Precision Counter 500



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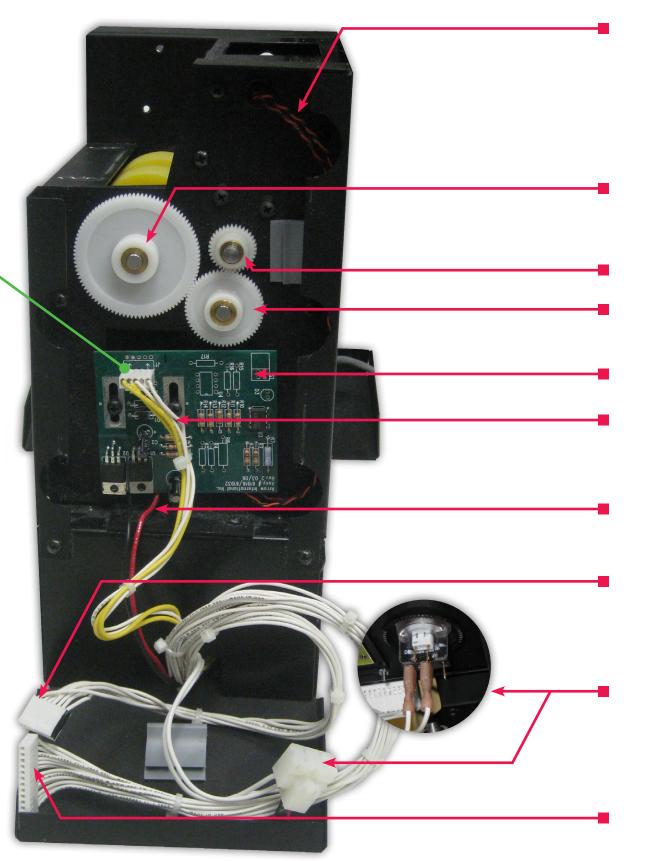
Power Entry Module (the fuse is located in this component)

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There is an interlocking mechanism between the header on the harness and the header on the PCB. This results in a very solid connection, but, it can also make it seem difficult to disconnect the harness from the PCB

The following notes should be followed when disconnecting the harness from the PCB

- make sure there is enough room to comfortably grip the harness header
- grip the harness header from the left and right plastic sides of the connector (not from the wires) and pull the connector straight backwards (red arrow)



The optical sensor responsible for counting tickets includes these 4 wires pre-attached (consisting of 2 braids [red/black & orange/black]). The other ends of the wires are soldered to the motor board PCB (which is visible on this page)

page 41 Cleaning the ticket-count optical sensor

page 44 Replacing the ticket-count optical sensor

Plastic Gear - 96 Tooth. It is mounted on the shaft with the two visible rollers

page 42 Replacing a plastic gear

Plastic Gear - 35 Tooth. It is mounted on the motor shaft

Plastic Gear - 60 Tooth. It is mounted on the transfer shaft (which does not contain any rollers)

Motor Board PCB

5-pin harness for the motor board PCB - Connects to HDR1 on the main PCB (underneath the ticket counter). This harness has a keyed header on both ends that snaps into place when inserted correctly

Power wires for the motor - they go underneath the ticket counter, across the main PCB, and connect to the motor on the other side of the ticket counter (see p.10-11)

7-pin harness for the keypad - Connects to HDR2 on the main PCB (underneath the ticket counter). The header which connects to the keypad itself is *not* keyed. Prior to removal, it is recommended that both the header and connector on the keypad be marked in some way to ensure correct re-attachment: in the diagram, the header has a black mark indicating the location of PIN 1 ... the keypad connector (not visible) has a similar marking

Harness for the square pushbutton switch: 2 variants may exist in the field. Both variants utilize 2 wires for sending the switch signal, and those 2 wires connect to SW1 and SW2 on the Main PCB (it doesn't matter which wire connects to which connector). The 1st variant consists of just the 2 wires connecting to the pushbutton switch. The 2nd variant, utilizes a 5-prong plug to connect to the pushbutton switch. This 5-prong plug, has 3 extra prongs for possible expanded functionality in future models of the ticket counter

14-pin harness for the LCD assembly - Connects to HDR3 on the main PCB (underneath the ticket counter). This harness has a keyed header on both ends that snaps into place when inserted correctly





