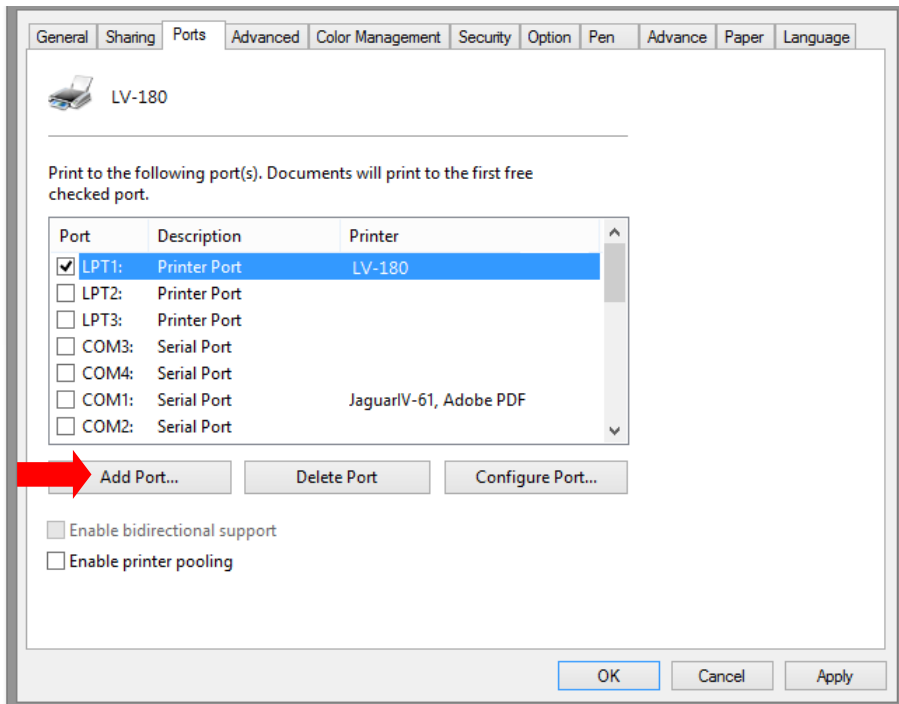
Step 7. Enter the IP address and Subnet mask setting values, and choose <OK>
Note the IP address 192.168.3.X (X value can be 1~255, while can't be the same number as machine control panel setting in step 4)



Step 8. Go to <Control Panel> → <Device and Printers> of computer and right click on the laser machine printer, choose <Printer Properties>.



Step 9. Select <Add Port> under Ports tab, and follow the instruction to enter the TCP/IP information in laser machine's control panel in step 4.



Add Standard TCP/IP Printer Port Wizard

Add port
For which device do you want to add a port?

Enter the Printer Name or IP address, and a port name for the desired device.

Printer Name or IP Address:

Port Name:

< Back Next > Cancel

Add Standard TCP/IP Printer Port Wizard


Additional port information required
The device could not be identified.

The device is not found on the network. Be sure that:

1. The device is turned on.
2. The network is connected.
3. The device is properly configured.
4. The address on the previous page is correct.

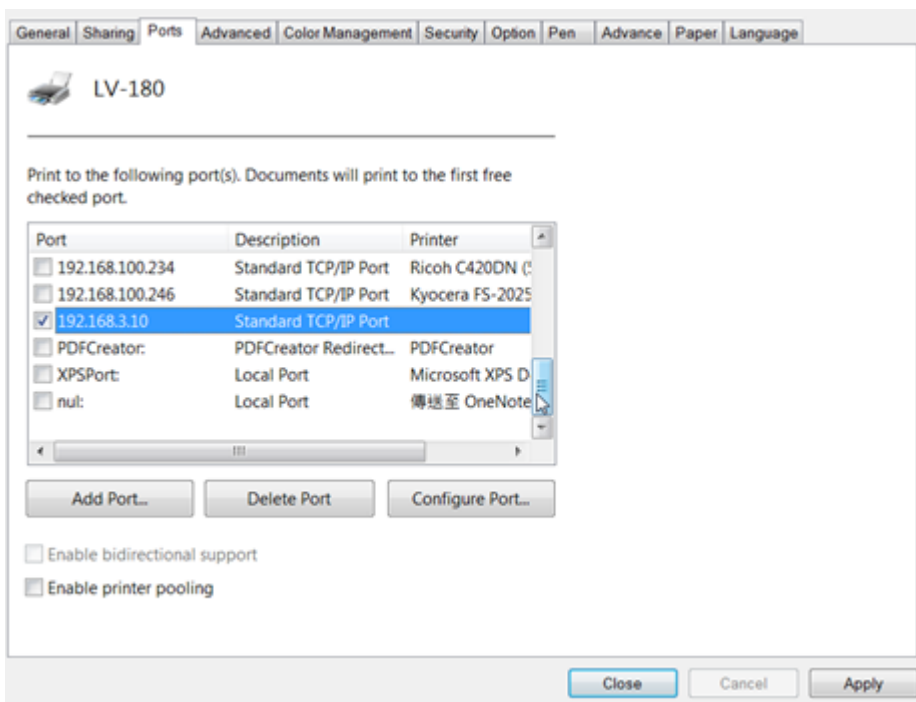
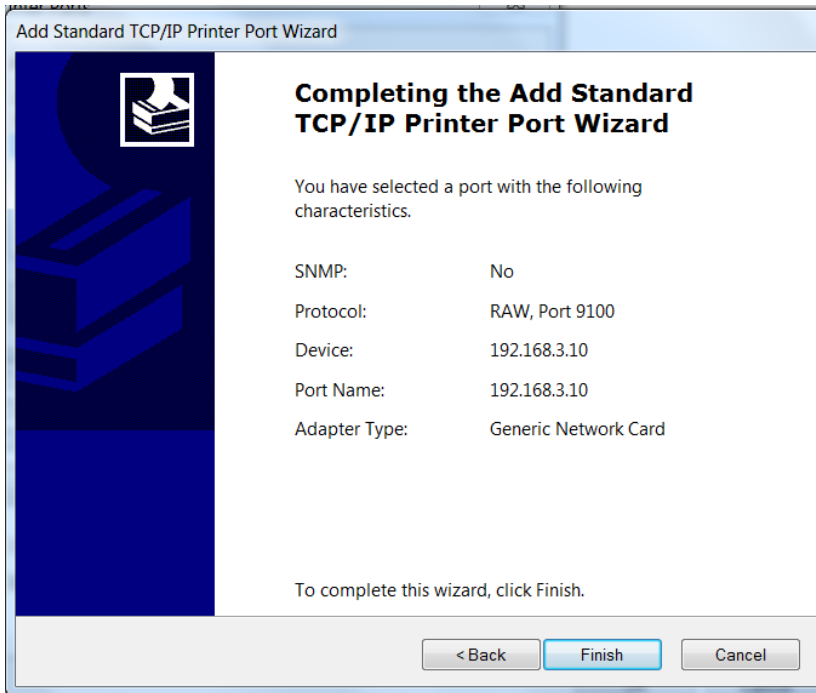
If you think the address is not correct, click Back to return to the previous page. Then correct the address and perform another search on the network. If you are sure the address is correct, select the device type below.

Device Type

Standard 

Custom

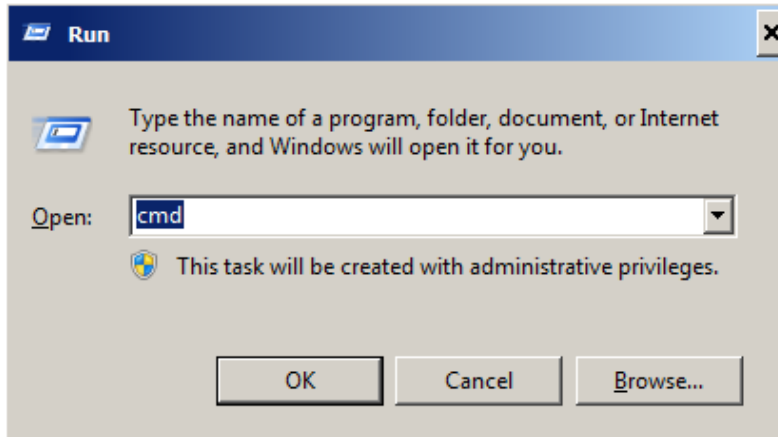
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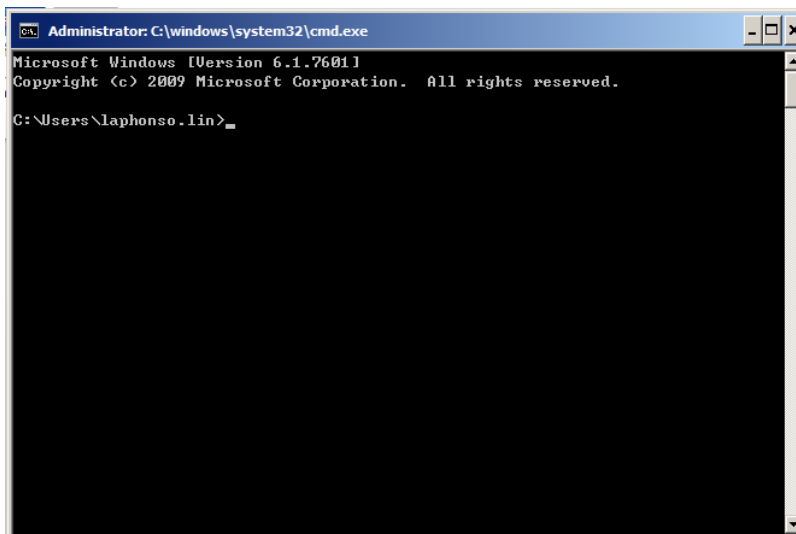
Troubleshooting

While users configure the Ethernet setting precisely with DHCP = OFF (assign the machine a static IP) referring to the manual, sometimes the communication might still not be able to work, at this time you can refer to below actions to have a basic troubleshooting with IT technician.

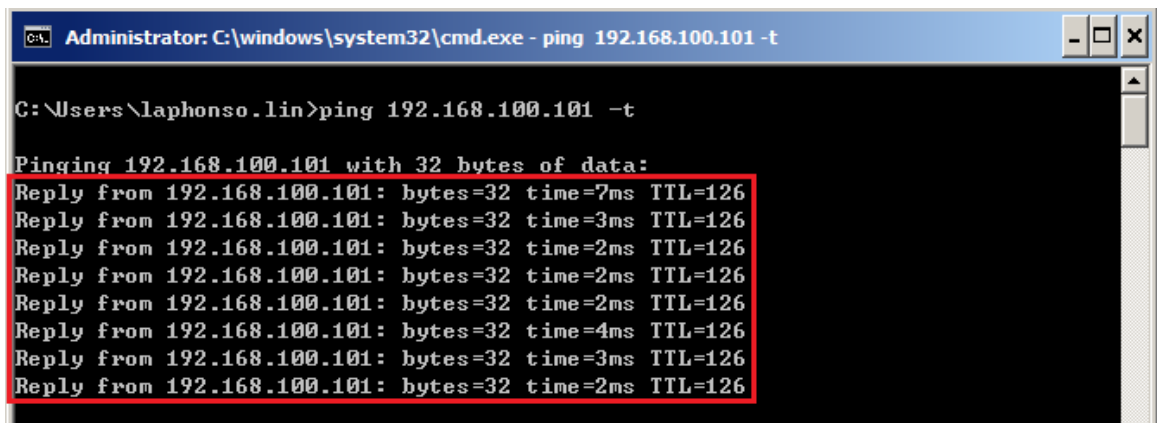
1. Verify the IP addresses you are using to see if they are valid.
 - i. Open command line mode in your windows system (Press Windows key + R, the "Run" window will appear, type "CMD" in the blank bar then press "OK" to open command line mode)



Command line mode window

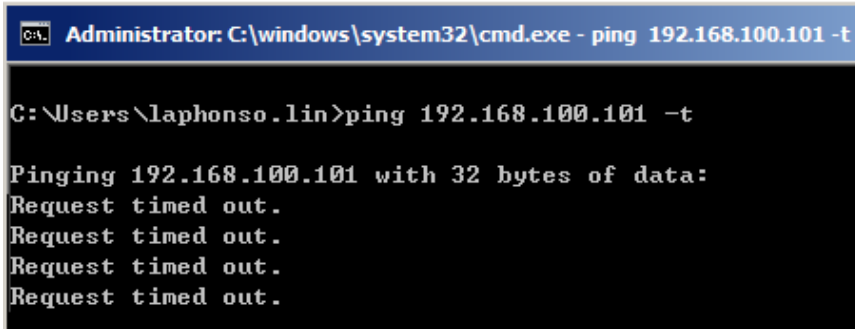


- ii. Type "ping x.x.x.x -t" after the prompt symbol, (x.x.x.x is the IP address you set on the laser machine, ie: 192.168.100.101), press "Enter" to run the "Ping" tool.



If the communication is OK between your PC and Laser machine, you will see reply from the destination IP.

If the communication is not ok, you will see "Request timed out" message from destination IP.



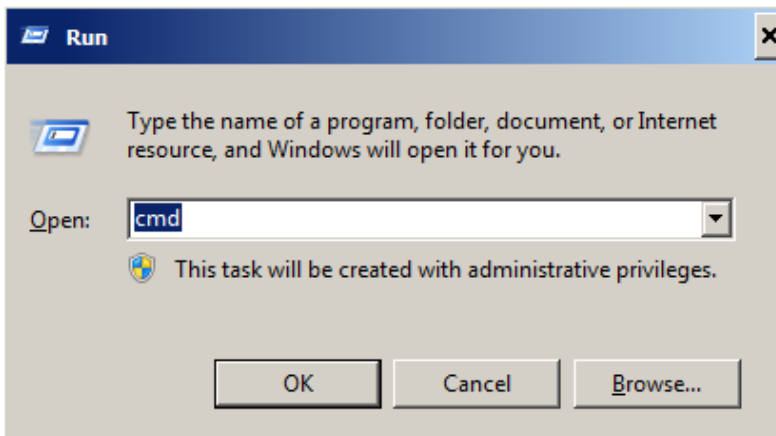
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Administrator: C:\windows\system32\cmd.exe - ping 192.168.100.101 -t

C:\Users\laphonso.lin>ping 192.168.100.101 -t

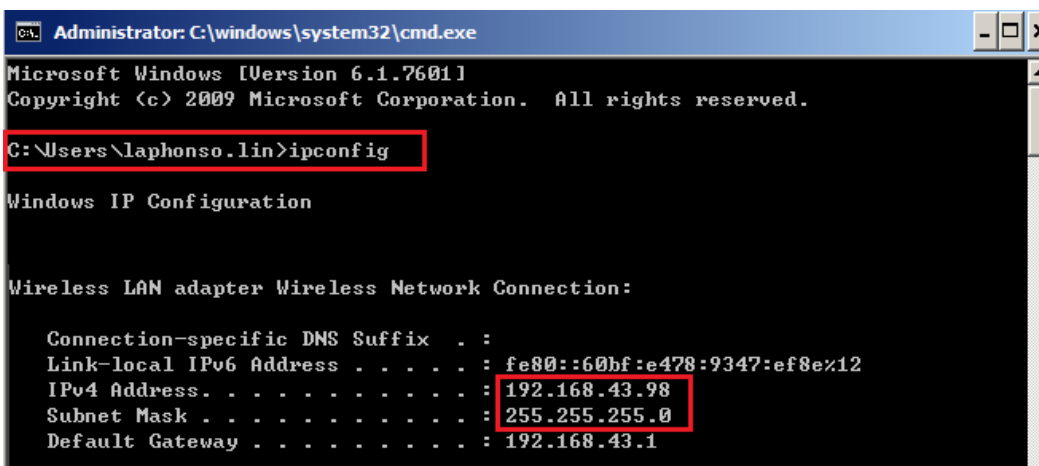
Pinging 192.168.100.101 with 32 bytes of data:
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
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2. Diagnostics

- a. For cases the communication is not ok (can't get response, just have "Request timed out" from destination IP), you can look for two PC/Laptops which are original set in the LAN environment and work ok (they can get normal response from each other by the command "PING"), note down the TCP/IP configurations by running "ipconfig" on both PC/Laptops (press "Windows key + R" to call the "Run" windows, type "CMD" in the blank bar, press enter to start command line mode,



type "ipconfig" after the prompt symbol then press enter, the TCP/IP configurations of this PC/Laptop will show as below)



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Administrator: C:\windows\system32\cmd.exe

Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601]
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C:\Users\laphonso.lin>ipconfig

Windows IP Configuration

Wireless LAN adapter Wireless Network Connection:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix . . :
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::60bf:e478:9347:ef8e%12
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.43.98
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . : 192.168.43.1
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Set those two IP addresses to the laser machine and the PC/Laptop which you want to communicate with laser.

Test Ping again to see if you can get normal response from destination IP, if the communication is normal now (can get reply from destination IP), we can be sure the IP addresses we set originally are invalid, ask the LAN administrator to provide us a proper one.

- b. Directly connect the Laser machine and PC/Laptop using the RJ45 cable without any router/switch..etc. in between, test PING and send files, if the files can be sent and the result of PING is normal (can get response from destination IP), the Ethernet function of this machine is normal, it should be something wrong in the LAN environment , ask the administrator of the LAN to solve the problem.

4.1.3 USB Storage Setup

This machine is built-in with USB storage port allow you to transmit data from USB flash drive. You can format and use a USB flash drive as an USB storage of this machine.

USB flash drive minimum requirements

- Windows FAT16/FAT32 file system format
- A maximum of 32G of storage capacity

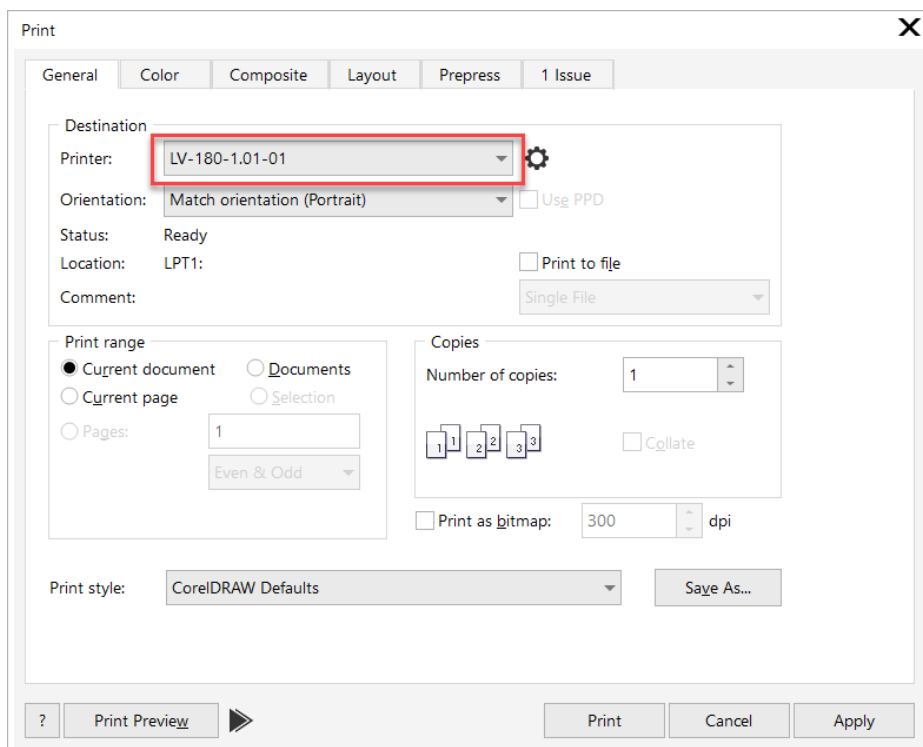
NOTE

- The USB Storage port only supports USB Flash Drive 2.0.

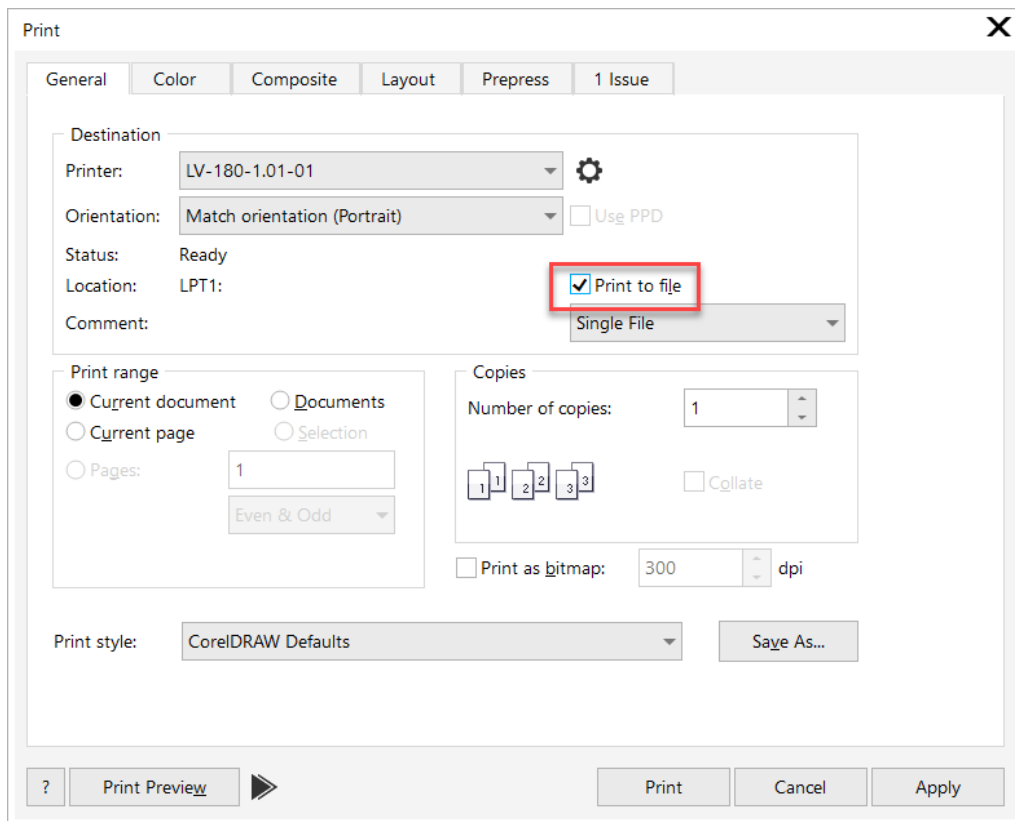
Step 1. Make sure the page setup and orientation is match LV-180. Please refer to Chapter 5.2.1 for page setup and orientation.

Step 2. Open the file in graphics software and click File → Print from menu bar, and the Print window will appear.

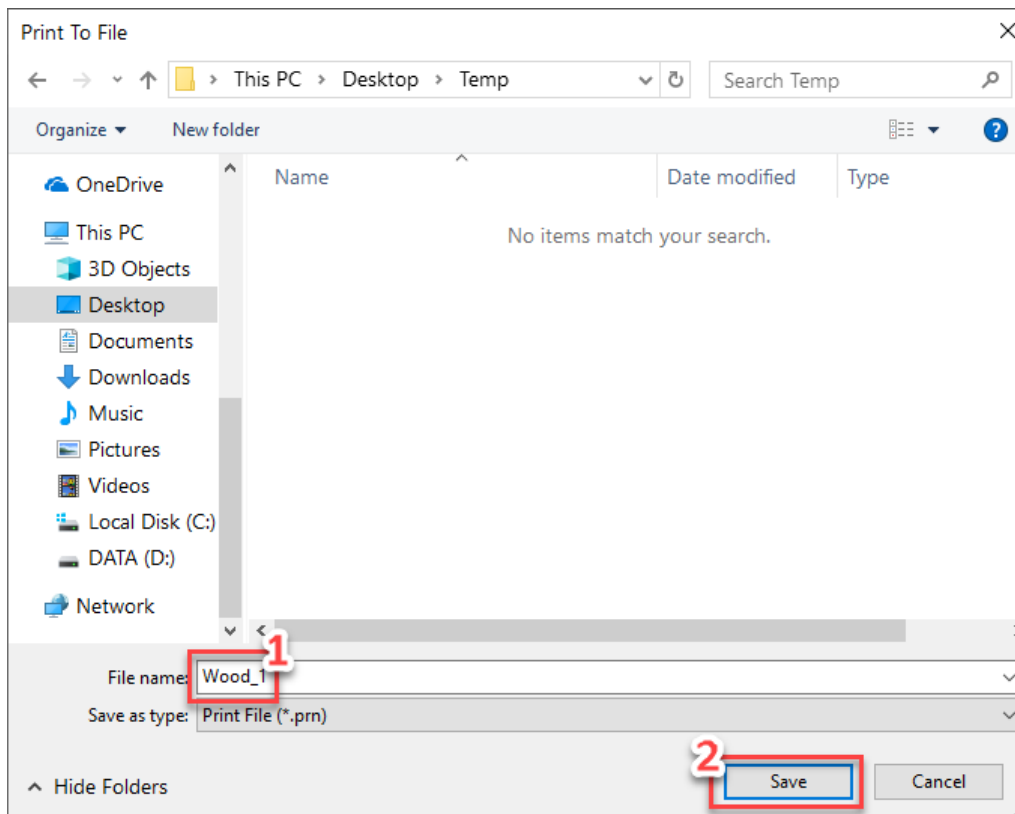
Step 3. From the navigation bar Printer. Click LV-180.



Step 4. Checking the Print to file checkbox and click the Print button.



Step 5. Select the save folder and define file name, then click "Save" to convert.



Step 6. Move the file to the USB flash drive.

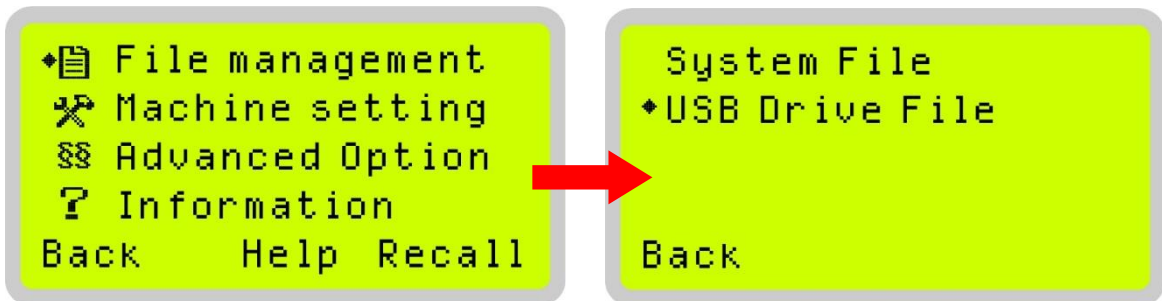
Step 7. Insert USB flash drive to the USB Storage port of this machine.



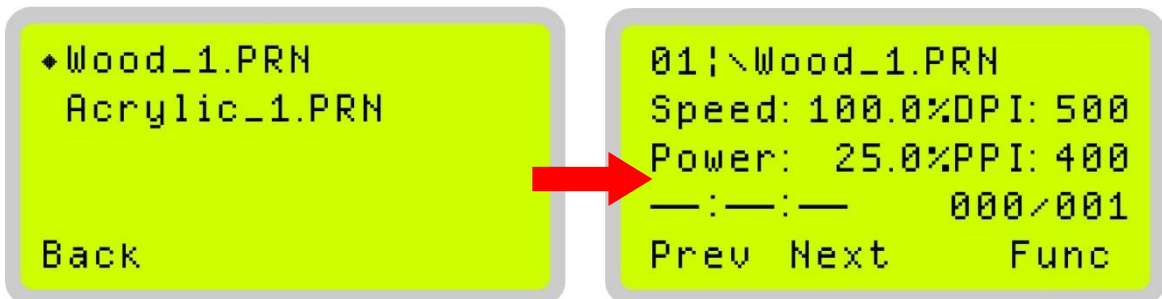
NOTE

USB storage function only supported for the PRN format, you can convert the file to PRN format from the printer driver.

Step 8. Navigate the control panel through <F4> Function → <File Management> → <USB Drive File>



Step 9. Choose the file and press Enter button from control panel to transmit the file to laser engraver.



Step 10. Press START button on control panel to begin laser jobs.

NOTE

File cannot be write to laser machine, please do not remove the USB flash drive if you want to keep process the job.

4.2 Graphics Software Setup

LV-180 is compatible with graphics software that can output HPGL commands, such as CorelDraw, Adobe Photoshop, AutoCAD, Illustrator etc.

Supported Graphic Software

- Photoshop
- CorelDRAW
- Illustrator
- AutoCAD
- AutoCAD Inventor

Other software such as EngraveLab and PhotoGrav may work with the LV-180, but this machine does not guarantee 100% compatibility for them and will not provide technical support for them.

NOTE

Support will not be offered, if you experience output problems with non-supported graphics software.

4.2.1 Recommended Computer Configuration

LV-180 operates under Windows operating systems and is designed to work on a computer that meets the following minimum requirements.

Computer Compatibility

- CPU – Pentium 90 (or equivalent) or greater
- RAM – 32MB or higher
- HDD – 1.2 GB Hard Drive or greater
- SVGA – 15" Super VGA Monitor
- On Board Parallel Mode (Enabled from your motherboard's BIOS):
- SPP – Preferred Mode
- ECP – Cable (Less than 1.8 meters)

Software Compatibility

- The LV-180 drivers are designed for Windows 7, 8.1, 10.



TIP

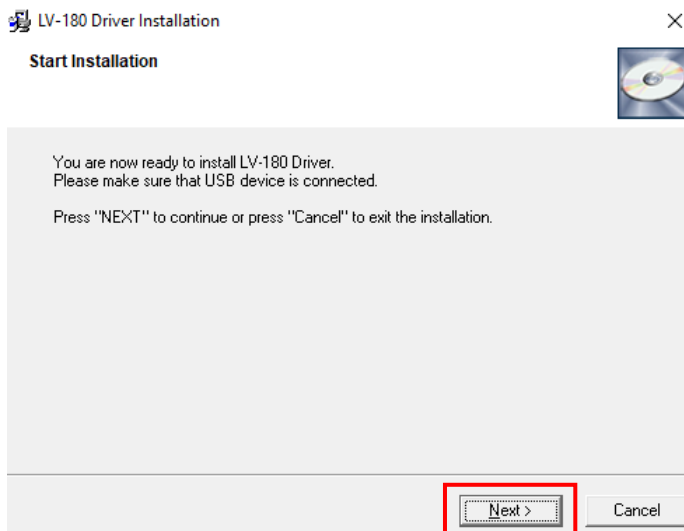
When you have the mass cutting production, we will suggest that you can select AutoCAD to work with the LV-180 to have better output performance.

4.2.2 Installation of the Printer Driver

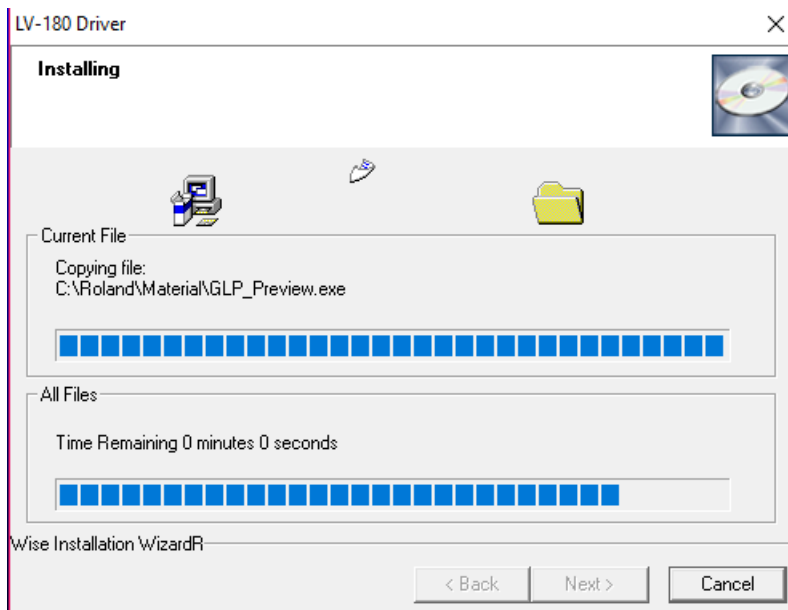
- 1) Turn the LV-180's power on.
- 2) Take out the Roland DG installation disk from the accessory box and insert to CD-ROM drive of computer. Wait few seconds for the CD Manager to begin the setup automatically.
- 3) Click on <LV-180> → <Printer Driver> from the menu of the Roland DG installation CD.



- 4) Click <Next>

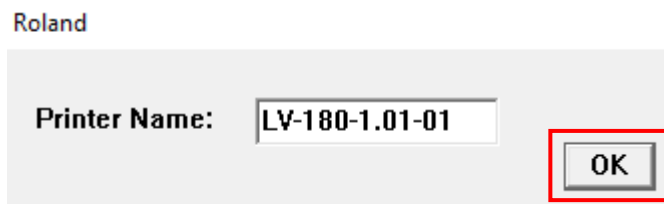


5) The installation would be finished in few seconds.

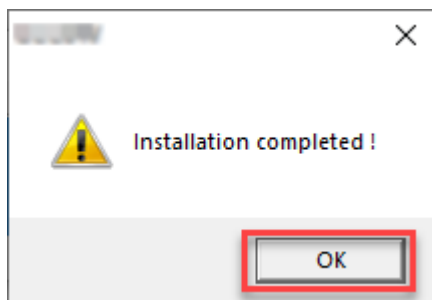


6) In the installation process, please choose the port configure, and press <OK>

7) After set the port configure, installation will show the window of printer name, please click <OK>



8) Click <OK> to complete the installation.



NOTE

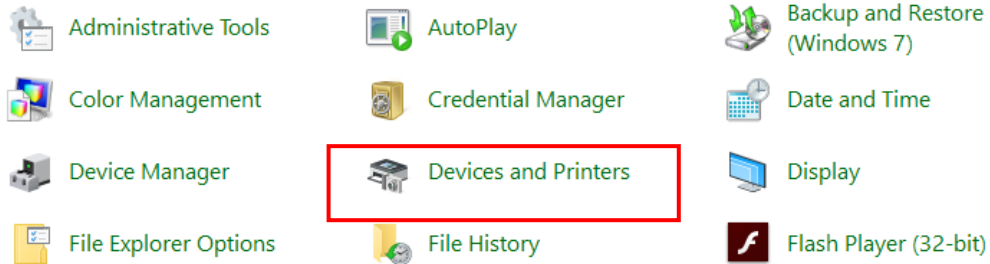
When working with the LV-180 Printer Driver within your graphics software, you will need to have the LV-180 set as the default printer to get proper output. If you select to not have the LV-180 be the default printer, please remember to manually change this on your own from within the graphic software printer selection area or from the Windows Control Panel → Printers and Faxes section.

4.2.3 Using Adobe's AP with this machine

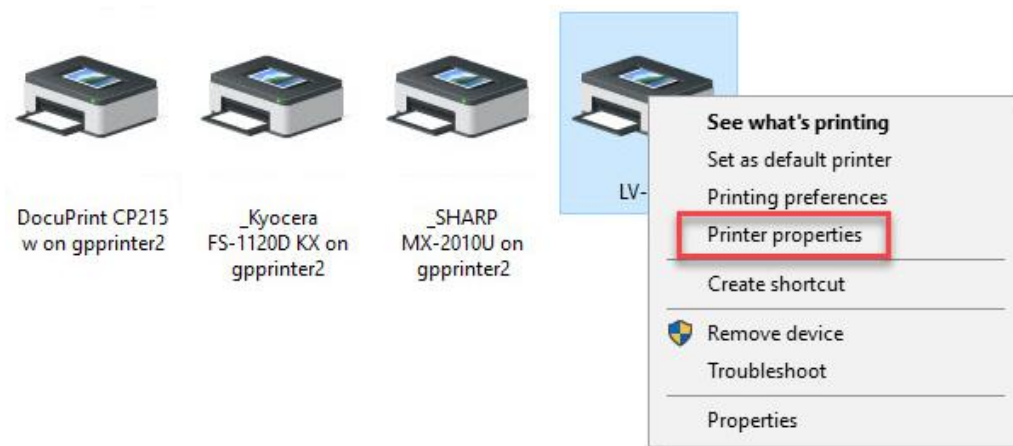
The Adobe's AP (e.g. Illustrator, Photoshop or Acrobat reader) processes files via its Advanced Printing Features; users should firstly deselect Enable Advance Printing Features; otherwise the machine is unable to recognize or read general files when uploaded.

Deselect "Enable Advance Printing Features"

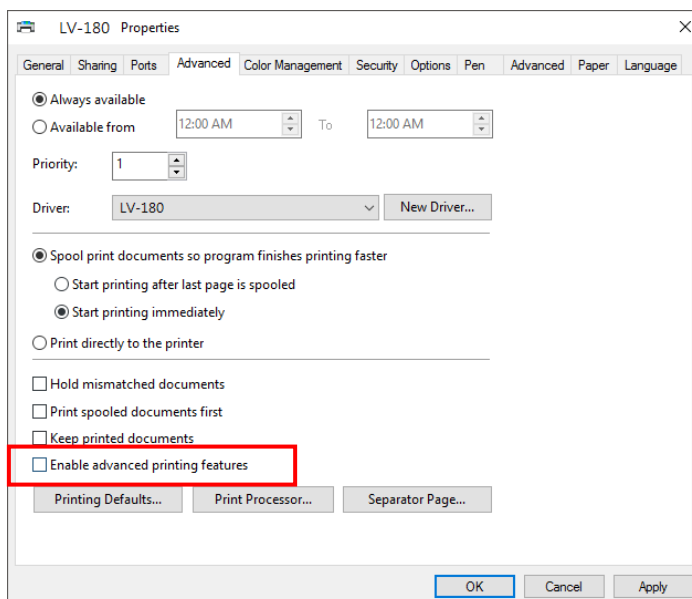
- 1) Click to select → Control Panel → Devices and Printers



- 2) Select your printer, right-click your mouse and choose Printer Properties to enter LV-180 Properties setup

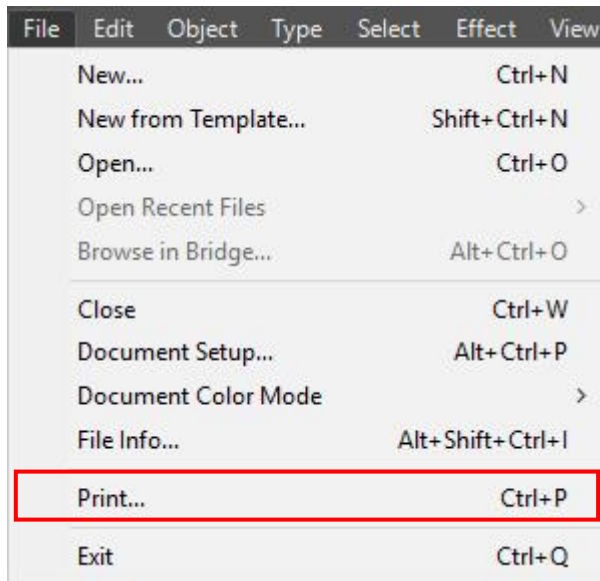


- 3) The click the Advanced tab, then deselect Enable Advanced Printing Features, now all files can be recognized and uploaded.

