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REFERENCE GUIDE

This manual has been produced to serve as a guide for users of the ULTRACODE electronic key-cutting machine. Read it carefully; it is essential if you wish to operate your machine safely and effectively. Contact Ilco Unican Technical Assistance for further information at 1-900-ILCO-USA / 1-800-452-6872. Ext.: 200, 384, 356

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TECHNICAL TERMS

Common technical terms are used in this manual. To assist those with little experience of keys and key-cutting, below is an illustration of the terms most frequently used.

![Key Diagram]

1) Head
2) Blade
3) Shoulder
4) Tip
5) Back
6) Cuts
GENERAL

USE
The ULTRACODE is designed for cutting keys of non-ferrous materials: brass, nickel silver, etc. It must be installed and used according to the instructions indicated by the manufacturer. If the key-cutting machine is used differently or for purposes different from those described in this manual, the customer will forego any rights he may have over ILCO UNICAN CORP. Furthermore, unforeseen danger to the operator or any third parties may arise from incorrect use of the machine.

INCORRECT USE
Improper use of this machine or failure of the operator to observe the instructions written in this manual will void all guarantees and responsibilities of the manufacturer. It is therefore essential to carefully read and understand this operating manual.

IMPROPER USE OF ELECTRIC CONTACT
CAUTION:
• it is not recommended to cut ULTRALITE™ anodized aluminium keys. It is also not recommended to cut plastic keys or any keys with materials that do not have electrical conductivity.

MACHINE IDENTIFICATION
• The machine is provided with an identification label which includes the machine’s serial number (fig. 2).

![Diagram of machine identification label]

Fig. 2
1 MACHINE DESCRIPTION

The ULTRACODE is an electronic machine operating on two axes with controlled movement. The machine was designed to add a high degree of cutting precision to operating speed and ease of use. The ULTRACODE can be used in 2 different ways:
- entering the key code directly by means of the machine keyboard
- linking to a PC

1.1 MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

- Movements
  Movement of the two axes (X-Y) operates on ball screws activated by step motors, on rectified roller guides.
- Jaw
  Standard four-sided vise jaw, specially designed to grip most commercial, automotive and residential keys.
- Cutter
  Consists of a cutter in HSS (high speed steel), that is easily replaced. Operator can adjust the cutter for the type of work and speed rotation needed. An Optional carbide cutter is available.
- Display
  Rear-illuminated and placed on the front of the machine. Display with 4 rows of 20 characters each.
1.2 **SAFETY**

- **Emergency stop**
  The red emergency button (N) (fig. 4, page 5) located on the right-hand side of the machine is used to stop the Ultracode immediately in the event of faulty operation or danger to the operator. When the cause of the emergency has been eliminated, turn the button 45° clockwise to deactivate it. The button will “pop” out away from the machine when deactivated.

  **NOTE:** the operator is responsible for keeping the area around the button clear so that it can be reached as quickly as possible.

- **Cutter motor protection**
  The cutter motor is protected against overheating by a cut-out switch (located inside the motor). The motor will automatically shut down if it reaches a certain temperature.

  If the switch activates:
  1) turn the machine off and disconnect the power supply cable. Machine will reset after motor has cooled sufficiently.

  If machine does not reset: contact Ilco Technical Assistance at 1-800-ILCO-USA 1-800-334-1381/ 1-800-452-6872

- **Protective shield (optional)**
  The transparent protective shield is designed to cover the working parts as completely as possible, ensuring operator safety.
1.3 MAIN WORKING PARTS

Fig. 4

A - master switch
B - keyboard
C - display
D - vise jaw (V100)
E - clamp knob
F - key gauge
H - cutter
I - cutter shield
N - emergency button
Q - serial port
R - Y axis connector
S - X axis carriage
T - Y axis carriage
V - chip tray
W - optical reader
X - reader vise jaw (R100)
1.4 TECHNICAL DATA

Electricity supply:
110V-60Hz   (100V - 50/60Hz)

Maximum absorbed power:
110V: 3.6 Amp. 396 Watt

cutter motor:
one speed, single phase

cutter:
HSS (high speed steel) - optional hard metal carbide cutter - Part No. D405933ZZ

Tool speed:
• 60Hz: 1100 rpm (+/- 10%)
with pulleys inverted:
• 60Hz: 2700 rpm (+/- 10%)

Movement:
on 2 axes with ball screws activated by step motors, on rectified roller guides.

Jaw:
universal 4 sided vise jaw to grip flat, commercial, residential and automotive keys

Runs:
X axis: 2.24 “  Y axis: 1.26 “

Dimensions:
width: 19.69 “  depth: 19.69 “  height: 16.54 “ (with raised shield 25.59 “)

Mass:
81.4 lbs • 37 kg

Noise level:
sound pressure Lp(A) = 85 dB(A) (cutting steel keys)
1.5 **ACCESSORIES PROVIDED**

The ULTRACODE comes with a set of accessories for its operation and maintenance (tools, hex wrenches, fuses) supplied in a special tool kit comprising:

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2 TRANSPORT

The key-cutting machine is easily transported and is not dangerous to handle. The packed machine should be carried by at least two people.

2.1 PACKING

The packing for ULTRACODE is designed to ensure safe transportation and to protect the machine and all its parts.

To prevent any damage to the machine it is advisable to save the box for future transportation.
2.2 UNPACKING

After removing the machine from the packing box, check the contents in the box, which should comprise the following:

1. ULTRACODE key-cutting machine
2. set of documents, including: an operating manual, a spare parts list and a warranty card
3. power supply cable
4. tool kit

NOTE: we strongly recommend you keep the packing intact for future transportation.

2.3 MACHINE HANDLING

When the ULTRACODE has been unpacked, place it directly on its workbench; this operation should be carried out by at least two people. Carefully lift the machine firmly holding the base, and no other part. Do not drag the machine, the feet will be bent and damaged.

ATTENTION: never lift the machine by holding the keyboard stand (fig. 6).

INCORRECT! CORRECT!

- *Warranty Card should be filled out and returned to Ilco Unican for tracking purposes.
3 MACHINE INSTALLATION AND PREPARATION

The key-cutting machine can be installed by the machine owner and does not require any special skills. It is supplied ready for use and does not need any special set up. (However, it is recommended that the operator follows the calibration procedure before operating the machine.)

3.1 CHECKING FOR DAMAGE

The ULTRACODE is solid and compact and will not normally damage if transport, unpacking and installation have all been carried out according to the instructions in this manual. However, it is always advisable to check that the machine has not suffered any damage.

3.2 ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

To ensure that the best use is made of the key-cutting machine, it is important to place it in a well-aired area which is not too damp.

The ideal conditions for the machine are:
- temperature between 10°C (50°F) to 40°C (104°F)
- relative humidity: approx. 60%.

3.3 POSITIONING AND INSTALLATION

1) Place the machine on a horizontal surface, solid enough to support the weight of 75.9 lbs.
   - to work with ease, we suggest that the workbench be approximately the height of the operator’s hip.
   - it is important to leave clearance of at least 12” behind the machine and on each side to ensure proper ventilation.

2) Ensure that the machine’s voltage is the same as that of the mains power supply, which must be properly grounded and provided with a differential switch.
   - connect the power supply cable to the power supply socket.

Fig. 7
3.4 DESCRIPTION OF WORK STATION

The machine needs only one operator, who has the following controls at his/her disposal (fig. 4, page 5):
- master switch located on the back of the machine
- vise jaw
- keyboard
- display
- emergency button

3.5 GRAPHICS

- The machine carries an adhesive warning label (fig. 8). These labels must never be removed.

