

## WLR8950

## User Manual

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## Introduction

Barcoding is the most common Automated Data Collection (ADC) technology providing timely, error-free information that can be used to increase productivity, accuracy, and efficiency in the workplace. Virtually every type of industry is using barcodes to replace keyboard data entry. Studies have shown that a proficient data entry operator will make one error for every 300 characters that are manually entered. The error rate using barcodes is almost negligible and can be error-free using barcode symbologies with the check digit enabled.

The Wasp Charged Coupled Device (CCD) technology is a technique whereby a barcode is photographed, digitized, and electronically sampled by built-in photodetectors. The detectors process the measurement of every bar and space using the number of adjacent photodetectors which contrast a black mark and a white space. Wasp WLR8900 series scanners extremely rugged since they have no moving parts. Wasp WLR8900 series scanners support PS/2 or USB keyboard interfaces and easily wedges between the computer and keyboard. Barcode data is passed directly into the keyboard buffer as if it had been typed in by hand by a data entry operator.

Of all the hand held barcode scanning devices on the market, the CCD reader is the easiest to use and most cost effective for the typical business user. The Wasp WLR8950 series scanners are extended distance scanners with a depth of reading of up to one foot depending on the mil size of the barcode. To activate the scanner, the user simply points the scanning aperture towards the barcode, pulls the trigger, and aims the red LED beam across the barcode.


## Barcode Symbologies

Barcodes are symbols consisting of a series of bars and spaces which can be applied to packages, cartons, bottles, and other commercial products. The bars and spaces in each symbol are grouped in such a way to represent a specific ASCII character or function. The interpretation of these groups is based on a particular set of rules called symbologies. Various symbologies have been developed for particular applications. Some examples are shipping and receiving, manufacturing, retail, healthcare, transportation, document processing and tracking, and libraries.

The resolution of a barcode is dependent on the narrowest element of a barcode ( X dimension), and can vary from high density (nominally less than $0.009 \mathrm{in} . / 0.23 \mathrm{~mm}$ ), medium density (between $0.009 \mathrm{in} . / 0.23 \mathrm{~mm}$ and $0.020 \mathrm{in} . / 0.50 \mathrm{~mm}$ ), and low density (greater than $0.020 \mathrm{in} . / 0.50 \mathrm{~mm}$ ). Medium and low densities are the most common since these are the easiest to read (scan) with nearly all scanning devices. Wasp WLR8950 Scanners can read barcodes with X-dimensions as low as 5 mils ( $0.005 \mathrm{in} / 0.13 \mathrm{~mm}$ ).

Wasp WLR8950 Scanners can read the most popular barcode symbologies including Code 39, Code 93, Code 128, Interleaved 2 of 5 , UPC-A, UPC-E, EAN/JAN-8, EAN/JAN-13, Codabar, and MSI/Plessey.

Please see test chart on pages 25-26.

## Installation

## WLR8950 PS2 Scanner



1. Turn off your computer.
2. Unplug your PC keyboard cable and plug the male end (Din 6) of the WLR8950 Scanner directly into your PC keyboard port. Plug your keyboard cable into the other end (female Din 6) of the the scanner.
3. Turn your computer on.

4. Plug the USB of the WLR8950 Scanner directly into your PC's USB port.

## Quick Start

Your Wasp WLR8950 Scanners are ready for use. The default settings of the scanners have been pre-programmed for the most common barcode configurations. Use the "WLR8950 Setup \& Configuration" sections only to customize the scanners settings. Please review the "Enable Barcode Symbologies" configuration beginning on page 15 to see the list of barcode symbologies which are enabled by default.

## Tip:

- Use the pre-printed "Barcode Test Symbols" in Appendix A on pages 25-26 as a test chart to practice scanning.

PS2 Connection


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## Setup \& Configuration

In order to configure Wasp WLR8950 Scanners, you must familiarize yourself with the setup procedures on the following pages.
The default settings of the Wasp WLR8950 Scanners are identified on each page and clearly marked using an asterisk (*). The default settings have been preprogrammed for the most common barcode configurations. Use the Setup \& Configuration only to customize the Wasp WLR8950 Scanners settings. If you need to configure the scanner, the default settings will be overwritten. All the programmed settings are stored permanently in non-volatile memory; therefore, your configuration will be maintained even if the keyboard power to Wasp WLR8950 Scanners is removed by turning off your PC.

In order to configure Wasp WLR8950 Series Scanners, two basic steps need to be followed:
(1) Locate the group that contains the options to be changed.
(2) Scan the barcode representing the option to be changed.