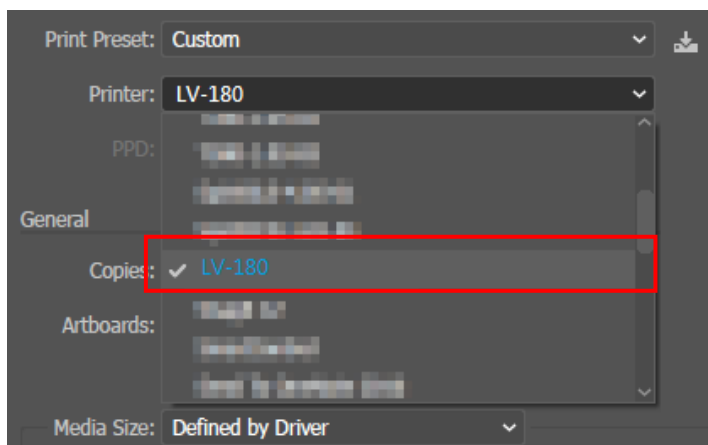


File Transfer

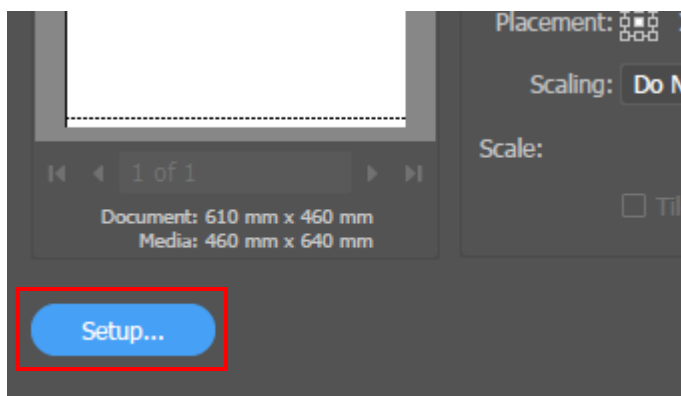
1) Select your working object, and then at the upper toolbar please choose File → Print.

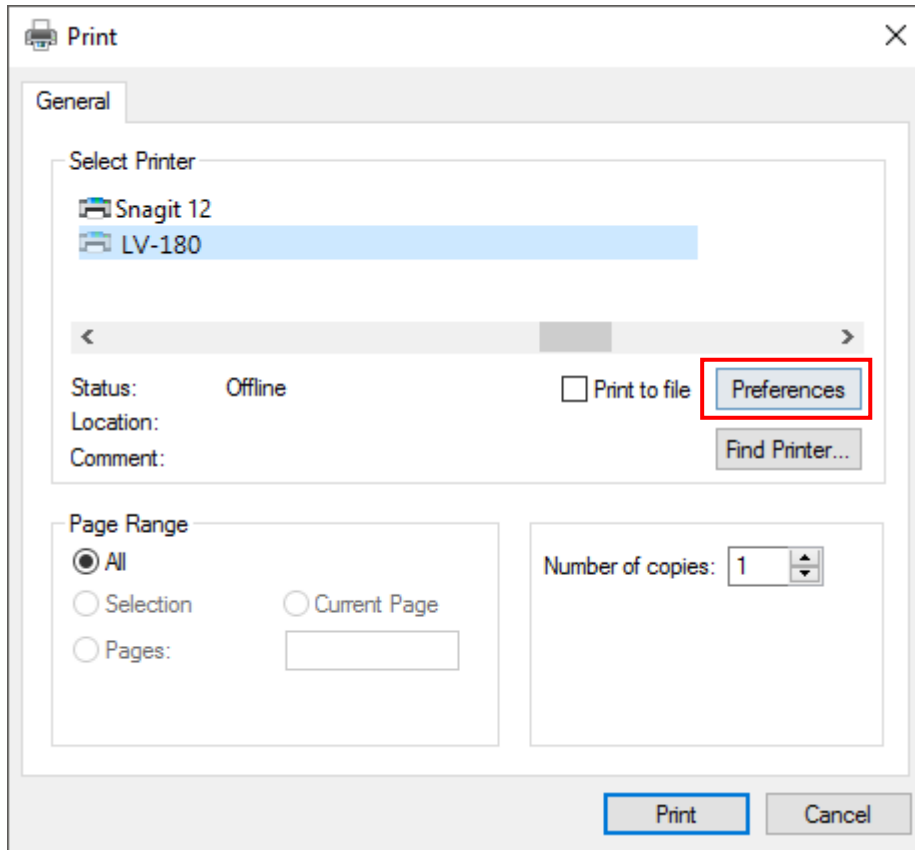


2) At the print setup screen, at Print Preset please select Custom, and choose your printer

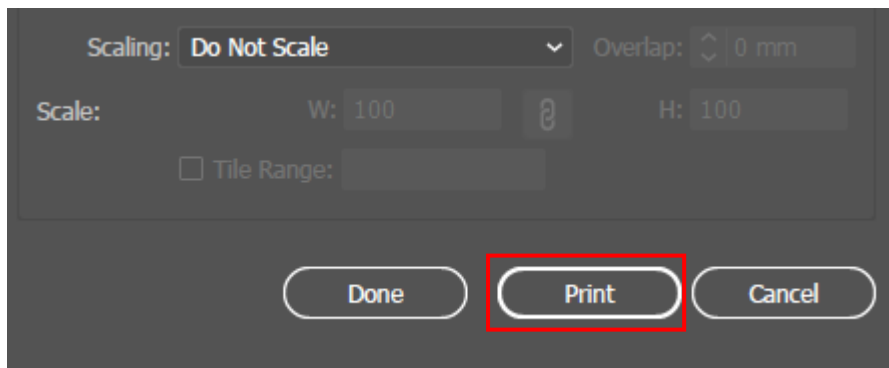


3) Then click on the lower left tab of Setup to enter Preferences settings.



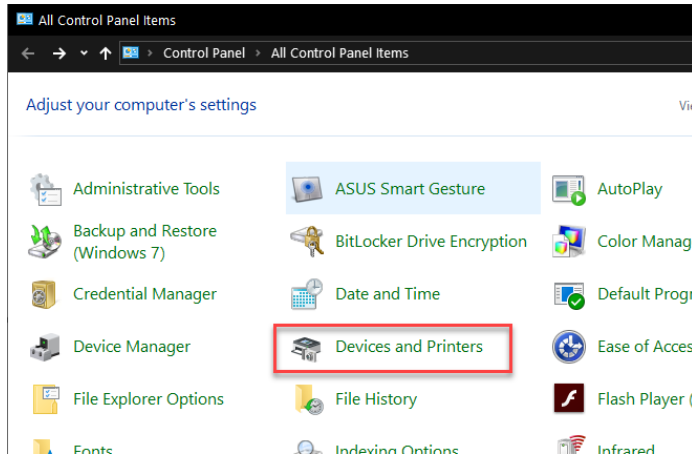


4) After all preferences are set, click Print to send file to the machine for print out.

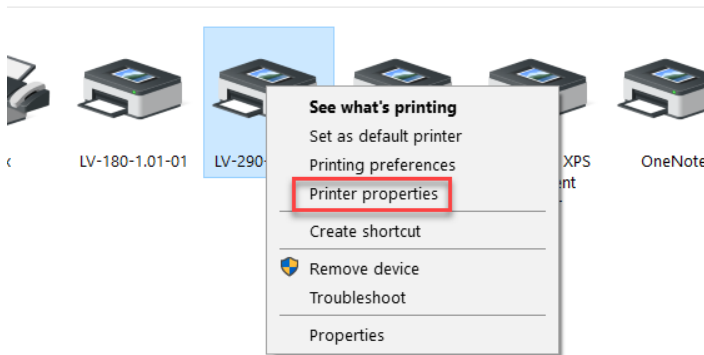


Adobe Illustrator Output Instruction

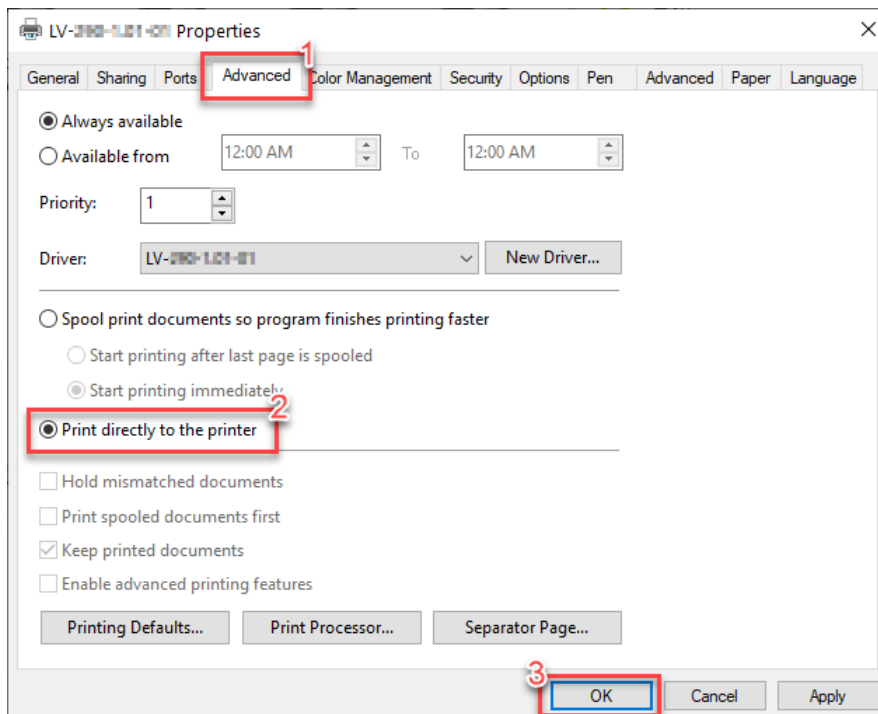
Step 1. Go to "Control Panel" → "Devices and Printers"



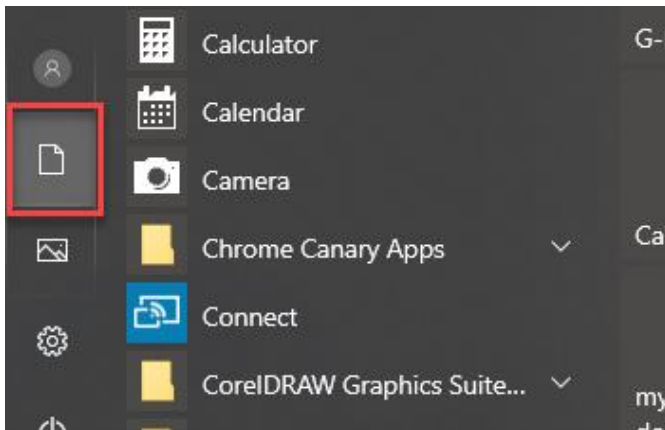
Step 2. Right click on the icon of the laser machine model and select "printer properties"



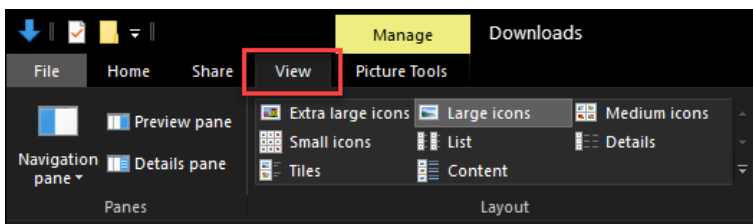
Step 3. Go to the "Advanced" tab and select "Print directly to the printer", then click "OK" button to complete the settings.



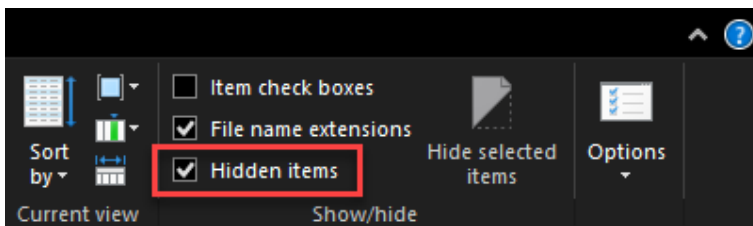
Step 4. Open "File Explorer" from the taskbar.



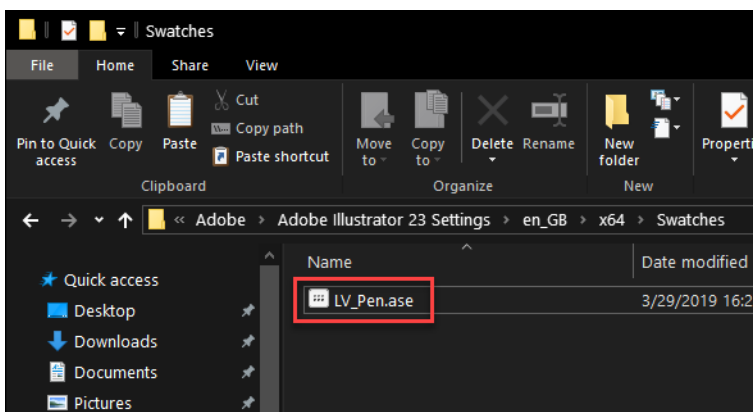
Step 5. Double click the "View" tab to expand the menu bar.



Step 6. Check the "Hidden items" checkbox to view hidden items.



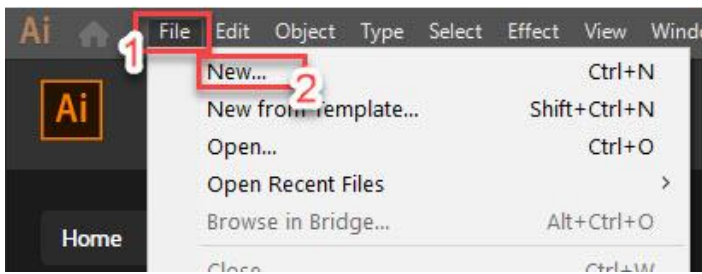
Step 7. Extract the file and copy the "Laser_Pen.ase" to C:\Users\your user name\AppData\Roaming\Adobe\Adobe Illustrator 23 Settings\en_US\x64\Swatches



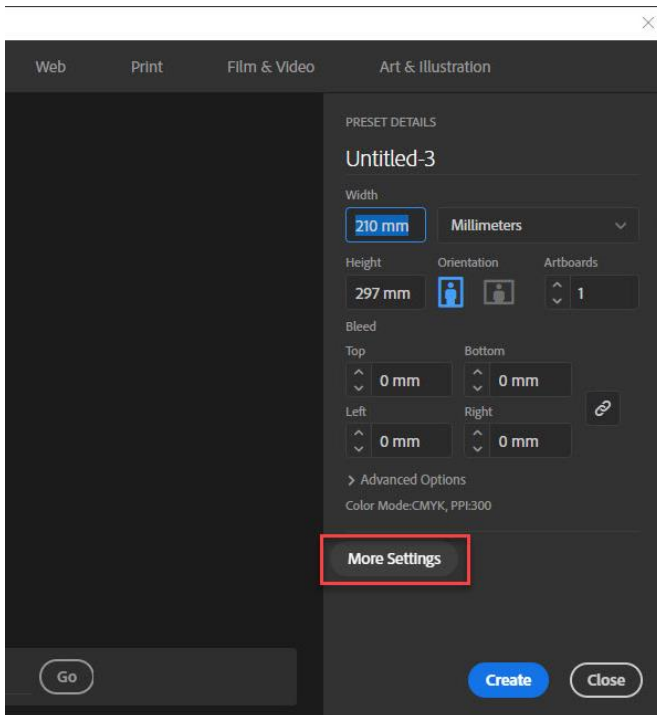
If you don't have the Laser_pen.ase file, please browse the installation CD. Click on <Browse CD> from the menu of the Roland DG installation CD.

Step 8. Run the Adobe Illustrator.

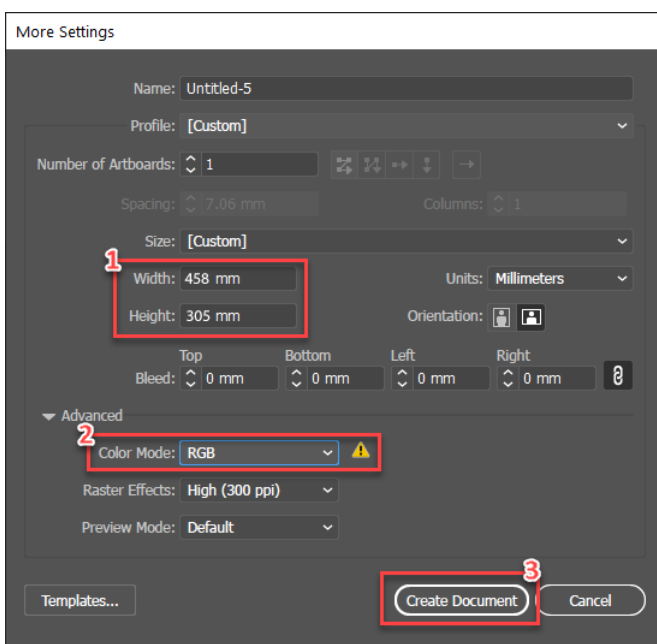
Step 9. Click "File" → "New..." from the menu bar.



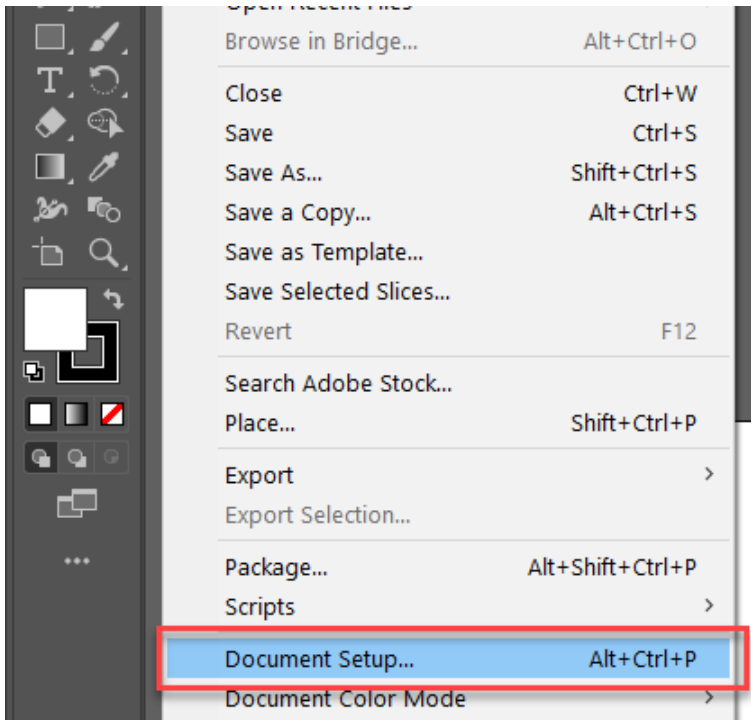
Step 10. Click "More Settings"



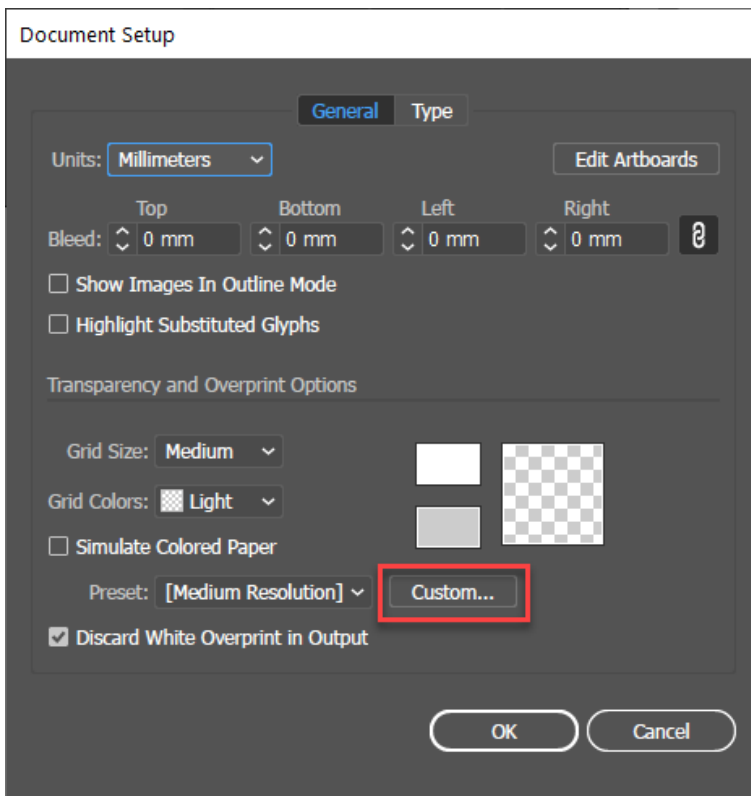
Step 11. Input the Width and Height of working area according to your machine model and set the Color Mode to "RGB". Then click "Create Document" button to create the document.



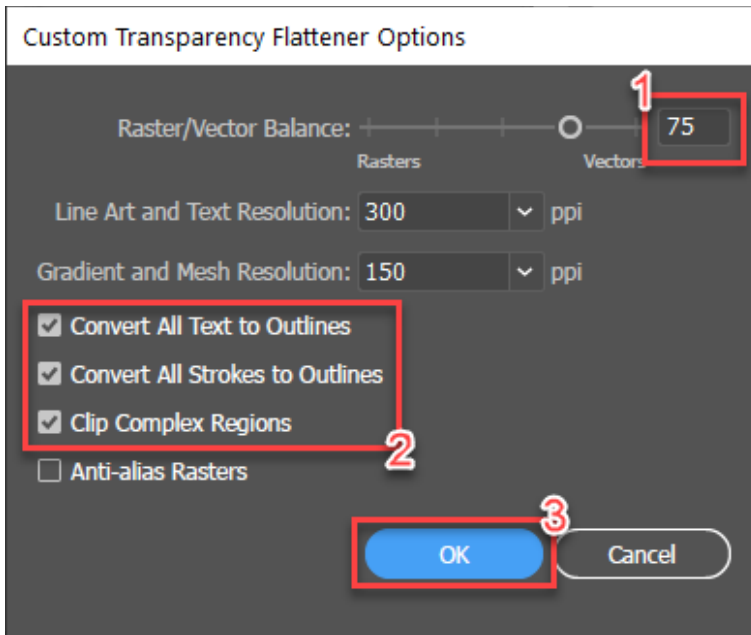
Step 12. Click "File" → "Document Setup..." from the menu bar to set the document.



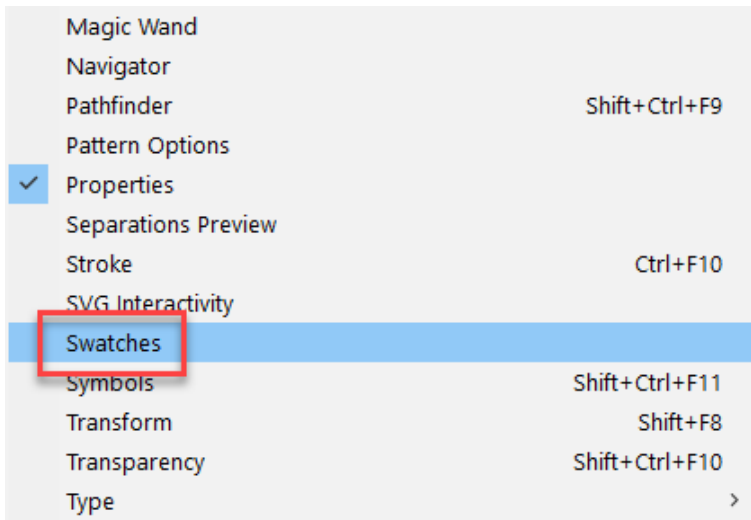
Step 13. Click "Custom..." button and the "Custom Transparency Flattener Options" window will pop up.



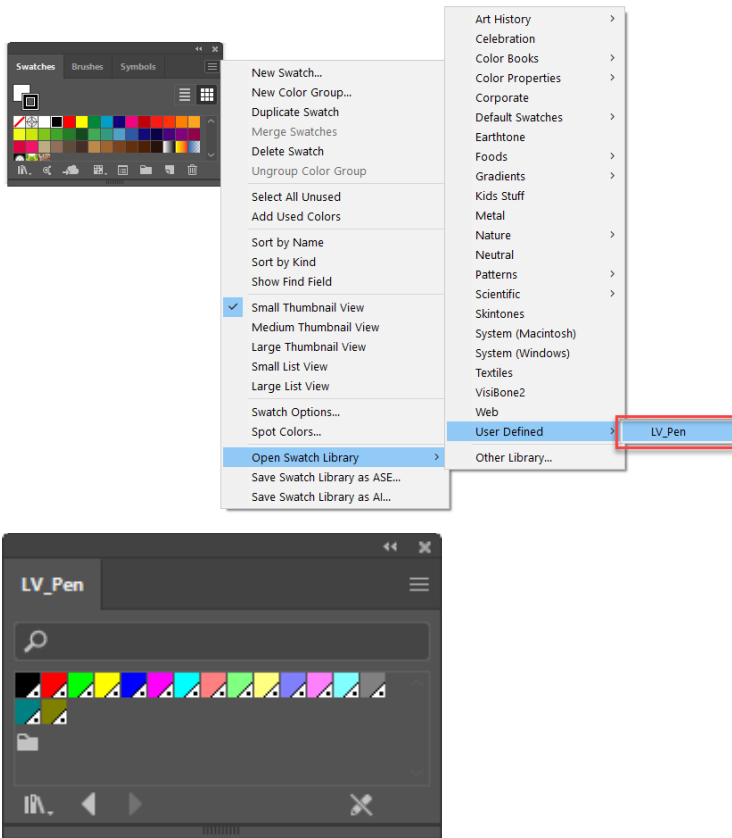
Step 14. Set "Raster/Vector Balance" to 75, and check "Convert All Text to Outlines", "Convert All Strokes to Outlines", and "Clip Complex Regions" checkboxes, then click "OK" to close the window.



Step 15. Click the "Window" from the menu bar and click the "Swatches", and then the "Swatches" window will pop up

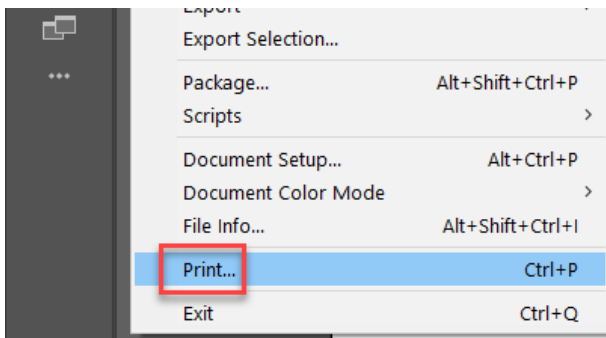


Step 16. Click the menu of the Swatches and select "Open Swatch Library" → "User Defined" → "Laser_Pen" to open the swatch library.

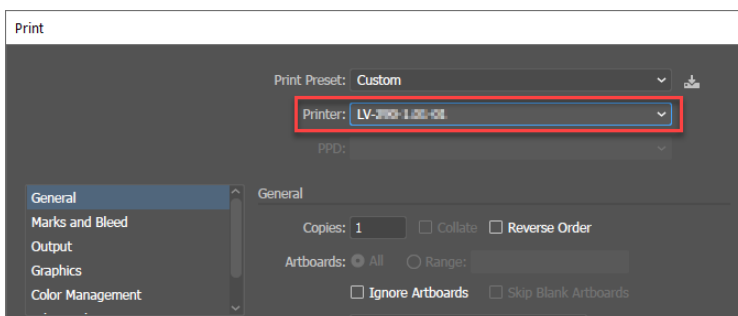


Step 17. Draw your artwork and assign the colors from the Laser_Pen swatch library.

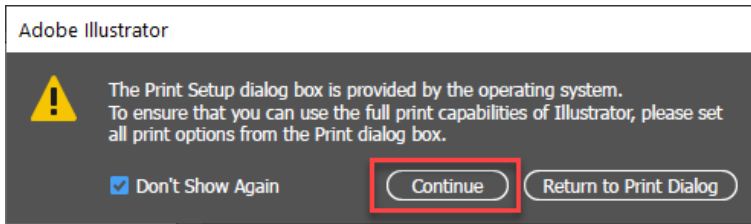
Step 18. After the drawing is complete, please click "File" → "Print" from the menu bar, then the "Print" window will pop up.



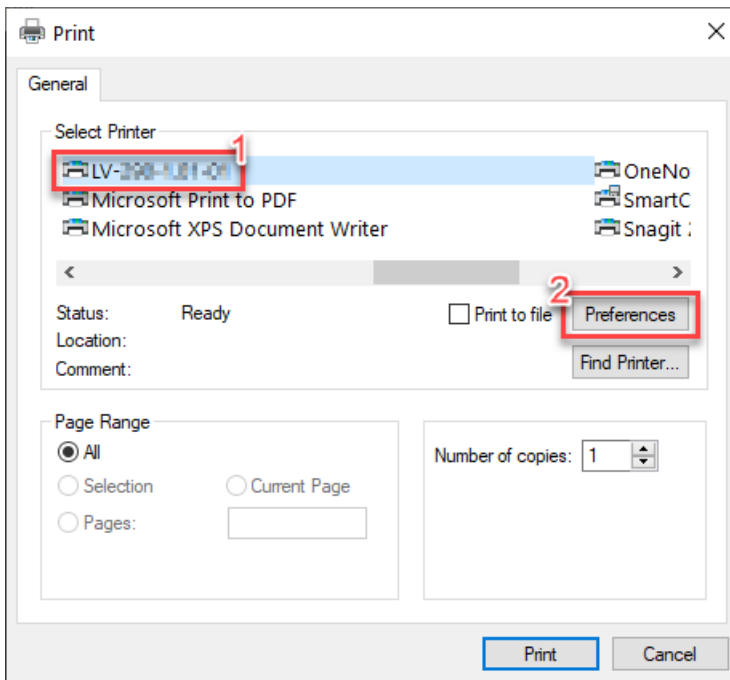
Step 19. Select your printer from the printer list.



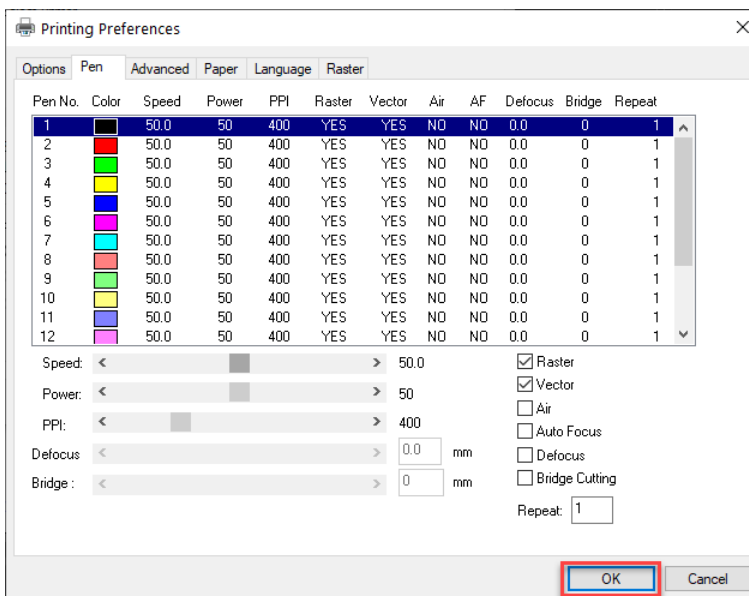
Step 20. Click the "Setup..." button to set your parameter. Adobe Illustrator will show a message of the printer. Please check the "Don't Show Again" checkbox and click "Continue" button to set the printer parameter.



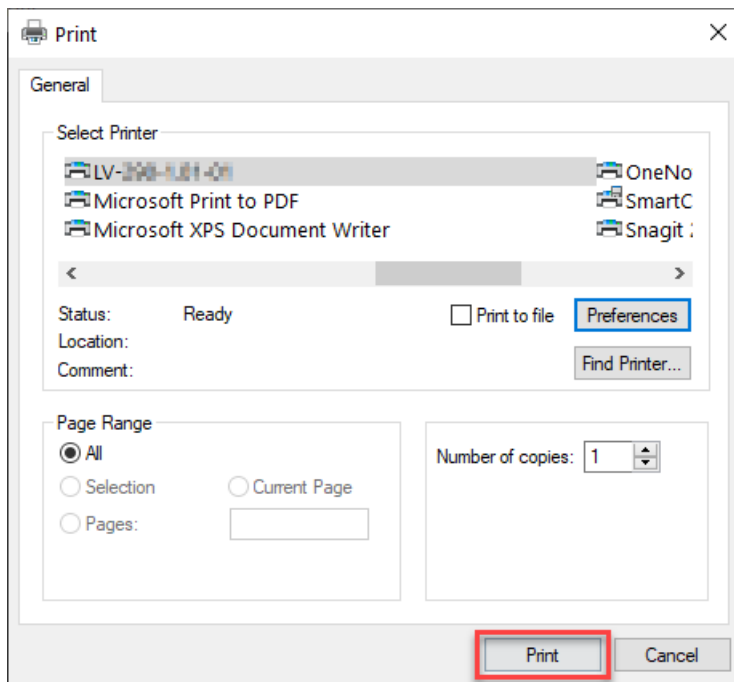
Step 21. Select your machine and click the "Preferences" button, then the "Printer Preferences" window will pop up.



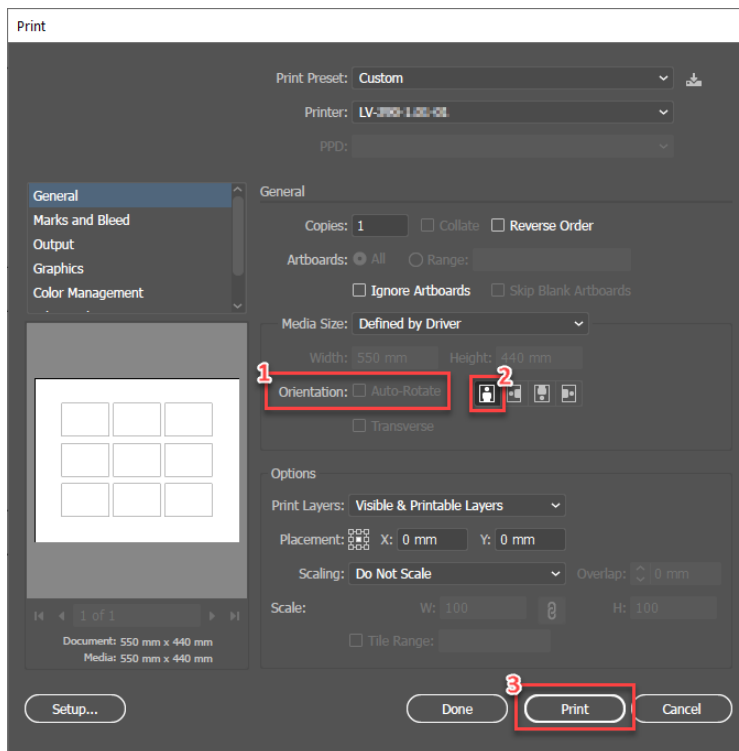
Step 22. After the parameter setting is completed, click "OK" button to close the "Printer Preferences" window.



Step 23. Click "Print" button to close the "Print" window.



Step 24. Uncheck the "Auto-Rotate" checkbox and click  icon, then click "Print" button to send the file to your machine.

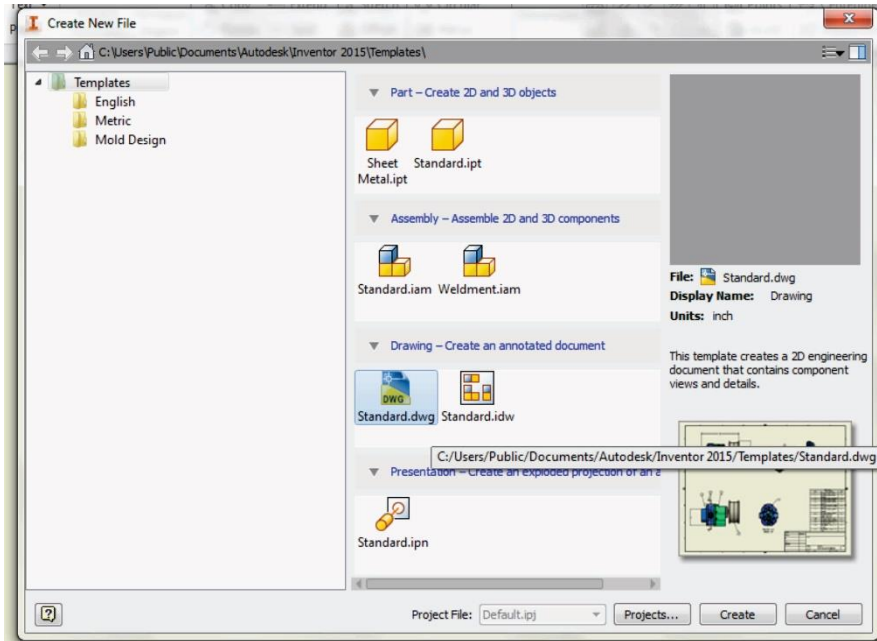


Step 25. Press the "Start/Stop" button on the control panel of the machine to start the job.