Fig. 8

Do not use compressed air for cleaning

The use of protective goggles is recommended
4 "SET UP" AND USE OF THE MACHINE

4.1 KEYBOARD AND FUNCTIONS

The machine’s keyboard has 19 alphanumeric and 6 function keys. The alphanumeric keys are used for entering the data card number and the cutting data (numbers and/or letters) according to the code on the card in use. Each of the 19 alphanumeric keys contains two characters: the main character (black) which is directly active, and an alternate character (red), which can be activated by simultaneously pressing the SHIFT key.

E.g.:  pressed directly produces: 1

Pressed simultaneously produce: H

FUNCTION KEYS

Stop button, used particularly when the machine is in motion.

Starts the machines operations

Returns curser to the last operation.

Activation of various functions in the menu.

CLEAR: deletes numerical characters.

Pressed in combination with all the keys of the same color to enter the number or letter available.

regulating the display

It is possible to adjust the angle of vision on the machine’s display by following the instructions described below:

- To incline the angle of the display towards the bottom you must press the \( \downarrow \) key and then press the \( \uparrow \) key, simultaneously keeping them both pressed \( \downarrow \uparrow \) up until you reach the desired angle for viewing.

- to incline the visualization of the display towards the top you must press the \( \uparrow \) key and then press the \( \downarrow \) key, simultaneously keeping them both pressed \( \uparrow \downarrow \) up until you reach the desired angle for viewing.
4.2 USE OF THE VISE JAW

The four-sided vise jaw ensures an excellent grip on the keys placed on their back or profile sides (fig. 11).

- Single Sided Keys cut by code should be positioned mainly on the A and/or B side of the clamp.
- For keys to be cut by code the side of the vise jaw on which to place the key is shown on the machine's display.
- To fit keys with tip stops, place the tip stop bar provided into the special grooves (fig. 12).
ATTENTION: when closing the vise jaw, do not apply excessive pressure to the knob. Turning the knob approximately 70° (equal to a force of 3N x M) is sufficient to secure the key (fig. 13).

![Fig. 13](image)

NOTE: before starting the cutting process the V100 vise jaw key gauge will automatically fall to its rest position.

**USING THE PINS**

For keys with narrow blades the pins must be placed between the bottom of the vise jaw and the back of the key so that the key protrudes sufficiently out of the clamp and therefore can be properly cut. If the key has a narrow blade and is also very thin, 2 pins must be used (see fig. 14).

![Fig. 14](image)
4.3 CUTTING BY ELECTRIC CONTACT

The ULTRACODE key-cutting machine is equipped with a low voltage electrical contact device which permits the cutter to measure the key blank width as it approaches the cutter during the cutting phase (fig. 15).

This exclusive feature permits the operator to secure the key to the most appropriate side of the 4 faced vise jaw (A, B, C or D) therefore improving the grip on the key and eliminating the need for pins and/or adaptors.

With the electrical contact feature, depth calibration is automatically calculated when the cutter touches the keys profile during the cutting process.

Electrical contact is guaranteed for keys in steel, brass, nickel silver, Zamak or iron (with or without nickel-plating).

Improper use of electric contact
- it is not recommended to cut ultralite anodized aluminium keys. It is also not recommended to cut plastic keys or any keys with material that does not have electrical conductivity by means of electric contact.
- Attention: for these types of materials, use standard cutting.
- cuts cannot be repeated on the same side of the key when electric contact cutting is used.

All data cards provided by ILCO are in the machine’s memory. The cards are enabled or disabled for code cutting by electric contact at ILCO’s discretion.

The data cards are divided into 3 types which are distinguished by special symbols shown on the display (asterisk “*” and “+”).

1) Vise Jaw: 100/A START
   • data card with standard cutting (press START)

2) Vise Jaw: 100/B START+
   • data card with standard cutting (press START)
   • alternative: electric contact cutting press SHIFT+START

3) Vise Jaw: 100/* START+
   • data card with electric contact cutting (press START)
   • alternative: standard cutting press SHIFT+START

A - B: indicate the side of the vise jaw
+ : indicates the alternative activated with the SHIFT+START keys
* : indicates that the key can be clamped to any side of the vise jaw when the data card is enabled for electric contact.

Operating keys:
SHIFT+START: changes the cutting procedure (‘standard’ or ‘by electric contact’) and starts cutting.
START: begins the cutting process.
ATTENTION: the alternative selected with the SHIFT+START keys (‘standard’ or ‘by electric contact’) is maintained as long as the chosen data card is in use. When the procedure has been selected, simply press START for successive cutting operations.
4.4 **FITTING THE VISE JAW TO THE MACHINE**

To remove the vise jaw unit:
- loosen the grub screw (D2) (fig. 16) and slide the vise jaw out of the dovetail guide.

To install the vise jaw unit on the machine:
- slide the vise jaw into the dovetail guide, pushing it all the way in, then secure it by tightening the grub screw (D2).

These instructions refer exclusively to the standard vise jaw (V100). For the use of optional jaws please refer to the instructions provided along with them.

4.5 **CUTTER**

The majority of keys utilize the standard cutter (U01) for code cutting. In certain cases, special keys with particular type cuts will require different cutters.

To change the cutter see chapter 4.6.

4.6 **CHANGING THE CUTTER**

1) remove the cutter protective shield (1) by loosening the screw (1a).
2) slide the cutter release rod (2) into the hole located on the left side of the machines cutter shaft chassis (fig. 17).
3) loosen the cutter locking nut (4) by turning it clockwise with the 19 mm socket wrench (3) provided with the machine.

**ATTENTION:** the thread is left-handed. (reversed)

4) replace the cutter, then tighten the nut (4) by turning it counter-clockwise and remove the rod from its hole.
5) place the cutters protective shield (1) back into position securing it with the screw (1a).

**WARNING:** when replacing a worn cutter with a new one or with a re-sharpened cutter consult Ch.5.6.3 "Calibrating cutters", page 35.
4.7 INVERTING THE PULLEYS

This operation must be carried out when the operator intends to use a carbide cutter (optional), in order to adapt the cutter speed to the newcutter's material.

1) turn the machine off and disconnect the power supply cable.
2) remove the back and bottom metal panel (ch. 7.8 and ch. 7.9, page 56).
3) loosen the 4 motor locking screws (W) (fig. 18) and remove the belt.
4) loosen the 2 grub screws securing the pulley and remove it from the motor shaft.
5) fit the cutter shaft locking rod and use the allen key provided to loosen the screw (A1) and grub screws (A2) on the pulley (fig. 19).
6) invert the pulleys and secure them by tightening the grub screws, fit the screw and washer on the cutter shaft.
7) remount the belt and adjust its tension (ch. 7.4, page 52).
8) remount the back and bottom metal panel.
9) enter the ‘cutter material’ function in Ch. 5.8 "Options [6]", page 42, and alter the speed.
5 OPERATING GUIDE

Introduction
The Operating Guide below explains how to use the ULTRACODE without a Personal Computer. All operations to manually use the key-cutting machine are explained step by step. The programs available for Personal Computers connected to the key-cutting machine are able to transmit data for cutting.

Programs for Personal Computers eliminate manual procedures of certain functions. Once the data has been transmitted to the machine it by passes some of the operating guide screens. When the ULTRACODE is used with a Personal Computer, the operating guide does not change its display logic, except for screens that are rendered unnecessary.

5.1 INITIAL OPERATIONS
When the key-cutting machine has been placed on its workbench and connected to a power source (Ch.3.3, page 10), proceed as follows:
1) make sure that the emergency button is not turned on.
2) turn the machine on by means of the main switch that is located on the back of the machine.
3) to check or alter the parameters for use of the machine, consult the "Options [6]" menu (ch.5.8, page 42).

When the machine is turned on, for a few seconds the display shows the internal software version and the machine model:

ULTRACODE
version 1.0.0

MAIN MENU
Operational keys:
use the keys to move the cursor to the option required and press ENTER or directly press the numbered key corresponding to the option number.
The >> symbol indicates that the menu contains other items which can be reached with the arrow key ▼.