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Replacing the motor belt

Gear - Plastic Pulley

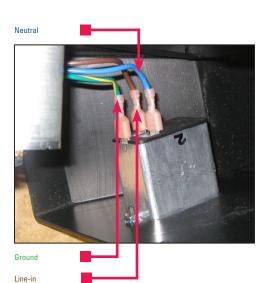
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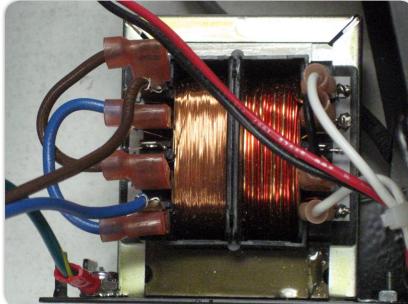
Replacing the plastic pulley

Motor - Column Drive

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Replacing the motor





Arrow International cannot guarantee that the original transformer is present in a machine at the time of repair, or that the wiring has not been tampered with. When working with power, always verify the connections on both the transformer and the power entry module. Also verify that the outlet used by the ticket counter does not have its hot/neutral/ground pins reversed or disconnected

- 5) Double spade (both brown)
 - Jump to # 2
- 4) Jump from #1 (blue)
- 3) (Empty)
- 2) Jump from #5 (brown)
- 1) Double spade (both blue) 'Neutral' from power entry
 - module Jump to #4

(white) To AC1 or AC2 on main (10 PCB (doesn't matter which since • 'Line in' from power entry module rectification is performed on the main PCB itself)

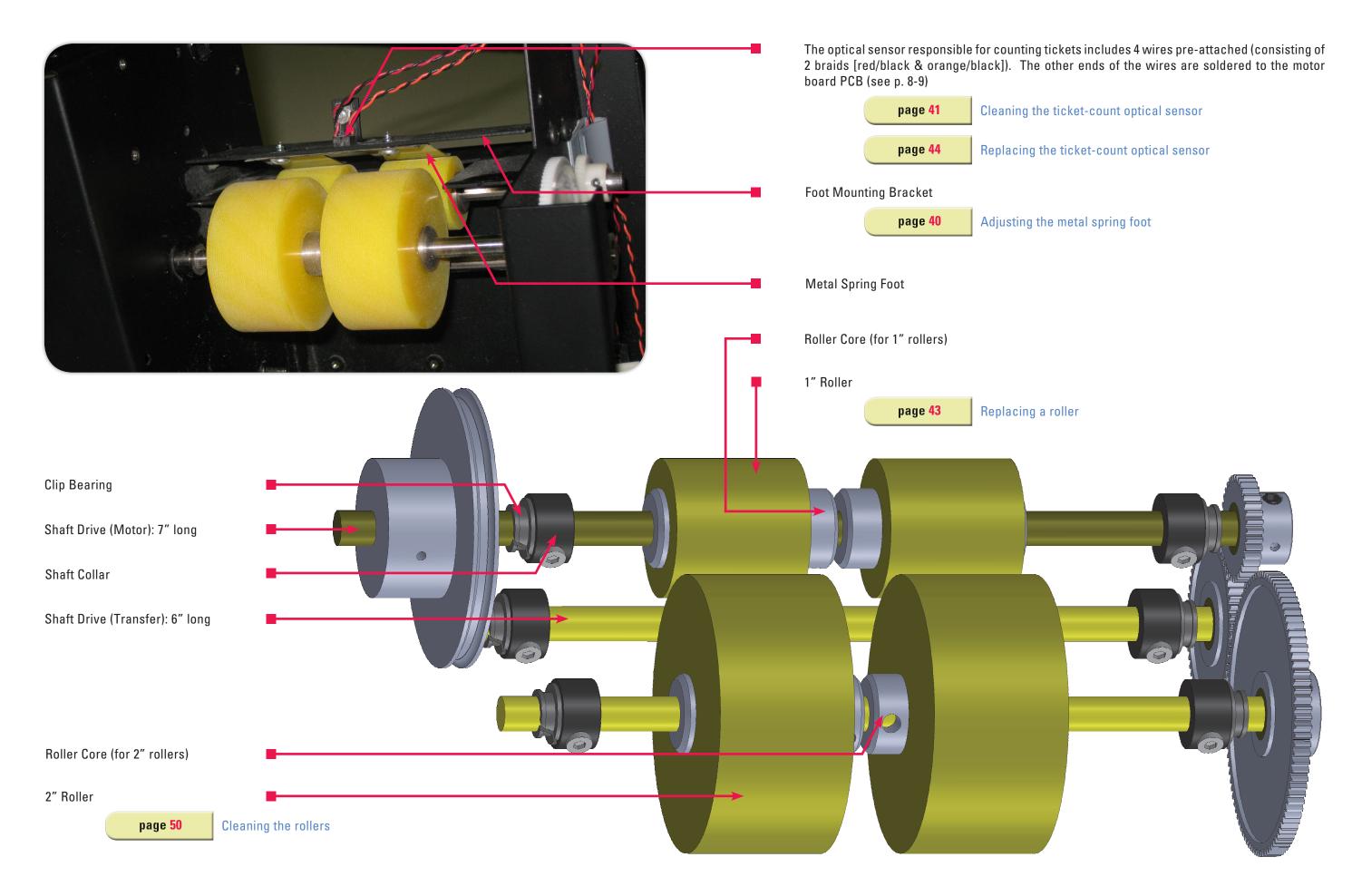
- (black) Jump to #7 (9
 - (Empty) (8
- (black) Jump from #9 (7
- (white) To AC1 or AC2 on main (6 PCB (doesn't matter which since rectification is performed on the main PCB itself)