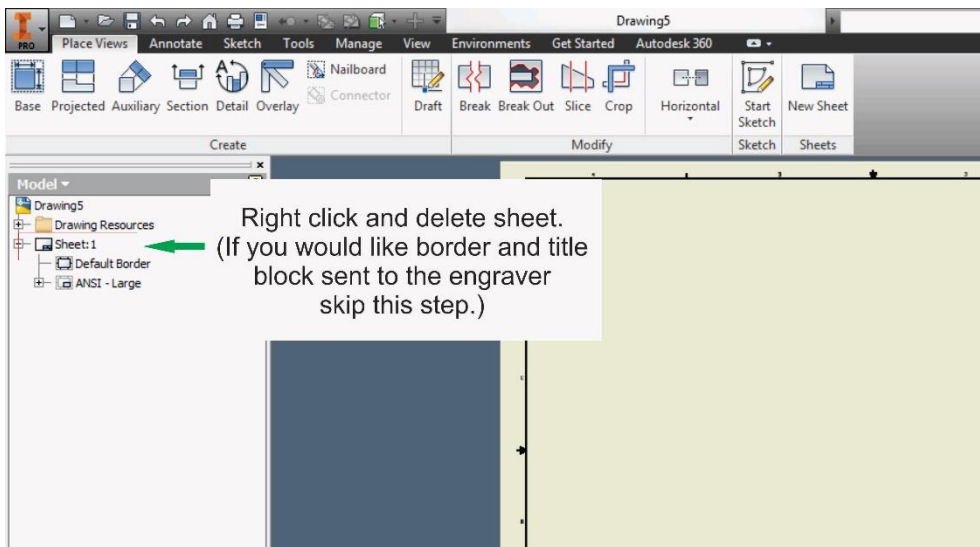


4.2.4 Using AutoCAD Inventor with this machine

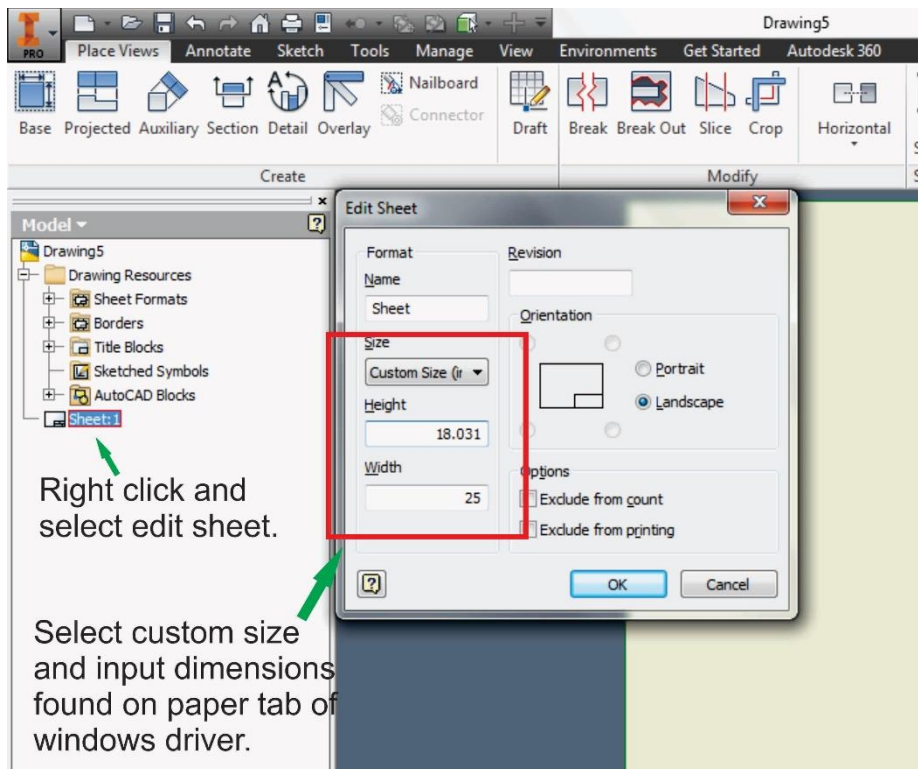
- 1) Start drawing.



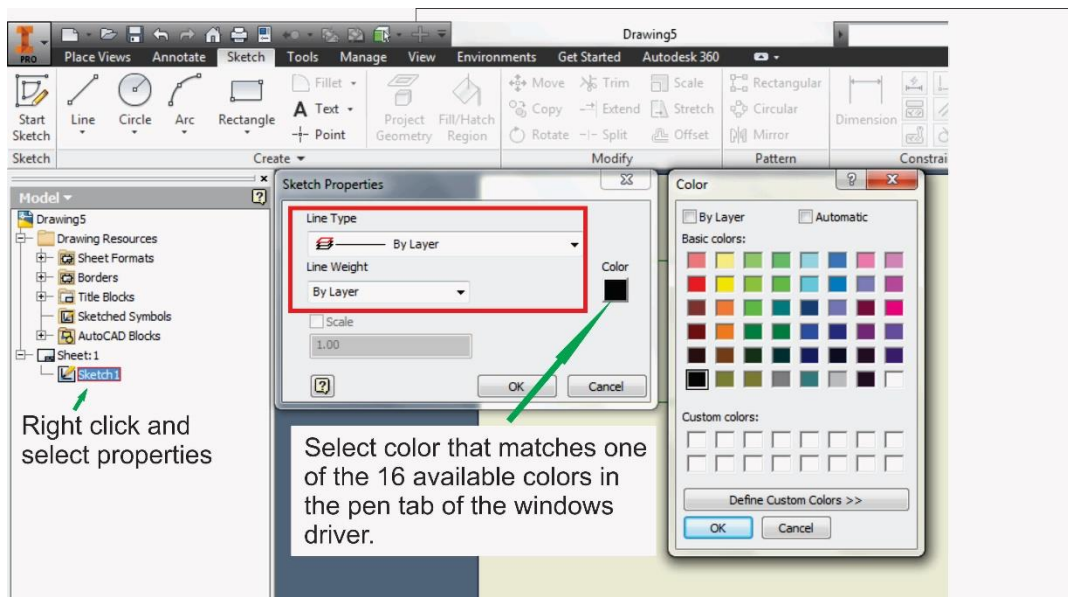
- 2) Delete border and title block by right clicking on sheet1 and selecting delete.



- 3) Set sheet size to match working area of engraver. Engraver working area can be found on the paper tab of the windows driver.

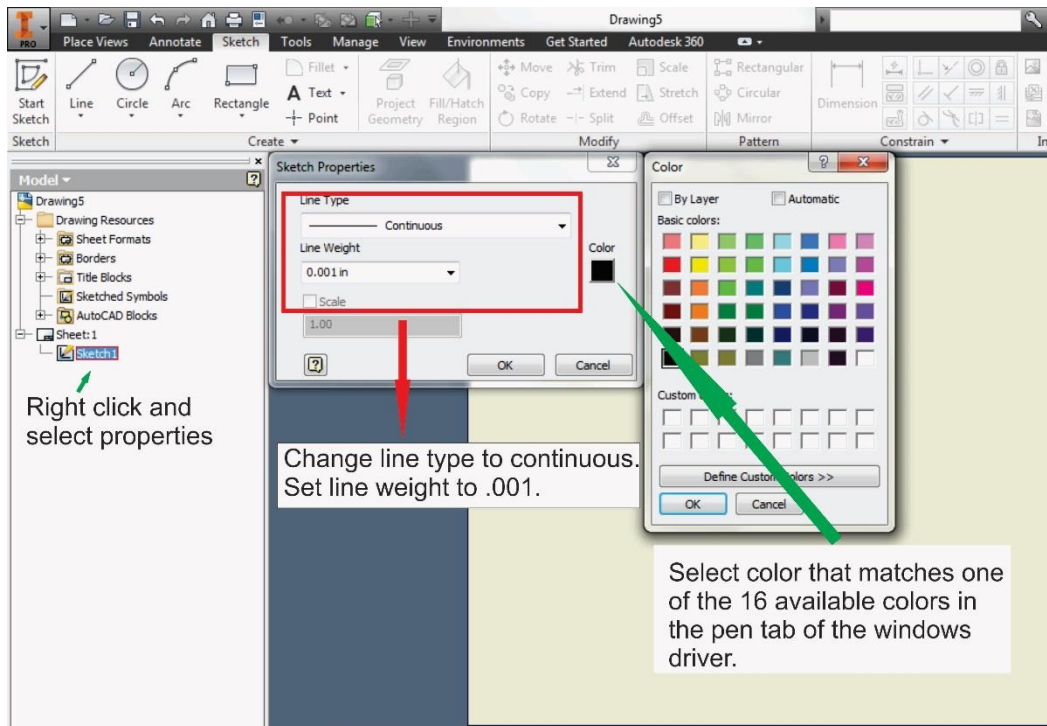


- 4) Start sketch.
- 5) Engraving
 - a. Finish sketch.
 - b. Right click on sketch and select properties.
 - c. Line Type: By Layer
 - d. Line Weight: By Layer
 - e. Set color to match one of the 16 colors available in the pen tab of the windows driver.



6) Cutting

- a. Finish sketch.
- b. Right click on sketch and select properties.
- c. Line Type: Continuous
- d. Line Weight: .001 in.
- e. Set color to match one of the 16 colors available in the pen tab of the windows driver.



NOTE

All objects created in one particular sketch will have the same properties meaning all will engrave or all will cut. If you would like to engrave and cut in the same job you will need at least two sketches, one with all the engravings and another with all the cuts, to do so properly.

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Chapter 5 Operating the LV-180

Using the Hardware

- Adjusting the LCD Display Screen's Contrast Setting
- Graphic Control Panel Overview (Description)
- Graphic Control Panel Navigation Chart
- Graphic Control Panel Function Pages

The LV-180 Printer Driver

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 - Color Management
 - Using the LV-180 Printer Driver
 - LV-180 Printer Driver >> Options Page
 - LV-180 Printer Driver >> Pen Page
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 - LV-180 Printer Driver >> Language Page
 - LV-180 Printer Driver >> Raster Page
 - LV-180 Printer Driver >> Stamp Page
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Once you have installed the USB Driver (USB connectivity only), the Printer Driver, and have connected to LV-180 to your computer, you will need to familiarize yourself with the LV-180's control panel and Printer Driver. The Printer Driver will be where you spend most of your time configuring specific laser parameters for your jobs, while the control panel will allow you to set repeat times, manipulate the file order, perform auto / manual focusing, configure the start point, and more.

5.1 Using the Hardware

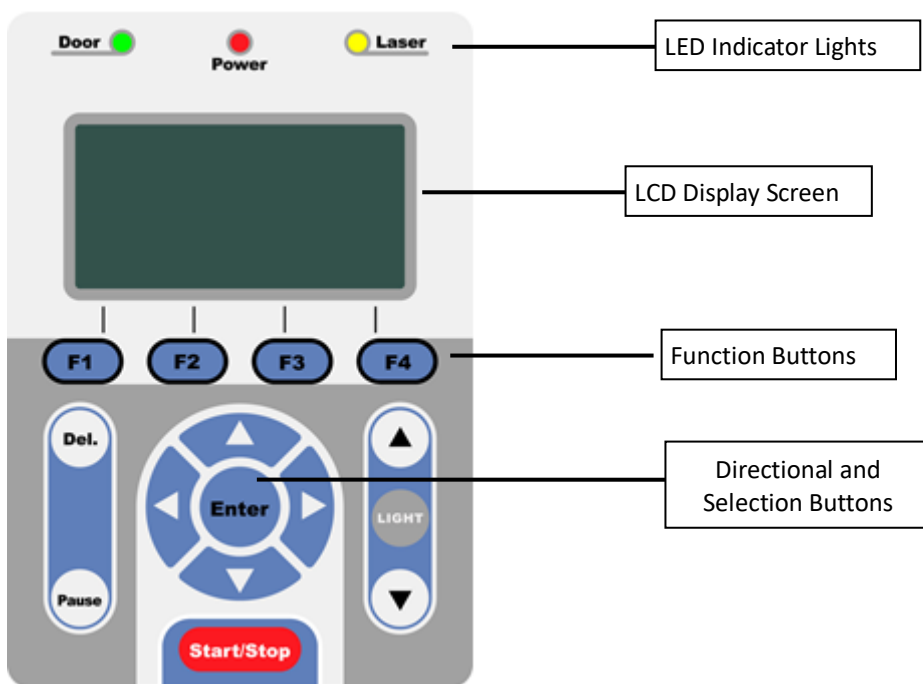
5.1.1 Adjusting the LCD Display Screen's Contrast Setting

Depending on the lighting of your immediate work area, you may need to adjust the LCD display screen's contrast. You may increase or decrease the display screen's contrast via the contrast adjustment wheel found on the inside of the front cover on the bottom, right side. You can access this area by opening the top window and looking inside to the near, right side of the work area (as shown in the picture below).

5.1.2 Graphic Control Panel Overview (Description)

The Control Panel

The control panel on this machine provides easy access to all of the manual controls needed for cutting and engraving. The liquid crystal display (LCD), functional, directional and selection buttons make navigating through the machine's manual controls easy to do.



LED INDICATOR LIGHTS

Three indicator lights on the control panel are part of the system's safety interlock system.

- **DOOR** - The door light will illuminate when either the top lid or external pass through doors on this machine open or improperly closed.
- **POWER** - The power light will illuminate when this machine is powered on.
- **LASER** - The laser light will illuminate when the laser is active and in operation.

WARNING

- DO NOT attempt to remove or modify any component of the safety interlock system.
- If at any time, any of the access doors are open and the "laser" LED is illuminated, IMMEDIATELY unplugs the laser system and contact your authorized Roland DG Corporation dealer.
- DO NOT operate the laser system if any component of the safety system is malfunctioning.

NOTE

There is 8 seconds warm up period after the door LED is triggered for systems equipped with Synrad laser tubes. i.e. opening the top lid or the external pass through doors of the machine. Operator must wait for 8 seconds before the laser tube can begin to work. A 40 seconds laser warm up period is required after the machine is turned on. A warning will be displayed if the user tries to run a job during the 40 seconds warm up time.

Directional and Selection Buttons

Function (F1 / F2 / F3 / F4) – Four function buttons allow you to select various functions which will change depending on what section of the menu you are in. Each function button's corresponding task will be displayed right above its respective button on the LCD display screen. Please note that in certain menus, not every function button will always be mapped to a corresponding action. In these situations, that particular button will not have a function.

Directional (Δ / ∇ / \triangleleft / \triangleright) – Four directional buttons allow you to navigate the selection cursor through the control panel menu and adjust the value of specific settings. In general, the \triangleleft / \triangleright directional buttons cycle through the various selections, while the Δ / ∇ directional buttons adjust the value of that particular selection.

Enter – Confirms the current selection.

Start / Stop – Allows you to start or stop engraving jobs, once those jobs have been successfully loaded onto the system.

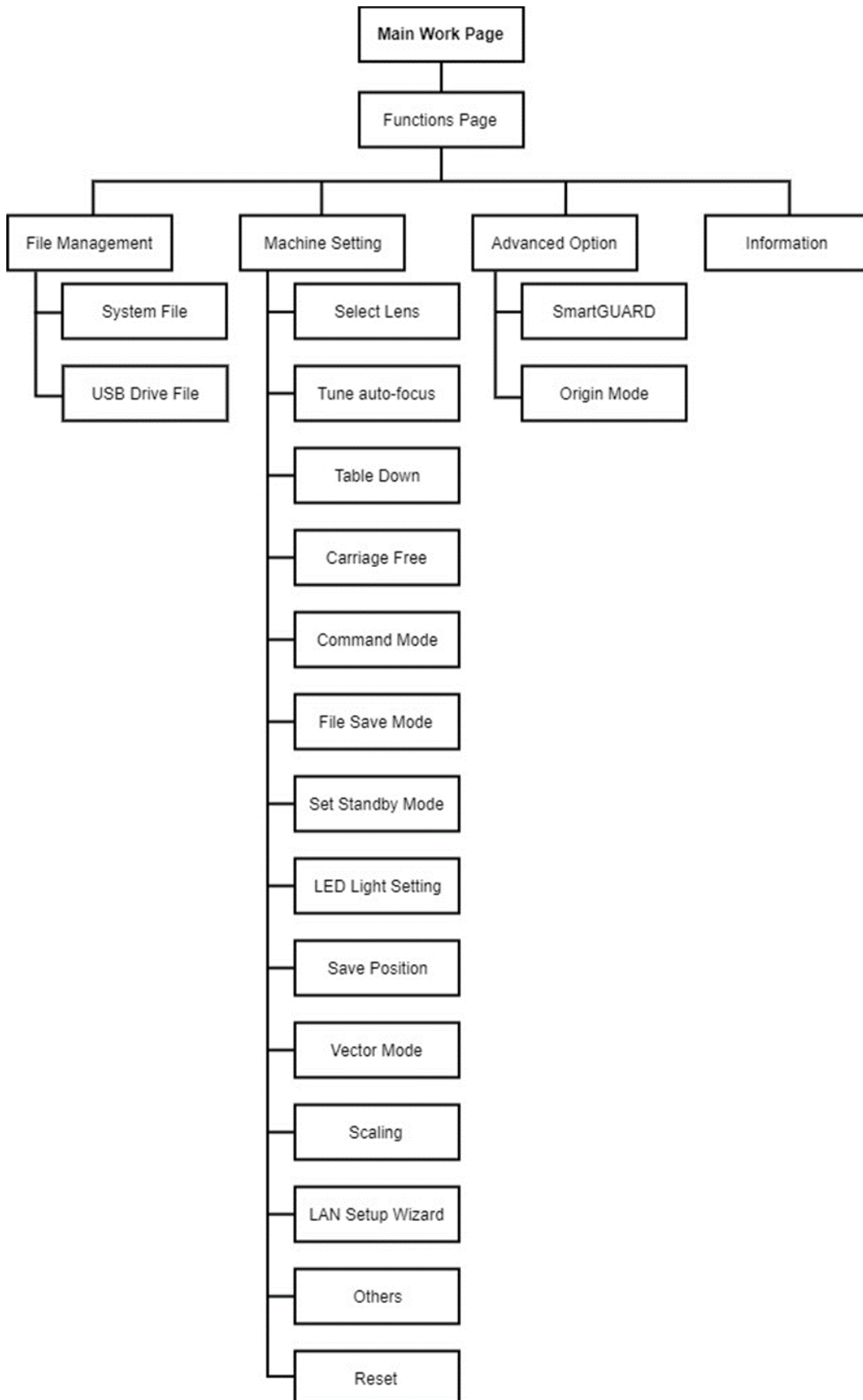
Delete – Provides quick access to delete the current job.

Pause – Pauses the current engraving process. Press again to resume the current process.

Auto Focus – After you have positioned your material and moved the laser carriage head to the area you want to engrave, press this button and the system will automatically adjust the optimal vertical focal distance for the laser.

Manual Focus (\blacktriangle / \blacktriangledown) – To manually adjust the vertical focal distance between the laser head and the material, you can use the \blacktriangle / \blacktriangledown buttons to do so. Doing so will adjust the vertical height (z-axis) of the worktable.

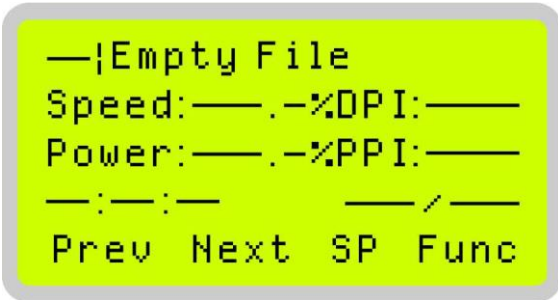
5.1.3 Graphic Control Panel Navigation Chart



5.1.4 Graphic Control Panel Function Pages

When the LV-180 is powered on, the machine will perform a series of safety checks and initializing routines. The LCD display screen will display the Roland copyright, logo, and machine initialization pages before going to the main work page.

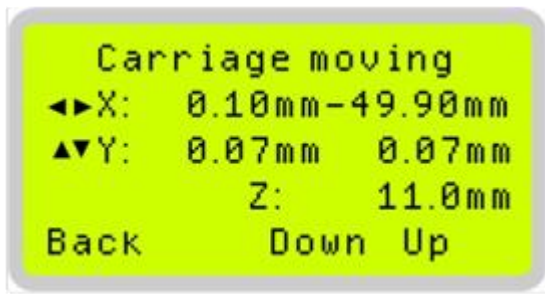
Main Work Page



The main work page is the page that the LV-180 will default to upon startup and will be the “home base” for when navigating through the various functions of the control panel. This will be the page that is displayed when you are processing your jobs. This page contains specific job information such as the current job’s name, Speed, Power, PPI, DPI, processing / remaining times, and jobs loaded.

| Main Work Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Prev) | Scroll through previous jobs |
| F2 (Next) | Scroll through next jobs |
| F3 (SP) | Go to Store Position Page for SmartCENTER |
| F4 (Func) | Go to Functions Page |
| △ / ▽ / ◀ / ▶ Directional | Go to Carriage / Work Table Adjustment Page |
| Start / Stop | Start / Stop the current job |
| Delete | Delete the current selected job |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

Carriage / Work Table Adjustment Page



i Navigating to this page:

Main Work Page



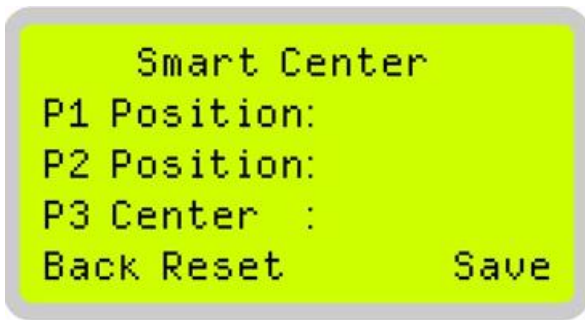
Press Δ / ∇ / \triangleleft / \triangleright or F3

Carriage / Work Table Adjustment Page

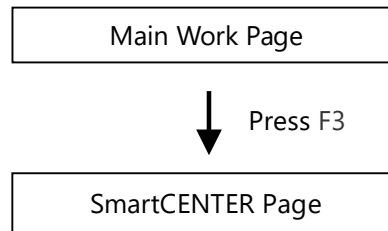
The Carriage / Work Table Adjustment Page allow you to manually increase and decrease the height of the work table (Z-axis). In addition, you can manually adjust the Y-axis and X-axis of the laser carriage.

| Carriage / Work Table Adjustment Page | |
|--|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F3 (Down) | Manually decrease the height of the work table (Z-axis) |
| F4 (Up) | Manually increase the height of the work table (Z-axis) |
| Δ / ∇ / \triangleleft / \triangleright Directional | Manually adjust the Y-axis position of the laser carriage |
| \triangleleft / \triangleright Directional | Manually adjust the X-axis position of the laser carriage |
| Start / Stop | Start / Stop the current job |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| \blacktriangle / \blacktriangledown Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

SmartCENTER Page



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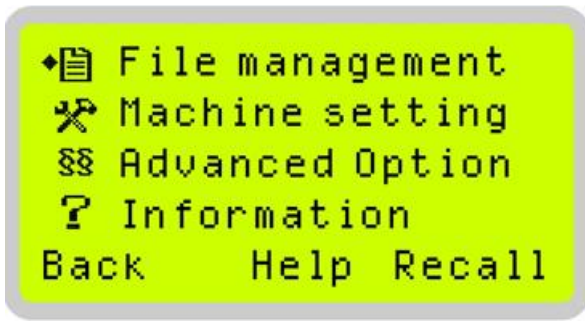


Under SmartCENTER mode the job will begin after the system positions the carriage to the center position between two points or four points indicated by the user. The SmartCENTER mode has to be enabled through the driver.

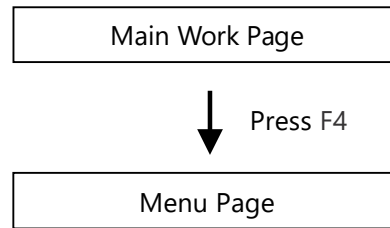
Enter SmartCENTER page by pressing the F3 button. You will be prompted to indicate and store the position points. The positions can be indicated by moving the carriage by hand and pressing enter to save the positions indicated by the red pointer. After all points are set, the carriage will move to the center of the stored positions and the job will begin.

| SmartCENTER Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F2 (Reset) | Reset all saved positions |
| F4 (Save) | Save current lens carriage position |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

Functions Page



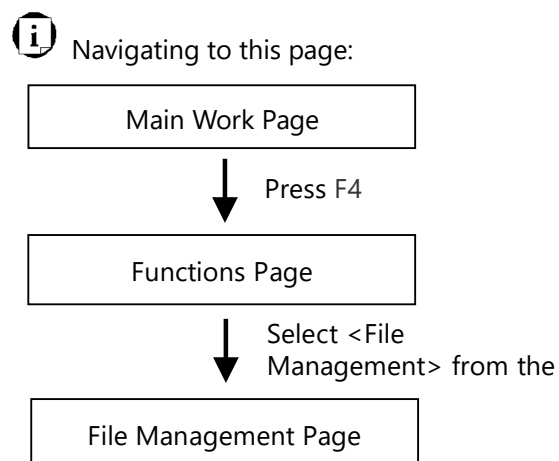
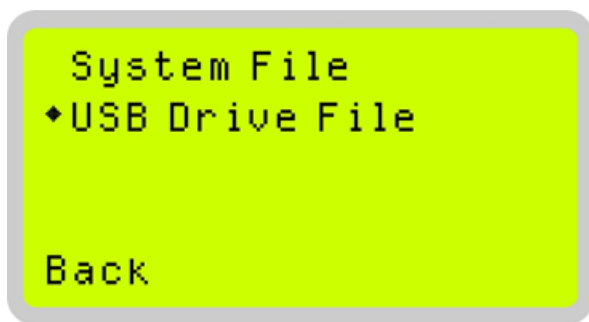
i Navigating to this page:



- File Management Page – this page allows you to manage the files that you have loaded onto the LV-180
- Machine Setting Page – this page allows you to access and modify various machine settings, including: Set Lens, Tune Auto Focus, Set Table Down, Set Red Beam, Carriage Lock, Set Command Mode, Save Position, Flash Memory, Set File Save Mode, Set Vector Mode, Tune Image Power, Set Laser Wattage, Set Fine Mode, Other, Reset.
- Machine Information Page – this page allows you to view information regarding the system such as the Roland logo, machine name, firmware version, and other information.

| Functions Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F3 (Help) | Display help |
| F4 (Recall) | Back to previous page |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Scroll through the menu selections |
| Enter | Perform the selection |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

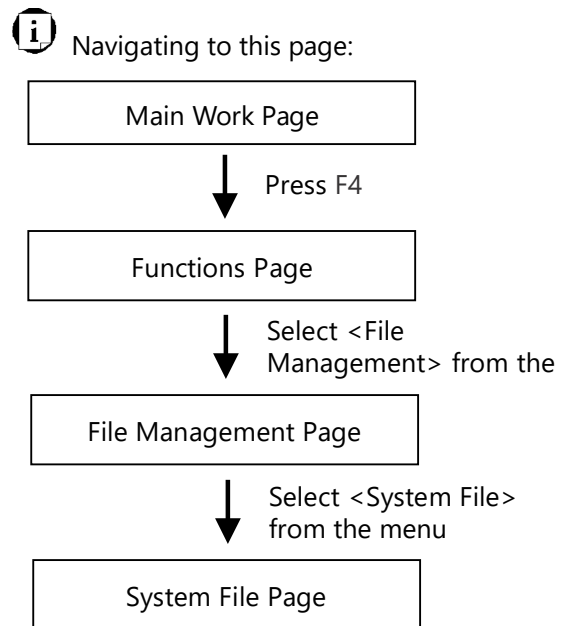
File Management Page



The File Management Page allows you to manage the files from system or USB drive.

| File Management Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Scroll through the menu selections |
| Enter | Perform the selection |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

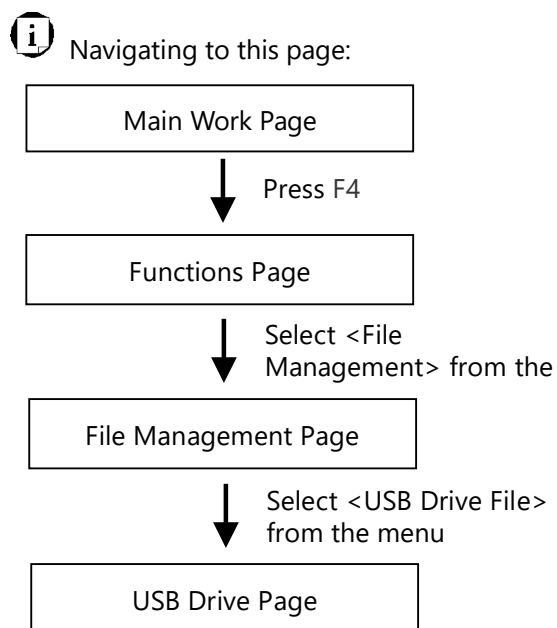
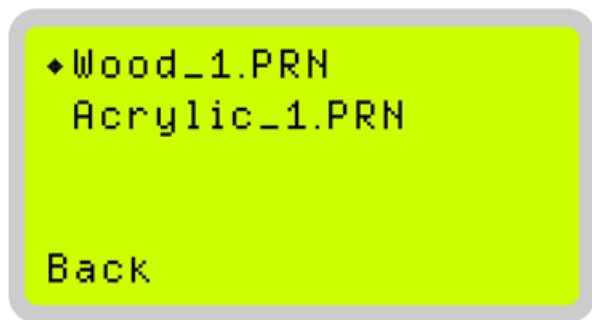
System File Page



The System File Page allows you to manage the files that you have loaded onto this machine. You can scroll through your jobs, delete a selected job, delete all jobs, and go to the Link / DLink Page to set and arrange multiple loaded jobs into a single job queue for processing.

| System File Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F2 (Link) | Display help |
| F3 (D-All) | Back to previous page |
| F4 (Del) | Delete the selected job |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Scroll through the menu selections |
| Enter | Perform the selection |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

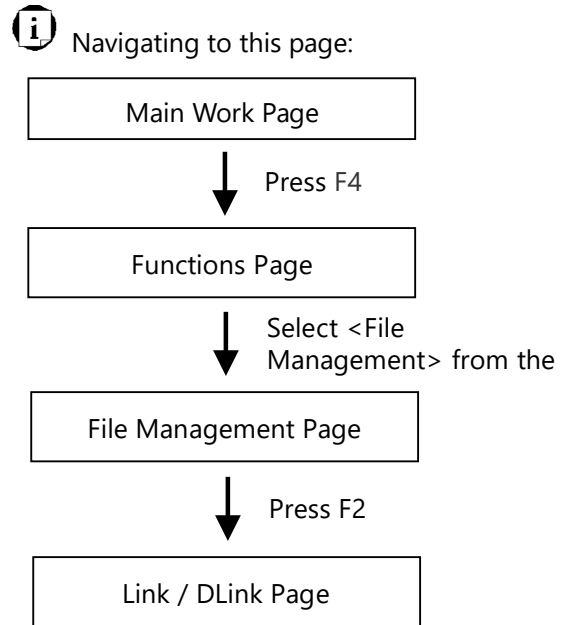
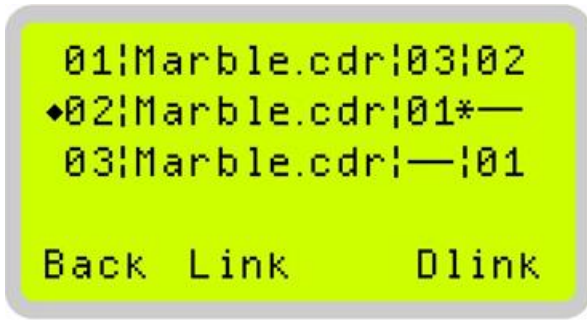
USB Drive File Page



The USB Drive File Page allows you to load file from USB storage. You can scroll through your job to processing.

| USB Drive File Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Scroll through the menu selections |
| Enter | Perform the selection |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

Link / DLink Page

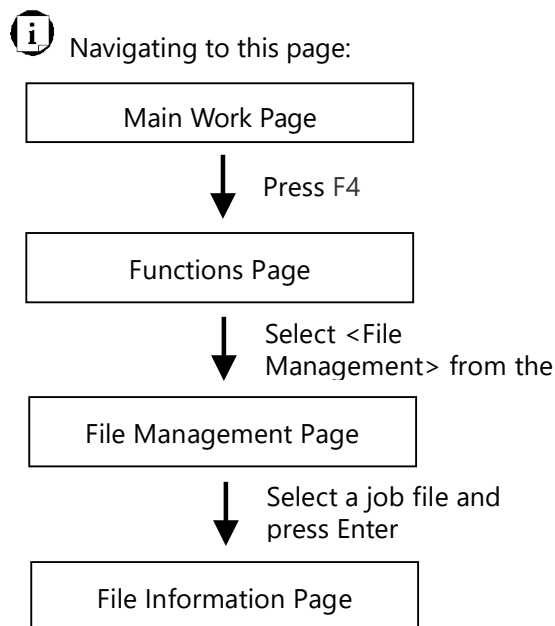
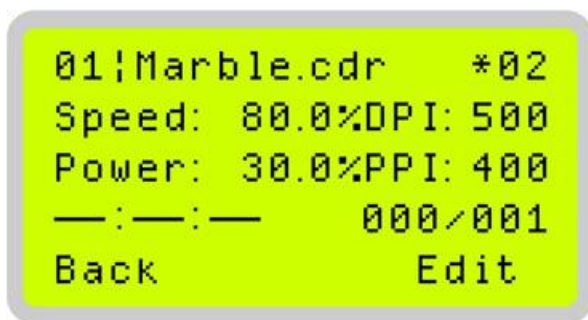


The Link / DLink Page allows you to set, arrange, and remove loaded jobs to and from a job queue for processing. Use the directional keys to cycle through your loaded jobs, then simply press the <F2 (Link)> key to add a file to the job queue. The job queue will be set in a sequential order based on the order you link the files. To remove a job from your job queue, press the <F4 (DLink)> key.

The first column field (before the file name) displays the job number. The sequence for your job queue is displayed in the two columns to the right of your file names. The first column to the right of your job file name displays the job number of the previous file in the job queue sequence. The second column after the file name displays that job's next file in the job queue sequence. First and last jobs in the job sequence you set will have a (---) in the first and second columns respectively. So according to the image above, the job queue sequence has been set to be processed in this order: 03:Marble.cdr → 01:Marble.cdr → 02:Marble.cdr.

| Link / DLink Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F2 (Link) | Add the currently-selected job to the job queue |
| F4 (DLink) | Remove the currently-selected job from the job queue |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Scroll through the menu selections |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

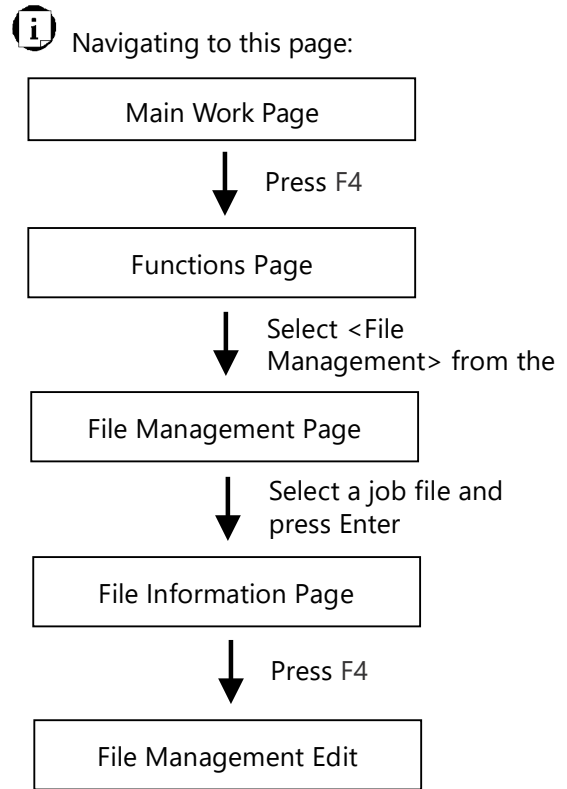
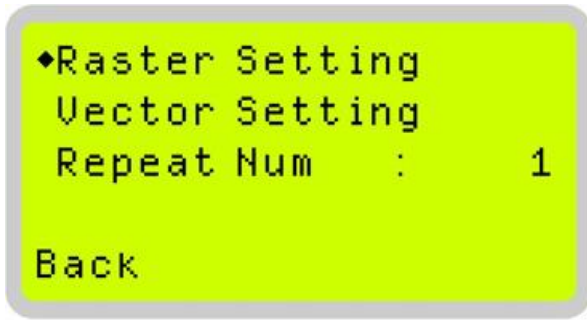
File Information Page



The File Information Page allows you to view the speed, power, DPI, and PPI settings of the selected job. In addition, you will be able to go to the File Management Edit Page from this menu to change raster/vector speed and power settings for the selected job.

| File Information Page | |
|----------------------------|--|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F4 (Edit) | Go to the File Management Edit Page for the selected job |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

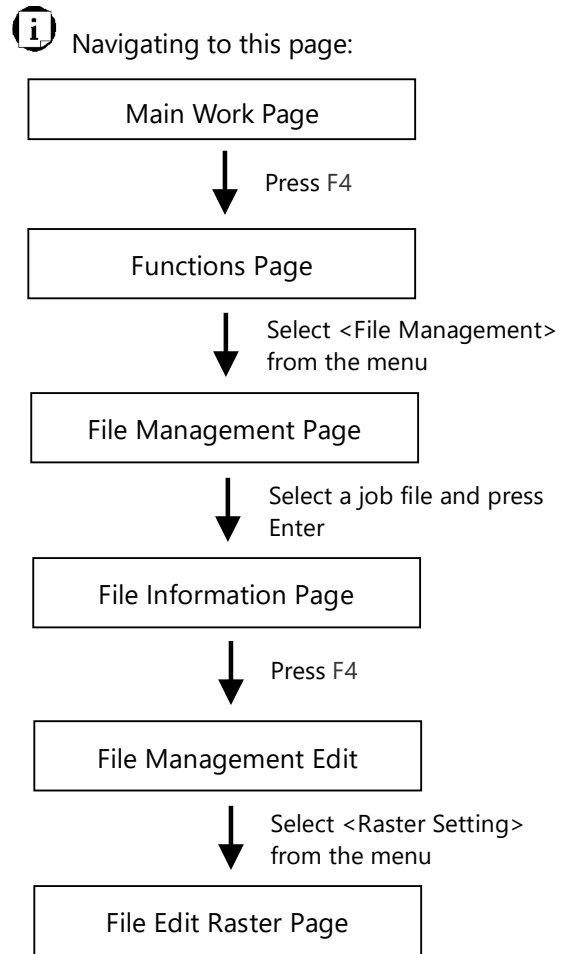
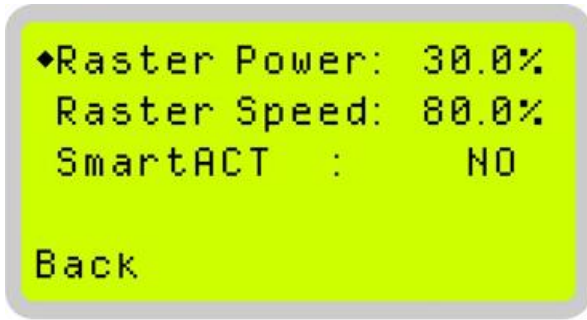
File Management Edit Page



The File Management Edit Page allows you the choice to modify your raster or vector settings for the selected job, as well as setting the number of times to repeat the process of the selected job (Repeat Num).

| File Management Edit Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Scroll through your loaded jobs |
| ◀ / ▶ Directional | Cycle through the available selections |
| Enter | Perform the selection |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

File Edit Raster Page

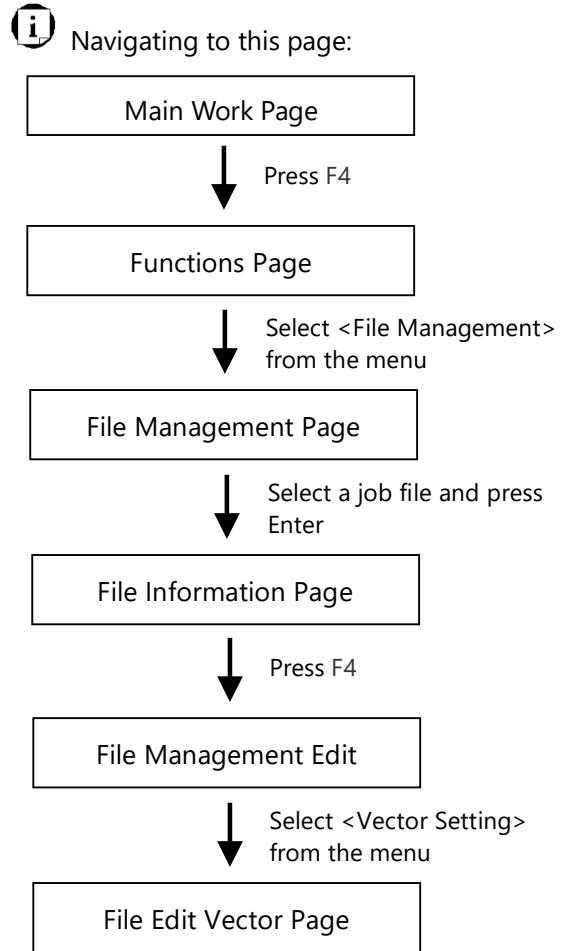
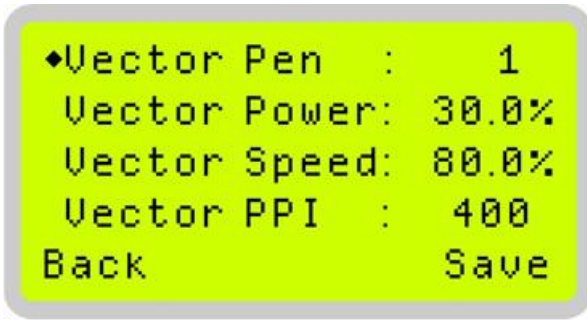


The File Edit Raster Page allows you to edit the raster power and speed settings, as well as enable or disable SmartACT for the selected job. These settings correspond to the same settings found on the printer driver. This page allows you to easily adjust these values to make immediate adjustments while processing your loaded jobs, even when you have disconnected your computer from this machine.