The scanner will sound two beeps.

## To change Minimum/Maximum Length:

(1) Scan the Minimum or Maximum Length barcode.
(2) Scan a 2 digit value from the ASCII table on pages 27-30.
(3) Scan the Minimum or Maximum Length barcode again.

Example: To have a minimum length barcode of 1 , you must scan a 0 then 1 , then scan the minimum barcode again. To have a maximum length barcode of 10 , you must scan a 1 then 0 , then scan the maximum barcode again.

## Factory Default

Use the Factory Default barcode to reset the scanner to the Default settings.

Factory Default

## Auto-Sense Stand Mode

Scan the Auto-Sense Stand Mode barcode to enable the hands-free autosense feature of the WLR8950 Scanners. If you desire to turn this mode "off," scan the Trigger Only barcode.


Auto-Sense Mode Enable


Trigger Only

Magnetic Switch is available after activating Auto-Sense Stand Mode.

- The Magnetic Switch is automatically activated when Auto-Sensing Mode is on.
- To enable Magnetic Switch, the scanner should be paired with an Auto-Sense Stand to perform the Auto-Sensing function.
- When Magnetic Switch is disabled, the scanner will perform the Auto-Sensing function without an Auto-Sense Stand.


Magnetic Switch On


Magnetic Switch Off

## Keyboard Connection

The Keyboard Connection is used to program the Wasp WLR8950 Scanners for the type of computer to which it is attached.


The 'Beep and Delay' configuration supports the general control options for the Wasp WLR8950 Scanners. These options include the tone, intercharacter delay, and interblock delay. The High, Low and Med settings refer to the tone of the beep, not the volume.

Interblock delay is the minimum time interval between two adjacent scans. If the processing speed of your host device is slower than your scanning speed, a longer interblock delay may ensure the data integrity.

Intercharacter delay is the time period that the scanner will wait before transmitting the next character. If data sent by the scanner has incorrect or missing characters, a longer intercharacter delay may solve the problem. The intercharacter delay should be changed only if the transfer rate cannot be maintained between the scanner and the keyboard buffer of the computer.

Note: The default for the intercharacter delay is set to '140us' and is the most common configuration; however, your PC may be different. When you scan a barcode, if some stray or scrambled characters appear, increase the intercharacter delay to slow down the transfer rate.

## Beep Settings



Beep High


Beep Med*



## Upper/Lower Case

- Caps Lock Auto (For PC XT/AT only):

In Auto Trace mode, the scanner will keep track of the Caps Lock status automatically. For some PCs, the scanning performance may be compromised because of the auto tracing. If the scanning performance is poor (or cannot scan) or the scanner cannot output the upper/lower case characters correctly, try to select one of the next two choices instead of auto tracing.

- Caps Lock Off:

When the keyboard is in the unshifted state (Caps Lock is not pressed), select "Lower Case."

- Caps Lock On:

When the keyboard is in the shifted state (Caps Lock is on),
select "Upper Case."


## Keyboard Language

The 'Keyboard Language' setting controls the key codes for your keyboard's language.


## Preamble/Postamble

The 'Preamble/Postamble' configuration is used to add a prefix or suffix set of characters to the barcode value. Up to 8 characters may be added for each option separately. Preamble and postamble characters can function concurrently, but need to be configured separately.

To add preamble or postamble characters, follow the steps below:

1) Scan the 'Clear Pre/Postamble' barcode on this page.
2) Scan the 'Preamble' or 'Postamble' barcode.
3) Use Appendix B on pages 27-30 to locate the characters you want to add as preamble or postamble characters. Make sure that you scan the barcode associated with each letter before preceding to the next character. For example, to add the letter "A," scan the barcode corresponding to the letter "A". The letter "A" will always appear in your data as prefix or suffix to the barcode value.
4) Scan the corresponding 'Pre/Postamble' barcode on this page to exit this setting.


## Terminator

The 'Terminator' option is used to specify the end-of-text message and is primarily used to denote the end of the barcode value.


## Interface Selections

The Interface Selections barcodes allow you to switch interfaces based on your connection type.
The scanner is designed to switch easily between interface options. To switch from one interface to another, the appropriate cable must be installed. After changing to a new cable, be sure to reset the interface setting.


PS2

## Label Type Positive/Negative



## Code ID

The 'Code ID' option sends a specific value when a particular barcode symbology is scanned. For example, if 'Code ID' is enabled and Code 39 is scanned, an "M" will appear in the data stream in front of the barcode value.