* APPEAR ONLY WHEN AN OPTIONAL OPTICAL READER IS INSTALLED & ACTIVATED

0 - Copy from original *
1 - Cut by card
2 - Cut by code
3 - Queue from PC >>
4 - Calibrations
5 - Maintenance
6 - Options >>
5.2 [0] COPY FROM AN ORIGINAL

ONLY WITH THE OPTICAL READER -(OPTIONAL)

1) select the function.

Operational keys:

- use the arrow keys \( \uparrow \) to move the cursor to the option required and press ENTER or directly press the numbered key corresponding to the option number.

2) insert the original key into the R100 optical reader side jaw.

**Jaw = R100/?**

According to the type of key to be copied, establish which side of the jaw the key must be inserted. Enter ‘?’ (A, B, C or D) in the jaw sides field (Ch.4.2, page 13).

**Pos. = 0**

Key gauge stop; by default the program always shows the ’0’ stop (Ch.4.2, page 13). For keys without a shoulder stop, enter the tip stop position (1, 2, 3, 4).

**Dist. = 000**

To be used only for keys without a shoulder stop (from 0 to 0.393 inch).

To insert the “Dist.” (distance) you must first enter the “Pos.” (stop position) from 1 to 4. The entered “Pos.” (stop position) cannot be stop “0” (“Pos.” must be 1, 2, 3 or 4).

Example: with tip stop ‘2’ the cuts must start to be read at least 2 mm/.079" before the normal starting position (stop “0”).

3) Place the key to be cut in the ‘V100’ cutter side jaw.

**ATTENTION: use the same side and stop position as the key fitted to the R100 optical reader side jaw.**

- during the reading process the key is partially cut; it will be completed only at the end of the reading process.
• Data alteration
The operator may alter the ‘depth’ and ‘space’ parameters.

Operational keys:
to increase or decrease the parameters use a combination of the SHIFT + ▲ or SHIFT + ▼.

Depth: (from -38.9 to + 38.9 thousandths of a inch.)
Enter the figure (positive or negative) to raise or lower all the cuts.

Spaces: (from -38.9 to + 38.9 thousandths of a inch)
Enter the figure (positive or negative) to move all the cuts closer to or farther from the key stop.

Pieces:
enter the number required.

4) Carry out the same procedure to cut the remaining keys.

Example:

Adjustments?
Depth = +00
Spaces = +00

START

Key blank on left
Jaw= 100/A (ABCD)
Pos.: = 0  Dist.: -00
Pieces = 3

START

CUTTING IN PROGRESS
Copy: 1 of: 3

Copy: 1 of: 3
Finished.
More copies?
No = STOP Yes = ENTER
5.3  **[1]  CUT BY CARD**

One part of the machine’s memory is used for the data cards. A data card is a database of cutting spaces, depths and angles for all the keys in the machines data base. The number of data cards is increased periodically when the ULTRACODE is updated. The updates are easily installed to a P.C. then transmitted over to the machine.

**ILCO data card (1):**
This option allows you to enter an Ilco Card Number (Example: 567 GM). This data card comprises the ‘spaces and depths’ database as described in the introduction to Ch.5 "OPERATING GUIDE", page 18). The source of this information can be the ILCO Card listing, catalogues and other available documents.

**HPC data card (2):**
This option allows you to enter an HPC equivalent card (Example: CF215 GM).

**USER data card (3):**
This option is a user defined card.

### DESIGN A KEY FEATURE

See Supplement to accompany the Update Disk.

1) Press ENTER

**Vise Jaw: V100/***
The special symbol (asterisk) means that the cuts will be made by electric contact (Ch.4.3, page 15) therefore it is unnecessary to select the vise jaw side.

**Pos.: 0**
Place the key to be cut into the V100 vise jaw using the stop that is shown.

**Cutter: U01**
Recommended cutter.

**Pieces:**
enter the quantity of keys to be cut.

2) proceed with cutting the first side by pressing the START key.

3) turn the key over and cut the second side.

**Operating keys:**
SHIFT+START: changes the cutting procedure (‘standard’ or ‘by electric contact’) and starts cutting. 
START: begins the cutting operation.
SHIFT+ arrow key selects the side of the key to be cut.

- when the last side of the last key has been cut, the screen shows:
5.3.1 SPECIAL CASES

- Cutting a key with two asymmetrical sides

**Operational keys:**
use the ▼ key to be able to visualize both sides of the keys possible cuts on the machines display.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Enter card number</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 - ILCO = 115</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 - HPC =</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 - USER =</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Side 1
ILCO 115
.......
Possible depths:
4321

1112213331

Side 2
ILCO 115
.......
Possible depths:
4321

1121123313

Proceed with the cutting process.

- Impossible cutting combination

When the machine is used manually with certain data cards, it may not be possible to carry out certain entered combinations. This happens when the cutting depths are not compatible in the order the user entered the possible cuts.

Example:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Enter card number</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 - ILCO = 174</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 - HPC =</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 - USER =</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Side 1
ILCO 174
.......
Possible depths:
012345678

08213

non-feasible combination!
The reason for the conflict between certain cuts is explained simply in the case shown. With regard to the cut that originated the message <non-feasible function> it can be seen that between the two deep cuts (8) and the constant angle (100°) the intermediate cut (0) would be removed. This happens when the cutting angle N (Normal) is not made variable by means of the type of cut L (Laser) (page 24).

Fig. 23

ATTENTION: in this example it can be seen that the β angle is less than 45°. This could cause serious problems with a lock, making it difficult or impossible to place the key into the cylinder or remove it.

Fig. 24
Types of cut

All the data cards provided by Silca have the type of cut pre-set according to the original parameters. The types of cut possible with ULTRACODE are: Radius, Normal, Flat, Laser and Vertical.

**NORMAL**
For conventional car and door keys.

**FLAT**
Mainly used for car keys where the cut edges are rounded to facilitate the movement of the blades when the key is put into the lock.

**RADIUS**
This type of cut eliminates flats and creates a radius at the bottom of each cut.

**LASER**
Cuts with variable angles can be obtained, peaks are eliminated, giving the advantage of key copies that slide perfectly into the lock.

**VERTICAL**
Primarily used for flat steel or safety deposit keys.

**EXAMPLE OF HOW TO CHANGE THE TYPE OF CUT:**

All the technical data regarding the types of cuts stored in the machine’s memory can be changed according to the user’s requirements.

1) enter data card number (e.g.: nr.567)

2) before entering the cuts press the combination of keys SHIFT+ENTER.

3) enter the “L” type cut by pressing the SHIFT+L keys to set the laser type cut.

- the letter in brackets (L) indicates the type of cut recommended by Ilco.

**NOTE:** for certain cutting methods the standard cutter U01 must be replaced with a specific cutter (Ch.4.6 “Changing the cutter”, page 15).

4) enter the combination and proceed with the operations described in ch.5.3, page 21.
• Changing the cutter/adaptor/jaw
Some of the data cards stored in the machine’s memory require a different cutter / adaptor / jaw from the standard or the previous installed.