- Raster Power: 0.0% - 100%
- Raster Speed: 0.0% - 100%
- SmartACT: YES/ NO

| File Edit Raster Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Scroll through your loaded jobs |
| ◁ / ▷ Directional | Cycle through the available selections |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

File Edit Vector Page



The File Edit Vector Page allows you to edit the vector pen, vector power, vector speed, and vector PPI, and power ramp settings for the selected job. These settings correspond to the same settings found on the printer driver. This page allows you to easily adjust these values to make immediate adjustments while processing your loaded jobs, even when you have disconnected your computer from this machine.

- Vector Pen: 1 - 16
- Vector Power: 0.0% - 100%
- Vector Speed: 0.0% - 100%
- Vector PPI: 30 - 1524
- Power Ramp: YES/ NO

| File CoreIDRAW Vector Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F4 (Save) | Save your current settings |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Scroll through your loaded jobs |
| ◁ / ▷ Directional | Adjust the value for that selection |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

Machine Setting Page

◆Set Lens
Tune auto-focus
Set Table Down
Set Red Beam
Back Next Prev

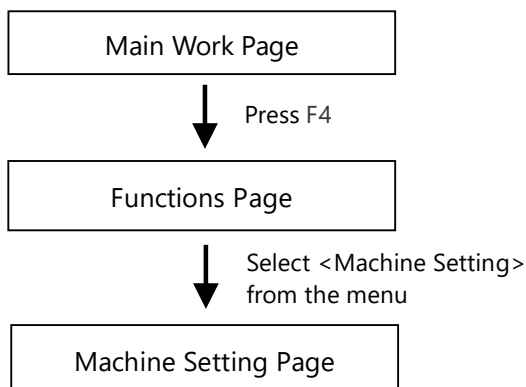
◆Carriage Free
Command Mode
File Save Mode
Set Standby Mode
Back Next Prev

◆Save Position
Vector Mode
Laser Options
LAN Setup Wizard
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◆Scaling
Others
Reset
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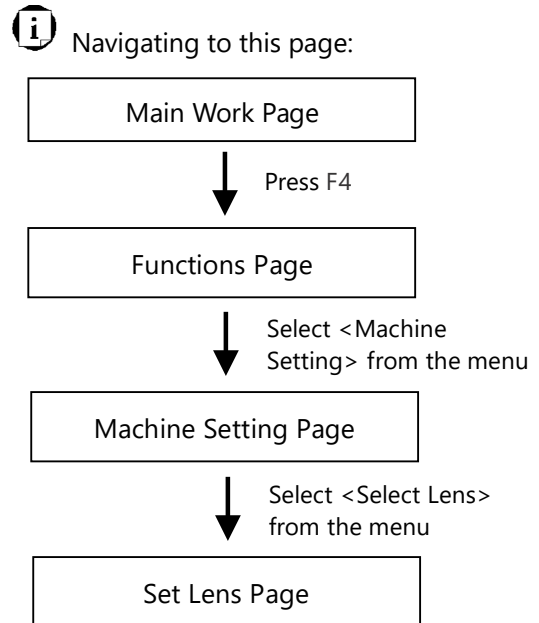
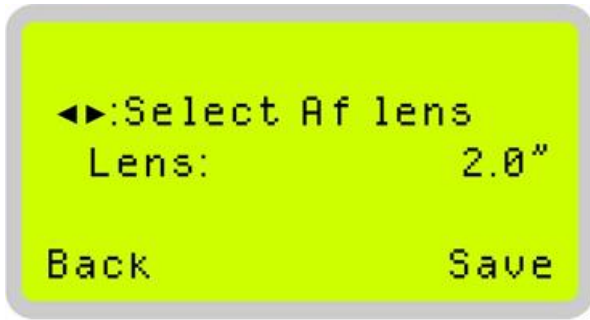
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The Machine Setting Page allows you to access and modify various machine settings, including: Set Lens, Tune Auto Focus, Set Table Down, Red Beam on/ off, Carriage Free, select Command Mode, File Save, Select Vector Mode, LAN setup, Other, and Reset etc.

| Machine Setting Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F3 (Next) | Scroll to next page |
| F4 (Prev) | Scroll to previous page |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Scroll through your loaded jobs |
| Enter | Perform the selection |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

Machine Setting- Select Lens Page

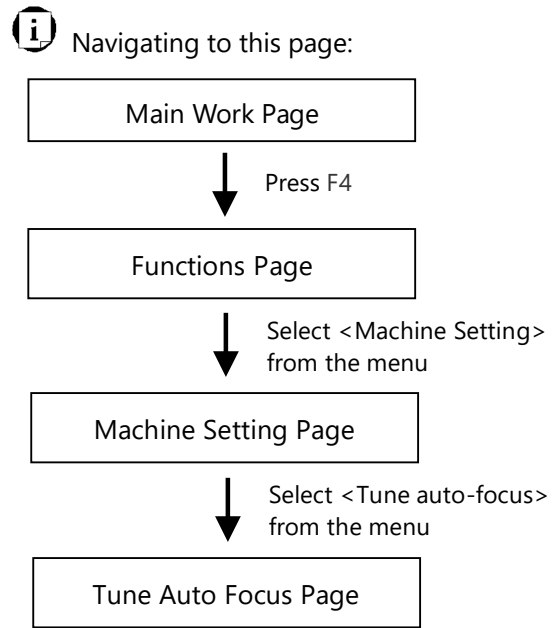
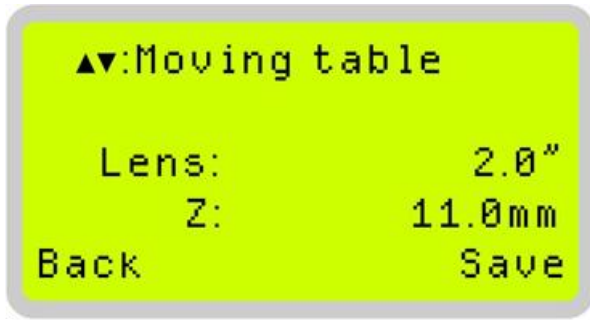


The Set Lens Page allows you to modify the lens settings after you have changed to a different focal lens. Remember to save your settings after you have made the proper changes. Now by pressing the Auto Focus button, the LV-180 will conduct auto focus accordingly using the new lens. The LV-180 default setting is <2.0">

- Lens: 1.5" / 2.0"

| Set Lens Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F4 (Save) | Save your current settings |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Cycle through selections |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

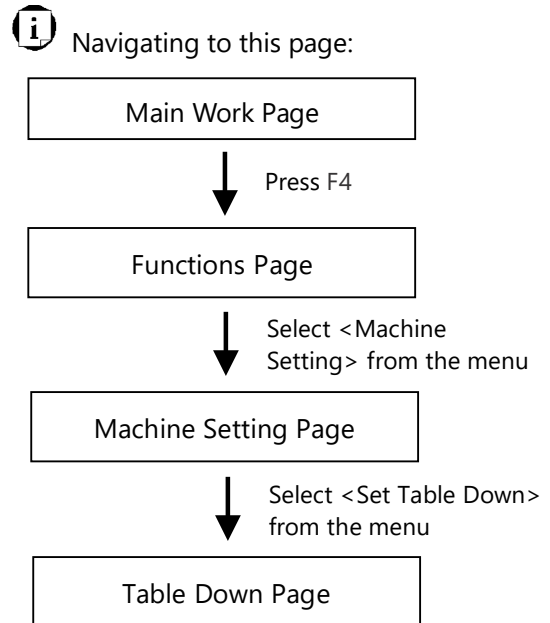
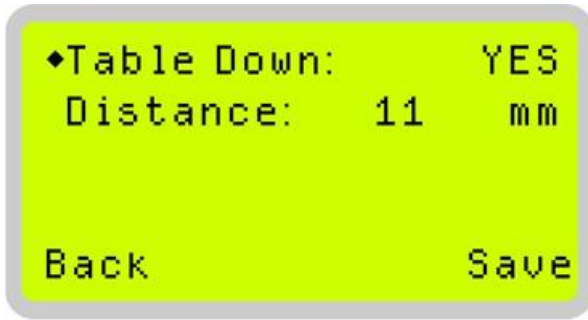
Machine Setting- Tune Auto Focus Page



The Tune Auto Focus Page allows you to manually adjust the auto focus default value, or distance from lens carriage to the worktable (Z-axis) when the Auto Focus button is pressed. This machine includes different models which equipped different laser tubes, make sure the laser tubes installed with your machine before making adjustment.

| Tune Auto Focus Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F4 (Save) | Save your current settings |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

Machine Setting- Table Down Page

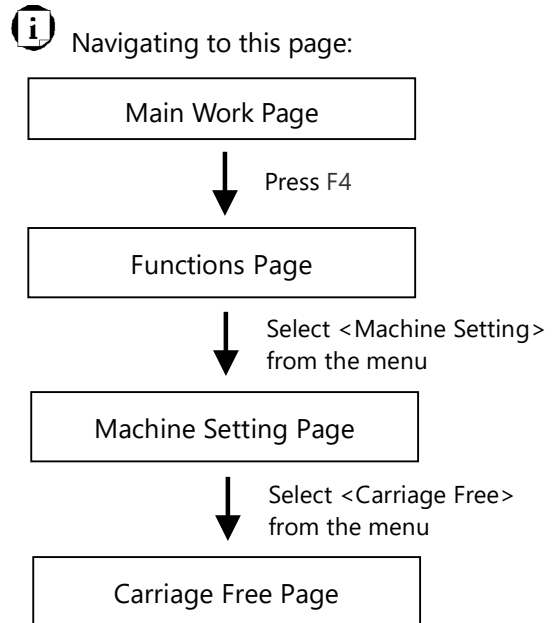
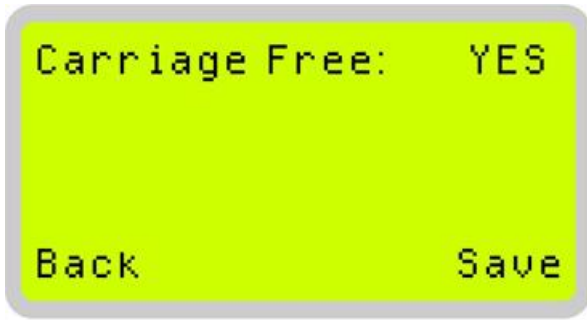


The Set Table Down Page allows you to select whether or not this machine, displays a table moving down warning message at startup. If the Table Down selection is set to <YES>, this machine will display a warning message at startup stating: "Table will move down and remove objects on table". Pressing the Enter key at this point will confirm the prompt to move the work table to its lowest position. If the Table Down is set to <NO>, this machine will not display the warning message at system startup.

- Table Down: YES/ NO
- Distance: 0 - 165 mm

| Table Down Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F4 (Save) | Save your current settings |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Scroll through the menu selections |
| ◁ / ▷ Directional | Adjust the value for that selection |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

Machine Setting- Carriage Free Page

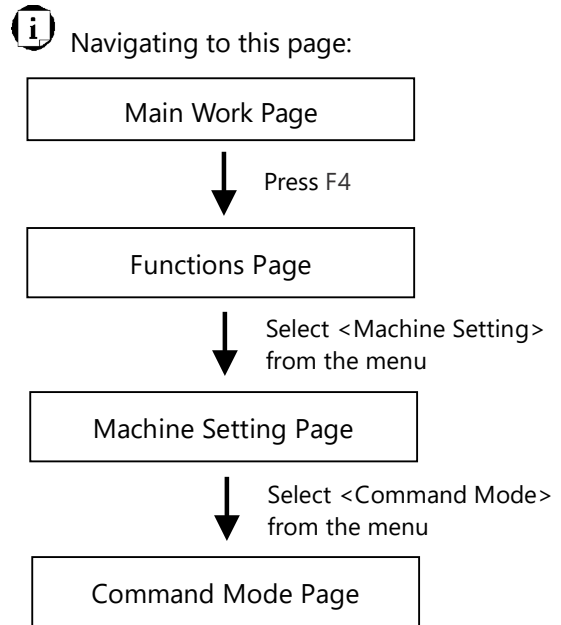
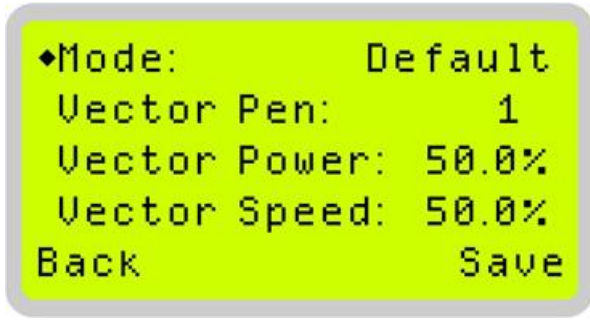


The Carriage Free Page allows you to decide whether the lens carriage to be locked or free for hand movement. If the Carriage Free setting is set to <YES>, then you will be able to manually move the lens carriage along the X and Y axis by hand with the top door open. Whereas setting the Carriage Free to <NO> will lock the lens carriage and movement or positioning can only be done by the control panel arrow keys.

- Carriage Free YES / NO

| Carriage Free Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F4 (Save) | Save your current settings |
| ◁ / ▷ Directional | Cycle Red Beam between Back / Save |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

Machine Setting- Command Mode Page

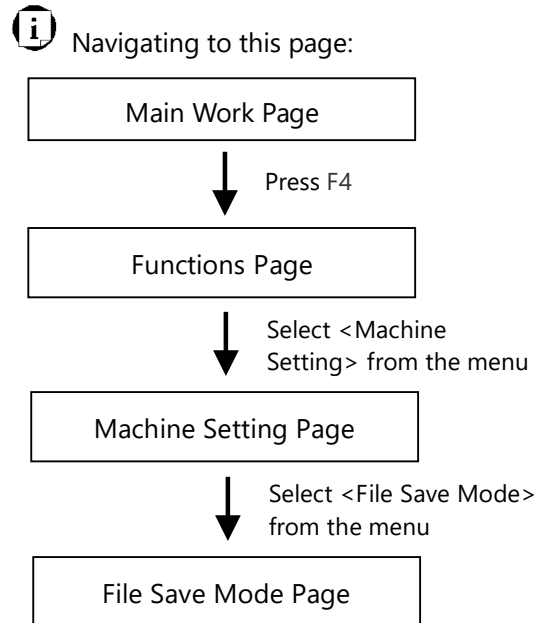
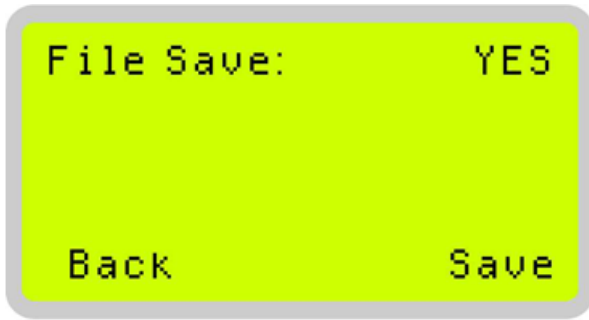


The Command Mode Page allows you to configure vector settings when outputting in Default or HPGL mode. Default mode refers to output the file through standard Windows print driver and also recognized by the most popular graphic software programs such as CorelDRAW, Photoshop, Illustrator, and more. Whereas, HPGL mode is a less common output format generated from some RIP applications (signage industry). Regardless of which format you will be working with, both output formats are supported.

- Mode: Default / HPGL
- Vector Pen: 1 - 16
- Vector Speed: 0.0% - 100%
- Vector PPI: 0.0% - 100%
- Power Ramp: YES / NO

| Command Mode Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F4 (Save) | Save your current settings |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Scroll through the menu selections |
| ◁ / ▷ Directional | Adjust the value for that selection |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

Machine Setting- File Save Mode Page

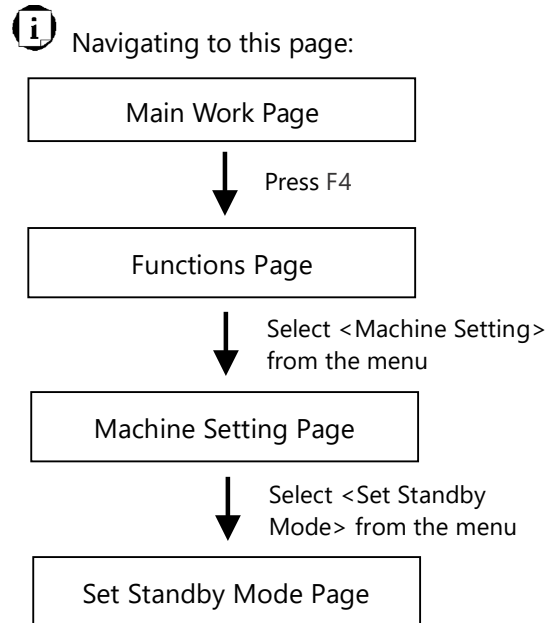
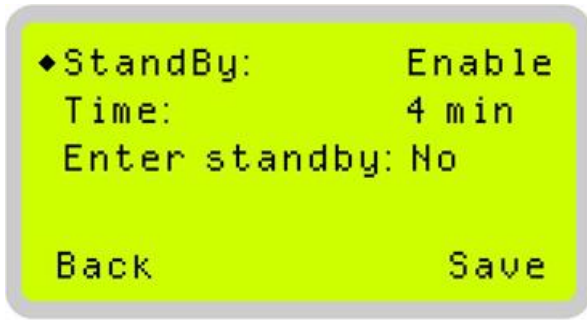


The File Save Mode Page allows you to set whether or not this machine, automatically deletes each job file after processing. Setting File Save to <NO> will automatically and immediately delete each job file from this machine, after the engraving or cutting process. Setting File Save to <YES> will retain the job files on this machine.

- File Save: YES / NO

| File Save Mode Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F4 (Save) | Save your current settings |
| ◀ / ▶ Directional | Cycle File Save between YES / NO |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

Machine Setting- Set Standby Mode Page



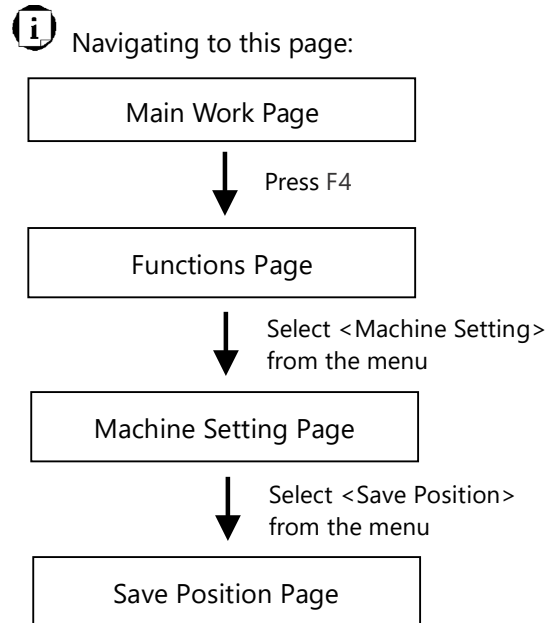
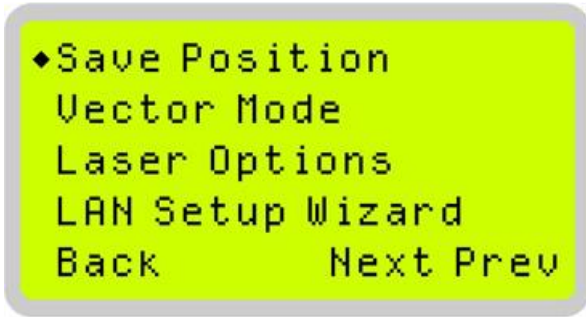
The Set Standby Mode page allows you to configure the laser machine automatically enter into power saving if machine is idle for a specified time.

When entering into the Set Standby Mode function, you can use Left or Right arrow keys to scroll between <Enable> or <Disable> the function. The Time function is to determine after how long the laser machine is idle, it will enter in power saving automatically. The default time is 4 minutes. The Enter Standby function will turn the machine into power saving immediately after selected.

- Standby: Enable/ Disable
- Time: 4-30 mins. (Default 4 mins.)
- Enter Standby: YES/ NO

| Set Standby Mode Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F4 (Save) | Save your current settings |
| ◁ / ▷ Directional | Cycle standby mode between YES / NO |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Scroll between menu options |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

Machine Setting- Save Position Page



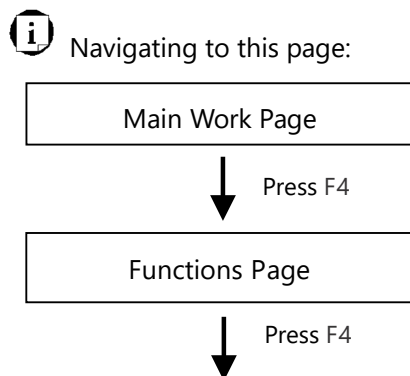
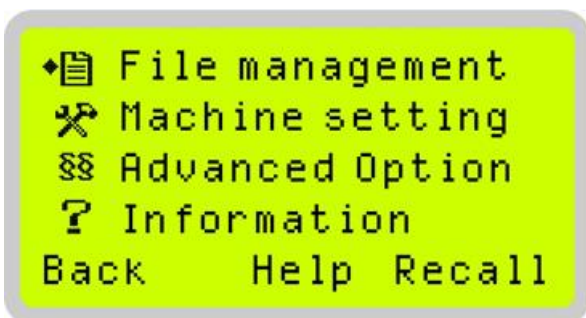
The Save Position Function allows you to save the current X-axis and Y-axis positions of the lens carriage to be the origin for subsequent jobs.



Tip

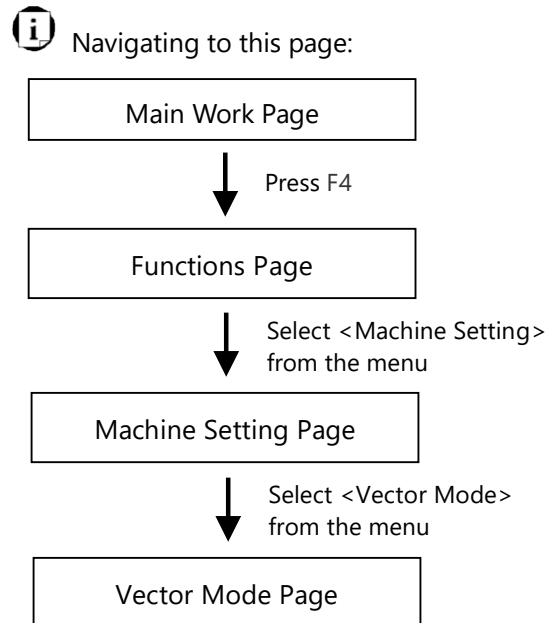
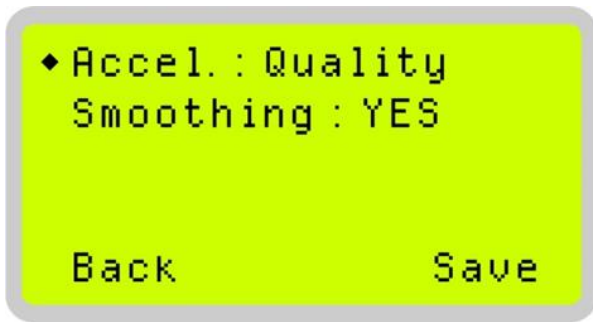
This is an excellent function to use when you are processing identical items or engraving relatively smaller objects positioned away from the default start position (top left) of the work table.

Recall Position



To recall the saved position, simply go to Functions page and press F4 again to recall the saved position. The lens carriage will be moved to the saved position and start subsequent jobs from this origin.

Machine Setting- Vector Mode Page



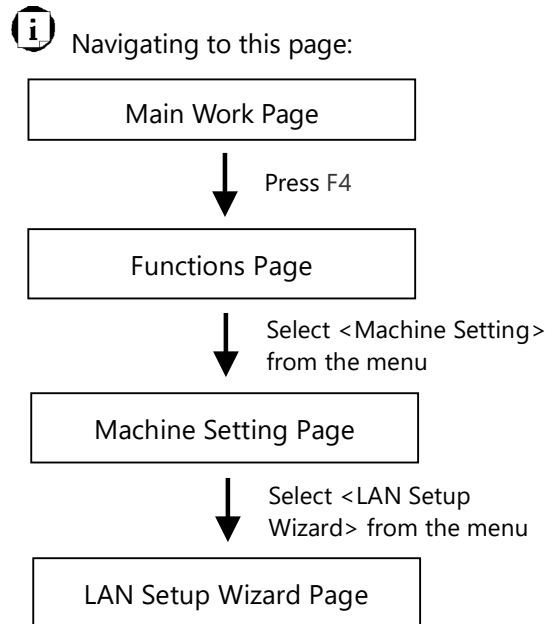
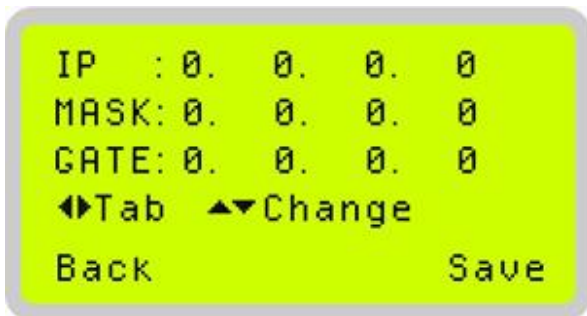
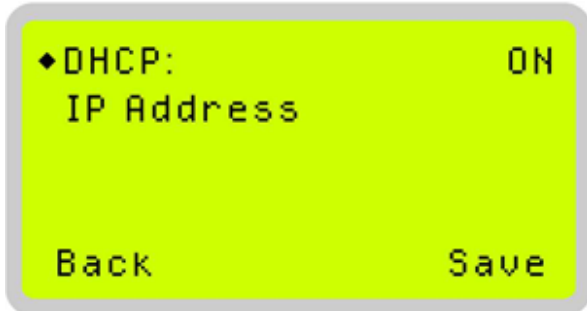
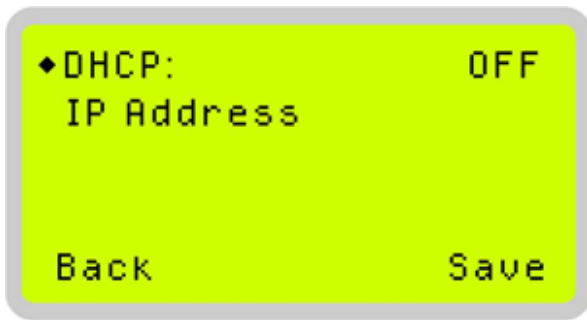
The Vector Mode Page allows you to adjust and balance vector mode’s quality and speed settings based on your specific job. Speedy Vector Mode offers the highest output speed, sacrificing quality. Whereas Quality Vector Mode offers the highest quality, sacrificing output speed. Keep in mind that speed and quality are usually at a tradeoff. The system’s default is quality Vector mode.

- Modes: Quality, Production, Speedy
 [Slower speeds / higher quality ----- Faster speeds / lower quality]

The machine will reboot automatically after clicking <Save> button for the change.

| Vector Mode Page | |
|----------------------------|--|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F4 (Save) | Save your current settings |
| ◀ / ▶ Directional | Cycle Set Vector Mode between QUALITY/ FINE/ COARSE/ SPEEDY VECTOR |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Scroll through menu options |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

Machine Setting- LAN Setup Wizard Page



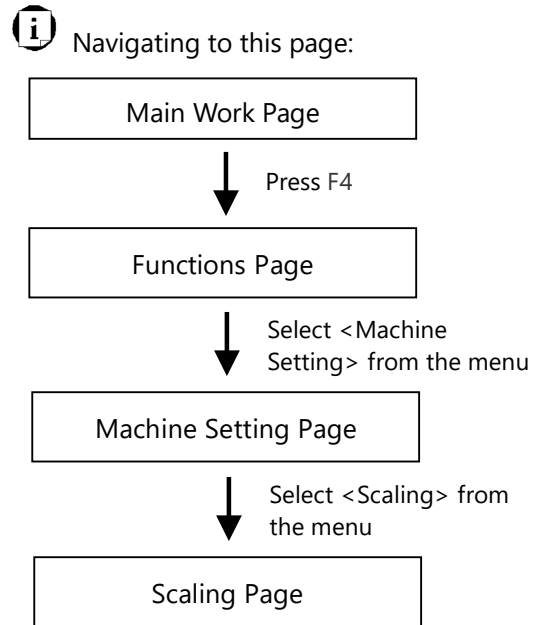
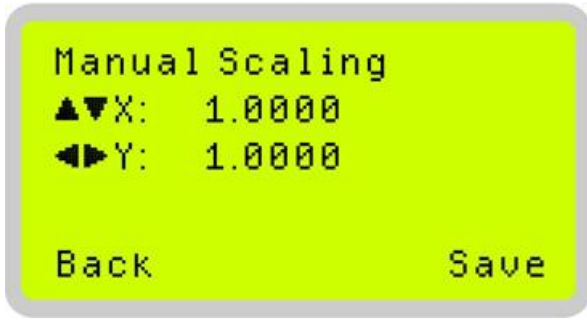
The LAN Setup Wizard Page allows you to connect the laser machine with ethernet to transmit files from computer to laser machine for processing jobs. When selecting the DHCP to <ON>, the network is set up to dynamic IP address, the IP address will automatically retrieve from network; while DHCP <OFF> is to apply static IP address, and you need to further enter the IP address, MASK, and GATE information. Using Left or Right directional keys under dynamic IP setting page to scroll between different columns to enter the address, and use Up or Down keys to change the numbers.

- DHCP: NO/ OFF

Please refer to Chapter 4.1.2 for ethernet connectivity setup in Windows driver.

| LAN Setup Wizard Page | |
|----------------------------|--|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F4 (Save) | Save your current settings |
| ◁ / ▷ Directional | Cycle DHCP between NO/ OFF, or move between tabs on IP address settings |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Scroll between menu options, or change the numbers of IP address settings. |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

Machine Setting- Scaling Page

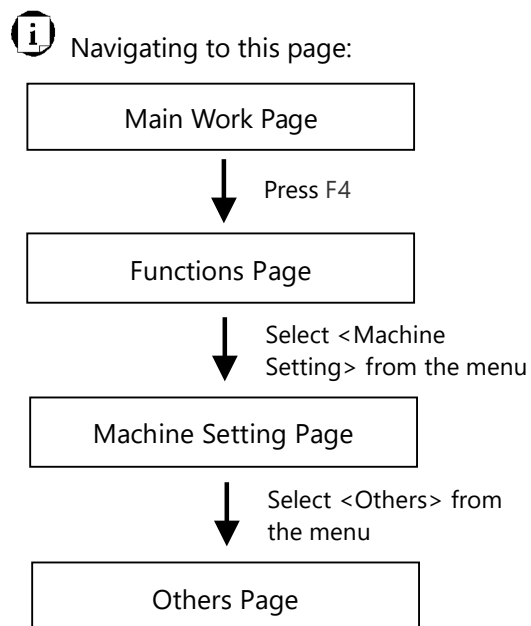
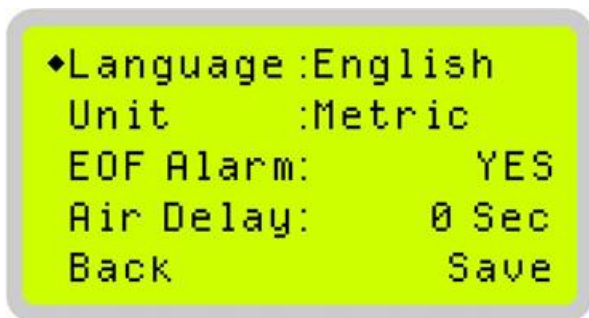


The Scaling Page allows you to fine tune the laser machine output scale to precisely fit the original graphic file design scale when precision output is required to your application.

Please reboot the machine after clicking <Save> button for the change.

| Scaling Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F4 (Save) | Save your current settings |
| ◁ / ▷ Directional | Adjust the X axis scaling numbers |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Adjust the Y axis scaling numbers |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

Machine Setting- Others Page



The Others Page allows you to change various settings that correspond to the control panel. The Language setting will allow users to change available languages displayed on the control panel. The Unit setting will allow you to change whether the units displayed by the control panel is in the metric or imperial system. The EOF (end of file) Alarm setting will enable or disable an audible notification when jobs are complete. The Air Delay setting allows you to specify the delay in seconds of the SmartAIR air-assist after the point of laser firing.

- Language: ENGLISH (others dependent on Firmware)
- Unit: METRIC/ INCH
- EOF Alarm: YES/ NO
- Air Delay: 1-100 seconds

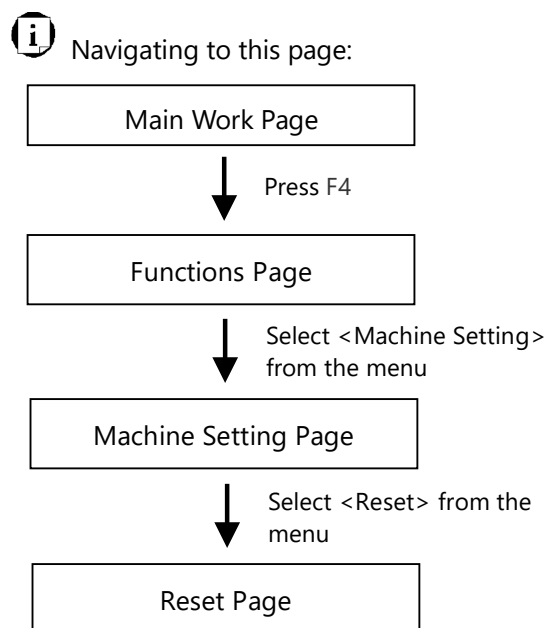
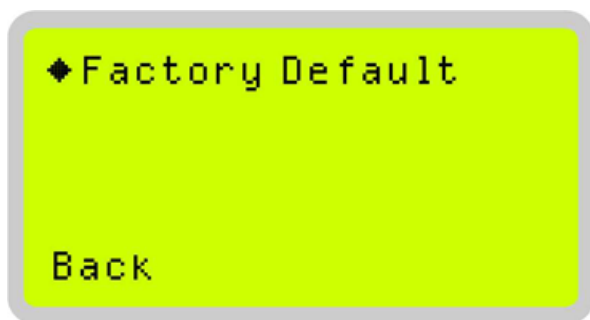


Tip

Depending on the material you are working with, your laser settings, and the desired results, please experiment with the air delay to achieve your desired results.

| Others Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F4 (Save) | Save your current settings |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Scroll through the menu selections |
| ◀ / ▶ Directional | Adjust the value for that selection |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

Machine Setting- Reset Page



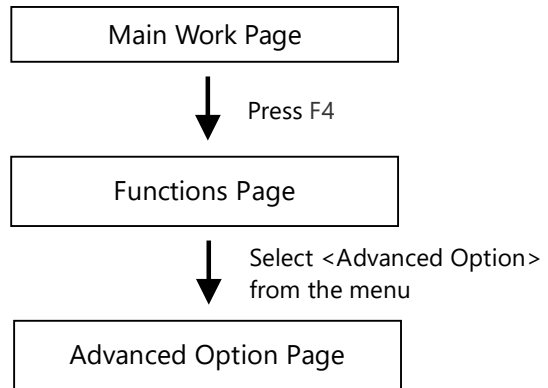
The Reset Page will restore machine settings back to factory default. Press ENTER to confirm the change and restart the machine.

| Reset Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Scroll through the menu selections |
| Enter | Perform the selection |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

Advanced Option Page



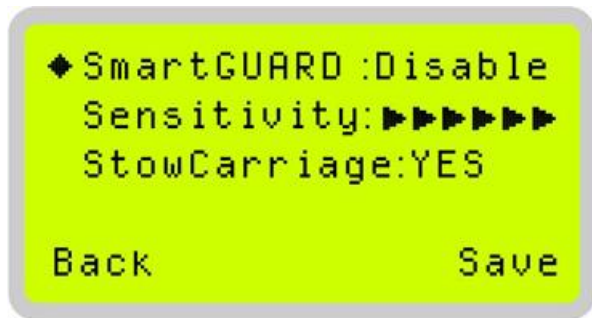
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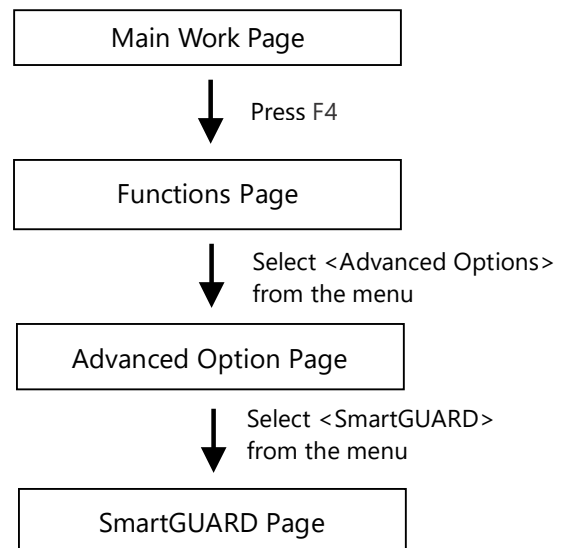
The Advanced Option Page allows you to access multiple setting for laser machine optional peripherals, including SmartGUARD and Origin Mode.

| Advanced Option Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Scroll through menu options |
| Enter | Perform the selection |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

Advanced Option- SmartGUARD Page



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After optional SmartGUARD hardware installation, please enter the function menu on the control panel to enable the SmartGUARD fire alarm. Note SmartGUARD fire alarm system is not a fire extinguisher, but a fire detecting and alarm system.