0 - MSI/Plessey T - EAN 128
S - EAN $8 \quad$ K - Code 128
E-UPC E N-Codabar
A - UPC A D - Full ASCII Code 39
F - EAN 13 M - Std. Code 39
L-Code 93 I - Interleaved 2 of 5

Code ID Off *

## Cycle Mode

The following settings are supported by bi-color models.


NOTES:

1. Illumination color will switch back and forth from one to the other when a good read does not occur.
2. Illumination color will remain as the one used at the last good read.

## Single Mode




RED

NOTES:

1. Illumination color will remain single.


Code 39 is variable length and is the most frequently used symbology in industrial barcode systems today. It is extensively used within the Department of Defense (DOD). The principal feature is to encode messages using the full alphanumeric character set. Standard Code 39 contains only 43 characters ( $0-9$, A-Z, $\$, /, \%,+,-$, ., SPACE) and can be extended to a 128 character symbology (full ASCII) by combining one of the special characters $(\mathrm{S}, /, \%,+)$ with a letter $(\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{Z})$ to form the characters that are not present in the standard Code 39 symbology.

See page 7 for information on setting the minimum and maximum lengths.


Enable Code 39 *


Enable Code 39 Full ASCII *


Check Digit Do
Not Calculate *


Minimum Length (1 *)


Disable Code 39 Full ASCII


Check Digit Calculate And Send


Maximum Length (48*)

Interleaved 2 of 5 is a variable length, even numbered, numeric barcode.
It is typically used in industrial and master carton labeling and also in the automobile industry. The symbology uses bars to represent the first digit of a pair and the interleaved (white) spaces to represent the second digit of a character pair.

See page 7 for information on setting the minimum and maximum lengths.


Check Digit Do
Not Calculate *


Check Digit Calculate But Do Not Send



Check Digit Calculate And Send


Code 93 encodes the full 128 ASCII character set using 9 modules arranged into 3 bars with adjacent spaces. Two of the characters are check characters. Code 93 is similar to Code 39 but encodes more characters per inch.


Enable Code 93


Minimum Length ( 6 *)


Disable Code 93 *


Maximum Length (48*)

Code 128 is the most flexible of all the common linear symbologies. It supports alpha and numeric characters easily, has the highest number of characters per inch, and is variable length.
See page 7 for information on setting the minimum and maximum lengths.


Disable Code 128


UCC/EAN 128 Enable *


UCC/EAN 128
Code ID Enable


Function 1
Character Send



UCC/EAN 128 Disable


UCC/EAN 128 Code ID Disable *


Function 1
Character Do Not Send *

To Define UCC/EAN 128 Group Separator:

1. Scan Define UCC/EAN 128 Group Separator
2. Scan ASCII code from pages $27-30$
3. Scan Define UCCIEAN 128 Group Separator

Note: Default Group Separator is GS

MSI Plessey is a variable length numeric symbology and is primarily used in marking retail shelves. Each character consists of four bars with intervening spaces for each encoded digit, one or two symbol check digits, and a reverse start code.

See page 7 for information on setting the minimum and maximum lengths.


Codabar is a variable length symbology capable of encoding six special alphanumeric characters, capital letters A through $\mathrm{D}, \mathrm{T}, \mathrm{N},{ }^{*}, \mathrm{E}$, and all numeric digits. Codabar is one of the oldest barcode symbologies and is still used in some library applications. It should not be considered for new applications except under unusual circumstances.

See page 7 for information on setting the minimum and maximum lengths.


UPC-A (Universal Product Code-A) is fixed length and is the most common UPC barcode for retail product labeling. It is seen in most grocery stores across the United States. The symbology encodes a 12-digit number. The first six digits are assigned from the Uniform Code Council (UCC). The next five digits are assigned by the manufacturer, and the final digit is a modulo 10 check digit. The nominal height for the UPC-A barcode is one inch. The reduced size is $80 \%$ of the nominal size.


UPC-A Disable


Do Not Send Leading Digit


Do Not Send Check Digit

## UPC-A Supplement

This option enables the two and five digit supplements for the UPC and EAN/JAN barcode symbologies.


Transmit if Present


UPC-E (Universal Product Code-E) is fixed length and is a compressed six digit code used for marking small packages, including magazines and paperback books. UPC-E symbols are UPC-A symbols that have been zero suppressed (i.e. consecutive zeros are not included in the symbol).
The printed value of the UPC-E code is a twelve digit code. The nominal height for the UPC-E barcode is one inch. The reduced size is $80 \%$ of the nominal size.