Transformer: current model # 4-49-5016 (see label on top of transformer)

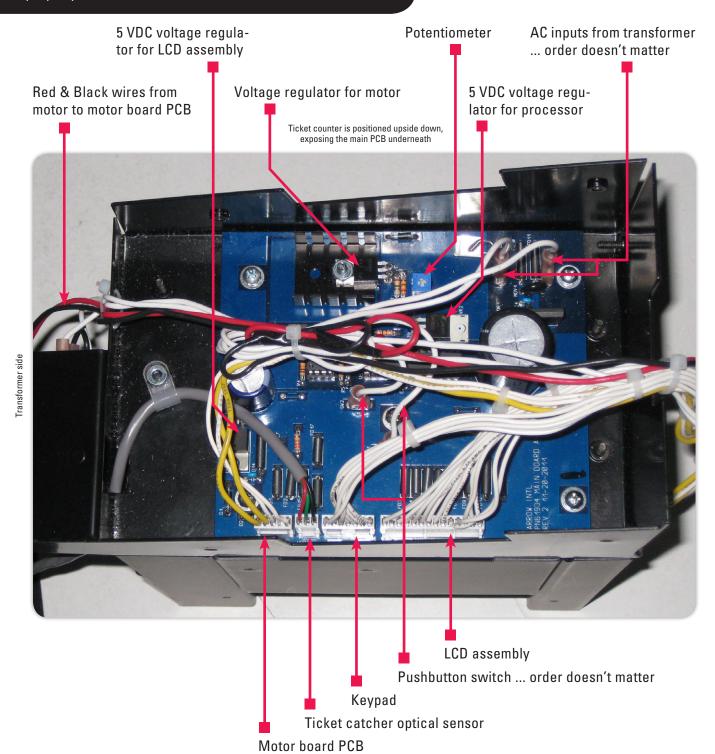
Power wires for the motor - connect to other side of machine (see p.7)