SmartGUARD Enable/ Disable:

Press directional key (Left or Right) to enable the SmartGUARD device or disable it.

Sensitivity:

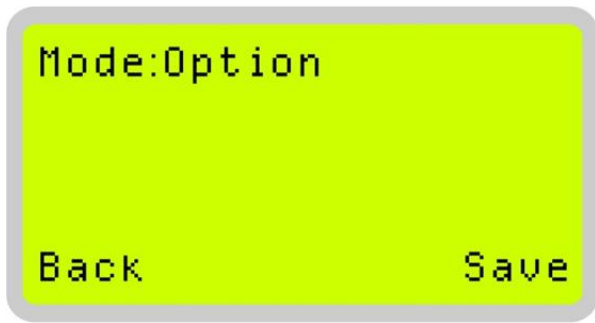
Press directional key (left or right) to set the sensitivity of SmartGUARD. There are seven sensitivity settings that can be selected. Sensitivity defines the delay time from when a fire is detected until the fire alarm alerts user, and automatically stop laser firing. For example, if the sensor delay switch is set to the 3-second position, the SmartGUARD will start an alarm and automatically stop laser firing after detecting a fire for 3 seconds.

Stow Carriage:

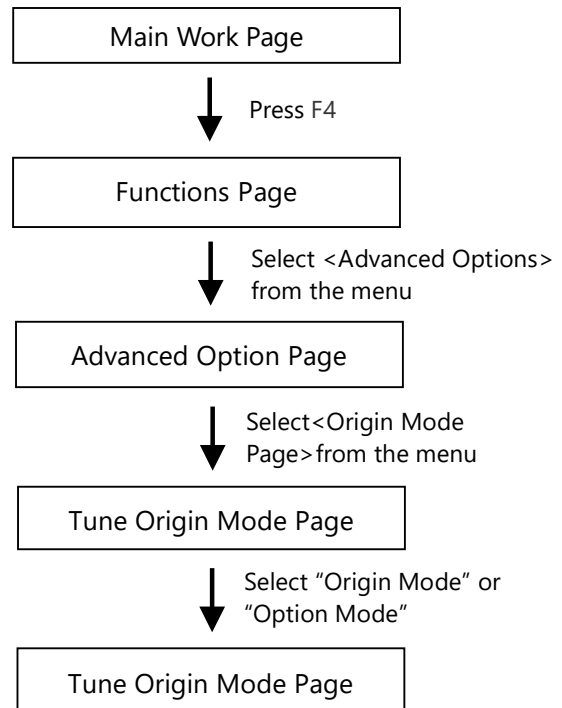
This function will decide if the lens carriage stay in the last position (set to <NO>) or move to the opposite direction (up or down) when fire alarm is initiated. The default is <YES>, the lens carriage will move to opposite direction when a fire detected.

| SmartGUARD Setting Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F4 (Save) | Save your current settings |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Scroll through the menu selections |
| ◁ / ▷ Directional | Adjust the value for that selection |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

Advanced Option- Origin Mode Page



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The Origin Mode Page allows you to manually adjust the origin (top left) position default value. When machine is installed with the aluminum grid cutting table, please select "Option Mode". If you remove the aluminum grid cutting table, please select "Origin Mode" -as the origin position.

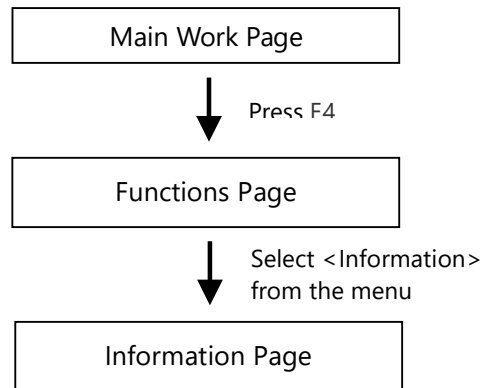
This machine includes two different origin positions that depend whether you install the aluminum grid cutting table or not. You are able to set Origin Mode (without grid cutting table) or Option Mode (with grid cutting table) as default value.

| Tune Origin Mode Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F4 (Save) | Save your current settings |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

Information Page



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The Information Page allows you to view information regarding the system such as copyright, laser machine name, firmware version, and other information.

| Information Page | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Scroll through the menu selections |
| Start / Stop | Back to Main Work Page |
| Auto Focus | Initiate the auto focus function |
| ▲ / ▼ Manual Focus Buttons | Manually adjust the height of the work table (Z-axis) |

5.2 The LV-180 Printer Driver

With the LV-180 Printer Driver successfully installed, you will need to adjust the printer and page size default settings before you can begin editing and completing jobs. By doing so, you will be setting the work area in your graphics software to match the LV-180's worktable area.

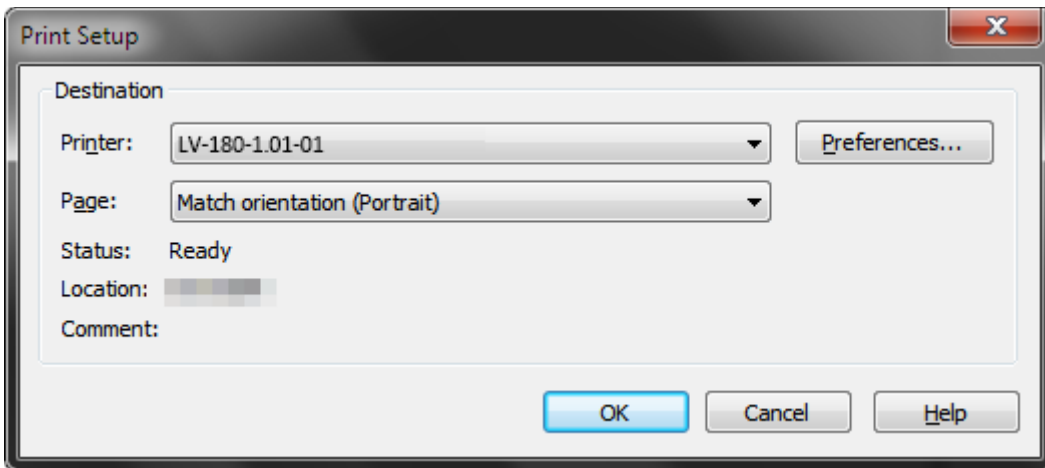
NOTE

Please make sure the LV-180 is set to the default printer before proceeding to the page and layout setup.

Ensure that the LV-180 has been selected as the DEFAULT PRINTER. You can do so by going into your Windows Control Panel → Printers and Faxes.

If LV-180 is not selected as DEFAULT PRINTER, you may set it up through the graphics software as well. The following is taking Corel Draw as example of how to set up LV-180 as the Printer.

- 1) From the primary menu, click FILE → PRINT SETUP.
- 2) From the navigation bar Name, click LV-180 → OK



5.2.1 Page Setup and Orientation

The first thing you must do before working with the LV-180 Printer Driver will be to make sure the page and layout settings are properly configured within your graphics software. You will need to access and edit the Page Setup or Layout page of your graphics software to set your graphics software's page layout to match the LV-180's work table's dimensions and orientation.

From your graphic software's Page Setup page:

- Set the page orientation in the graphics software to Landscape mode.
- Set page size horizontal length to 458 mm (18 inches) and vertical height to 305 mm (12 inches).

CorelDRAW Example (Page Setup and Orientation)

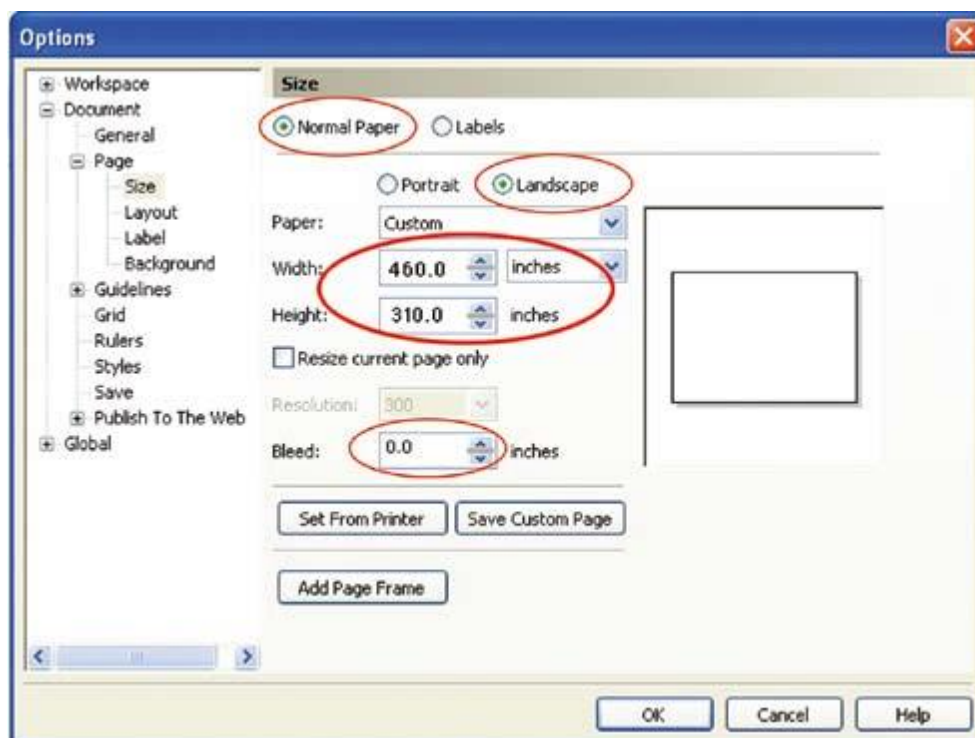
The following is an example of how to set the Page Setup and Orientation in the graphics software. CorelDRAW is the designated graphics software used for this example. For another graphics software, you will need to access the corresponding Page Setup page.

- 3) From the primary menu, click LAYOUT → PAGE SETUP
- 4) From the navigation bar on the left, click DOCUMENT → PAGE → SIZE.
- 5) Ensure that NORMAL PAPER and LANDSCAPE are selected.
- 6) Ensure the Paper Width and Height dimensions match the LV-180's work table dimensions of 458 mm (18 in.) and 305 mm (12 in.).
- 7) Click OK to complete the paper size adjustment.



Tip

Instead of manually selecting the Landscape and setting the Paper Width and Height, you can simply click the Set From Printer function and CorelDRAW will automatically set the proper orientation and dimensions based on LV-180's work table. (You MUST have the LV-180 set as the default printer prior to doing this.)



5.2.2 Color Management

The Printer Driver uses pen color settings to control laser engraver engraving and cutting parameters. In addition to having your Page Setup and Orientation properly set in your graphics software, you will also need to make sure Color Management is DISABLED prior to working with the LV-180 Printer Driver

From your graphic software's Color Management page: Disable Color Management or set Color Management to Off.

CorelDRAW Example (Color Management)

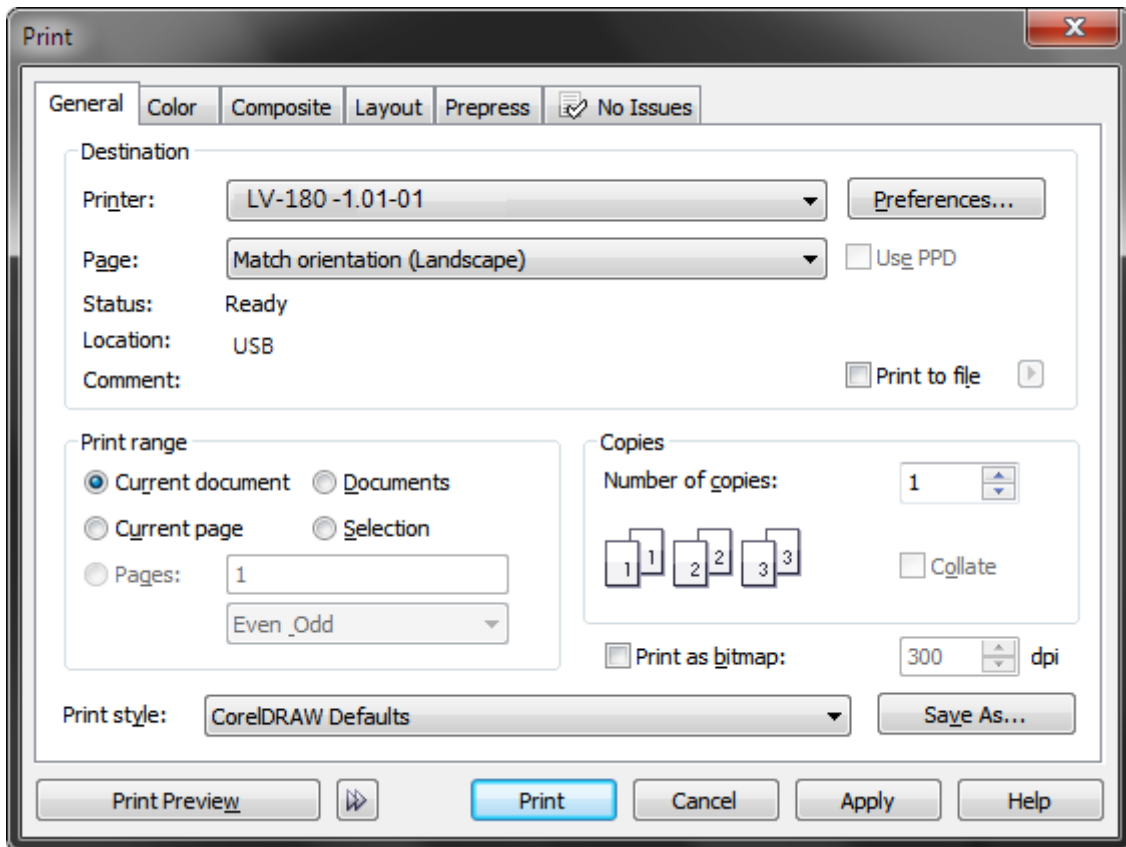
The following is an example of how to properly disable Color Management in the graphics software. CorelDRAW is the designated graphics software used for this example. For other graphics software, you will need to access the corresponding Color Management page.

- 1) From the primary menu, click TOOLS → COLOR MANAGEMENT and CorelDRAW's Color Management will appear.
- 2) Under the Style pull down menu, select COLOR MANAGEMENT OFF.
- 3) Click OK to complete the color management adjustments.



5.2.3 Using the LV-180 Printer Driver

Now after you have properly set the Page and Layout and Color Management of your graphics software, you are ready to configure the details of your actual job through the LV-180 Printer Driver. The LV-180 Printer Driver allows you to adjust your engraving / cutting options. After you have setup your image, design, or text to be engraved in your software application, you can access the LV-180 Printer Driver by going to FILE → PRINT → PROPERTIES.



NOTE

For this screenshot example, CorelDRAW was used as the software application.

The LV-180 Printer Driver consists of seven primary sections (pages) in which you will be able to choose various engraving / cutting options and settings:

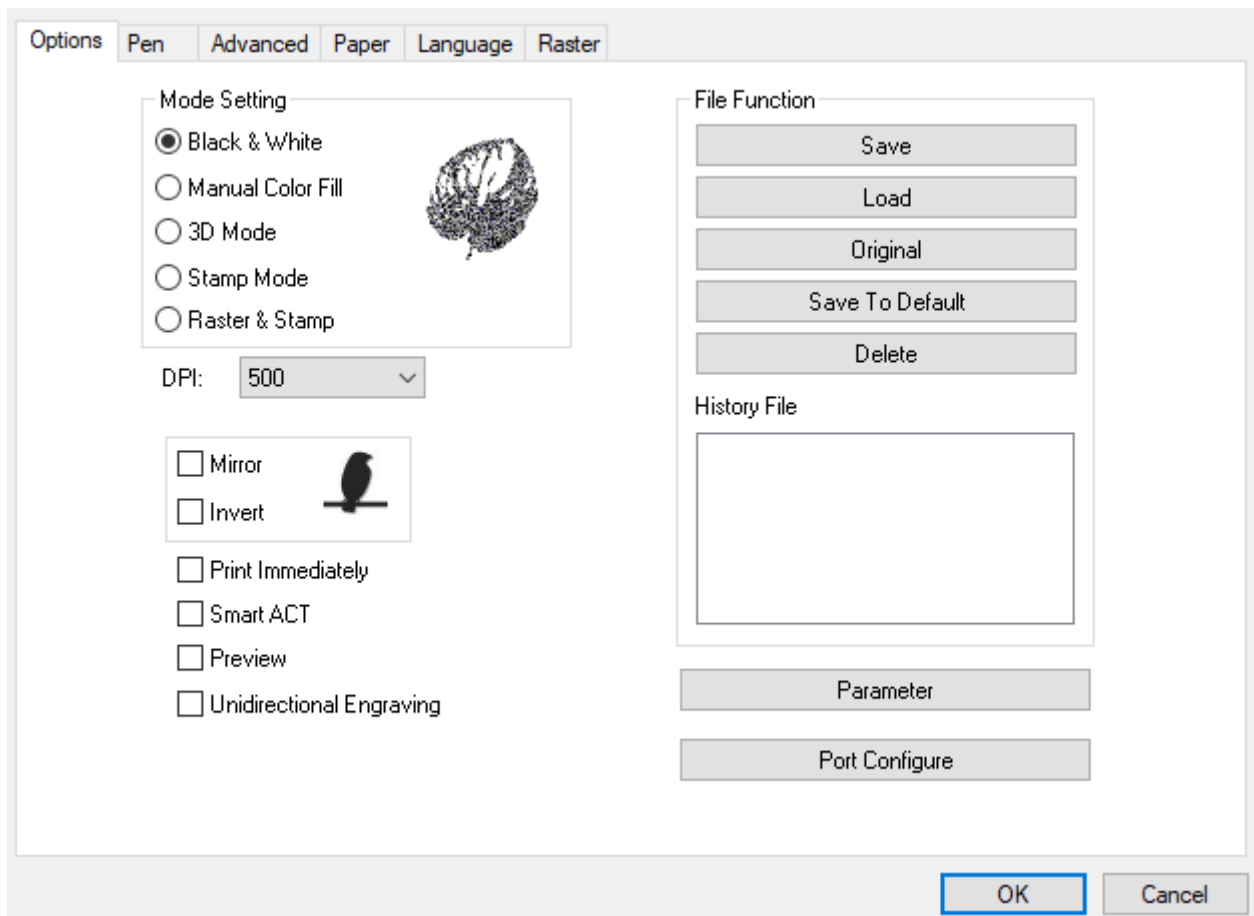
- Option Page
- Pen Page
- Advance Page
- Paper Page
- Language Page
- Raster Page (appears only in Black & White Mode)
- Stamp Page (appears only in Stamp Mode)



Tip

The following sections describe the specific functions for each of the settings around in the LV-180 Printer Driver. If you are new to laser engraving, it is recommended that you first familiar yourself with the general principals of the laser process in Chapter 6, especially the Vector Cutting and Raster Engraving concepts. This will make it easier to understand the various descriptions and terminology used in this section.

5.2.3.1 LV-180 Printer Driver >> Option Page



Mode Setting (OPTION PAGE) [DEFAULT SETTING: Black & White]

You can select four primary mode settings, depending on your application or results you would like to achieve.

Black & White: Select this mode when using clipart images or drawings with several colors, shades of gray, or many outlines. This mode outputs in a method similar to that of a black and white laser printer. The entire selected image will be engraved using a single set of power & speed settings (the black pen from the PEN menu. Please refer to the next section of the manual for details regarding the PEN functions). The LV-180 Printer Driver will interpret colored and shaded areas as different shades of gray by producing a halftone effect while engraving. Instead of engraving only solid lines, gray/halftone areas will be a collection of dots with varying density.

The resolution and depth of these halftone areas can be adjusted with the DPI setting found on the Options page. Please note that selecting the Black & White mode will add a new Raster page to the menu. The Black & White mode dithering settings can be changed from the Raster page. (Please refer to the Raster section below for details). Experiment with different dithering settings to attain the desired results.



Tip

The Black & White mode interprets the processed image by the varying colors and shades. For the best results, we suggest you convert the image to a grayscale image with your graphics software prior to engraving in the Black & White mode.

NOTE

Selecting the Black & White mode will enable the Raster page on the LV-180 Printer Driver, allowing you to adjust advanced stamp-related settings.

Manual Color Fill:

Specify laser type to different color pens. The Printer Driver allows a maximum of 16 pen parameters to be set. It will help user to set different parameters easily in one file.

| Pen No. | Color | Speed | Power | PPI | Raster | Vector | Air | AF | Defocus | Bridge | Repeat |
|---------|---------------|-------|-------|-----|--------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Black | 50.0 | 50 | 400 | YES | YES | NO | NO | 0.0 | 5 | 1 |
| 2 | Red | 50.0 | 50 | 400 | YES | YES | NO | NO | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| 3 | Green | 50.0 | 50 | 400 | YES | YES | NO | NO | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| 4 | Yellow | 50.0 | 50 | 400 | YES | YES | NO | NO | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| 5 | Blue | 50.0 | 50 | 400 | YES | YES | NO | NO | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| 6 | Magenta | 50.0 | 50 | 400 | YES | YES | NO | NO | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| 7 | Cyan | 50.0 | 50 | 400 | YES | YES | NO | NO | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| 8 | Light Blue | 50.0 | 50 | 400 | YES | YES | NO | NO | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1* | Light Green | 50.0 | 50 | 400 | YES | YES | NO | NO | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| 10 | Light Yellow | 50.0 | 50 | 400 | YES | YES | NO | NO | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| 11 | Light Blue | 50.0 | 50 | 400 | YES | YES | NO | NO | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| 12 | Light Magenta | 50.0 | 50 | 400 | YES | YES | NO | NO | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |

Speed: < [Slider] > 50.0

Power: < [Slider] > 50

PPI: < [Slider] > 400

Defocus: < [Slider] > 0.0 mm

Bridge: < [Slider] > 0 mm

Repeat:

Raster
 Vector
 Air
 Auto Focus
 Defocus
 Bridge Cutting

3D Mode:

3D Mode allows the naked eyes to visualize the curvatures of the 3D effect by applying 200 grayscale power level technology to create different depth of engraving.



Stamp Mode:

The stamp mode is one of the more dynamic functions of the laser engravers by applying 200 power level to create different steps.



NOTE
 Selecting the Stamp mode will enable the Stamp page on the LV-180 Printer Driver, allowing you to adjust advanced stamp-related settings.

Raster & Stamp Mode: Select this mode when you would like to engrave image on stamps. The Raster & Stamp mode combines the 256-level gray scale image processing technology and 200 power level stamp steps production requirement to create slopes.

DPI (Option Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: 500]

DPI (dots-per-inch) represents the number of times the laser will fire over a one-inch path. This setting determines the image resolution and quality when performing raster engraving functions. Higher DPI settings result in cleaner and deeper engravings but require a more time to complete. Lower DPI settings result in coarser and shallower engravings but require less time to complete. The LV-180 offers 8 DPI options: 125, 250, 300, 380, 500, 600, 760, 1000, and 1500 experiment with different settings to get your desired effect.

Below is a chart for your convenience detailing the Set DPI (your input setting) vs. Actual DPI (your output results).

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|------|
| Set DPI | 125 | 250 | 300* | 380 | 500 | 600* | 760 | 1000 | 1500 |
| Actual DPI | 127 | 254 | 381 | 381 | 508 | 762 | 762 | 1016 | 1524 |

Mirror (Option Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: Unselected]

Checking this box will automatically engrave your image with a mirrored effect. This setting will flip the image along the Y-axis from left to right and vice-versa.

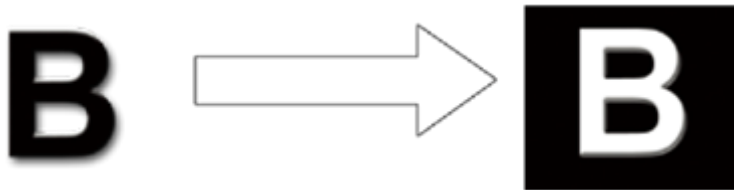


When engraving a stamp, via the stamp mode, the stamp image needs to be engraved in reverse (mirrored) for the final stamp to be correctly laid out.



Invert (Option Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: Unselected]

Checking this box automatically inverts / reverses the color of your image (the white areas become black and vice versa). The Invert option is not available in disabled with Manual Color File mode selected.

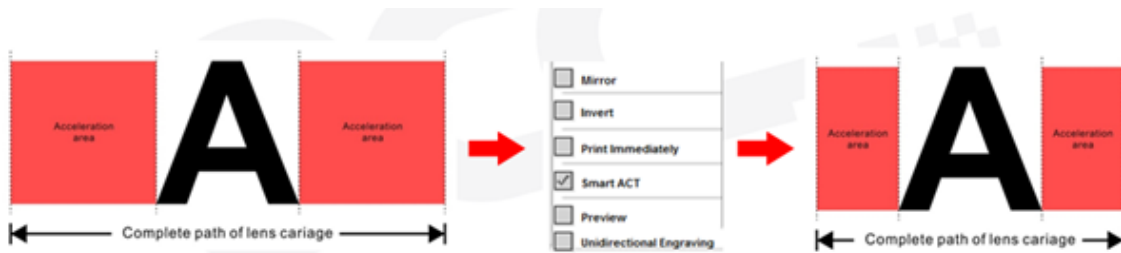


Print Immediately (Option Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: Unselected]

Checking this will instruct the LV-180 to immediately begin the laser engraving process, when you select Print from your graphic software program. If Print Immediately is not checked, then selecting Print will transfer the job file to the LV-180 system and will need to be initialized from the LV-180 control panel.

SmartACT (Options Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: Unselected]

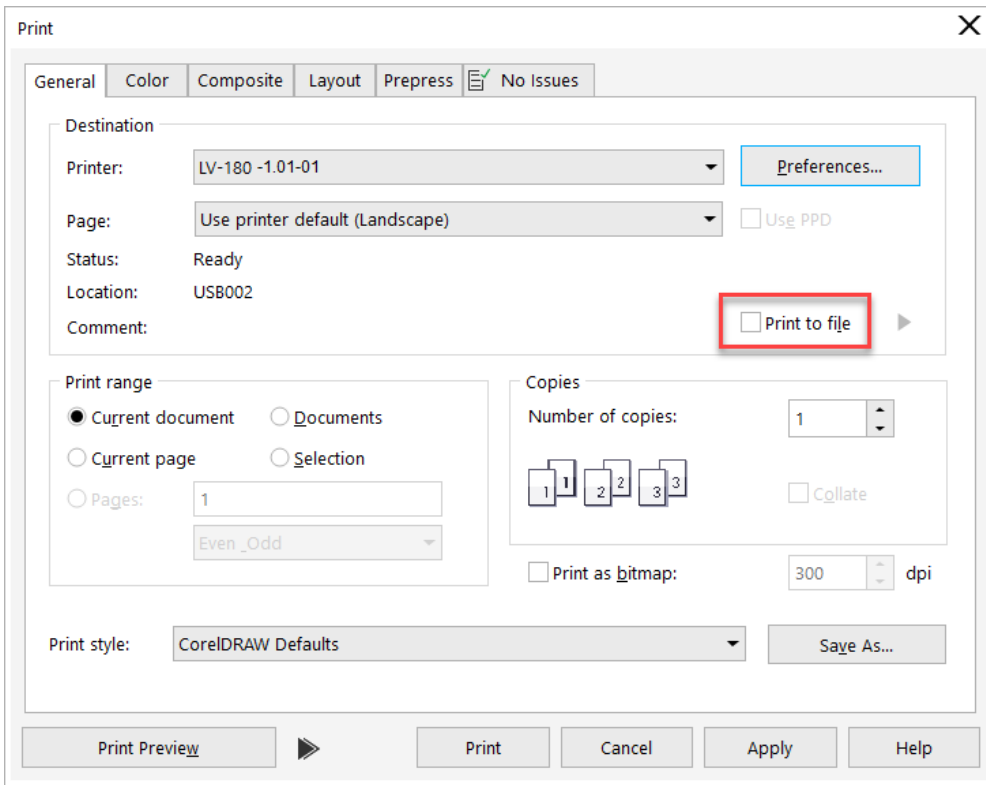
By eliminating unnecessary travel of the lens carriage at the expense of some quality, SmartACT reduces the acceleration area to save of time to process a job~!



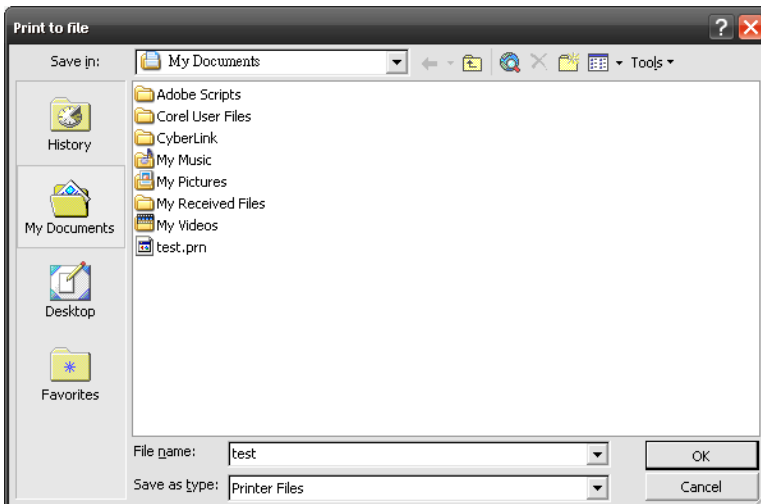
There is a greater performance gain when enabling SmartACT for designs that are vertically longer than they are horizontally wide, as the SmartACT optimization modifies the movement of the X-axis of the lens carriage.

Preview (Options Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: Unselected]

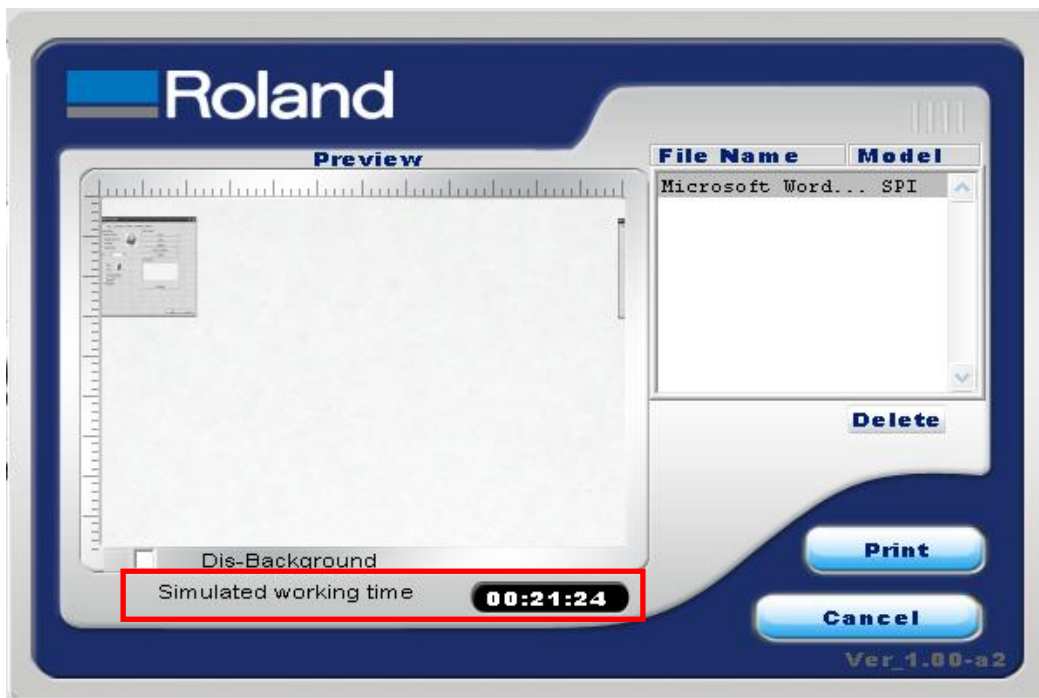
Users can use the Preview function to check a simulated output of the job. An estimated working time will also be shown. Please make sure to set the file printing option to “print to file” in order to activate the Preview function. Please see below instruction:



A filename will be prompted.



After entering the filename and pressing <OK>, the Preview screen will be shown.



The output file can be previewed, and an estimated working time of the job is also displayed. The working time is only estimation which might be slightly different from the actual working time.

File Function (Option Page):

The file function section allows you to manage various laser parameters. This section is useful when performing repeat jobs on a variety of objects, allowing you to save your frequently used laser parameters and load them in the future.

- **History File:** This section contains a list of the recent files you have recently created and worked.
- **SAVE:** This function will save current Printer Driver parameter settings to a file under the specified location on your computer. (Saved parameter setting files will be tagged with this machine extension)
- **LOAD:** This function allows you load a previously saved Printer Driver parameters.
- **ORIGINAL:** This function will load the Printer Driver's original factory parameter settings.
- **SAVE TO DEFAULT:** This function allows you to save your current Printer Driver parameters as the default startup settings.
- **DELETE:** This function will delete the file you select from the History File section. Please note the delete function only removes the file from the history file section, it does not remove the .GL file from your hard drive, if you wish to completely remove the file from your hard disk, and you will have to manually delete the file from your operating system.)

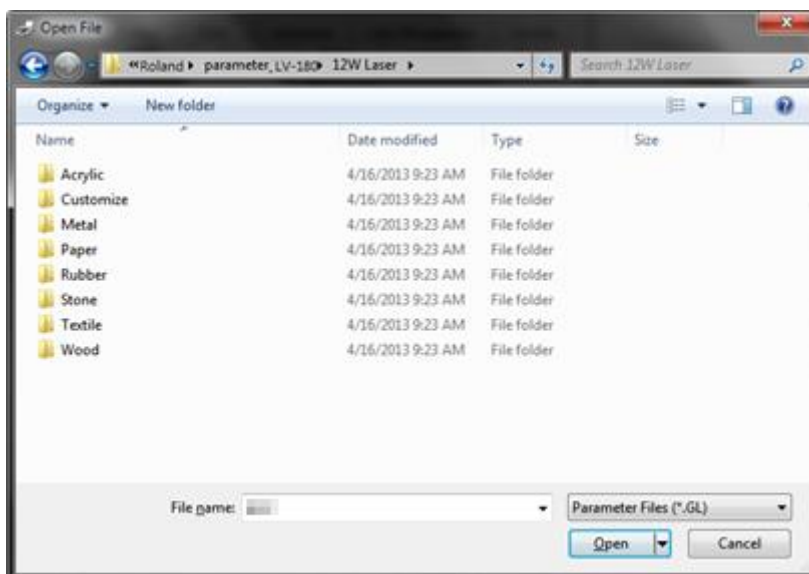
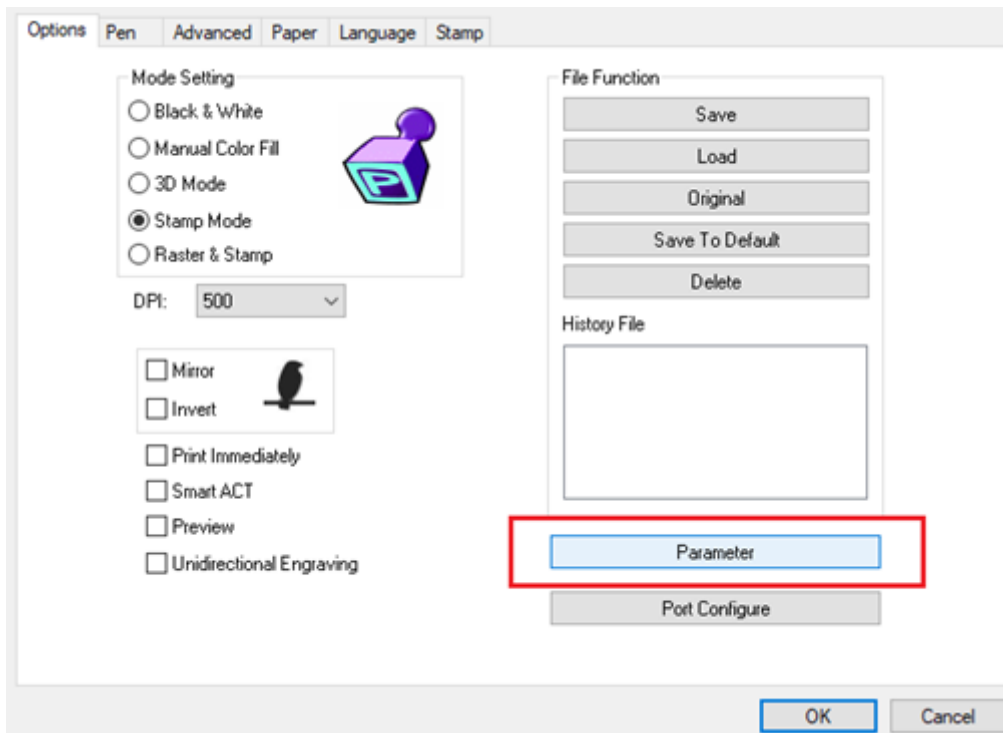
NOTE

If you are using Windows as your operating system, then make sure you log in with an administrator or administrator-rights account in order to properly save laser parameter settings.