**EXAMPLE:**

Enter card number:
1 - ILCO =
2 - HPC =
3 - USER =

**ATTENTION !!**
Install cutter:
#

**ATTENTION !!**
Install Jaw:
#

**ATTENTION !!**
Install adaptor:
#
5.4  [2] CUT BY CODE

a) SEARCH BY CODE

CODE: AA11
MFG :
=>
(AA00-7T51 GM94+ GM)

Side 1 x 2
1123321323
Possible depths: 1234

Side: 1
Jaw: 100/*  Pos. : 0
Cutter: U01
Pieces = 2  [START]+

START

CUTTING IN PROGRESS
Copy: 1 of: 2
Side 1

Side: 2
Jaw: 100/*  Pos. : 0
Cutter: U01

[START]+

START

CUTTING IN PROGRESS
Copy: 1 of: 2
Side 2

Copy: 2 of: 2
finished.
More copies?
No = STOP  Yes = ENTER
b) SEARCH BY MANUFACTURER

Use the arrow ▼ to move the cursor to the following manufacturer.

```
CODE: MFG: G
=> GM
(4) LIST [ENTER]
```

```
=> GM
01: AA00-7T51 GM94+
02: H1-H3988BGM2000
03: O1-O6999 GM 2000
```

```
Side 1 x 2 ILCO 567
Possible depths: 1234
```

```
Side: 1
Jaw: 100/* Pos: 0
Cutter: U01 STD Pieces = 2 [START]+
```

```
CUTTING IN PROGRESS
Copy: 1 of: 2
Side 1
```

```
Side: 2
Jaw: 100/* Pos: 0
Cutter: U01 STD [START]+
```

```
CUTTING IN PROGRESS
Copy: 1 of: 2
Side 2
```

```
Copy: 2 of: 2 finished.
More copies?
No = STOP Yes = ENTER
```
5.5 USE OF THE MACHINE WITH A PERSONAL COMPUTER

In the previous pages, the ULTRACODE key-cutting machine operational instructions have been presented from the point of view of manual use, i.e. operating from the keyboard incorporated in the machine to cut keys by code.

The information transmitted by the Personal Computer cannot be altered manually. Each line transmitted corresponds to a stage in the cutting process for one or more keys. As described above, for each cutting process transmitted the number of pieces to be cut is set, a '+' sign shows when the cycle is finished. The '+' sign warns the operator that the last cutting operation has been carried out. Should a work queue be interrupted, turn off the ULTRACODE. When the machine is turned on again and the <PC queue> is called up, the list reappears, starting from the first line.

5.5.1 [3] QUEUE FROM PC

The data received from the PC are presented in one form only:

- quantity of keys in queue transmitted
- key code
- card number
- quantity of keys

• the '+' mark indicates that all three keys (or more) have been cut.
• the '-' mark indicates that the total quantity of keys referring to its code have not been cut.

Pressing the ENTER key takes us to the 'Copying by code' procedure. From this point on the operational functions are the same as those described in ch.5.3, page 21.

C. = data card from PC.

When the SHIFT + ENTER keys are pressed additional data referring to the chosen code can be visualized, such as:

- Customer’s name
- Key blank

**Operational keys:**

To quickly go to the next key to be cut, strike the arrow key \( \uparrow \). Doing so the operator starts from where she or he stopped the previous operation. Arrow keys \( \uparrow \downarrow \) : to scroll the lines.

SHIFT + arrow keys \( \uparrow \downarrow \) : to scroll 4 lines at a time.

SHIFT + ENTER keys to show customer data and key item linked to the selected code.

When the START key is pressed the cursor will automatically position itself on the first key code that indicates the "-" mark.
5.5.2 KEY DECODING (ONLY IF OPTICAL READER INSTALLED)

The decoding function by means of the optical reader can be activated only when using a PC. After the decoding function is launched from the program, the machine’s display shows the following information:

Ilco 50: the data card used.

1) insert the key into the R100 optical reader’s side jaw.
2) press START to begin the operation.

NOTE: if the key has 2 or more asymmetrical sides the machine’s display will show the message “waiting for computer data”. Each side of the key to be decoded will appear:

- the Software Program will then display the cutting data decoded from the machine.

ATTENTION: if a key decoding/reading operation is started and the diameter of the cutting tool exceeds 2.3779 inch (e.g. cutter 06 Ø 2.543 inch), the display will show the following message:

Replace the cutter according to the instructions in Ch.4.6 "Changing the cutter", page 16.
5.6 [4] CALIBRATIONS

The following components on the machine have a specific ‘self-setting’ procedure with the use of regulating templates (Ch.1.5 "Accessories provided", page 7).

- VISE JAW
- CUTTERS

ADAPTERS provided as options do not require calibrating. However, if necessary adjustments can be made to the cutting data, according to the procedures described in Ch.5.6.4 "Manual adjustments", page 36.

In the circumstances listed below (see events) it may be necessary to re-set one or all of the jaws and/or cutters that the user has in possession. This operation is semi-automatic and requires close attention to the instructions listed below.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>EVENT</th>
<th>MACHINE ZEROES</th>
<th>CALIBRATION (chap. , pag.30)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>JAWS</td>
<td>CUTTERS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Electronic board replacement</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>YES</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Replacement of sensors</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>NO</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>V100 vise jaw replacement (with a new one of the same type)</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>YES</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Replacement of the cutter shaft</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>NO</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Re-sharpening of existing cutter and/or cutter replacement (with a new one of the same type)</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>NO</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Installation of optional jaws</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>YES</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Replacement of the ball screws</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>NO</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

1) Enter the ‘Calibrations’ menu #4.

Operational keys: use the arrow keys ▼ ▲ to move the cursor to the option required and press ENTER or directly press the numbered key corresponding to the option number.

2) Select ‘Jaws’ #1.

5.6.1 CALIBRATING THE V100 VISE JAW

Before starting the vise jaw calibration, make sure that there are no keys and/or adapters fitted in the V100 vise jaw.

Operational keys:
SHIFT+ENTER: to select and visualize each side of the vise jaw (where applicable).
STOP: to exit the menu.
3) replace the cutter with the (Z1) template (fig. 25). To remove the cutter follow the instructions on page 16, ch. 4.6 “Changing the cutter”.

4) insert the (Z3) template to the side of the V100 vise jaw that is shown on the machine’s display.

5) press START.

- this will automatically start the setting of the V100 vise jaw by means of electric contact between the two templates.

- the display shows the differences from the theoretical values.

6) to save the data press ENTER.

ATTENTION: if the STOP key is pressed, the new settings will be lost. If so, only the previous setting values will remain valid.

NOTE: the settings will be accepted only if the tolerances remain within a range between –11.8/+11.8 thousandths of a inch.

- if the tolerances exceed the accepted range the machine’s display will show an error message:
- carefully follow the instructions and repeat the procedure.
the operational sequence will continue and the display will show the settings for sides B, C and D.

- turn the V100 vise jaw to side B, insert the (Z3) template into the vise jaw and proceed with the settings, following the same procedure described for side A.

- turn the V100 vise jaw to side C, insert the (Z3) template into the vise jaw and proceed with the settings, following the same procedure described for side A.

**ATTENTION:** make sure that the (Z3) template is properly inserted into side C of the V100 vise jaw (see fig. 26).

- turn the V100 vise jaw to side D, insert the (Z3) template into the vise jaw and proceed with the settings, following the same procedure described for side A.

**ATTENTION:** make sure that the (Z3) template is properly inserted into side D of the V100 vise jaw (see fig. 26).

**Operational keys:**

- use the arrow keys ▲ to directly select the side of the vise jaw you intend to set.
- START: to begin the setting procedure.
- STOP: to interrupt the setting procedure.

**ATTENTION:** after calibrating all sides of the V100 vise jaw:

- remove the (Z3) template from the V100 vise jaw.
- remove the (Z1) template from the cutter shaft replacing it with a cutter.
5.6.2  **CALIBRATING THE R100 JAW (ONLY IF INSTALLED)**

**- OPTICAL READER -**

Before starting the jaw setting, make sure that there is no key and/or adapter fitted in the V100 cutter side jaw.

1) enter the ‘Options’ menu and select option 1 – ‘Jaws’.

The >> symbol indicates that the selected jaw has more than one side.

**Operational keys:**

SHIFT+ENTER: to select and visualize each side of the jaw (where applicable).

STOP: to exit the menu.

2) fit the (Z3) template to side A of jaw R100 (fig. 27).

ATTENTION: lower the key gauge.