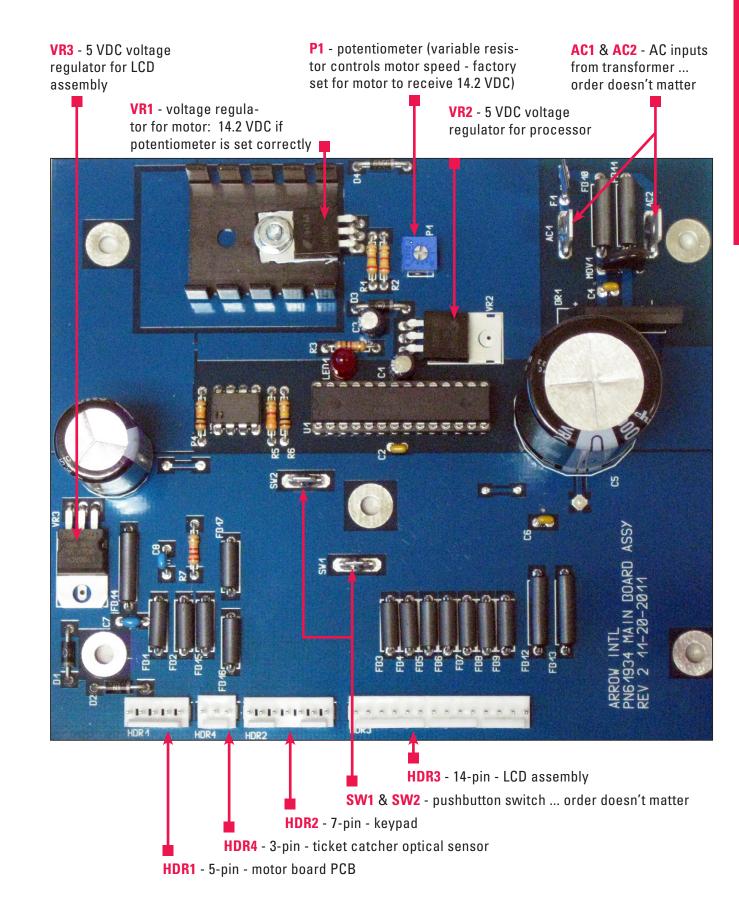
Motor Bracket





CAUTION: When performing repairs & maintenance on the PrecisionCounter 500, various jagged metal edges may be exposed. These can cause personal injury or damage to property if not properly accounted for





Chapter

This chapter documents the common steps needed to begin all internal repairs of the PrecisionCounter 500. Most procedures outlined in Chapter 3 will refer to this disassembly process and will state which steps should have been completed before the procedure can begin

All procedure estimates assume a technician of average skill who has only performed this process 1 or 2 times, and is moving at a relatively cautious speed

Estimated Time	15 minutes
Difficulty	3 of 5
Possibility of damage	3 of 5

Tools Required:

• #1 Phillips screwdriver (capable of comfortably handling size 6 screws)

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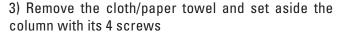
The ticket counter will then be easier to handle and can even be positioned upside down

1) (Optional, but recommended) - use a cloth or paper towel to cover the gaps through which a screw might fall into the inner chamber of the machine

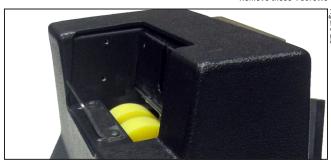


Disassembly

2) Remove the 4 screws which hold the column to the main body of the ticket counter. The screws may not be magnetic: do not rely on a magnetic-tip driver to prevent a screw from falling. The order does not matter but the last screw will have a lot of torque on it from the weight of the column. Make sure to support the column with your hand as you remove the last screw

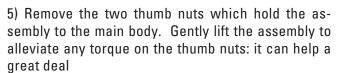






Remove the ticket catcher assembly

4) If possible, take note of the angle at which the assembly is currently attached to the main body (each owner will customize this for his/her needs and the results may vary)



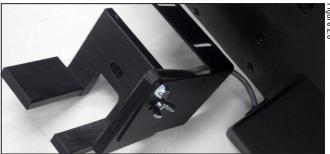


Notice the angle of the thumb nuts





6) Let the assembly rest on the table, but ...



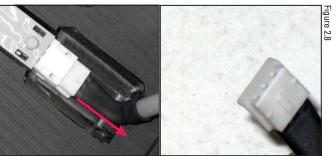
Let the assembly rest on the table, but

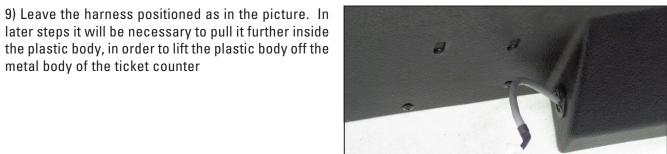
7) ... do not forget that the harness for the ticket catcher sensor is still attached



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8) The harness can be pulled out (there is no catch that holds it in place). When it is later re-inserted, however, it must be inserted as oriented in the picture (with the notch being visible)