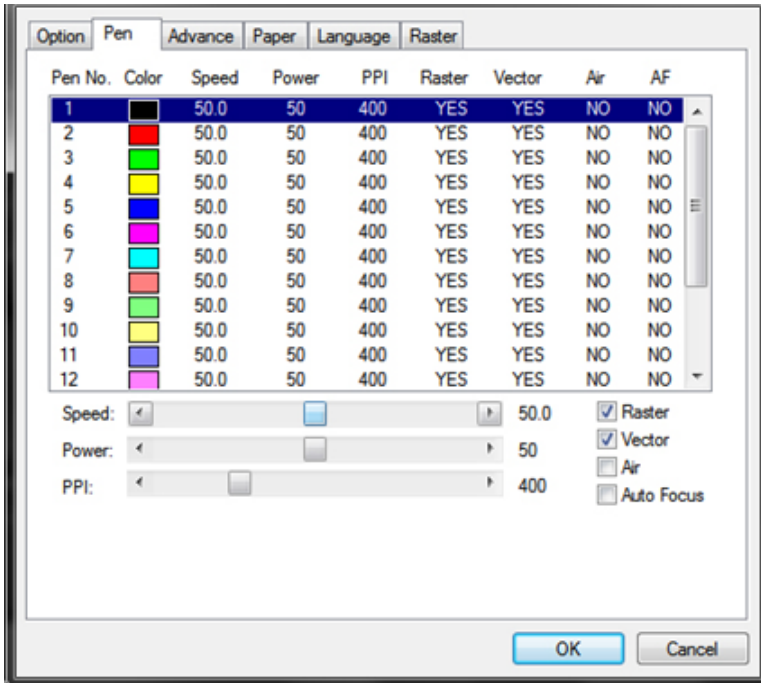
Tip

Material database settings allow you easy to load the several parameters. If you are loading parameter database as your operating parameter, please direct load from several build-in parameter folders



5.2.3.2 LV-180 Printer Driver >> Pen Page

The LV-180 incorporates the use of 16 different colors to represent 16 different laser power and speed settings when cutting and engraving. These colors are referred to as "Pen". Think of each pen as a designated laser setting, rather than as a color. As an example, a black and white image will use only one power and speed laser setting (Black). An image that is made up of black, red and blue colors will be processed using the laser settings designated for each particular color. In order to utilize up to 16 different pens (laser parameter settings), make sure your graphics software can recognize and utilizes the 16 pen colors designated by the LV-180 Printer Driver.



If you would like to specify your own colors to designate to a particular laser setting, then all you have to do is to double-click on that particular pen color from the pen menu and a color manager window will open where you can select "define custom colors" to define your own color (shown in the picture below). This is useful when your image is composed of colors that are not part of the pen menu's default color selection, and instead of modifying your image, you simply would like to assign the laser settings based on the existing colors based on your current image.



NOTE

The LV-180 Printer Driver cannot store more than 16 pen colors or different laser parameter settings per file.

Speed (Pen Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: 40]

The speed slider controls the laser's speed during operation (engraving speed) with settings ranging from 0.1 – 100%. Only when moving in straight line with enough distance, the carriage can achieve 100% speed. On the other hand, the machine will automatically slow down when processing curves so the speed % indicator only presents maximum speed % that laser can achieve but not equal to actual laser carriage moving speed. It is exactly like driving a car on a straight road, you can driver faster and on a curve road you have to slow down.

Laser pulse frequency is controlled by the speed setting for vectors and it is opposite to pulse width, meaning higher speed setting for vectors, lower pulse width, and thus less cutting capability. Not only speed% setting affects actual processing time but also the job size, complexity of the graphic and the position of the graphic in the working area.

Power (Pen Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: 50]

The power slider controls the laser's power during operation (engraving/cutting power) with a range setting from 0 – 100%. The percentage setting represents the power for each laser pulse fired. The lower the power setting, the shallower it engraves or cuts, and vice-versa.



Tip

Cutting / engraving depth are determined by a combination of power and speed. Slower speed at higher power will produce deeper cuts and engravings, whereas higher speeds at lower power will produce more shallow cuts and engravings.

PPI (Pen Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: 400]

PPI (pulses-per-inch) represents the pulsing frequency of the laser pulse (fire) numbers within an inch exclusive for vector cutting. Higher PPI settings may cause more melting, burning or charring on the edges when cutting. Lower PPI settings may reduce this effect but may result in a serrated looking edge. If you drag the PPI slider to the maximum, the value will change to X. This completely disables the PPI control and turns on the laser continuously without pulsing.

This disables the power ramp functionality, which automatically controls the PPI depending on the speed of the laser carriage (such as vector cutting around the corner of a square). With PPI to X. the cutting corner with slower speed will generate over burn or melting.



Tip

1. When cutting thicker materials, suggest setting PPI to X and slow speed setting to melt/cut through the material
 2. When cutting thin material or do kiss-cutting, it is recommended to set the PPI value to 400 and slower speed setting to keep curve and line with consistent cutting result, no over burn in corner.
-

Raster / Vector (Pen Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: Selected]

Checking the Raster checkbox will process only the raster functions for the areas of your design that correspond to that particular "pen" color. Checking the Vector checkbox will process the vector functions for the areas of your design that correspond to that particular "pen" color.

As an example: a particular "pen" color may be assigned to areas in your design containing color fills (raster engraving) and very thin lines (vector cutting). By checking / unchecking the Raster and Vector will force the driver to process / ignore the color fills / thin lines.

| | Vector Checked | Vector Unchecked |
|------------------|--|--|
| Raster Checked | Processes both Vector and Raster functions for that particular color | Processes only the Raster functions for that particular color (Vector functions ignored) |
| Raster Unchecked | Processes only the Vector functions for that particular color (Raster functions ignored) | Does not process Vector or Raster functions for that particular color |

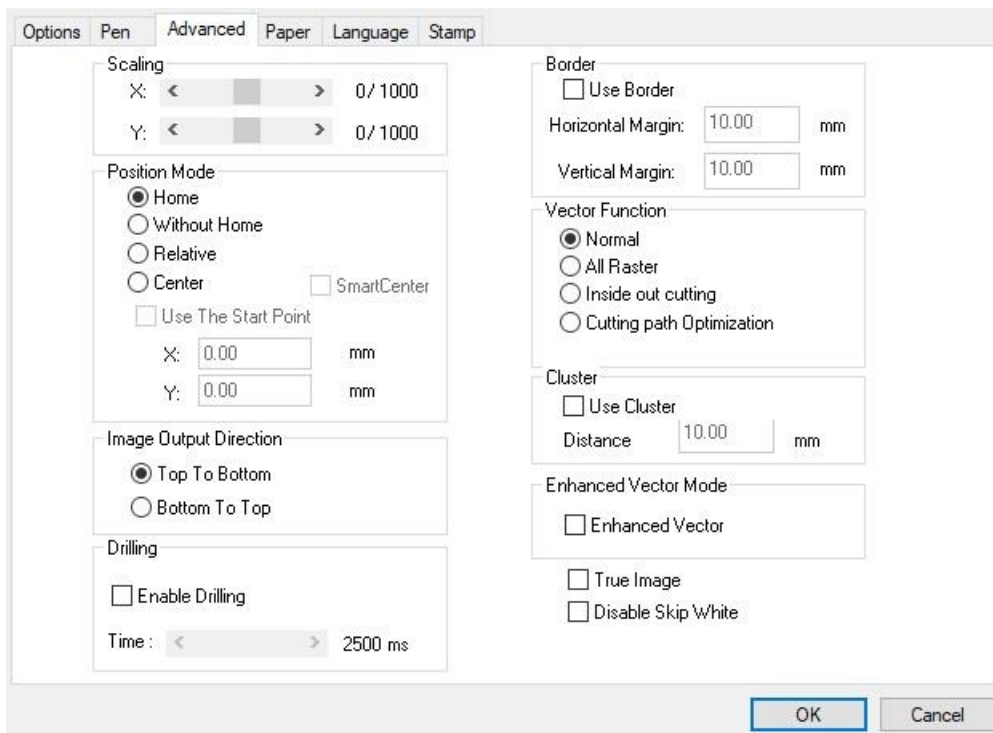
Auto Focus (Pen Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: Unselected]

This checkbox sets the Auto Focus for that particular job. With the Auto Focus button checked, the LV-180 will automatically initialize the auto focus procedure before starting the job. This will ensure the focal distance is properly set based on the particular material you are working with and the focal lens you have installed.

Air (Pen Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: Unselected]

This checkbox controls the SmartAIR air-assist function (if you have the optional air compressor installed). By selecting a pen color and checking this box will enable the SmartAIR air-assist function for that particular pen color. As an example, if you are performing a combination of both surface raster engraving job and deep vector cutting on a material such as acrylic, you may want to enable the SmartAIR air-assist for the vector cutting sections to get the cleanest cuts. To do this, you would simply need to select the pen color that you have assigned to the sections to be cut and select the Air checkbox for those particular pen colors.

5.2.3.3 LV-180 Printer Driver >> Advance Page



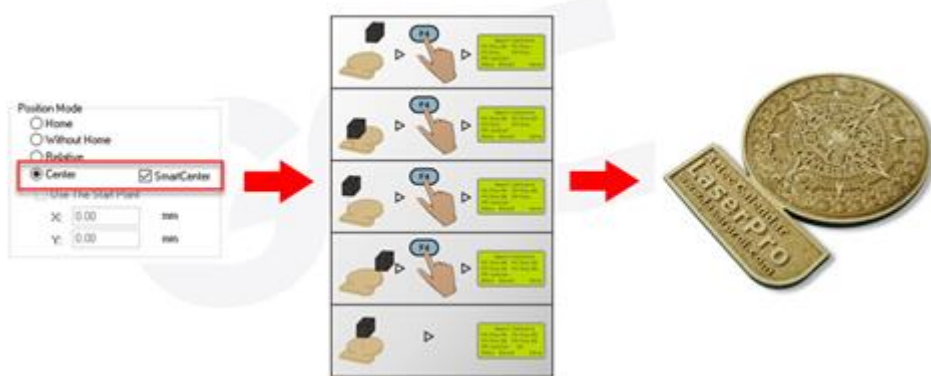
Scaling (Advance Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: 0]

In some cases, you may find a slight output inaccuracy in the actual output compared to what you have set in the computer. This margin of error or offset is extremely small (approximately 1/300). What this means that there may be a 1-unit offset for every 300-unit increment. As an example, if you engrave a 300 mm straight line, it may end up measuring only 299 mm or 301 mm in the final output. In this case, you will want to set the scaling setting to +1 / 1000 or -1 / 1000, respectively to compensate. A general rule of thumb is for every 300-unit increment, you will want to adjust the slider by +1 if the final output is 1 unit increment shorter or -1 if the final output is 1 unit increment longer than your graphic design setting.

Position Modes (Advance Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: Home]

These selections allow you to control the positioning of the laser head after each job completion and before the next subsequent job.

- **Home:** Resets the positioning of the laser head to the "home position" (upper-right) before and after each job.
- **Without Home:** The laser head will start the next job based on its position from its graphic application software setting, from the last position of the previous job. Upon completion of the current job, the laser head will remain at the last position of the previous job.
- **Relative:** This mode sets the current laser head position to correspond to the origin (top left) position of the graphic software. Therefore, the laser head will process the job from its current position relative to its setting in the graphics software.
- **Center:** Sets the current position of the laser head as the center point for your subsequent job. As an example, if the subsequent job is to vector cut a circle and you have the Position Mode set to Center, then the LV-180 will vector cut a circle around the initial position of the laser head.
- **SmartCENTER:** The SmartCENTER function is a quick and easy way to precisely locate the center point between two points or four points.



It is highly recommended you enable the red dot laser pointer when setting / adjusting the Position Modes, as this makes accurate positioning of your laser carriage for your particular jobs much easier.

Image Output Direction (Advance Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: Top to Bottom]

These selections allow you to control the direction in which the system processes an engraved image.



- **Top to Bottom:** Selecting this will force the system to process the current task by moving the laser carriage from the top to the bottom of the image (rear end to front end of the work table).
- **Bottom to Top:** Selecting this will force the system to process the current task by moving the laser carriage from the bottom to the top of the image (front end to rear end of the work table) (Normally, the LV-180 engraves from left to right, top to bottom. Selecting Bottom Up will force the machine to start from the bottom and work its way to the rear of the working table).



Tip

In situations where the material you will be working with may produce a lot of dust byproducts and you are utilizing the optional Fume Extraction system, it is recommended you select the Bottom to Top image output direction option. This will minimize the amount of dust byproducts lodged in the engraved sections as the Fume Extraction system is vented from the rear of the machine, the same direction as the image is processed.

Border (Advance Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: Unselected]

In cases where you are working with a negative image (negative outline areas of your image are engraved, rather than the positive areas), you may wish to include a border around your image. To properly add a border, you will first need to Invert your design from the Option Page, then check Use Border and specify a value for the thickness of the border you would like to add to your design.

This mode is useful for engraving rubber stamps, as it allows you to create the outline around your stamp image.

NOTE

If you wish to use the Border and Cluster function simultaneously, then the Border Thickness value must be less than the Distance value specified in the Cluster setting.

Vector Function (Advance Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: Normal]

- **Normal:** This selection will not apply any special advanced vector function to your job. This is the default Vector Function setting.
- **All Raster Output:** This selection will instruct the Printer Driver to process your entire image as a raster engraving. Any vector lines within the image will be treated as raster data and outputted as a raster engraving, similar to a dot-matrix printer.



- **Inside-Out Cutting:** This setting will always automatically direct the laser to cut from the inner most vector shape and move outwards.



- **Optimization Sorting:** This is a setting that will minimize your process time. When selected, the Printer Driver will analyze your image and automatically determine the most efficient processing path to process your image.



Use Cluster (Advance Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: Unselected]

This setting allows you to change how the LV-180 interprets and processes individual / independent areas of an image in order to minimize job-processing times. The Cluster function is only applicable when multiple areas of an image are broken down and isolated from each other (areas not touching each other, blank space in-between). Another condition that must be met for the Cluster function is that these individual areas of your design must have some X-axis overlap, meaning that they should be somewhat side-by-side with empty space between them. The distance value can be set by the user and represents the limit or cutoff point in which side-by-side objects will be processed in Cluster mode or not. If the distance between side-by-side objects is greater than the set distance value, then the individual areas will be processed in Cluster mode. Conversely, if the distance between side-by-side objects is lesser than the set distance value, then the individual areas will be processed normally (not via Cluster mode).

An example of an image that would benefit from the Cluster function would be: 2 squares to be engraved, side-by-side on the X-axis with a 20 cm gap in between them. In this scenario, you would want to enable the Cluster setting and set the distance to a value less than 20. By doing so, the laser will completely process one square and “leap-frog” to the second square, rather than processing both squares simultaneously. The result: you shorten the processing time by minimizing the unnecessary travel distance the laser head needs to make across the X-axis in between squares, if they were to be processed simultaneously.

NOTE
If you wish to use the Border and Cluster function simultaneously, then the Border Thickness value must be less than the Distance value specified in the Cluster setting.

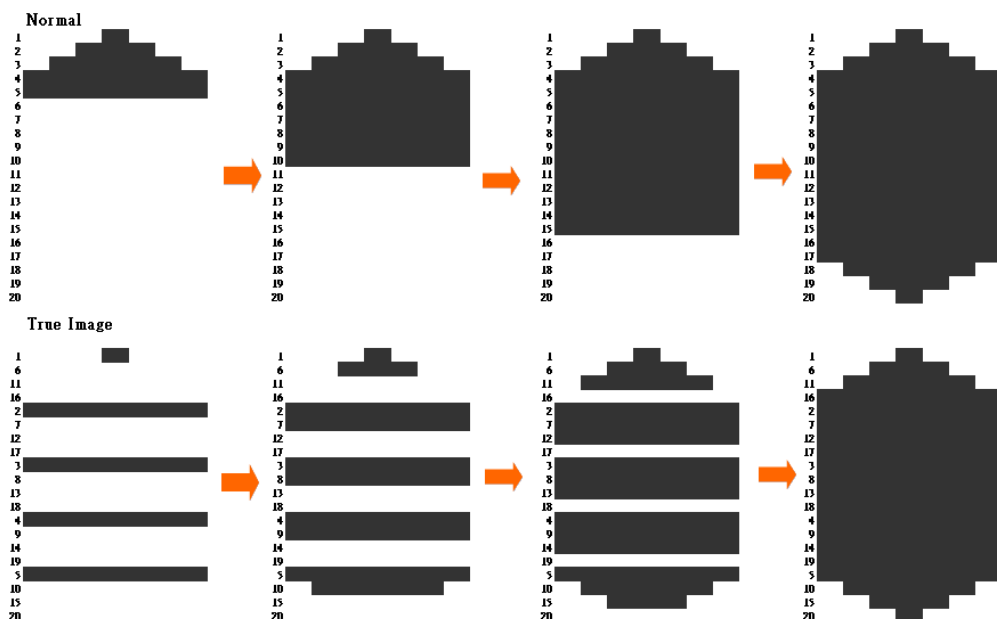
Enhanced Vector Mode (Advance Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: Unselected]

This setting allows you to improve the cutting quality at the expense of speed. Your engraving speed will be dropped 50%, to maximize the cutting power. We recommend you enable this function when cutting thicker materials.

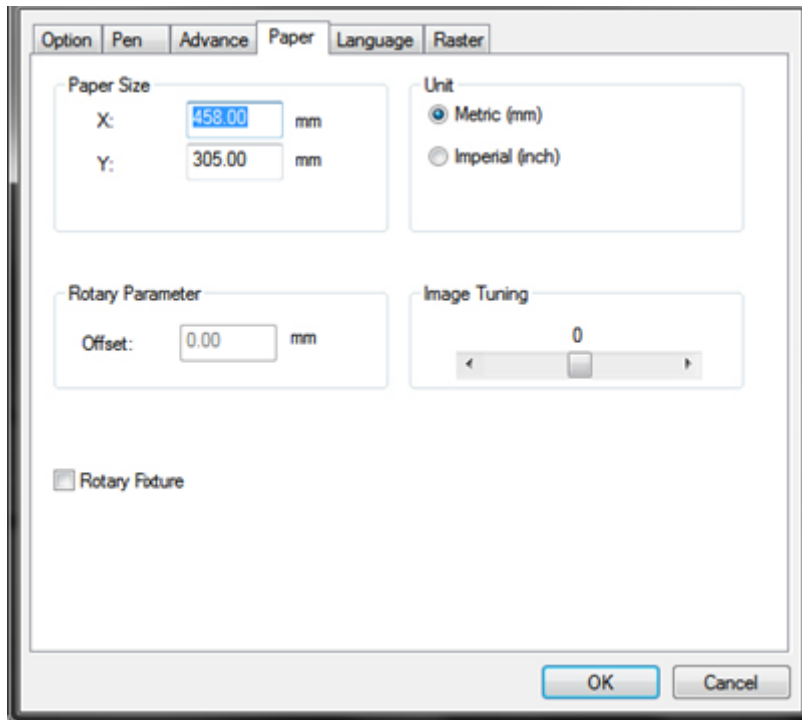
True Image Mode (Advance Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: Unselected]

This setting allows you to improve the engraving quality by reordering the line by line output sequence and by doing so masking the banding problems. This feature is only suitable for engraving large sized graphics. Note: The overall working time will be increased.

True Image is a function that will shuffle the normal engraving sequence to produces a nicer engraving output by reducing possible banding occurrences.



5.2.3.4 LV-180 Printer Driver >> Paper Page



Paper Size (Paper Page)

The paper size represents your total work area. Ensure that the paper size is never set greater than the LV-180's worktable area of 18" x 12" (458 mm x 305 mm). The X value represents the length and the Y value represents the width.

NOTE

When using the optional rotary attachment system and with the Rotary Fixture option checked, the X value represents the length of your working piece. The Y value will be changed to Diameter, which represents the diameter of your working piece (at the position you wish to engrave).

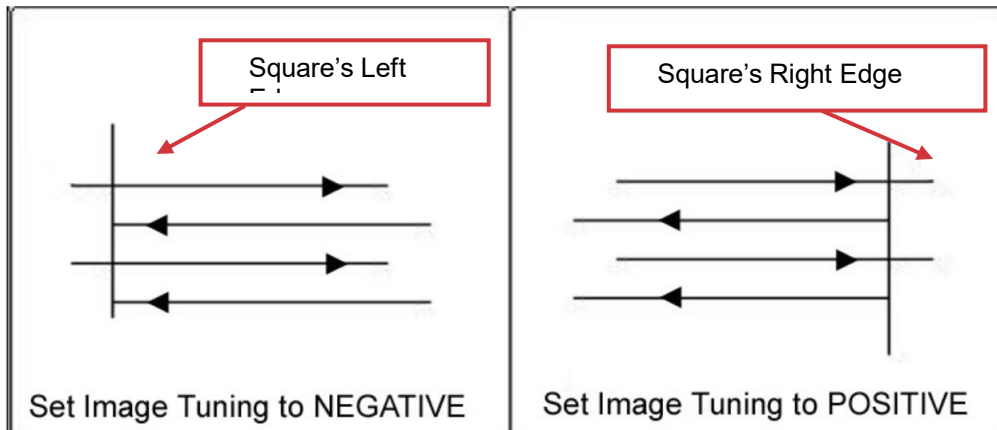
Unit (Paper Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: Metric (mm)]

Here you can set your preferred measurement standard in which you would like use with the LV-180 Printer Driver. You can choose between metric or imperial standards.

Image Tuning (Paper Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: 0]

In the event that you are processing extremely fine and detailed designs requiring near-microscopic edge-to-edge precision, you will need to adjust the image tuning setting. To adjust this setting, we recommend you engrave a small black square design as a sample and apply a magnifying glass to the engraved results.

When you look at your engraved test square under a magnifying glass, you may notice the edges of your square may be slightly offset, with every consecutive engraved even or odd line protruding past the square's ideal edge. This occurrence may occur on the left or right side of the square and can be compensated for by the image tuning setting. In the diagram below, the arrows refer to the direction the laser head is moving to generate that engraved line. If the first and every other line protrude to the left of the square's ideal edge, you will want to set the image tuning to a negative value. If the first and every other consecutive line protrude to the right of the square's ideal edge, you will want to set the image tuning to a positive value. The further the protruding lines are from the square's ideal edge, the larger you will need to set the Image Tuning value to compensate.



The following is an example that has the proper image tuning, and demonstrates this significance when engraving fine, small, intricate text. The following two pictures show engraved text magnified with no image tuning (left picture) and image tuning enabled (right picture).



Rotary Fixture (Paper Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: Unselected]

NOTE

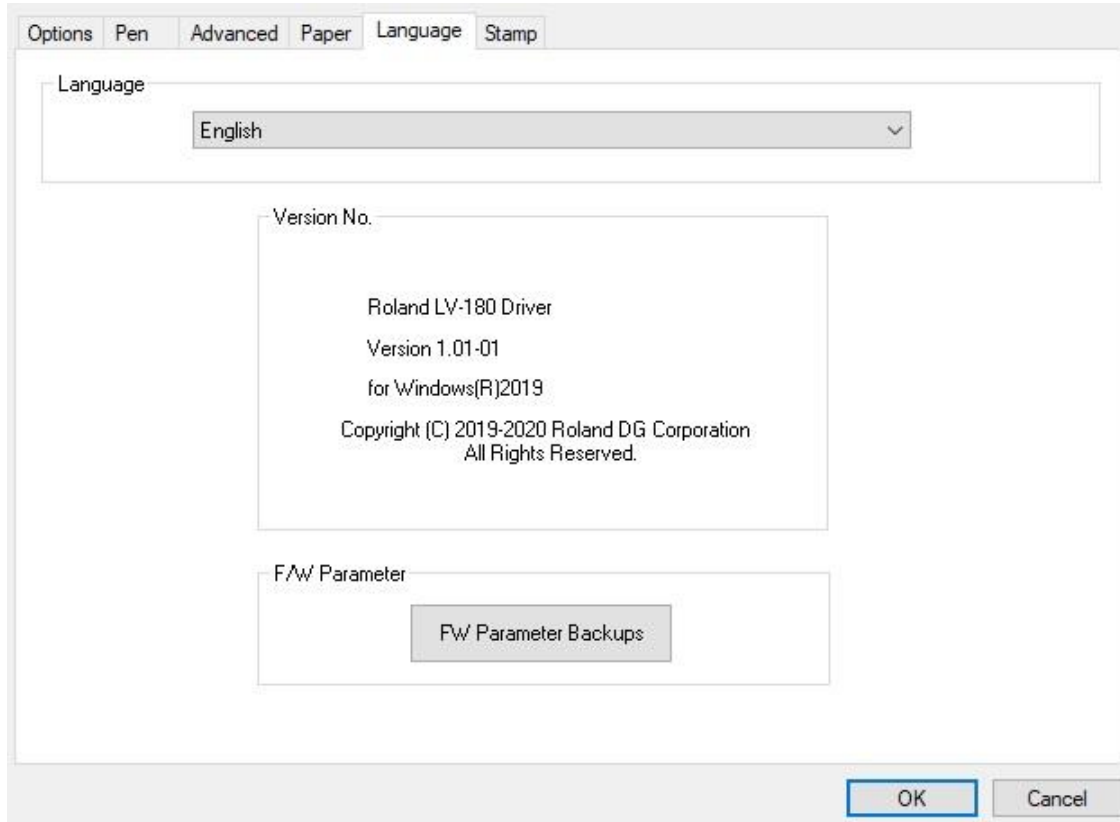
This option is only to be used with the Rotary Attachment optional accessory properly set up. For instructions on how to set up the Rotary Attachment, please refer to Chapter VII of this manual.

You will need to select the option when processing a job with the optional rotary attachment system to engrave on rounded or cylindrical objects. When you have your material and rotary attachment properly set up:

- 1) Check the Rotary Fixture function and notice the change in the Paper Size fields. Under Paper Size, the X value represents the length of your work piece. Enter the length of your work piece in this field.
- 2) Under Paper Size, the Diameter value represents the diameter of your working piece (at the position you wish to engrave). Enter the diameter of your work piece in this field. Again, remember the proper diameter value would be the diameter location, at the point of engraving on your work piece.
- 3) Under Rotary Parameter, the Offset value represents distance from the open end of your work piece to the base of the padded rubber wheel. This value will be displayed on the LV-180's LCD panel. Enter the proper offset value in this field.

5.2.3.5 LV-180 Printer Driver >> Language Page

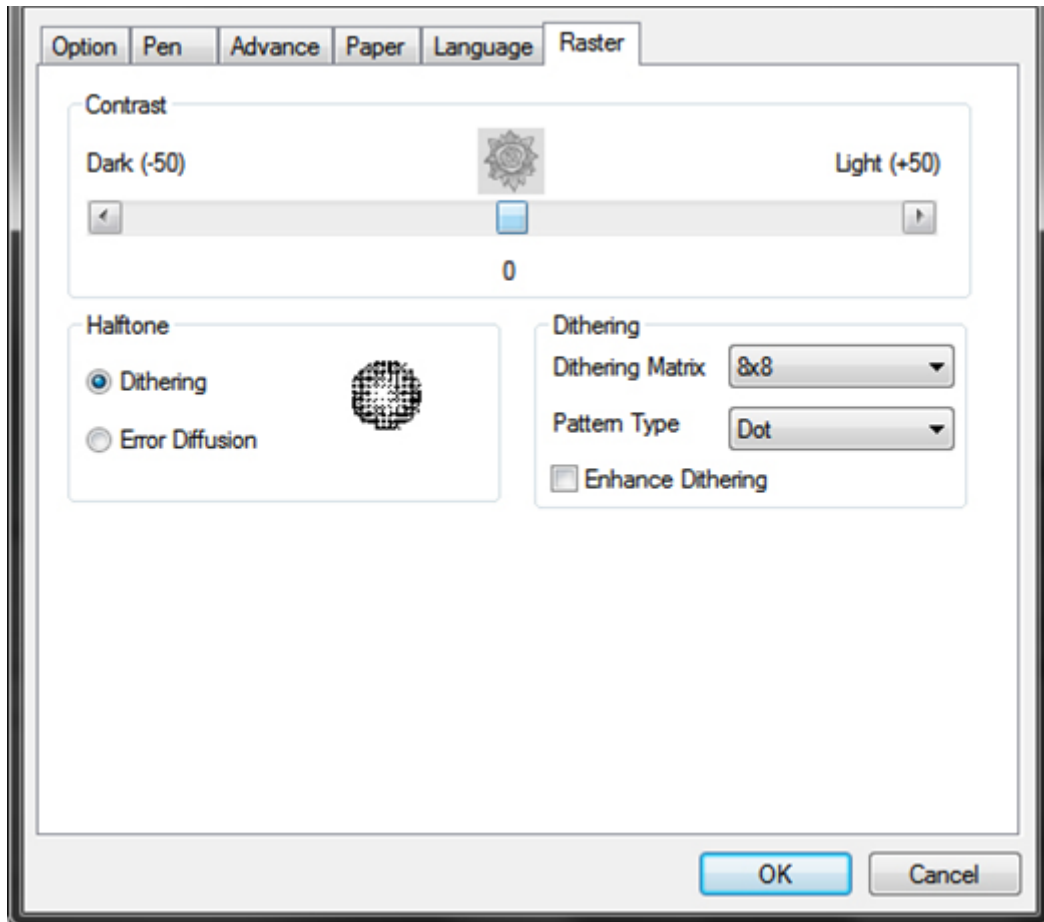
This page allows you to specify the language displayed by the LV-180 Printer Driver. Available language options include: English, Spanish, French, Japanese, German, Simplified Chinese, and Traditional Chinese. Remember to select "Save to Default" on Options Page to save the specified language.



5.2.3.6 LV-180 Printer Driver >> Raster Page

NOTE

The Raster Page is only available when Black & White Mode Setting is selected from the Option Page, this page offers a number of advanced Raster Engraving output options.



Contrast (Raster Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: 0]

A quick and easy way to immediately adjust the contrast of an engraved image. Moving the slider to the Dark setting will increase the contrast levels of the engraved output, whereas moving the slider to the Light setting will decrease the contrast levels of the engraved output.



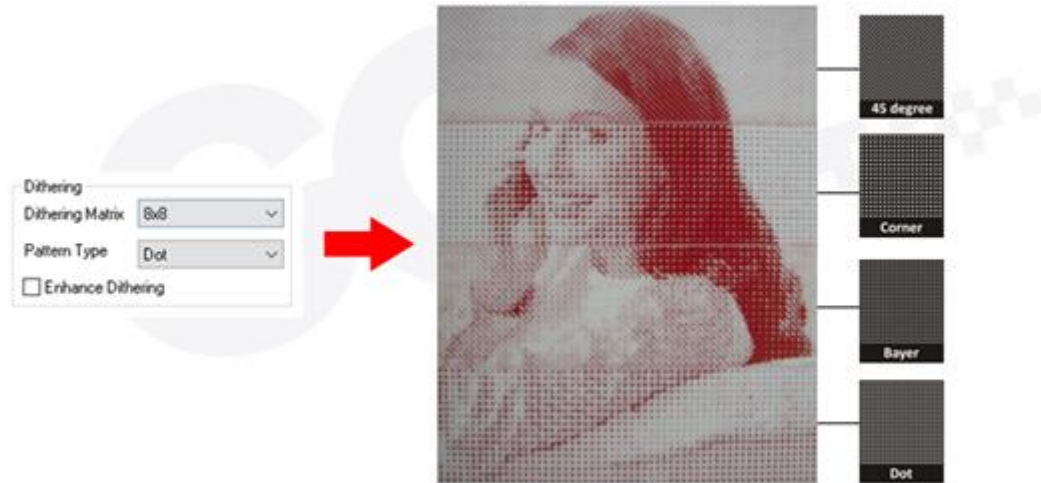
Tip

There are other ways to adjust an engraved image's contrast such as: adjust the power / speed settings or simply adjusting the contrast of the image in software with the graphic software application.

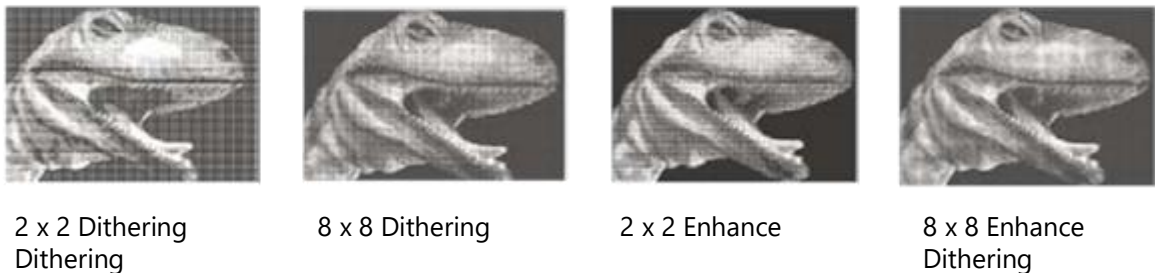
Halftone (Raster Page) [DEFAULT SETTING: Dithering]

This option controls the way a raster-engraved image is processed. The “digital image to engraved output” process can be processed via two methods: Dithering or Error Diffusion. Each offer additional output options yielding different output effects, style, and quality.

- **Dithering:** Interprets and outputs the raster engraving via the dithering method. This mode will allow you to select the Pattern Type and Dithering Matrix, and Enhanced Dithering.
 - **Pattern Type:** Dot, Bayer, Corner, 45 Degree [DEFAULT SETTING: Dot]
Each pattern type uses a different shape and arrangement of dots to compose the shading effect of a raster image.
The following diagram is an example of the raster effects when using the different pattern types.



- **Dithering Matrix:** Variable depending on the Pattern Type selected [DEFAULT SETTING: 8 x 8]
This controls the resolution (dot size) and the number of dots the image is broken down into for the dithering process. As an example, selecting 2 x 2 will shade with a 5-grade halftone, where as an 8 x 8 Dithering Matrix will dither with a 65-grade halftone. The following diagram is an example of the raster effects when using the different dithering matrices.



Enhance Dithering [DEFAULT SETTING: Unselected]

Selecting this will produce a finer dithering output.

- **Error Diffusion (Raster Page):** Interprets and outputs the raster engraving via the error diffusion method. This mode will allow you to select from three diffusion types: Floyd, Stucki, and Jarvis.
- **Diffusion Type:** Floyd, Stucki, Jarvis [DEFAULT SETTING: Floyd]
Each diffusion type presents the shade of image as different spread halftones instead of dots to compose a raster image.
The following diagram is an example of the raster effects when using the different diffusion types.



Floyd



Stucki



Jarvis



Tip

There is no "correct" or "best" setting when using the Raster options. The most appropriate settings will be based on a variety of factors: your design, the material you are engraving on, the results you wish to achieve, etc. Please take some time to experiment with the multitude of raster options to get the one you feel is the best for your piece. This is where much of the fun in engraving is.... experimentation!

5.2.3.7 LV-180 Printer Driver >> Stamp Page

Producing stamps require different operational steps than your standard engraving or cutting jobs. The Stamp page offers dynamic options allowing you to customize your stamp production process.

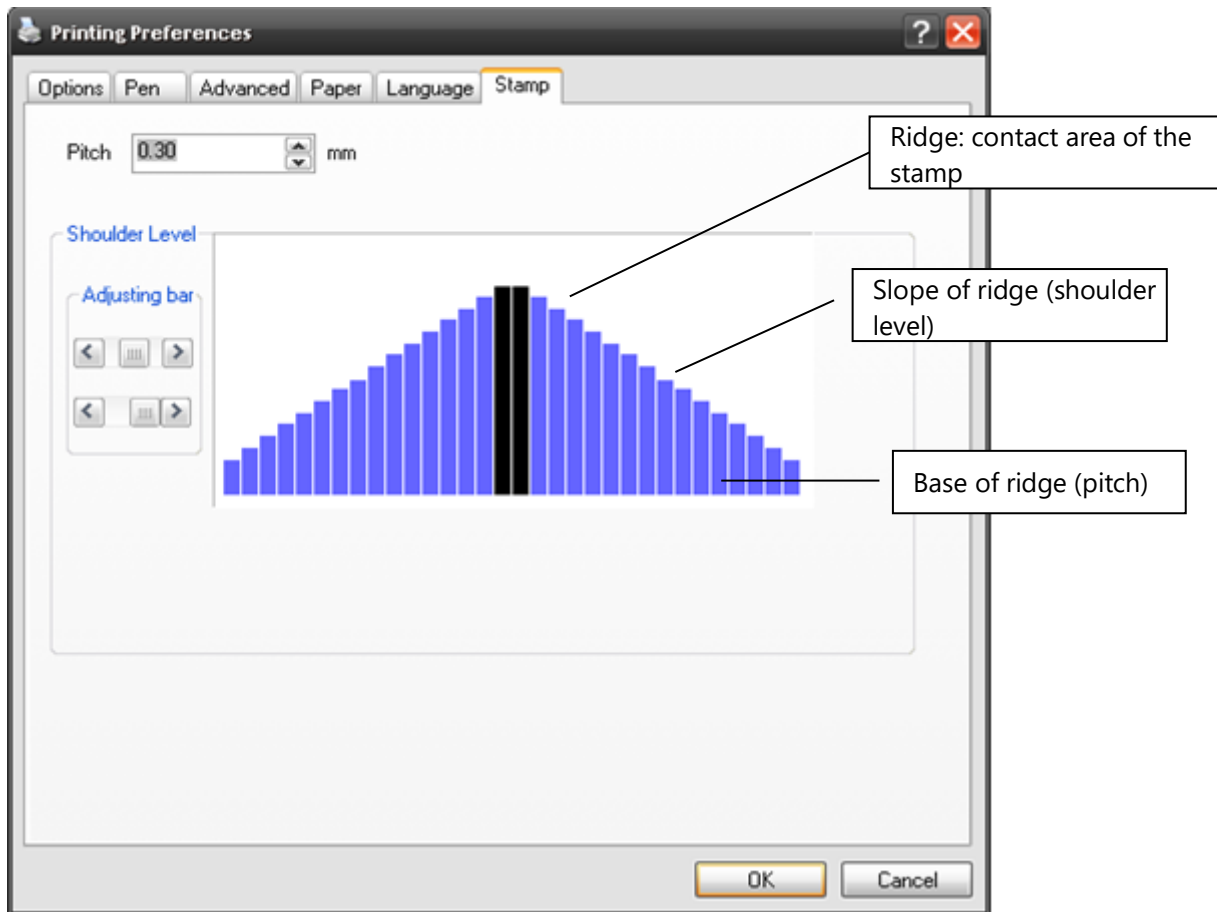
NOTE

The Stamp page will only appear and be accessible when you have selected the Stamp Mode from the Options Page.



Tip

Functions located on the other pages that are useful when making a stamp: Set Shoulder, Pitch, Border, Invert, and Mirror.



Pitch (Stamp Page)

Your stamp will be a reversed image composed of engraved depressions and ridges. Think of these ridges as the "contact sections" of the stamp. If the ridges of these contact sections are too thin, they may break. The Pitch setting allows you to increase the width of the ridge base, hence creating more stable "contact sections" and longer lasting stamp. The pitch value setting allows you to adjust the base width of the ridge. Broad pitch gives the maximum amount of support for each ridge. Experiment with different pitch value settings in order to produce the stamp that is best suited for your application.

Adjustment Bar / Power Level (Stamp Page)

Another important aspect of creating a stamp is setting the slope level of the shoulder. The shoulder is the section from the "contact section" of the stamp to its base. This function allows you to adjust the slope for the shoulder sections of your stamp. By sliding the sliders or directly input of power levels, you will be able to change the slope of the shoulder.

NOTE

The visual representations of the Pitch and Shoulder Levels in the LV-180 driver are an exaggerated representation to allow for easy visual guidance and precise input. Remember we are working with distances less than 1 mm here.