3) press START to proceed with automatic setting of side A.

- during this operation the settings are read by the optical reader.

4) press ENTER to save data.

ATTENTION: if the STOP key is pressed, the new settings will be lost. If so, only the previous setting values will remain valid.

**NOTE:** the settings will be accepted only if the tolerances remain within a range between –11.8/+11.8 thousandths of an inch.

- if the tolerances exceed the accepted range the machine’s display will show an error message:
- carefully follow the instructions and repeat the procedure.
- the operational sequence will continue and the display will show the settings for sides B, C, D.
  - turn the R100 jaw to side B, insert the (Z3) template into the jaw and proceed with the settings, following the same procedure described for side A
  - turn the R100 clamp to side C, insert the (Z3) template into the jaw and proceed with the settings, following the same procedure described for side A
ATTENTION: make sure that the (Z3) template is properly inserted into side C of the R100 jaw (fig. 26).
  - turn the R100 jaw to side D, insert the (Z3) template into the jaw and proceed with the settings, following the same procedure described for side A
ATTENTION: make sure that the (Z3) template is properly inserted into side D of the R100 jaw (fig. 26).

R100 SIDE B
Adjustment SIDE B
X = +00  Y = +00
To calibrate [START]

R100 SIDE C
Adjustment SIDE C
X = +00  Y = +00
To calibrate [START]

R100 SIDE D
Adjustment SIDE D
X = +00  Y = +00
To calibrate [START]
5.6.3  **CALIBRATING CUTTERS**

For this procedure always use side A of the V100 vise jaw.

According to the cutter speed (determined by fitting the pulleys in the way described in ch. 4.7, page 17) and material (chosen from the 'Options – cutter material' menu on page 42) the list will show all the HSS or carbide cutters (distinguished by the suffix 'W').

1) enter the "cutters" menu #2.

**Operational keys:**

use the arrow keys ▼ to move the cursor to select the required cutter and press ENTER.

2) fit the selected cutter to the machine.

3) fit a brand new (Z3) template on side A of the V100 vise jaw and press START.

- the display shows the differences from the theoretical values.

**NOTE:** the setting will be accepted only if the tolerance of the cutter's diameter remains within a range between +39.3 /–39.3 thousandths of a inch.

- if the tolerances exceed the accepted range the machine's display will show an error message:
- carefully follow the instructions and repeat the procedure

**ATTENTION:** Once this operation is completed the (Z3) template must be thrown away; contact with the cutter, skims the surface of the template, these marks would cause errors if used for future settings.
5.6.4 **MANUAL ADJUSTMENTS**  
*(JAWS – CUTTERS – ADAPTERS)*

The operator may carry out manual adjustments by entering new X and Y parameter values. **ATTENTION:** such adjustments should be made only when the automatic setting has already been carried out (where applicable).

Adjustments can be made within a range between +11.8 and –11.8 thousandths of an inch. To adjust jaws and adapters, the positive values of X will give the result shown in fig. 28.

![Fig. 28](image)

For adjustments to cutters, clamps and adapters, the positive values of Y will give the result shown in fig. 29.

![Fig. 29](image)

The >> symbol indicates that the selected clamp has more than one side. **Operational keys:**

- place the cursor next to the parameter and enter the adjustment figure using the SHIFT + arrow keys ▼▲.
- CLEAR: to zero out adjustments
- ENTER or down arrow key ▼: to move the cursor from the X to the Y axis settings
- ENTER: press in the final entry field to quit the menu.
- STOP: to exit the menu
- SHIFT+ENTER: to go from one side of the clamp to another when making manual adjustments.

**ATTENTION:** if the STOP key is pressed, the new settings will be lost. If so, only the previous setting values will remain valid.
5.7 [5] MAINTENANCE

1) enter the ‘Maintenance’ menu #5.

Operational keys:

use the ▼ keys to move the cursor to the option required and press ENTER or directly press the numbered key corresponding to the option number.

5.7.1 TESTS

There is an on board TEST menu that should be used to verify the cause of any breakdown that may occur to the machine.

- Test 0: OPTICAL READER (Only if installed)
  Carefully follow the instructions that are on the machine’s display. Check that the optical reader’s status changes from OFF to ON.
  **NOTE:** if the OFF/ON transition is not made, contact Ilco Technical Support.

- Test 1: X AXIS MOTOR
  Carefully follow the instructions on the machine’s display. Check that the X axis carriage moves.
  **ATTENTION:** during this test function all end of run controls are deactivated; avoid moving the carriage up against its mechanical stops.
  **NOTE:** if the motor does not start, contact Ilco Technical Support.

- Test 2: Y AXIS MOTOR
  Carefully follow the instructions on the machine’s display. Check that the Y axis carriage moves.
  **ATTENTION:** during this test function all end of run controls are deactivated; avoid moving the carriage up against its mechanical stops.
  **NOTE:** if the motor does not start, contact Ilco Technical Support.

- Test 3: CUTTER MOTOR
  Carefully follow the instructions on the machine’s display. Check that the cutter motor is working.
  **NOTE:** if the cutter motor does not turn, contact Ilco Technical Support.

- Test 4: X AXIS SENSOR
  - the machine’s display should show ON when the carriage is drawn away from the machine (towards the operator).
  - the machine’s display should show OFF when the carriage is pushed all the way in towards the machine.
  **NOTE:** if the ON/OFF transition is not made, contact Ilco Technical Support.

- Test 5: Y AXIS SENSOR
  - the machine’s display should show OFF when the carriage is moved all the way to the right.
  - the machine’s display should show ON when the carriage is moved all the way to the left (towards the cutter).
  **NOTE:** if the ON/OFF transition is not made, contact Ilco Technical Support.
• Test 6: ELECTRIC CONTACT
Use any metal conductor to contact jaw to cutter, checking that the machine’s display indicates OFF to ON.

NOTE: if the ON/OFF transition is not made, contact Ilco Technical Support.

• Test 7: KEYBOARD
One at a time, press all the keys (except STOP) checking that an asterisk (*) appears for each key pressed. Press the STOP key for last.

NOTE: if the asterisk does not appear, contact Ilco Technical Support.

• Test 8: DISPLAY
All points on the display should be obscured.

NOTE: if this is not so, contact Ilco Technical Support.

• Test 9: SERIAL PORT
Check that the machine’s display indicates OFF. Fit the special (Z4) serial test connector (accessories provided) to the machine’s serial port, checking that the machine’s display indicates OFF to ON.

NOTE: if the ON/OFF transition is not made, contact Ilco Technical Support.
5.7.2 MACHINE ZERO POINTS

With the use of regulating templates (Ch.1.5 "Accessories provided", page 7) the machine provides a ‘self-setting’ procedure.

### READING UNIT

**Operational keys:**

- use the ▼ ▲ keys to move the cursor to the option required and press ENTER or directly press the numbered key corresponding to the option number.

**Procedure:**

1. enter the “Maintenance” #5.
2. select “Machine zero points” #2.
3. select “Reading unit” #2
4. remove R100 clamp (optical reader side) from its support.
5. install the (Z2) template, the clamp’s bushing and secure them with the clamp’s knob (fig. 39).
   - the ‘machine’s zero’ setting are detected by the optical reader.
   - when this operation is completed, the machine’s display will show the measured quotes

**ATTENTION:** if the STOP key is pressed, the new setting will be lost. If so, only the previous setting values will remain valid.

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<tr>
<th>EVENT</th>
<th>MACHINE ZEROES</th>
<th>CALIBRATION (chap., pag.30)</th>
<th>EVENT</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>YES</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(see ch.7.6, page 54)</td>
<td>(see ch.7.6, page 54)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Replacement of sensors</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>Replacement of sensors</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>V100 vise jaw replacement</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>V100 vise jaw replacement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(with a new one of the same type)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>(with a new one of the same type)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Replacement of the cutter shaft</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>Replacement of the cutter shaft</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Re-sharpening of existing cutter and/or cutter replacement</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>YES</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(with a new one of the same type)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>(with a new one of the same type)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Installation of optional jaws</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>YES (if applicable)</td>
<td>Installation of optional jaws</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

5 - Maintenance
6 - Options

1 - Test
2 - Machine ‘0’ point

Install Z1 & Z2 templates.
See operating manual.