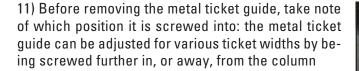




Remove the metal film retainer and metal ticket guide

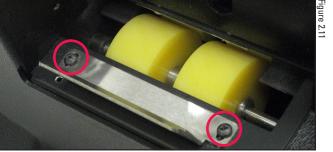
10) Before removing the metal film retainer take note of how much of the ticket exit chute is covered by the mylar film. In most cases, the mylar film should just reach the metal of the ticket exit chute

Unscrew the two screws and remove the retainer and the film that is attached to the retainer



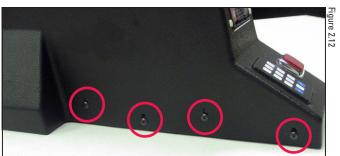
Unscrew the two screws and remove the ticket guide





Remove the plastic body

12) The plastic body is attached to the rest of the machine with 4 screws on each side ...



metal body of the ticket counter

13) ... and 1 screw in the back: remove all 9 screws



Remove this screw in the back as well

14) Note: the studs to which the ticket catcher assembly thumb nuts mount will also prevent the plastic body from being lifted off the metal body of the ticket counter. Before step #15 can be performed, it will be necessary to 'tuck the studs into' the plastic body' by gently pulling the plastic body over the studs

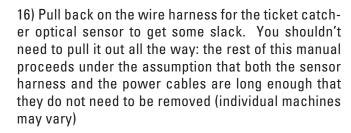


Gently pull the plastic body over these 2 stud

15) Only lift the plastic body a few inches ... it will not go any further because it is restricted by cable lengths in the following locations:

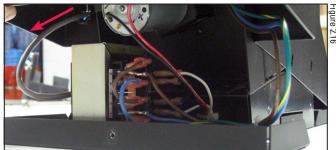
- back power cables and wire harness for the ticket catcher optical sensor
- front harnesses for pushbutton, LCD assembly, and keypad

1 set of cables will need to be removed to lift the plastic body: in this manual, the front cables are removed





Partially lift the plastic body



17) Note: steps 17-20 can be performed in any order ... disconnect the shortest cables first, in order to allow greater range of motion when pulling out the remaining cables

Reach through *the top* of the plastic body and pull out the connector for the LCD assembly. This keyed connector will be tough to pull out if the plastic body is not lifted enough: pull from the sides, not on the wires

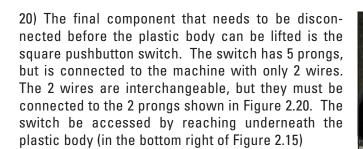


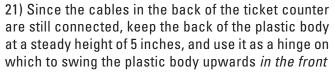
18) There are two options for disconnecting the keypad connector. It can also be removed by reaching through the top of the plastic body (be careful not to snag the LCD assembly connector), but ...

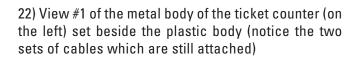


19) ... some might find it easier to disconnect the keypad connector by reaching underneath the plastic body (in the bottom right of Figure 2.15)

Whichever option you use, be aware that the keypad connector is *not* keyed (see p. 9) and take precautionary steps to make sure you can reinsert it correctly















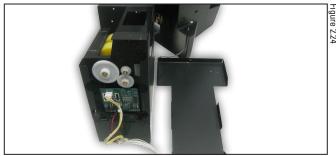


23) View #2 of the metal body of the ticket counter

The metal body of the ticket counter is resting on a metal pan. Of the screws you removed in step # 12, 2 - on each side of the ticket counter - drilled into the metal body, and the other 2 drilled into the metal pan. By completing step #12 you simultaneously detached not only the plastic body, but also the metal pan, from the metal body of the ticket counter ... so ...

24) ... you can now lift the metal body of the ticket counter out of the bottom metal pan





ift the metal body from the bottom metal pan

Remove the metal top wrap

25) The metal top wrap protects the ticket-count optical sensor and provides 2 of the 4 mounting points for the column



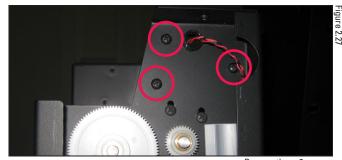
The metal top wrar

26) Remove these 3 screws on the side of the ticket counter which has the motor

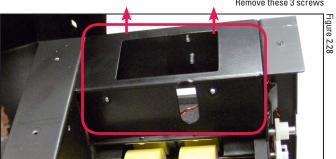


Remove these 3 screws

27) Remove these 3 screws on the side of the ticket counter which has the motor board PCB