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Chapter 6 Engraving and Cutting Techniques

Raster Engraving Vector Cutting

Vector and Raster

3D Tips

To Modified Image Settings of a Picture for Better Engraving Quality

6.1 Raster Engraving

A laser engraver can process text, scanned image, digital picture, or design by "laser firing" grids / dots of individual pixels into a raster image. Think of this as simply "printing" your job onto any particular material. An example of a raster engraved piece would be a photo engraving on tile, as shown in the picture below.



6.2 Vector Cutting

A laser engraver can process text, design, and images composed of lines through continuous-firing of the laser to cut out various shapes. When performing vector cutting operations, imagine the laser head as a pair of scissors cutting out the lines specified in your design. An example of a vector cut piece would be a customized dining mat, as shown in the picture below.



The LV-180 Printer Driver determines which sections should be raster engraved or vector cut based on the outline width of that particular area or section of the design. In order to prep a particular section for vector cutting, you will need to set that object's fill color to white and set its outline thickness between 0.025 mm (0.001 in.) to 0.1 mm (0.004 in.) via the graphics software.

Below is an example of how to prep an area (in this case, we will use a section of text) for vector cutting. CorelDraw will be used as the selected graphics software.

- 1) With the text function, create a string of characters and select those characters by clicking on the text.
- 2) Change the text fill color of the selected characters to white by left clicking on the white color from the CorelDraw Color Palette (located on the right-hand side of the screen).
- 3) Change the outline color of the selected characters outline by right clicking on the desired color from the CorelDraw Color Palette.
- 4) Change the selected characters outline thickness to the thinnest width by right clicking on the selected text -> select <Properties> -> Click on the <Outline> tab and change the Width to its thinnest dimension. Click on "OK" to apply the changes.
- 5) Now your string of characters has been properly designated as an area to be vector cut. Simply "print" your job (output the file to the LV-180) and watch as your string of characters is vector cut.

6.3 Vector and Raster

In some cases, you will want to process both raster engraving and vector cutting tasks within a single project. For example, if you wanted to engrave a design onto a particular material and then cut a particular shape around that engraving. The picture below is an example of an engraving on a piece of cork, which has then been cut out with a square shape:



In these situations when there are raster engraving and vector cutting operations on a single project, the LV-180 driver will interpret between raster sections and vector sections by the types of lines and line widths of your design. Areas of your design with line widths set between 0.001" (0.025 mm), 0.004" (0.1 mm) will be designate for vector cutting, and the other areas will be designated for raster engraving.

6.4 3D Tips

3D Mode is one of the functions of this laser engraver. Instead of traditional two dimensional graphic processing, 3D Mode allows the naked eyes to visualize the curvatures of the 3D effect by applying 200 power levels technology to create different depth of engraving. Although it is easy to produce 3D samples with this Engraver, production of the 3D graphic can be a hassle for our users.

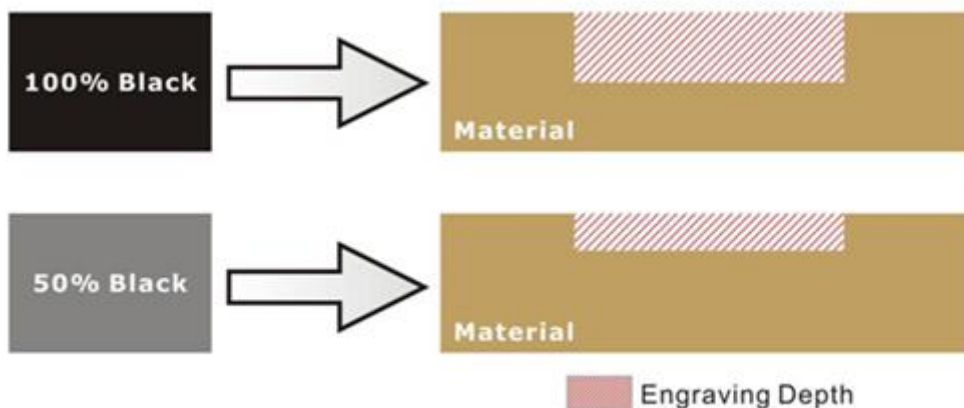
NOTE

In case you don't want to create the 3D graphic file by yourselves, you can try to search for the ready 3D graphic files.

Principle for 3D production by laser

3D processing uses degrees of the gray level to adjust the output energy of the laser. Take the figures below as an example. When the color of a certain block is set as 100% black, the laser output energy for processing will be at 100%. The processing depth will be fairly deep. When the gray level is set as 50% black, the laser output energy will be adjusted to a smaller value accordingly so that the processing depth is not as deep.

By specifying the degrees of the gray level in this way, various energy output is achieved, and the 3D effects are produced.



By specifying different levels of black in design software, the corresponding laser power energy will generate different depths of engraving result.

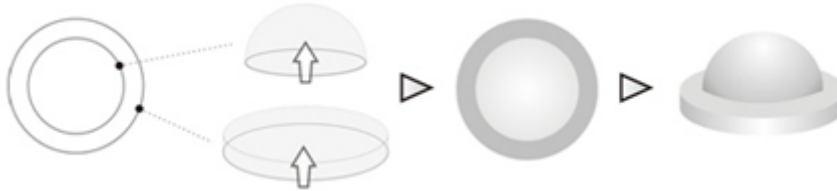
Introduction to software for 3D graphic production

Many ways to produce 3D graphics are available. If you are familiar with or frequently use one of the 3D software in the market like Laser Type, EngraveLab, 3D Studio etc., you may use it for the production of 3D graphics. After completion, save the 3D images as one of the formats that is compatible with the Laser Engraver (such as JPG or BMP) and let the machine begin the engraving. If you are not familiar with any 3D software, some editing software specific for laser in the market also have 3D mode functionality, which could be a handy tool for you to produce 3D objects. Of course, you may also use Photoshop or CorelDRAW, which you might be using on daily basis, for the production of 3D objects. Ways to produce 3D graphics with these software are not the same. In the following section, we will give you simple illustrations with respect to how these software work.

Laser Professional AP

Currently, quite few laser professional application softwares like Laser Type, 3D studio, EngraveLab are available in the market. You can not only create all kinds of vector images with these AP but also convert these vector images into 3D module, which is a great way to produce 3D graphics.

As illustrated in the figure below, all you need to do is to choose the direction of the vector and then set the length and shape of the convex or concave surface. The software will automatically generate the 3D graphic for you.

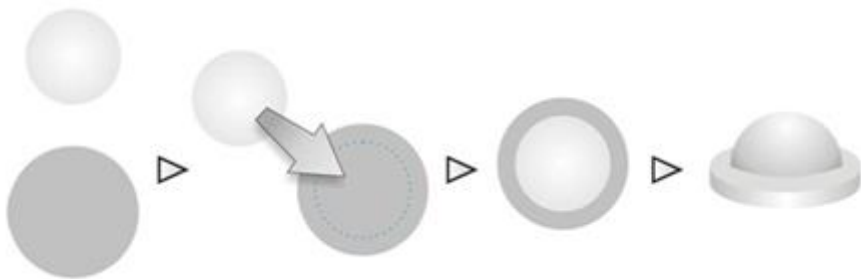


Concept illustration of 3D graphic production with Laser Professional AP

After the graphic is completed, you can output the 3D graphic directly to the laser machine through THIS MACHINE driver, which is very handy. Or you can also export the 3D graphics as JPG or BMP format and edit with frequently used CorelDRAW or Illustrator software, then output the graphic to THIS MACHINE laser system.

Photoshop & CorelDRAW

The way to produce 3D graphics with Photoshop and CorelDRAW is very similar. Fill in the desired gray level colors to each of the drawn figures and proceed with further arrangement and combination. Then you may output the 3D graphic to the laser for the production of the 3D object. Take the figure below as an example. After producing two graphs in gray level, proceed with the arrangement and combination. Then you may let the laser proceed with 3D mode.



Both Photoshop and CorelDRAW may produce 3D graphics in the manner of combination.

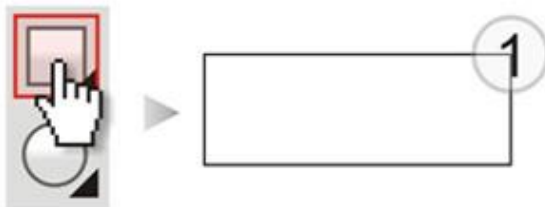
A way to produce 3D graphics

For the production of 3D graphics, in addition to the requirement of having great familiarity with the software, a significant amount of time is required to design and arrange the layout. Thus, we use a relatively simple graphic for illustration so that you would understand how to produce 3D graphics better.

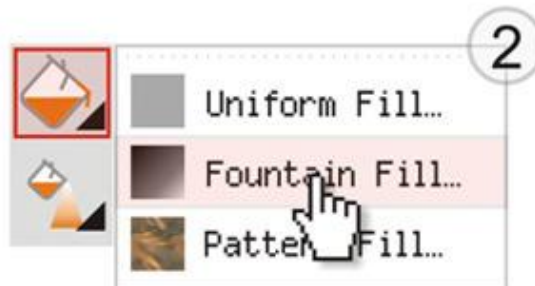


Take the graphic above as a production example. CorelDRAW is used for the production of the 3D graphic.

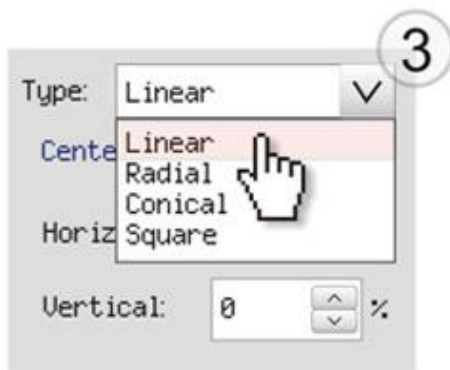
Step 1. Produce the gray level background



▲ Draw a rectangular box with the drawing tool



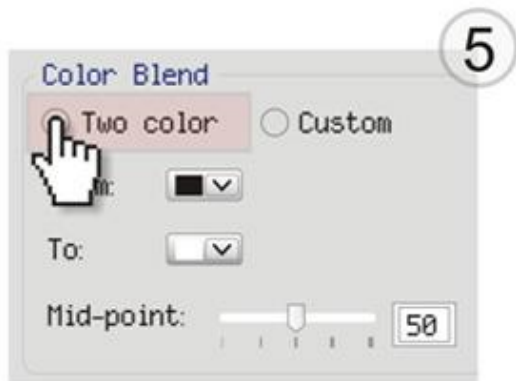
▲ Select Fountain Fill to fill in the gray level



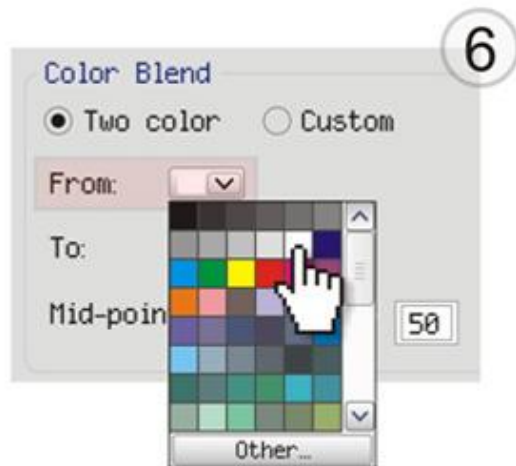
▲ Select Linear as the type of the gray level



▲ Set the gray level angle as 90 degrees



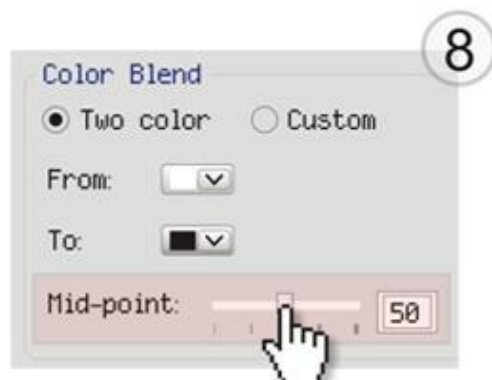
▲ Select Two color as the type of the gray level



▲ Set the From color as 0% Black



▲ Set the To color as 100% Black



▲ Set the Mid-point as 30



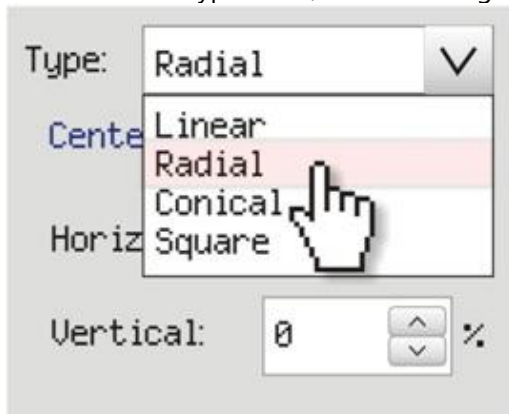
▲ Click OK to complete the editing



▲ A gray level graphic is finished

This machine requests your attention

If you need to produce circular 3D graphics, you only need to select Radial as the gray level type in the pull-down menu of Type. Then, a circular 3D graphic may be produced.



Step 2. Produce three-dimensional characters

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▲Edit the word with the Text toolbox

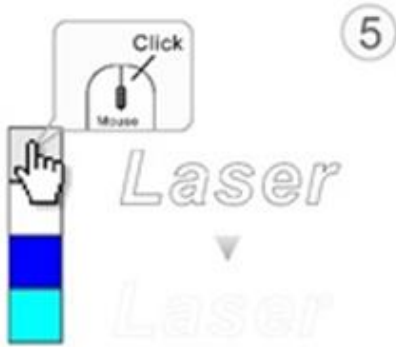
▲Use the Color toolbox on the right to fill the white color into the characters

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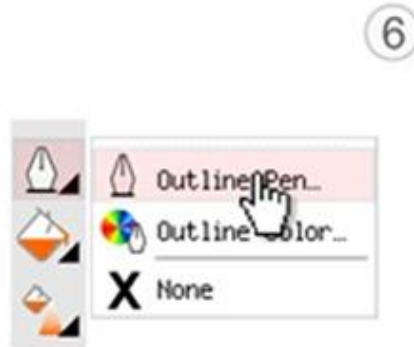
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▲Select the desired font and size

▲Bold and italic style may also be used



▲ On the palette, set the exterior frame as 10% gray level (Right click the mouse to set the color of the line for the exterior frame quickly)



▲ Click on the Outline Pen tool



▲ Set the width of the line for the exterior frame



▲ Check the Behind Fill option



▲ Click OK to complete the text editing



▲ Three-dimensional characters are completed

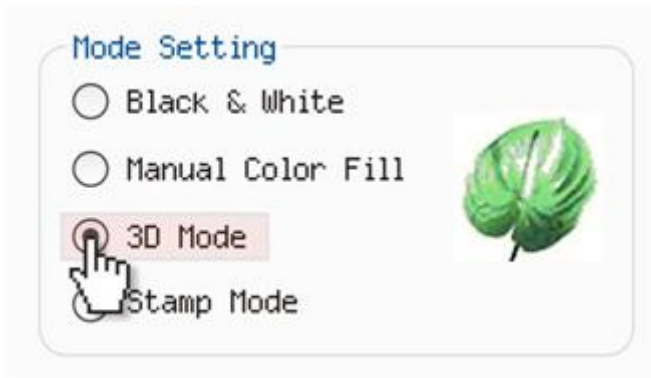
Step 3. Combine the 3D images

After finishing the production for each of the objects, you may proceed with the combination of the objects. The combined graphic may be output with the laser engraver.



Output the 3D graphic

After selecting the graphic to be output, set the Mode as 3D Mode in the driver. After setting the engraving parameters, output the 3D graphic.



Tips for engraving 3D graphics

Application Lab provides a few reminders that may require your attention during the 3D engraving in order to improve the result of the engraving.

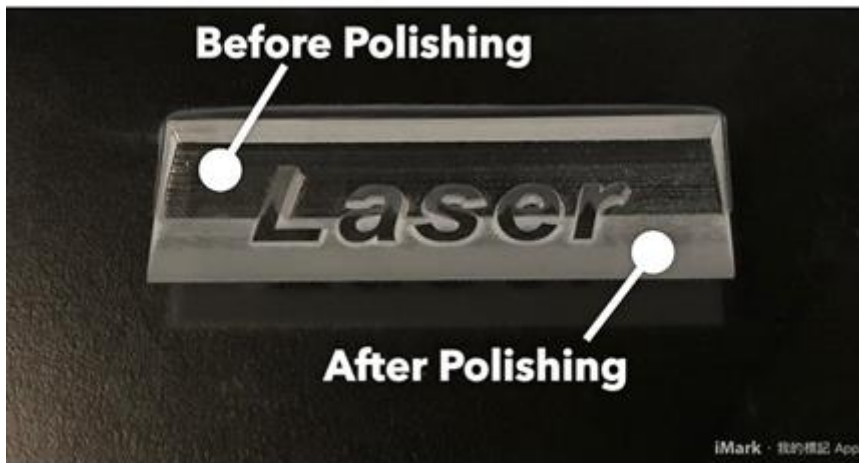
Turn on the Air Assist function

When the engraving is done along with Air Assist, the depth of the engraving would be deeper. Set Air assist inside the driver by checking the box.

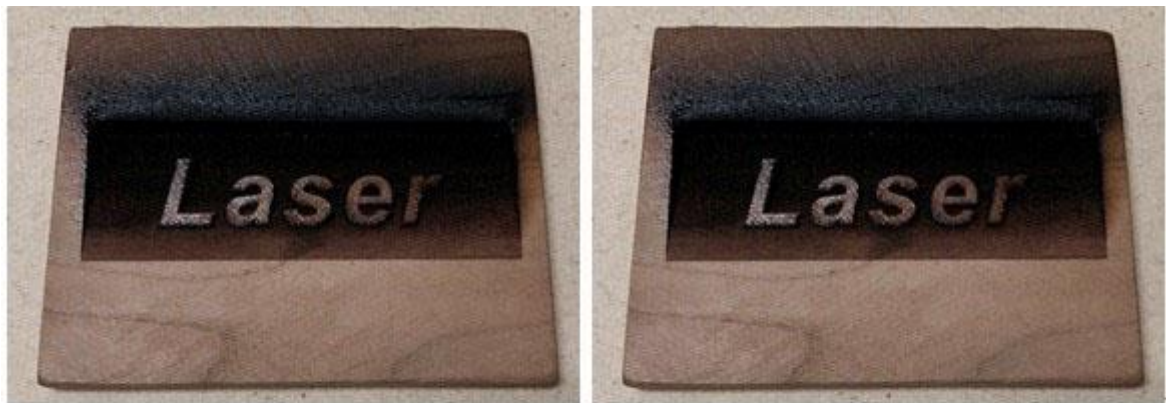


Polish

Dust will accumulate during the engraving when acrylic is engraved. The acrylic may be polished with Polish after the engraving. After the processing, don't remove the engraved object. Use the Control Panel to lower the platform (for about 7-8 mm) and then engrave once again to achieve the better finish.



After engraving the wooden objects, please use a toothbrush with some clean water to remove the dust on top of the object.

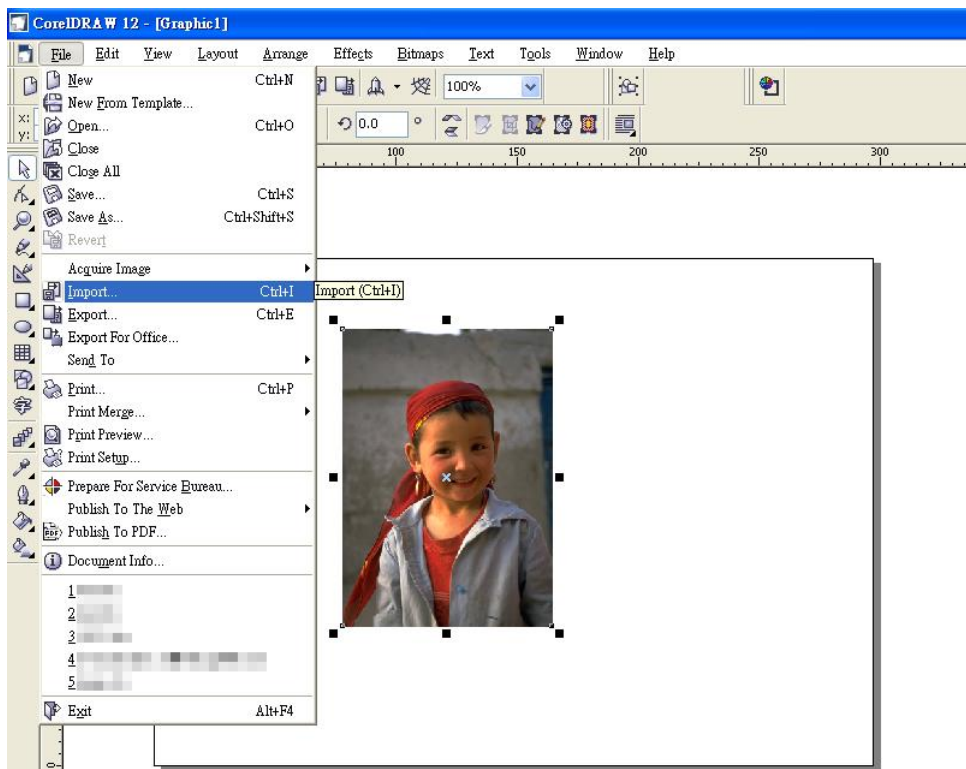


▲ Before cleaning

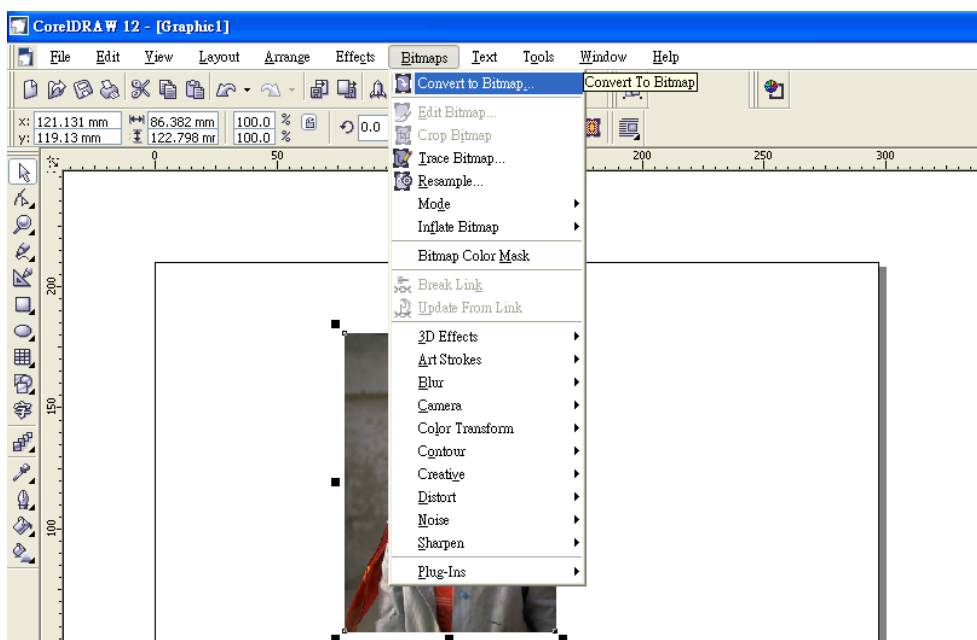
▲ After cleaning

6.5 Modify Image Settings of a Picture for Better Engraving Quality

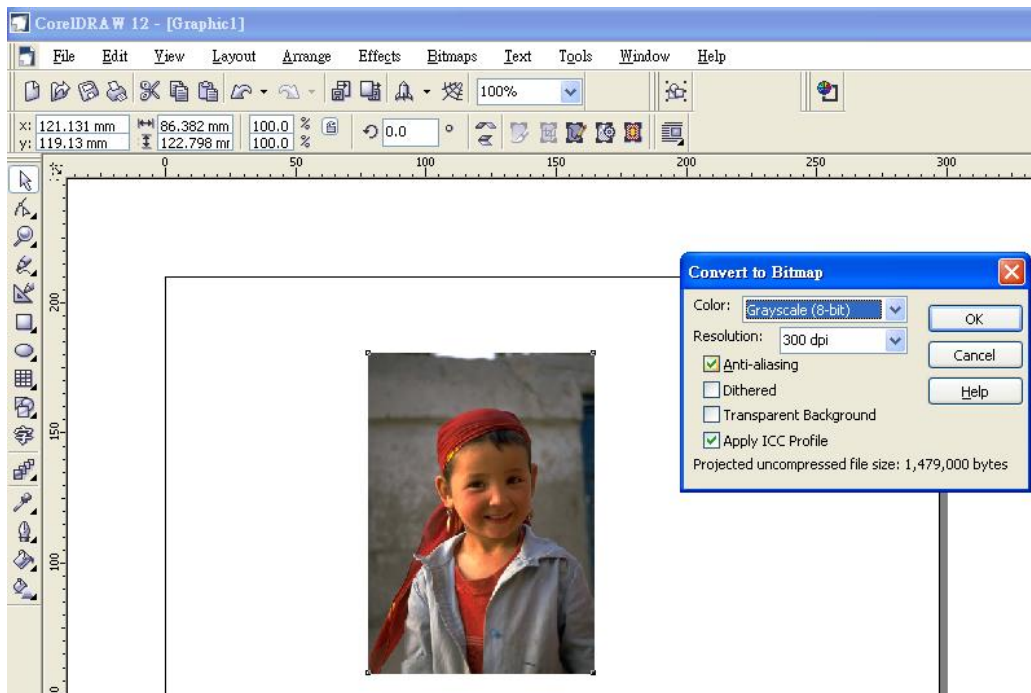
1. Connect your digital camera to the computer by USB cable.
2. Download the picture from the digital camera to the computer.
3. Select the picture that you want to engrave.
4. Import the image from the folder where the picture is located by selecting File/Import.



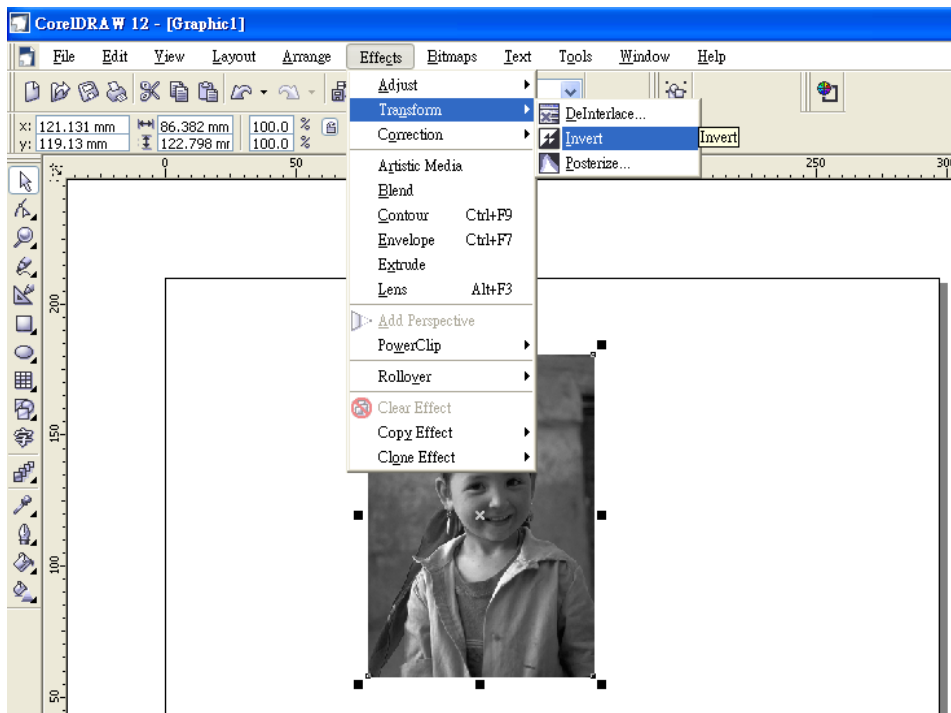
5. Convert the image to Bitmap by selecting the image and click on Bitmaps/Convert to Bitmap.



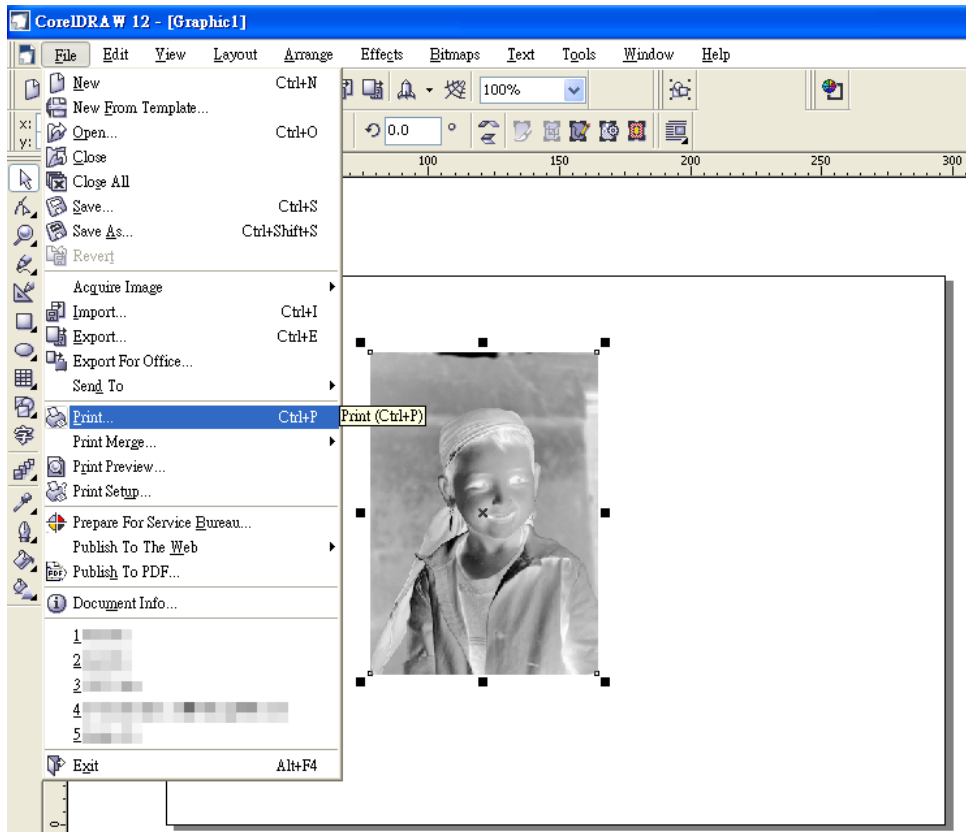
6. Change the Bitmap settings by setting "Color" to Grayscale (8-bit) and "Resolution" to 300 dpi and click OK.



7. Finally, Invert the image by selecting Effects/Transform/Invert.



8. Now you are ready to output the modified image by clicking File/Print.



NOTE

This instruction is a simple example for general use. There are many tips and tricks to achieve a good engraving quality. It takes a lot of practice and experience to achieve a good engraving quality. Different picture may need different modifications and different material may need different parameters.

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Chapter 7 Optional Items

**Fume Extraction System Option Air Compressor
Option Items Honeycomb Table Option**

Focus Lens Option

SmartAIR Nozzle (Fine/Ultra)

**SmartGUARD Fire Alarm Option Rotary
Attachment Option**

When purchasing the LV-180 from your authorized Roland DG Corporation dealer, you will be provided a chance to purchase optional items to enhance your experience with your system. If anytime after the purchase of your LV-180, would you like to purchase any optional item, please contact your authorized Roland DG Corporation dealer.

7.1 Fume Extraction System Option

To properly remove dust, vaporized materials and chemical smoke from the working area and machine, it is necessary to install a suitable Fume Extraction system. The Fume Extraction system and other components are readily available from your authorized Roland DG Corporation dealer or you can elect to purchase and install one yourself with compatible models found at your local industrial supply store.

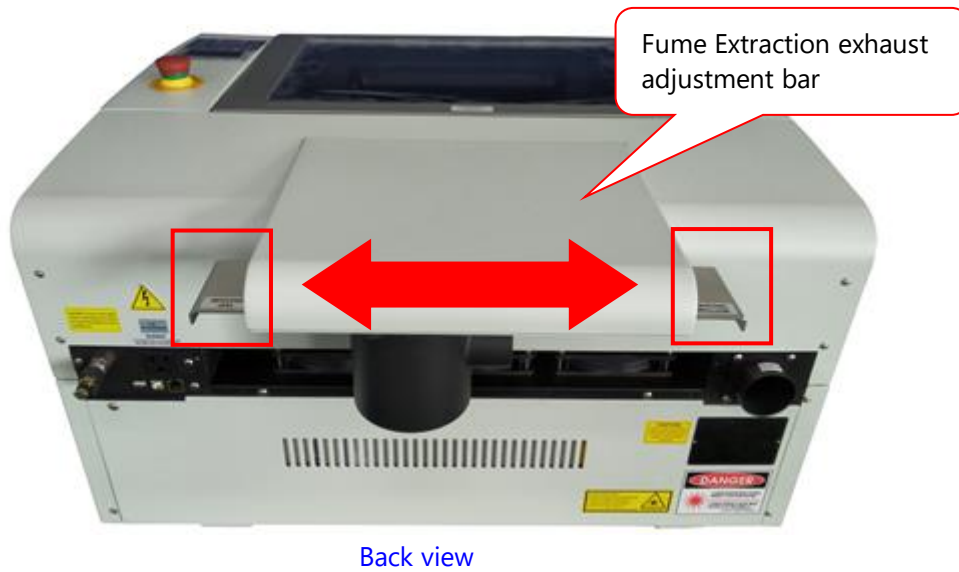
LV-180's Fume Extraction Systems are specifically designed to prevent personnel from inhaling hazardous fumes and dust generated by the laser process. Available for all LV-180 engravers, the Fume Extraction System represents the latest in fume extraction and odor reduction technology for all types of applications. Quiet operation, high vacuum capacity, compact design and long life expectancy are but a few outstanding features. Each Fume Extraction System is powered by a maintenance-free, continuous- running turbine. In order to ensure personnel safety and legal compliance, the Fume Extraction System is CE-compliant. To purchase a Fume Extraction System, contact your authorized Roland DG Corporation dealer.

7.1.1 INSTALLATION (Self-Assembled Unit)

- 1) Purchase an exhaust system with 4" exhaust port at your local industrial supply store, we recommend you have a contractor install the exhaust system is a centralized exhaust system is preferred. We highly recommend you use movable exhaust systems with filter systems.
- 2) Mount the exhaust system in an obvious and accessible location, not too far from the LV-180, so it can be routinely switched on prior to laser engraving. The maximal distance you should mount the exhaust system away from the LV-180 depends on the blower's vacuum capacity. We recommend you consult with the vendor regarding the unit's vacuum force, maximal distances, based on the available models.
- 3) Connect rigid and smooth walled tubing such as PVC or sheet metal with a 4" diameter to the ventilation opening located on the rear side of the LV-180. Try to keep this tubing as straight as possible as bends reduce the exhaust efficiency. Use the appropriately sized tube clamps and sealants to ensure a tight and secure attachment.



7.1.2 Fume Extraction exhaust adjustment bar



LV-180 added fantastic adjustment function for air exhaust system.

When user pull the bar to the left side "Bottom Suction" will increase gradually; on the contrary when user pull the bar to the right side, the "Top Suction will increase. User can adjust the bar according to the application. The top ductwork is suitable for dust, smoke generated on material surface when doing laser engraving, which will reduce residue left on material surface; while the bottom ductwork is recommended for laser cutting jobs. Optimum down vacuum is critical for clear cutting edge when laser cutting materials.



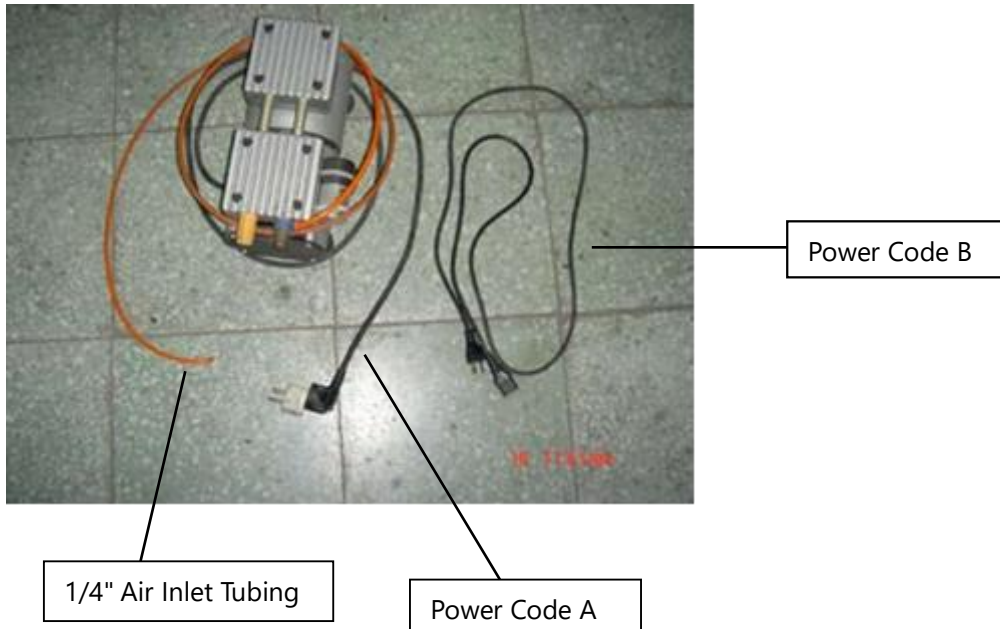
Pull the bar to the right side to increase the Top Vacuum



Pull the bar to the left side to increase the Bottom Vacuum

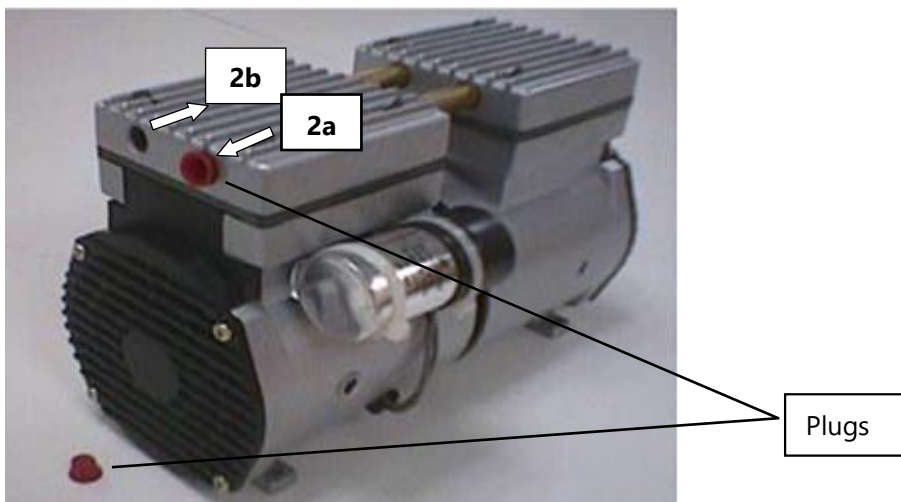
7.2 Air Compressor Option

Specifically designed for laser engravers, the air compressor utilizes an oil-free diaphragm. The air compressor helps eliminate harmful and potentially damaging moisture from the laser optics, maximizing laser optic life. In addition, the air compressor provides the optimal air flow to the SmartAIR nozzles to minimize flaming, suppress working temperatures, and blow away dust and particle byproducts generated from the laser process.