Move X and Y axis up until contact is made
See operating manual.

**ATTENTION:** if the STOP key is pressed, the new setting will be lost. If so, only the previous setting values will remain valid.
Regulating the Y axis sensor:
• use the provided allen key to loosen the (C1) grub screw; manually rotate the (C2) rod (fig. 31) in both directions up until the changeover point from OFF to ON is found.
• tighten the (C1) grub screw (fig. 31) to secure the rod.

Regulating the X axis sensor:
• carefully tip the machine over.
• remove the bottom panel by unscrewing all 8 securing screws.
• loosen the (C3) screw (fig. 32, page 41) that secures the sensor support plate. Manually move the sensor support plate up until the display’s description goes from OFF to ON.
• tighten the (C3) screw (fig. 32, page 41) to secure the plate back into place.
• re-position the machine back on its workbench.
• press START.

- the ‘machine’s zero’ settings are detected by electric contact.

6) when the operation has been completed, the display will show the measured quotes.
7) press ENTER to save the settings.

ATTENTION: if the STOP key is pressed, the new settings will be lost. If so, only the previous setting values will remain valid.
ATTENTION: if it is necessary to work close to this area with the machine turned on (e.g. to regulate the X axis sensor) take great care not to touch any components on the machine's electronic boards as it is connected to 230/110 Volts.
5.8 OPTIONS [6]

1) Enter ‘Options’ menu # 6.

Operational keys:
use the \( \downarrow \) keys to move the cursor to the option required and press ENTER or directly press the numbered key corresponding to the option number.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>1 - Serial No.</th>
<th>5 - Maintenance</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2 - Optical Reader</td>
<td>6 - Options</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 - Cutter material</td>
<td>7 - Preference</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 - Cutting speed</td>
<td>8 - Language</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>9 - Inversion keyboard</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

1 - SERIAL NUMBER:
displays the machine’s serial number that should correspond to the Serial Number that is stamped on the back of the machine.

Model:
type of Ultracode.

Keys cut:
numbers of keys cut.

SW Version:
Software version of the program installed on the machine.

2 - OPTICAL READER
Set by Ilco Technical Assistance

Opt. Reader installed = 0
( 0 = NO    1 = YES )
Speed = 350
(100-350)

3 - CUTTER MATERIAL:
The option ‘cutter material’ shows all the HSS (enter 0) or carbide (enter 1) cutters.
By inverting the two pulleys two cutter rotation speeds can be obtained:
• low speed for HSS cutters
• high speed for hard metal carbide cutters
Inversion of the pulleys gives the first or second speed according to the method described in Ch.4.7, page 17.

Cutter Material = 0
(0 = HSS )
(1 = Hard metal )
See operating manual
4 - **CUTTING SPEED:**
Corresponds to the carriage advancement speed during the key cutting operation:
On the basis of the cutter material selected, speed can be altered as shown in the table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>cutter material</th>
<th>Recommended speed</th>
<th>Speed Range</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HSS</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>100-400</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hard metal carbide</td>
<td>400</td>
<td>200-700</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

5 - **CARRIAGE APPROACH SPEED:**
This is the speed at which the carriages move towards the cutting area, before starting the cutting cycle.
We recommend to operate the machine with the speed that is set (4000). If required, the operator can adjust the carriage approach speed from a minimum of 1000 to a maximum of 5000.

6 - **PREFERENCES:**
work parameters are chosen from this menu.

**Inches or millimetres:**
choose the measurements you intend to work with (mm = millimetres, inch. = inches).

**Start-up menu:**
choose the function in the Main menu that you would like to appear first when the machine is turned on:
- * = Main menu
- 1 = Cut by card
- 2 = Cut by code
- 3 = Queue from PC
- 4 = Calibrations

Attention: press the “CLEAR/COPY” key to void any selection made and to select the (*) main menu function.

**Preferred MFG:**
e.g. when ‘0’ is set, the display shows the following when the machine is turned on:
7 - **LANGUAGE:**
enter the number that corresponds to the language you intend to work with.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Select language = 2</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 : English</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 : Français</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 : Español</td>
</tr>
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</table>

8 - **KEYBOARD INVERSION**
This function inverts the alphanumeric keyboard (numbers to letters (fig. 9, page 12).

With “Inversion keyboard” disactivated (0) :
- to digit number 1: press (H)
- to digit the letter H: press SHIFT + (H)

With “Inversion keyboard” enabled (1) :
- to digit number 1: press SHIFT + (H)
- to digit the letter H: press (H)

**NOTE:** this function can be carried out from the main menu “Cut by card” and/or “Cut by code”

9 - **MINIMUM DISTANCE:**
The number shown on the machine’s display represents the X axis distance between the key blank shoulder and the beginning of the first cut (fig. 34). This function is extremely important with keys that require cuts on both sides as it ensures precise positioning on the keys 2nd side.

**Fig. 34**

The set figure is 19.7 thousandths of a inch, which can be varied between min.0 - max. 38.9 thousandths of a inch.

**ATTENTION:** settings that are too high may render precise cuts impossible, with the following message on the display:

<table>
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<th>Min. distance of cut from key stop = .197</th>
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<td>0 - 3.89</td>
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**Min. Parameter of DISTANCE FROM STOP**
is incompatible with selected card!
10 - MODIFY KEYS STOP:

Normally the machine does not require key shoulder stop adjustment. If required, it is possible to modify the key’s shoulder according to the modification made to the key shoulder (fig. 35). If the operation is to be confirmed, the X and Y figures are both required:

**X thickness:**
measurement of the shoulder stop to be cut is expressed in hundredths of a inch (min.0 - max.3.89).

**Y height:**
height of the shoulder read on the key using a calliper, expressed in hundredths of a mm. E.g.:
- X = 0.197 inch = 19.7 thousandths
- Y = 0.118 inch = 11.8 thousandths

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Modify key stop

<table>
<thead>
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<tr>
<td>Thickness X</td>
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<td>Height Y</td>
<td>.118</td>
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Fig. 35
5.9 ERROR MESSAGES

- The selected data card is for a different jaw from the one installed on the machine. Install proper jaw.

- The entered data card number is not available in the machine’s data base.

- The entered cuts cannot be carried out (see Ch.5.3.1, page 22)

- This message appears when the cutter must be changed with one that is compatible to the type of cuts required for the entered data card number.

- This jaw is not available in the machine’s data base.

- This cutter is not available in the machine’s data base.

- This adapter is not available in the machine’s data base.

- The entered data card number requires a type of cut that is not available in the machine’s data base.

- The minimum distance from the key stop position overlaps the first cut on the key (Ch.5.8, page 42).

- This message appears when the cutter is unable to identify the keys measurements when cutting by means of electric contact.

Data card not compatible with jaw installed!

Data card not available!

Non-feasible combination!

ATTENTION !! Install cutter: U01

Jaw not available!

Cutter not available!

Adaptor not available!

Type of cut not available!

MIN. Parameter of DISTANCE FROM STOP is incompatible with selected card!

POSITION ERROR Key not properly installed!
• During the cutting cycle one or more depth exceeded the maximum limit. These depths are automatically aligned to the maximum permitted depth.

ATTENTION
Depth limit exceeded!

• The automatic setting revealed a variation that exceeded the permitted nominal figure setting reference. Carefully repeat the setting procedure.