Do Not Send Leading Digit


Expand to UPC-A
On


UPC-E Supplement
This option enables the two and five digit supplements for the UPC and EAN/JAN barcode symbologies.
 Enable


2 Digit Supplement Enable


Transmit if Present


Must Be Present *

The EAN/JAN-8 is fixed length and is similar to the UPC-E code, but includes two more digits for the country code. The nominal height for the EAN/JAN-8 barcode is one inch. The reduced size is $80 \%$ of the nominal size.


EAN-8 Disable


Send Leading Digit *


## EAN-8 Supplement

This option enables the two and five digit supplements for the UPC and EAN/JAN barcode symbologies.
 Disable *


Transmit if Present


Must Be Present *

The EAN/JAN-13 (European Article Number/Japanese Article Number) is fixed length and is similar to the UPC-A symbology, but encodes a 13 th digit. The nominal height for the EAN/JAN-8 barcode is one inch.

The reduced size is $80 \%$ of the nominal size.


Send Check Digit *



ISSN Enable


ISSN Disable *

## EAN-13 Supplement

This option enables the two and five digit supplements for the UPC and EAN/JAN barcode symbologies.


Note: Make sure that the appropriate barcode symbology is configured properly and enabled before trying to scan. Use the 'Barcode Symbologies' configuration beginning on page 15 to enable specific symbologies.

| Code 39* |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Code 93 | $123456$ |
| Interleaved 2 of 5 * |  |
| Codabar * |  |

Code 128*

12345

MSI/Plessey

UPC-A*


UPC-A
w/5 digit supplement


UPC-A
w/2 digit supplement



Use this ASCII Table to add preamble and postamble characters to your barcode value. Please refer to the appropriate configuration section for the number of characters that can be configured.






| MODEL | WLR8950 |
| :---: | :---: |
| PERFORMANCE |  |
| Sensor | 2660 pixels CCD linear imager sensor |
| Depth of Field | 30 mm to 330 mm ( 40 mil ) $\pm 20 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Best Resolution | 0.127 mm ( 5 mil ). |
| Scan Rate | 45 scan / sec |
| Decoding Rate | $100 \mathrm{scan} / \mathrm{sec}(10 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{sec})$ |
| Scanning Width | 120 mm (1 mm barcode) |
| Sunlight | 5000 Lux / Max ( Flourescent Light) |
| MECHANICAL |  |
| Dimensions | 106 (L) $\times 62$ (W) $\times 160$ (H) mm |
| Weight | Approximately 160 g (without cable) |
| Cable | 210 cm in length (Interchangeable cable) |
| ELECTRICAL |  |
| Operating Voltage | $+5 \mathrm{VDC} \pm 10 \%$ |
| POWER CONSUMPTION |  |
| Standby | $<100 \mathrm{~mA}$ |
| Working | $<220 \mathrm{~mA}$ |
| Surge | $<1000 \mathrm{~mA}$ |
| ENVIRONMENTAL |  |
| Operating Temperature | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Storage Temperature | $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Relative Humidity | 0\% to 95\% non-condensing |
| Mechanical Shock | 1.5 m drop onto concrete |
| Conformance | FCC class A and CE approval in progress |
| SYMBOLOGIES |  |
| UPC-E, UPC-A, EAN-8, EAN13, UCC/EAN128, JAN, ISBN, ISSN, Code 39, Code 93, Code 128, Interleave 2 of 5, Industrial 2 of 5, Matrix 2 of 5 , IATA 2 of 5, China Post Code (Toshiba Code), MSI, Codabar, ABC Codabar, CX Codabar, Code 11, UK Plessey, Telepen, Code 128, RSS |  |

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Q: How do I configure the scanner for a notebook (or laptop) computer?
A: Scan the "Notebook" barcode on page 8.
Q: How do I change the terminator to a Tab?
A: Scan the "Tab" barcode on page 12.
Q: How do I remove the terminator?
A: Scan the "None" barcode on page 12.
Q: How do I enable the Full ASCII character set for the Code 39 barcode symbology?
A: Scan the following "Enable Code 39 Full ASCII" bar code on page 15.

If you experience any problems with the Wasp WLR8950 Series Scanners that you are unable to resolve, call for technical assistance at (214) 547-4100 ext 2, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Central Standard Time. Visit www.waspbarcode.com/support anytime.

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