INSTALLATION:

- 1) Remove the plugs on the air compressor to expose the air inlets.
- 2) Fasten the included air tube fastener valve to the outgoing air inlet (indicated by 2a) and the air filter into the ingoing air inlet (indicated by 2b).

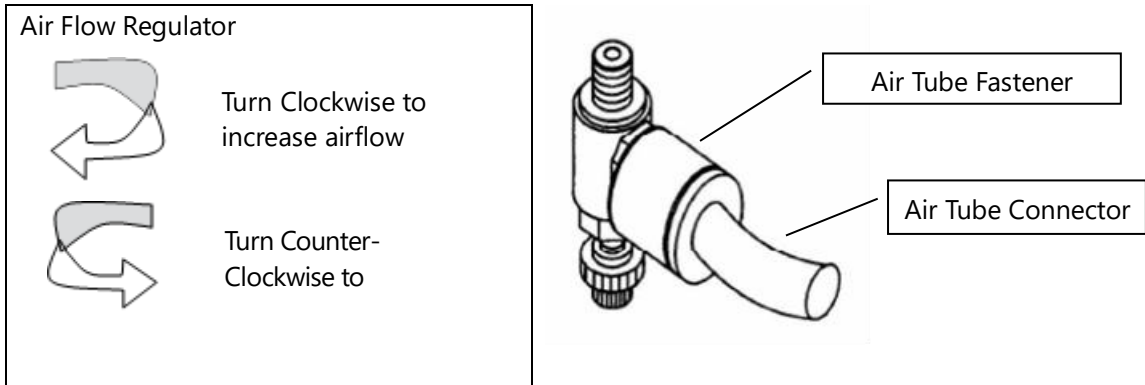


- 3) Connect a 1/4" tubing to the air tube fastener valve on the air compressor.

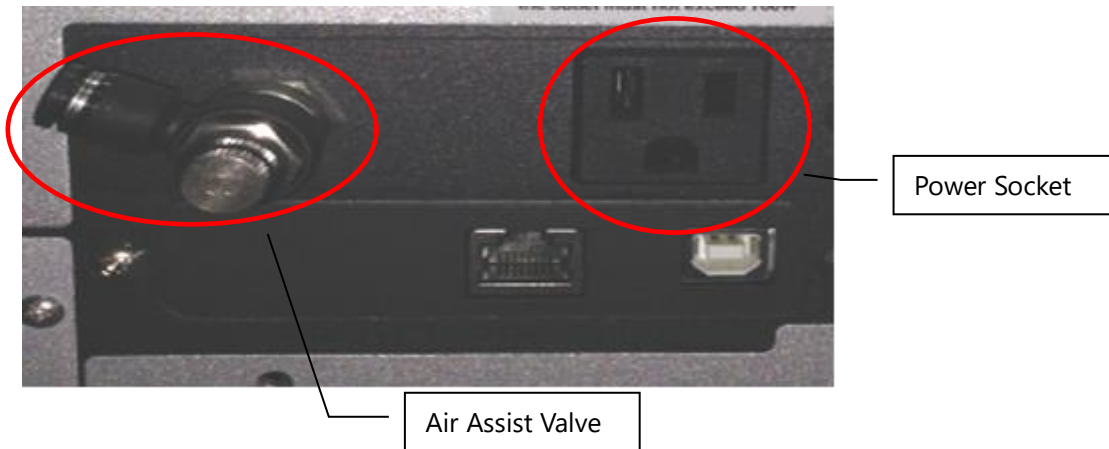
NOTE

It is important that the 1/4" air tubing has clean, straight cuts on each end. Jagged or slanted cuts will not produce adequate sealing capabilities.

- 4) Take the unattached end of the 1/4" air tubing (other end already connected to air compressor) and connect it to the air tube connector on the air assist valve. Make sure you press down on the air tube fastener when inserting the 1/4" air tubing, to form a tight, secure attachment as indicated in the diagram below.



- 5) Both the Air-Assist Valve and AC Power Sockets are located on the rear side of laser system.



- 6) Plug the air compressor's power cord A into the AC internal power socket.
- 7) Plug the female end of power cord B to the AC power socket on laser system and the male end to an external power outlet.

Congratulations, you have finished setting up the air compressor. Make sure you have the proper SmartAIR nozzle installed (depending on your application), before you turn on and utilize the air compressor.

OPERATION:

Switch on the air compressor unit and make sure that the airflow regulator on the air assist valve is opened (turn clockwise to increase the airflow, counter-clockwise to decrease the airflow). The air nozzle under the laser head should emit a steady flow of air.

With the SmartAIR nozzle and air compressor properly installed and operating, all configurations and settings relating to air-assist functions are controlled through the Printer Driver and hardware control panel. Please refer to the LV-180 PEN page on Printer Driver section of this manual for details on how to enable and configure air-assist functionality.

7.3 Honeycomb Table Option

Honeycomb tables are important to tune out a beautiful output when working with cutting operations. The LV-180 has a very easy to install honeycomb table. Simply lay it on top and against the upper left corner of the working area for use.

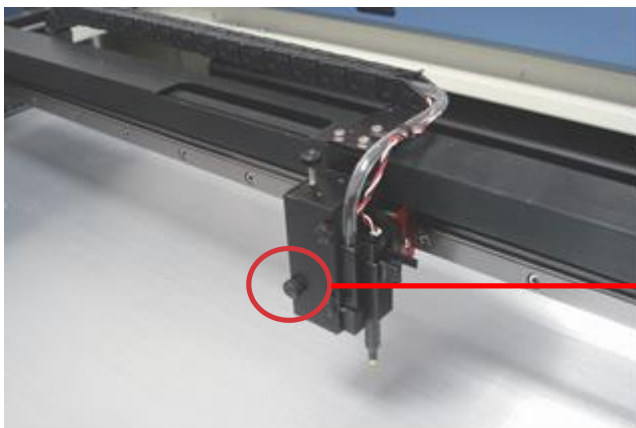
7.4 Focal Lens Option

Roland DG Corp. offers four different focal lenses namely the 1.5" and 2.0" for different applications. The number description, 1.5" and 2.0" signifies the distance of where passed through beam will converge. For example, when a laser beam passes through a 2.0" focus lens, the beam will converge at a 2.0" distance resulting in a concentration of energy at that spot.

The resulting spot size from the different focus lens are also different and the following chart shows the different spot sizes achieved from the different lenses.

- 1.5" Lens: The 1.5" lens is best when used for engraving of very fine details
- 2.0" Lens: The 2.0" lenses are good for normal engraving and cutting of up to 10mm thick acrylic

| Lens | 1.5" | 2.0" |
|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Spot Size | 0.0029" (0.073mm) | 0.0039" (0.099mm) |



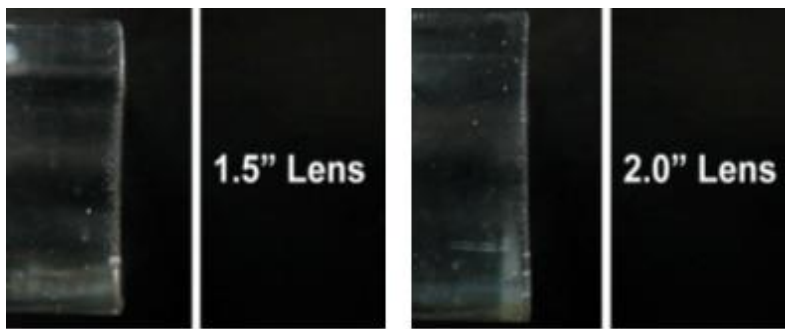
Unscrew the three thumb screws on lens carriage to remove the carriage panel. Take out the lens carriage and insert the optional one for different applications.

Thumbscrew

Engraving effects achieved with the different lenses

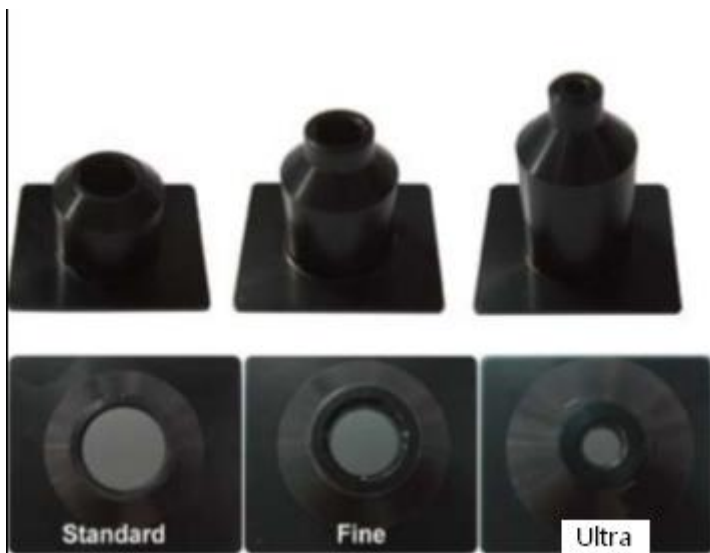


Cutting edges achieved with the different lenses



7.5 SmartAIR Nozzle (Fine/Ultra)

The optional SmartAIR Fine Nozzle is recommended for engraving or cutting thin materials such as textile. The smaller caliber nozzle is positioned closer to the object for a concentrated blast directed over a small area to eliminate burning on the cutting edge. The perfectly-vertical design of the SmartAIR Fine Nozzle produces a concentrated airflow to blow away dust and unwanted residue, leaving a clean product surface. The Ultra Nozzle is recommended for the need of even stronger airflow for applications such as deep cutting.



7.6 SmartGUARD Fire Alarm Option

Laser cutting and engraving operations using the SmartGUARD device protects the operator, machine, produced and the work products from potential fire hazards. During the engraving process, flames may be produced when working with combustible or easily-flammable materials, such as paper or wood. The SmartGUARD is an optional item that can be set to notify the operator through audio warnings and automatically shut down the laser firing as a safety precaution.

Note that SmartGUARD fire alarm is a fire detecting and alarm system, not a fire extinguisher.

INSTALLATION:

If you have purchased your system with SmartGUARD, then no installation is required, as your system will arrive with SmartGUARD pre-installed. For system owners that did not initially purchase this option, but would now like to add the SmartGUARD, they will need to contact your authorized Roland DG Corporation dealer to have this great feature installed.



Lift the top cover and remove the rear plate covering the Y motor and rear panel of the working area

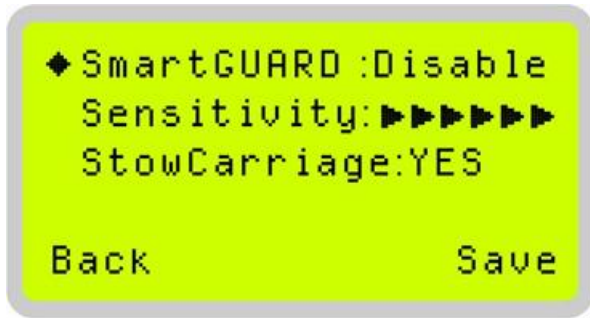


Insert the SmartGuard cable through the opening

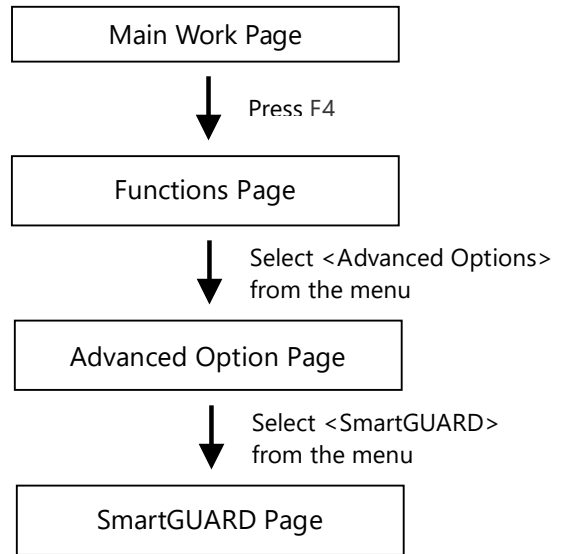


Connect the cable shown

OPERATION MENU:



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After optional SmartGUARD hardware installation, please enter the function menu on the control panel to enable the SmartGUARD fire alarm. Note SmartGUARD fire alarm system is not a fire extinguisher, but a fire detecting and alarm system.

SmartGUARD Enable/ Disable:

Press directional key (Left or Right) to enable the SmartGUARD device or disable it.

Sensitivity:

Press directional key (left or right) to set the sensitivity of SmartGUARD. There are seven sensitivity settings that can be selected. Sensitivity defines the delay time from when a fire is detected until the fire alarm alerts user, and automatically stop laser firing. For example, if the sensor delay switch is set to the 3-second position, the SmartGUARD will start an alarm and automatically stop laser firing after detecting a fire for 3 seconds.

Stow Carriage:

This function will decide if the lens carriage stay in the last position (set to <NO>) or move to the opposite direction (up or down) when fire alarm is initiated. The default is <YES>, the lens carriage will move to opposite direction when a fire detected.

| SmartGUARD Setting Page | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Relevant Buttons | Function |
| F1 (Back) | Back to previous page |
| F4 (Save) | Save your current settings |
| △ / ▽ Directional | Scroll through the menu selections |
| ◀ / ▶ Directional | Adjust the value for that selection |

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Chapter 8 Basic Maintenance

Suggested Cleaning and Maintenance Supplies

Maintaining the Work table and Motion System


- Cleaning the Work table and Motion System
- Lubrication of the Rails

Cleaning the Optics System

- Removing the Mirrors
- Cleaning the Mirrors
- Removing and Cleaning the Focal Lens

Keeping your LV-180 clean and well maintained will ensure quality output, consistent reliability, and extended product life. Smoke, dust or residue build-up inside the laser system or the mechanical components can cause a reduction in the laser power, irregularities in the motion system, reduced product life cycle, and a host of other avoidable problems. This section will cover how to perform regular maintenance on the LV-180's worktable, motion system, mirrors, and focal lens.

The frequency of the cleaning schedule will depend on number of variables such as the types of material you work with, the immediate work environment, the frequency of use, the quality of the exhaust system, etc. Clean the machine on weekly base for normal case.

|  WARNING | |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical shock may occur if you do not turn off and unplug the LV-180 before cleaning. • Damage may occur to the system if you do not turn off and unplug the LV-180 before cleaning. • Always turn off and unplug the LV-180 before cleaning! • Resulting debris from laser cutting are very dangerous and may cause fire hazard. | |

8.1 Suggested Cleaning and Maintenance Supplies

| Cleaning / Maintenance Tool | Special notes |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Soap Solution or All-Purpose Cleaner | |
| Paper Towels | |
| Cotton Cloth | |
| Denatured Alcohol | DO NOT use alcohol on any painted surface, plastic, or the laser system! |
| Acetone | ONLY to be used on the working table |
| Vacuum Cleaner with a Flexible Nozzle | Only to be used in and around the worktable and motion system |
| Light Grade Machine Oil | Supplied |
| Cotton Swabs | Supplied |
| Lens Cleaner | Use a commercial methanol. |
| Lint Free Lens Tissue | Supplied |
| # 2 Phillips Screwdriver | |
| Allen Wrench .050" | |

8.2 Maintaining the Worktable and Motion System

8.2.1 Cleaning the Worktable and Motion System

Clean the working table and the motion system on weekly basis through the following steps:

- 1) Turn the power off and unplug the LV-180 before cleaning.
- 2) Use a vacuum cleaner with a flexible nozzle to remove dust and debris from the worktable and motion system.
- 3) Apply small amounts of all-purpose cleaner, alcohol, or acetone to a paper or cotton towel to clean the working table.
- 4) Apply a soap solution, all-purpose cleaner, or alcohol to a paper or cotton towel to wipe down the rails of the motion system.
- 5) Wait for all cleaning residue to dry completely before plugging in and operating the LV-180.

CAUTION

- Never pour or spray alcohol or acetone directly to the working table.
- Oil, alcohol and acetone can cause fires or smoke build-up if improperly used.



TIP

Please clean the AutoFocus pin each time after completing the engraved job to make sure the AutoFocus pin is free to move.

8.2.2 Lubrication of the X / Y Rails

In order to keep the motion system running smoothly, the X / Y rails of the motion system will need lubrication on a weekly basis. Use a small amount of light grade machine oil or PS2 grease to a paper or cotton towel and apply to the rails.

You can purchase PS2 grease from NSK dealers worldwide.

NOTE

- Always clean and lubricate the rails after working with materials that produce lots of debris (such as wood).
- Too much oil or PS2 grease applied to the X / Y rails will accelerate the build up of debris.

8.3 Cleaning the Optics System

8.3.1 Removing the Mirrors

We recommend you check the mirrors once or twice a week to see if they require cleaning. If any debris or smoke residue is present, use the following steps to clean them.

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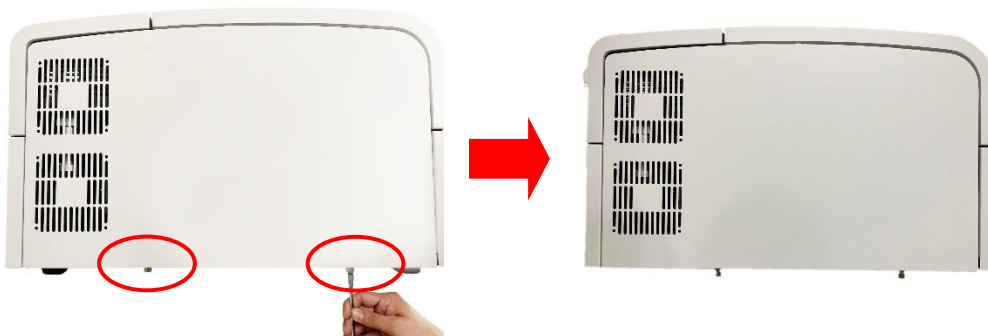
- It is highly recommended you remove, clean and replace each mirror once at a time!
Mirrors: better to clean once two weeks.
Focal Lens: better to clean every time when used
- Refer to section 8.3.2 on how to clean the mirrors.

The following section will detail how to access and remove each of the four mirrors found on the LV-180 for cleaning.

Mirror 1

This mirror is located inside the bottom cover of the LV-180.

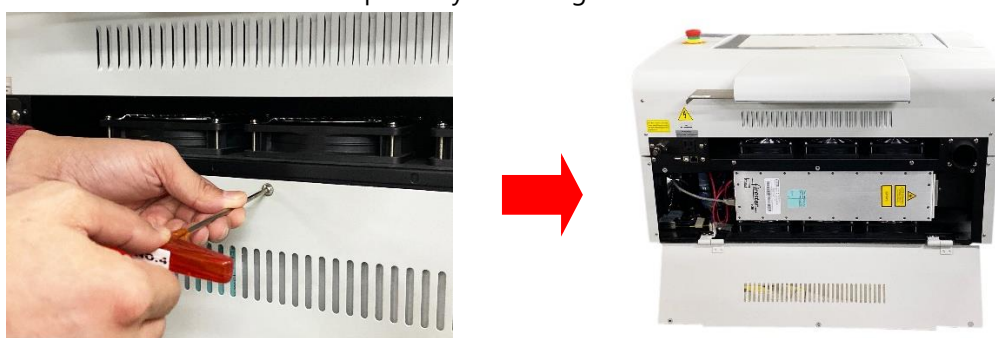
- 1) Use a screwdriver to loosen the screws of the left side panel.



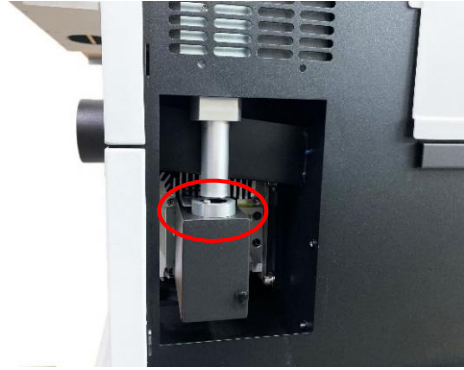
- 2) Remove the left side panel.



- 3) Remove the back side bottom panel by loosening the three screws.



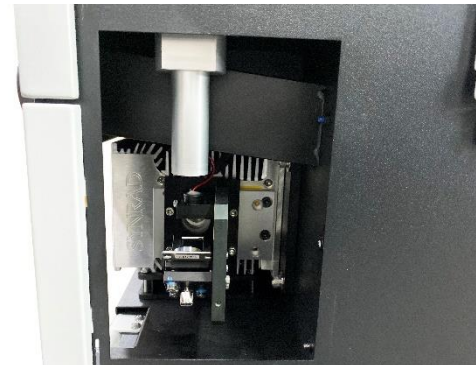
4) Turn up the socket as below pictures.



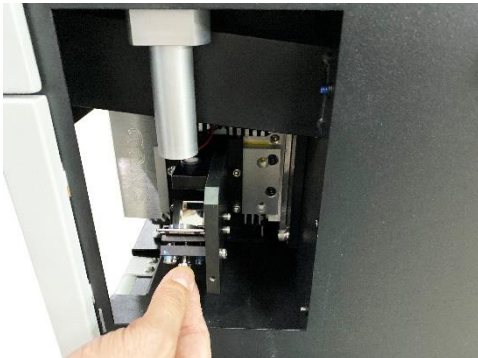
5) Remove the screws of the black box.



6) Pulling out the black dust cover.



7) Loosen the thumbscrew and take out the Mirror 1 and do the cleaning for LV-180.



Mirror 2

- 1) Take off the air exhaust connecting box by loosening the screws.



- 2) Remove the back top panel by loosening three screws.



- 3) Remove the black dust cover on the right side by loosening the thumbscrew.



- 4) Take out the Mirror 2 and do the cleaning.

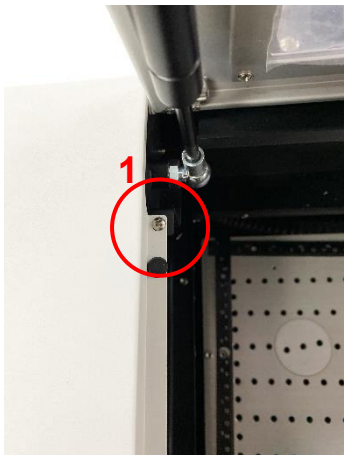


Mirror 3

- 1) In order to open the left side top panel to take out Mirror 3, please remove the panel as below picture first.



- 2) Loosen the first screw from the left side panel.



- 3) Loosen the second screw from the left side panel.



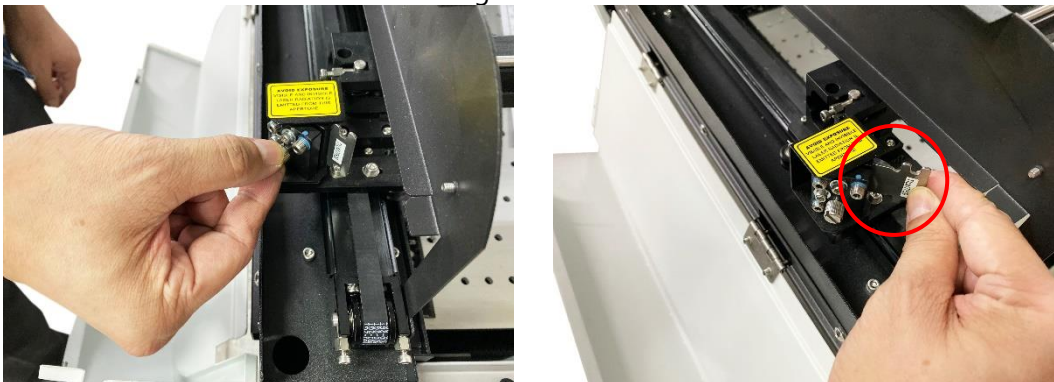
- 4) Loosen the third & fourth screws from the left side panel.



- 5) Open the left side top panel.

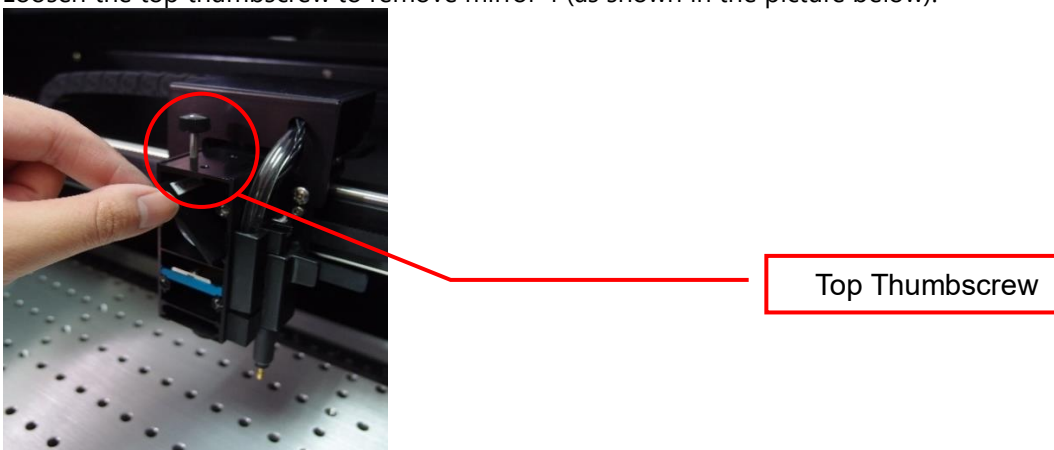


- 6) Take out the Mirror 3 and do the cleaning.



Mirror 4

- 1) Unscrew the three thumbscrews (front face of the laser head) securing the laser carriage panel and remove the laser carriage panel to reveal mirror 4 and the focal lens.
- 2) Loosen the top thumbscrew to remove mirror 4 (as shown in the picture below).

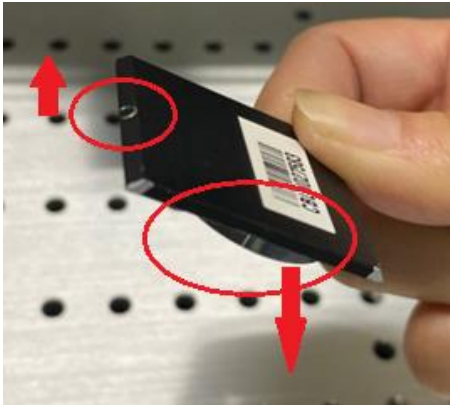


- 3) Clean the lens in the proper manner.
- 4) Re-install mirror 4 after cleaning.
- 5) Tighten the top thumbscrew.
- 6) Reinstall the laser carriage panel and tighten the three thumbscrews.

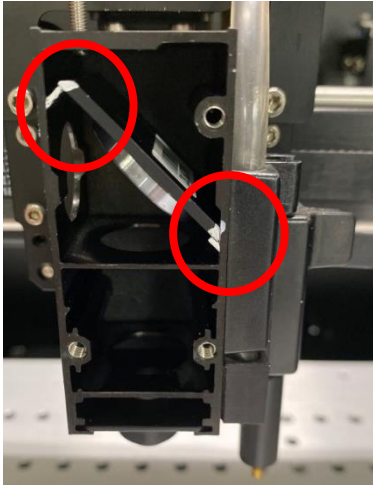
NOTICE

After cleaning the mirror 4 while putting it back, please place it correctly as following steps, or it will affect the cutting / engraving quality.

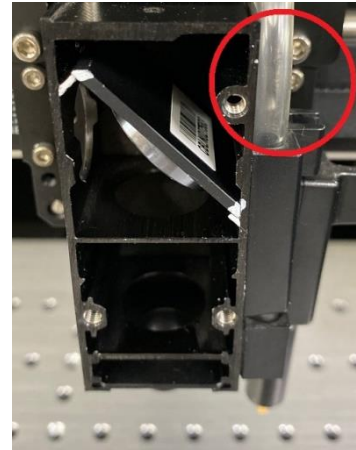
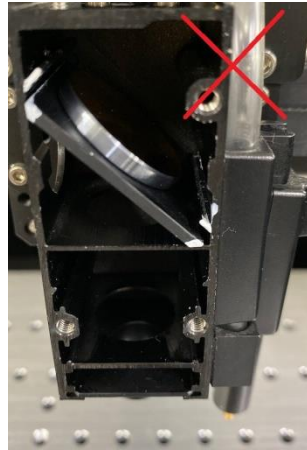
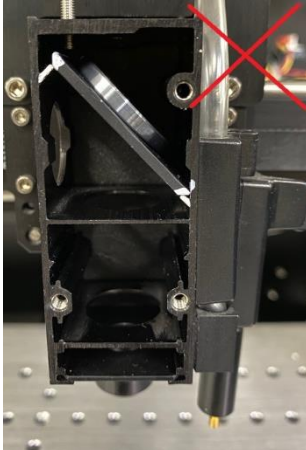
- a. There is a tip that we shall let the silver circle faces up and keep it on the upper part. The mirror 4 shall face down while putting it back.



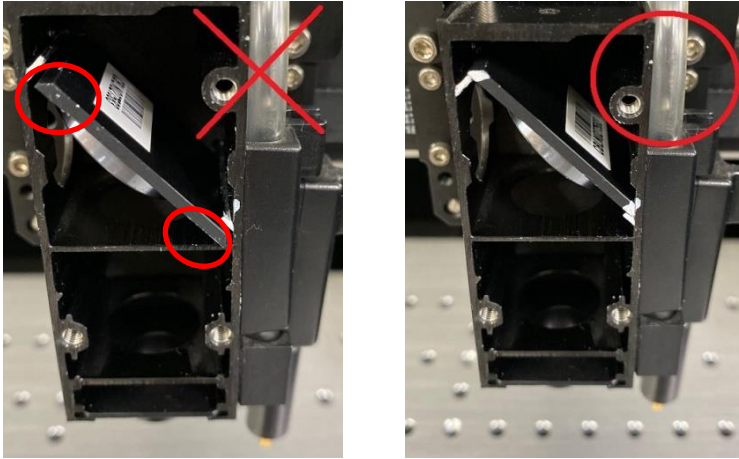
- b. We make two marks on the mirror holder for easy recognition.



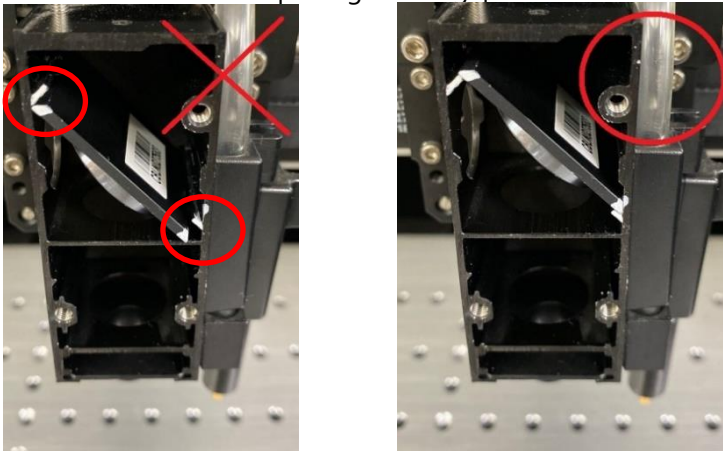
- c. The Mirror 4 faces up is incorrect.



d. There is no mark is incorrect.



e. The Mirror 4 is not placing on the gap is incorrect.



8.3.2 Cleaning the Mirrors

After you have removed each mirror, you will want to inspect each mirror for scratches, smoke residue, or debris. If any residue or debris is present, use the following steps to clean the mirror.

- 1) Hold the mirror with the reflective side up, without touching the reflective side of the mirror (DO NOT apply any finger pressure or any other cleaning solutions to the mirror surface).
- 2) Drape a new sheet of lens tissue over the mirror.
- 3) Apply a few drops of methanol on the tissue covered mirror (apply enough so that the tissue absorbs just enough to cover the mirror surface).
- 4) Pull the tissue across the mirror in only one direction.
- 5) Repeat the cleaning processes if the mirror is not completely clean after the first attempt.
- 6) Make sure that the mirror is completely dry before reinstalling it.



⚠ CAUTION

If the center of the mirror is scratched, contact your authorized Roland DG Corporation dealer.

8.3.3 Removing and Cleaning the Focal Lens

- 1) Unscrew the three thumbscrews (front face of the laser head) securing the laser carriage panel and remove the laser carriage panel to reveal the focal lens.
- 2) Carefully pull out the focal lens (as indicated in the picture below).



- 3) Clean the focal lens with a cotton swab and methanol solution. Be sure to clean both sides of the focal lens (DO NOT apply any pressure or other cleaning solutions to the lens surface).
- 4) After cleaning, use a cotton swab to gently dry the focal lens and lens cover.

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Chapter 9 Basic Troubleshooting

Quality Problems

- Check focal length setting under Menu function key > Machine Setting > Set Focus Lens to see if it matches the type of the lens installed.
- Check if the focal lens is installed correctly or if focal lens is not fixed properly.
- Check if it is caused by the debris or dust builds up in the bearing tracks or x rail.
- Check if it is caused from the damaged or dirty focal lens and mirror 4 in the laser carriage which cannot deliver the laser beam effectively.

Non-operational Problems

- Laser beam does not generate
 1. If the red alignment beam is not revealed, the laser beam is misalignment. Adjust reflective mirrors for exact focus.
 2. If the red alignment beam is revealed, please check the driver power. The laser power may be too low to be detected. Please increase the percentage setting of the Laser Power from the software driver or the control panel.
 3. Please check if the laser power connector is loose.
 4. For safety purpose, the laser beam will not be generated when the top or front door is opened unless you short the connector of the magnetic switches.

NOTE

Unplug the machine before examining the mirrors, lens, motion system or any other part of the laser system.

Other Problems

• **Graphic Was Clipped..." Message**

The size or location of graphic image may be bigger or beyond legal working area.

Do not place graphic object, especially vectors, right from (3,0) origin position, or 0 at either x or y rail of working area on application software, Corel Draw for instance, even vector line's width has been set to the thinnest. Because at thinnest line width, it still goes beyond the boarder and causes the error. If the message appears randomly but frequently even image object is smaller or within the legal boarder, check or change DRAM module, a bad contact or faulty DRAM could cause such error.

• **Auto Focus Pin is Not Functioning**

The focus pin could be stocked by greasy residue that coats on it. Clean the probe with alcohol or acetone. Check the cable of focus pin, there might be a bad contact or breakage.

- When encountering trouble or short circuit problems please press ON/OFF switch to restart the system.



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Chapter 10 Appendix

Glossary

Specification Sheet

10.1 Glossary

Color Fill – Term within the awards and engraving industry used to describe the variety of techniques used to add color or contrast to engraving.

DPI – Dots Per Inch or Pixels Per Inch. The resolution of an image as defined by the amount of dots/pixels included in an inch. The DPI setting of 500, will include tell the machine to include 500 laser firings within an inch.

Driver – A software program that allows the computer to communicate with its components and peripherals: printers, scanners, monitors, etc.

Error Diffusion (Dithering Method) - This effect uses a series of random black and white pixels to represent shading.

Firmware – Programming permanently set into a computer's ROM chips. This information is burned into the computer chips and can only be changed by replacing the chips, or in the case of EEROM, by special procedure.

PPI – Pulses Per Inch. PPI determines the gross amount of laser pulses there will be per linear inch. PPI is exclusively for the vector setting. A PPI setting of 500 results in the laser firing every .002" (500 times per inch). If the standard lens is producing a vector laser focal point of .007", then higher PPI settings will result in deeper, overlapping laser pulses. PPI settings lower than 150 will result in the individual laser pulses being spread far apart, so they will not touch each other. Low PPI settings are a good example of perforate paper.

Raster – The process of rendering a cutting or engraving by multiple horizontal lines. For example: when cutting out or engraving a square, the raster setting will make the laser use numerous horizontal lines to fill in the outlined space.

Raster Image – An image that is defined as a collection of arranged pixels in a rectangular array of lines. A raster image is similar to a "Bitmap" graphics image.

Raster Line – A raster line is the individual horizontal line that makes up the raster image.

Vector – The process of cutting or engraving an image by using single horizontal, vertical and curved lines. For example: when cutting out or engraving the outline of a square, the vector setting will make the laser use a thin single line to follow the outline of the shape.

10.2 Specification Sheet

| LV-180 | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Laser Source | 30W CO2 Laser |
| Work Area | 458 x 305 mm (18.0 x 12.0 in.) |
| Maximum Part Size (W x L x H) | 505 x 309 x 170 mm (19.8 x 12.1 x 6.6 in.) |
| Table Size | 520 x 375 mm (20.4 x 14.7 in.) |
| Cooling | Air-cooled, Operating environment temperature 15°- 30°C (60° - 86°F) |
| Drive | Closed-loop DC Servo Control |
| Maximum Motor Speed | 1016 mm/s (40 in./s) |
| Speed Control | Adjustable from 0.1~100% (Up to 16 color-linked speed settings per job) |
| Power Control | Adjustable from 0~100% (Up to 16 color-linked speed settings per job) |
| Distance Accuracy | 0.254 mm or 0.1% of move, whichever is greater |
| Z-Axis Movement | Automatic |
| Focus Lens | Standard 2.0 in., Optional 1.5 in. available |
| Resolution (DPI) | Available 125, 250, 300, 380, 500, 600, 760, 1000, 1500 |
| Computer interface | Full-speed USB 2.0 port, 10 Base-T Ethernet |
| Memory Buffer | 32MB standard |
| Compatible Operating systems | Windows® 7, 8.1, 10 |
| Display Panel | 4-line LCD panel showing current file name, total working time, laser power, engraving speed, file(s) loaded into memory buffer, setup and diagnostic menus |
| Safety | Class I Laser Product Complies with EN60825 Class II Laser Product Complies with CDRH 2006/42/EC Machinery Directive Compliance |
| Operation Voltage | 100-240VAC, 50-60Hz Auto Switching, Max. 12A |
| Dimensions (W x L x H) | 740 x 780 x 410 mm (29.1 x 30.7 x 16.1 in.) |
| Weight | 75 kg (166 lb.) |
| Fume Extraction System | External exhaust system required, one 4 in. connection on the back of the machine |
| Included Items | Power cord, Ethernet cable, USB cable, user's guide, cleaning tissue, mirror cleaner, etc. |

* Specifications are subject to change without prior notice.

* Depending on the material being processed, harmful gases may be generated that could cause symptoms such as sore throat, headache, dizziness, etc.

* Roland DG strongly recommends that you install a deodorizing or local exhaust ventilation system in a well-ventilated room. For more information, please contact your local distributor or dealer.