Exceeded setting tolerance limit
See operating manual

• During the setting of the “machine’s zero points” there is a contact failure between the two templates (see ch. 5.7.2, page 39).

TEMPLATE ERROR
no contact made.
See operating manual

• Indicates that the entered function is not yet available.

Non-feasible function!

• The electronic control board has exceeded the maximum permitted temperature. Check the cooling fan (ch. 7.1 “Trouble shooting”, page 49).

TEMPERATURE ALARM
Turn the machine off!

• Indicates that the fuse has blown due to a short circuit in an inlet or outlet (ch. 7.1 “Trouble shooting”, page 49).

I/O POWER ALARM
Check fuse F4!

• Indicates a short circuit in port P (IN/OUT) (ch. 7.1 “Trouble shooting”, page 49).

DIGITAL OUTLET PROTECTION ALARM
Turn the machine off!

• Indicates that the fuse has probably blown (ch. 7.1 “Trouble shooting”, page 49).

CUTTER MOTOR ALARM
Check fuse F1!

• Indicates a fault on the electronic control board.

CUTTER MOTOR ALARM
Fault on motor circuit!
6 CLEANING

- keep the operational parts of the machine as clean as possible by brushing away the chippings in areas where they accumulate during cutting operations.
- under no circumstances must compressed air be used to clear the work zone of chippings as this will blow them onto the moving parts.
- Never use oily products or thinners for cleaning painted surfaces, jaws, electrical or electronic connections.
MAINTENANCE

Although the ULTRACODE key-cutting machine does not require special maintenance, it is advisable to check and, if necessary, replace the parts subject to wear and electric/electronic parts (fuses, circuit boards, etc.) in the event of faulty operation. Replacement is simple and can be carried out by the operator consulting the instructions.

Before starting any type of maintenance (controls or replacements), read the instructions below:
- never carry out maintenance with the machine switched on
- always remove the main power supply cable
- strictly follow all the instructions in the manual
- use original spare parts (see Spare Parts sheet provided).

7.1 TROUBLE SHOOTING

<table>
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<th>PROBABLE CAUSE</th>
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| Machine is on, with no message on its display. | check to see if the back fan is working  
not working: a) emergency button activated  
b) general fuses in the power socket are faulty  
working: a) fuse F3 on electronic control board is faulty  
b) connection wire between display and electronic circuit board loose  
c) defective display |
| cutter motor not working. | a) the F1 fuse on the electronic control board is faulty  
b) motor wire not properly attached to the connector  
c) defective electronic control board  
d) motor cut-off  
WARNING: this may derive from inappropriate or heavy use of the key-cutting machine or a fault with the motor itself. DO NOT USE THE MACHINE and call Ilco Technical Dept. to determining the cause of activation of the cut-off. |
| X, Y and B axes motors are not working. | None of the motors working: a) fuse F2 on the electronic control board faulty  
b) the wiring between the transformer and electronic control board is loose or the connector is not seated properly  
c) defective electronic control board  
Only one motor is not working: a) the connection wires between the motor and the electronic control board are loose or the connector is not seated properly  
b) defective electronic control board |
| Keyboard not working (partially or completely) | a) the keyboard connector is not properly connected to the interface board (fig. 36)  
b) the wiring between the keyboard/display unit and electronic control board is not properly attached to the relative connectors  
c) defective keyboard  
d) defective electronic control board |
| Electric contact not working (during calibrating or cutting). | a) wiring between the J14 connector on the electronic control board and cutter shaft is loose or disconnected  
b) wiring inside the Y axis carriage is not seated properly or disconnected  
c) brass shavings on cutter shaft behind cutter  
d) defective electronic control board |
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| Key-cutting machine fails to communicate with computer. | a) wiring between 9-pin serial port and electronic circuit board not seated properly or disconnected  
b) serial cable between key-cutting machine and computer is faulty  
c) computer serial port is not functional  
d) defective electronic control board |
| The display shows the message 'TEMPERATURE ALARM - Turn the machine off'. | check that the fan on the back of the key-cutting machine is working:  
not working  
a) fan faulty  
b) electronic control board faulty  
working  
electronic control board faulty |
| The display shows the message: 'I/O POWER ALARM – check fuse F4'. | a) fuse F4 on the electronic control board faulty.  
b) short circuit on the inlets. To find which inlet is causing the error message, disconnect the J7-8-14-20 connectors one at a time and check each time whether the alarm disappears. |
| The display shows the message: ‘DIGITAL OUTLET PROTECTION ALARM - turn the machine off’. | internal fault on the electronic control board. |
| The display shows the message: ‘CUTTER MOTOR ALARM - check fuse F1’. | a) fuse F1 on the electronic control board faulty.  
b) cutter motor wiring disconnected.  
c) internal fault on the electronic control board. |
7.2 **MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS**

- Cutter replacement
- Belt replacement and tension adjustment
- Fuse check and replacement
- Electronic circuit board replacement
- Keyboard/display replacement
- Access to back compartment
- Access to bottom compartment
- Sensor replacement
- WIN-TRANSFER program for loading/updating the machine program

7.3 **CUTTER REPLACEMENT**

1) turn the machine off and unplug it.
2) remove the cutter protective shield (1) by loosening the screw (1a).
3) slide the cutter release rod (2) into the hole located on the left side of the machines cutter shaft chassis (fig. 36).
4) loosen the cutter locking nut (4) by turning it clockwise with the 19 mm socket wrench (3) provided with the machine.

**ATTENTION:** the thread is left-handed (reversed).

5) replace the cutter, then tighten the nut (4) by turning it counter-clockwise and remove the rod from its hole.
6) place the cutters protective shield (1) back into position securing it with the screw (1a).

**Fig. 36**

**WARNING:** when replacing a worn cutter with a new one or with a re-sharpened cutter consult Ch. "", page 29.
7.4 **Belt Replacement and Tension Adjustment**

To replace the belt, proceed as follows:

1) turn the machine off and unplug it.
2) remove the back panel (Ch.7.8, page 56).
3) remove the bottom panel (Ch.7.9, page 56).
4) loosen the 4 screws (W) securing the motor (fig. 37).
5) remove the worn belt from the pulleys.
6) fit the new belt onto the pulleys, making sure that the direction of rotation is correct.
7) using the provided belt tension plate and the (W2) screw (fig. 37) adjust the belt’s tension by turning the (W2) screw.
8) tighten the 4 (W) (fig. 37) screws back into place, securing the motor.
9) remount the back and bottom panel.

To adjust belt tension proceed as follows:

1) turn the machine off and unplug it.
2) remove the bottom panel (Ch.7.9, page 56).
3) loosen the 4 screws (W) securing the motor (fig. 37).
4) using the provided belt tension plate and the (W2) screw (fig. 37) adjust the belt’s tension by turning the (W2) screw.
5) tighten the 4 (W) (fig. 37) screws back into place, securing the motor.
6) remount the bottom panel.
7.5 **CHECKING AND/OR REPLACING FUSES**

Fuses should be checked with a tester (ohmmeter, multimeter, etc.) as they may appear to be in good condition even when they are electrically faulty. Fuses must always be replaced with the same amperage and type (rapid or delayed), as indicated in this manual.

There are 6 fuses in the ULTRACODE:

- 2 fuses: 6.3 Amps rapid located next to the power socket on the back of the machine, next to the main switch (fig. 39). These fuses protect the machine from power surges and/or spikes in the electricity supply.

To check and/or replace the fuses proceed as follows:

1) turn the machine off and unplug it from its power supply cable.
2) use a flat screwdriver to open the flap covering the socket, remove and check the fuses, replacing them if necessary.

- 4 fuses: F1, F2, F3, F4
  
  F1: 10 Amps delayed
  - protects the cutter motor and its electronic controls

  F2: 6.3 Amps delayed
  - protects the step motors and their electronic controls (+32V d.c.)