28) Lift the metal top wrap from the metal body of the ticket counter



Lift the metal ton wra

29) With the metal top wrap removed, the ticket-count optical sensor is now accessible for service



With the metal top wrap removed

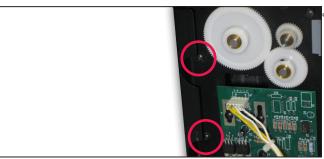
Remove the metal side wall

30) The metal side wall is a large component of the metal body of the ticket counter. It provides the mounting point for the metal ticket guide and restricts access to the inner components

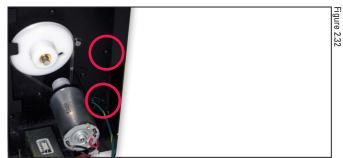


The metal side w



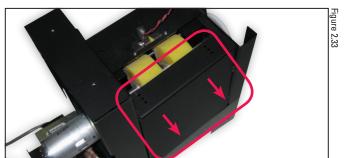


32) Remove these 2 screws on the side of the ticket counter which has the motor



Remove these 2 screws

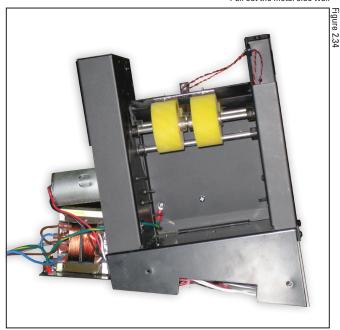
33) Pull the metal side wall from the rest of the body of the ticket counter. Because of the precise fitting design, there will still be some pressure exerted on the metal side wall from the surrounding metal enclosure



Pull out the metal side wall

34) The inside chamber of the ticket counter is revealed once the metal side wall is removed

Common disassembly for most procedures stops at or before - this point



The inside chamber of the ticket counter

Re-assembly can be performed by following the previous procedure in reverse

• Attach the metal side wall



Attach the metal top wrap



Attach the plastic body



• Attach the metal film retainer and metal ticket guide



Attach the ticket catcher assembly



Attach the column



• Plug in the power cord and turn on the power



Because of the precise-fitting metal construction of the ticket counter, attempting to re-assemble the machine with a power tool can result in stripping of the screws/sockets if the alignment is improper (metal is not as accommodating as wood to overpowering force). We recommend that all the long screws for a particular step, first be inserted 1/3 of the way, and then - only once the first step is complete - be fully screwed in: if necessary, use a screwdriver to correct improper alignment

• Test the operation of the machine

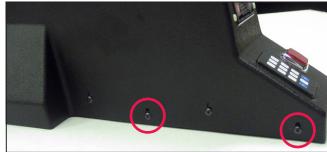
Power tool torque settings should not exceed level 4 for metal and level 3 for the plastic column



Partial disassembly

By removing the bottom metal pan, it is possible to access the bottom inner chamber of the ticket counter without removing the plastic body or any of the external components (column, ticket catcher assembly, metal ticket guide, and metal film retainer). Partial disassembly is useful for replacing the keypad, pushbutton switch, main PCB, or for diagnosing power issues. For all other procedures that involve internal repairs, you will still need to perform the complete disassembly process as described up to this point

35) Remove these 2 screws on each side ...



Remove these 2 screws on each side

36) ... and the screw in the back

These 5 screws hold the bottom metal pan to the plastic body



37) The metal pan can then be removed by resting the machine on its rear side and pulling out the bottom metal pan

Note: resting the machine as in Figure 2.37, is the ideal end position for partial disassembly: though it seems as if the column is touching the desk, it is actually a few millimeters above it, and the entire weight of the ticket counter is supported on the plastic body

38) Resting the machine on its rear side provides access to the following components

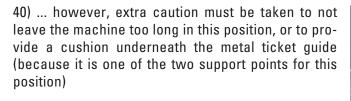




39) The ticket counter can also rest on the side that does not have the ticket catcher assembly ...