  F3: 4 Amps delayed
  - protects the logic control circuits on the microprocessor board (+5V d.c.)

  F4: 2 Amps delayed
  - protects the digital output circuits for the low voltage controls and the sensor inlets (+24V d.c.)

Situated on the electronic circuit board inside the base of the machine (fig. 40) protecting the board from short circuits.

To check and/or replace the fuses proceed as follows:

1) turn the machine off and unplug it from its power supply cable.
2) remove the bottom panel (Ch.7.9, page 56).
3) check and, if necessary, replace the fuses in the way described below:

   to remove the fuse:
   - press the fuse cap with your fingers and turn it counter clockwise.

   To fit the new fuse:
   - carefully position the fuse back into place, then gently press the fuse cap downwards turning it clockwise.
7.6 ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT BOARD REPLACEMENT

If the board still communicates with the P.C. it is possible to save the data of the machine’s original settings using the WIN-TRANSFER program disk that is provided along with the machine (see Ch.7.11, page 51).

- use the function ‘Save settings’.
- replace the electronic circuit board:

1) turn the machine off and unplug it from its power supply cable.
2) remove the bottom panel (Ch.7.9, page 56).
3) disconnect all cable connectors from the electronic circuit board (fig. 41).

4) take the electronic circuit board off by unscrewing the (Y1) nuts off (fig. 42).
5) mount the new electronic circuit board and re-connect all cables (all cable connections are polarised therefore cannot be connected incorrectly).
6) re-fit the bottom panel and re-position the machine on its workbench.
7) turn the machine on and launch the WIN-TRANSFER program.
8) If the settings have been saved, launch the ‘Recover settings’ function. If not, carry out the setting operations (Ch.5.7.2 “Machine zero points”, page 39 and Ch., page 29).
7.7 **KEYBOARD/DISPLAY REPLACEMENT**

1) turn the machine off and unplug it from its power supply cable.
2) remove the display’s support, by unscrewing the 3 (B1) fixing screws (fig. 43).
3) detach the flat cable and ground wire from the keyboard (fig. 44).
4) unscrew the keyboard’s fixing nuts and remove the keyboard from its support.
5) fit the new keyboard/display, repeating the operations described above, backwards.
7.8  ACCESS TO BACK COMPARTMENT

To gain access to the back compartment, proceed as follows:
1) turn the machine off and unplug it from its power supply cable.
2) unscrew the 6 (M1) screws that secure the back panel (fig. 45) thus removing it.

Fig. 45

7.9  ACCESS TO BOTTOM COMPARTMENT

To gain access to the bottom compartment, proceed as follows:
1) turn the machine off and unplug it from its power supply cable.
2) turn the machine on its back side.
3) remove the machine's bottom panel by unscrewing the 8 (L1) screws.

Fig. 46
7.10 SENSOR REPLACEMENT

X AXIS SENSOR REPLACEMENT

1) turn the machine off and unplug it from its power supply cable.
2) remove the bottom panel (chap.7.9 “Access to bottom compartment”).
3) disconnect the X axis sensor’s connector from the electronic circuit board (fig. 47).
4) loosen the (L3) nut. Unscrew the sensor from the plate and remove it (fig. 48).
5) remove the front cover on the (X axis) lower carriage (fig. 49) by unscrewing the 3 (B4) screws.
6) fit the new sensor in position, tightening it until it almost touches the (L2) screw (fig. 48) thus securing it with the (L3) nut.
7) connect the sensor’s connector to the electronic circuit board.
8) remount the bottom panel and front cover.
**Y AXIS SENSOR REPLACEMENT**

9) turn the machine off and unplug it from its power supply cable.
10) raise the protective shield.
11) disconnect the (J1) Y axis cable from the carriage (fig. 50).
12) remove the Y axis carriage cover by unscrewing the 3 (B5) locking screws and pull the cover in the direction shown in fig. 50.
13) disconnect the (M3) sensor’s connector (fig. 51).
14) slightly loosen the (M2) grub screw with the provided allen key.
15) remove the faulty sensor and replace it with a new one. Screw it in until it almost touches the underlying rod (fig. 52). Tighten the (M2) grub screw to lock the sensor into place.
16) connect the (M3) sensor’s connector.
17) replace the Y axis carriage cover.
18) connect the (J1) Y axis connecting wire to the carriage.

Fig. 50

Fig. 51

Fig. 52
7.11 **WIN-TRANSFER PROGRAM FOR LOADING/UPDATING THE INTERNAL MACHINE PROGRAM.**

The machine is supplied with an internal program already loaded and tested at Ilco Unican Corp. The user therefore does not need to carry out any operations.

Only in the situations described below can the WIN-TRANSFER program be used to re-start the machine.

The following is a list of situations where the use of the WIN-TRANSFER program is required.

For further details on installation and use of the program, follow the instructions given on the instruction sheet provided with the disk.

- Replacement of the electronic board (see ch. 7.6, page 54) or loss of the internal machine program.
  1) replace the board with a new one, if necessary.
  2) install on your personal computer the latest version received of the WinTransfer program and follow the instructions given on the instruction sheet provided with the program.
  3) read the serial number on the data plate on the back of the machine (ch.5.9, page 42) and enter on the machine.
  4) gauge the machine according to the instructions in the manual, as follows:
     - gauge as explained in chapter 5.7.2 "Machine zero points" in the user’s manual.
     - gauge the V100 vise jaw (ch. 5.6.1, page 30).

- At this point the machine is set up and ready for operation
  1) install on your personal computer the latest version received of the WinTransfer program and follow the instructions given on the instruction sheet provided with the program.

- Loading of customized key data cards provided by ILCO on Customer’s request
  1) install on your personal computer the latest version received of the WinTransfer program and follow the instructions given on the instruction sheet provided with the program.
8 DISPOSING OF MACHINE

To dispose the machine, it must be rendered unusable by carrying out the operations listed below:

- deactivation of the electricity supply;
- separation of the plastic and metal parts;

When these operations have been carried out, the machine can be disposed of according to the current regulations in the country of use.

WASTE DISPOSAL

The ULTRACODE is made up of recyclable parts.

Recycling is ecologically recommended.

Packing

The packing in which the machine is transported is made of cardboard and wood therefore can be re-used if intact or if dismantled used as combustible materials.

Warning! Take great care when dismantling the packing as it contains nails, which could cause injuries. We recommend to bend the nails downwards into the box with a hammer or to completely remove the nails disposing them in authorized metal recycling centres.

The packing is considered solid urban waste and must not be thrown into the environment but placed in special cardboard collection bins.

Waste deriving from key cutting

The waste deriving from key cutting is classified special waste, but it is still classified as solid urban waste, as metal wool. Such waste must be disposed of in special collection centres according to the classification assigned to them by the current EEC law. The circumstances which transform metal residue from solid urban waste into contaminated or toxic noxious waste are listed in the appendices to the current European Union regulations regarding disposal of such waste.

Waste is any substance or object deriving from human activity or natural cycles, disposed of or to be disposed of.

9 ASSISTANCE

Ilco provides full service to purchasers of the ULTRACODE key-cutting machine. To ensure complete safety to the operator and machine, any job not specified in this manual should only be carried out by the Ilco Technical Support.

It is our hope that this ULTRACODE Operating Manual will enable you to quickly and efficiently set up, and begin using your new ULTRACODE key machine. For more detailed information, trouble shooting practices, common maintenance tips, and useful photos, please contact Ilco Technical Assistance. We strongly advise you to keep this document safe and readily available. It will prove very useful in the future. If you require additional assistance or support, please feel free to contact the Ilco Technical Assistance Dept.

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9.1 HOW TO REQUEST SERVICE

The guarantee attached to the ULTRACODE ensures free repairs or replacements of faulty parts within 12 months of the date of purchase. For other services, please contact Ilco Technical Assistance Dept.