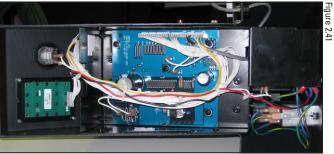


The ticket counter resting on the side that does not have the ticket catcher assembly



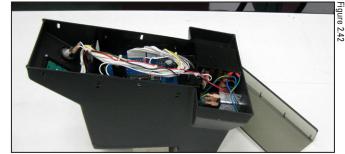


41) Having the ticket counter rest on its side, may provide easier access to some components



A view of the inner components when the ticket counter is resting on its sid

42) For the small added effort of removing the column (disassembly steps 1-3), the ticket counter can also be set to rest on its top ...



nents of all the partial disassembly positions

43) ... providing, possibly, the best access to compo-



A view of the inner components when the ticket counter is resting upside down

Chapter

All procedure estimates assume a technician of average skill who has only performed a certain procedure 1 or 2 times, and is moving at a relatively cautious speed

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Legend:

Estimated Time	20 minutes
Difficulty	3 of 5
Possibility of damage	3 of 5
Disassembly?	1-22

Disassembly - the stens in chanter 2 that need to be completed before a procedure can begin. N/A means that disassembly is not applicable/not needed. Only Partial means that only partial disassembly - section G of chapter 2 - needs to be completed

> Estimated Time - how long the procedure will take on average. This does not include the time needed to perform the pre-requisite disassembly steps: all estimates for a procedure (time, difficulty, possibility of damage) refer to just the procedure, and do not take the pre-requisite disassembly into consideration

> Difficulty - an estimate of the amount of concentration - and mechanical aptitude - generally required to successfully perform the procedure

> Possibility of damage - an estimate of the possibility that damage will occur, based on the sensitivity of the components involved and on the difficulty of configuring those components

Disassembly 1-22, for example, means that steps 1-22 of disassembly should be completed before beginning the procedure (up to the point in the attached image)

Adjusting the metal ticket guide

The PrecisionCounter 500 does not need to be adjusted for tickets of different lengths, but it may need to be adjusted for tickets of different widths. Tickets are supported against the rollers, on one side by the column, and on the other side by the metal ticket guide: since the column is immobile, the metal ticket guide is adjusted for tickets of varying widths to ensure that the tickets are properly fed to the rollers

Estimated Time	< 5 minutes
Difficulty	1 of 5
Possibility of damage	1 of 5
Disassembly?	N/A

Tools Required:

#1 Phillips screwdriver (capable of comfortably handling size 6 screws)

Procedures

1) Adjusting the metal ticket guide can rely, in large part, on trial and error, but the time involved can be lessened considerably if the following principle is adhered to:

When a stack of about 50 tickets is loaded into the column, the top ticket should form an angle of about 90° with the column

As an extra indicator, the bottom ticket should touch the metal guide somewhere close to the middle of the range specified by the two arrows ...

... this is, however, only a helpful approximation: after every configuration, dispense at least an entire column to ensure proper functionality

2) The tickets in Figure 3.1.2 are less likely to dispense properly

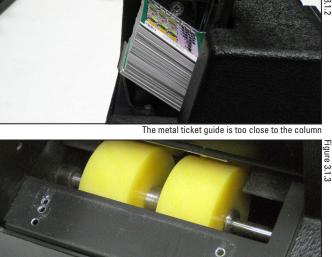


3) The 'large' adjustment to the metal ticket guide can be made by switching its location between 1 of 3 predrilled positions

Most tickets will dispense properly when the metal ticket guide is in the middle position

Pay particular attention to not drop a screw into the internal compartment of the ticket counter

4) Once step #3 is complete, a more precise adjustment can be performed by partially unscrewing each screw (to avoid dropping a screw inside the ticket counter) and moving the metal ticket guide back and forth within the range that the screw will allow



The ideal ticket alignment



Move the metal ticket guide back and forth for a more precise adjustment



Adjusting the ticket catcher assembly

To account for the various conditions that can affect the stacking of dispensed tickets, the PrecisionCounter 500 has 4 customizable settings which allow the machine to be configured for the needs of any particular customer

3 of these configurations are performed on the ticket catcher assembly and the 4th is performed on the mylar ticket deflector (the latter configuration is described in the next procedure)

We recommend the following approach to adjusting the ticket catcher assembly: set each of the 3 configurable options to the middle of the possible ranges, and then, while dispensing several columns of tickets, make minor adjustments to the original setup. Once an acceptable configuration is reached, it will rarely need to be modified

Dispense several columns of tickets to complete this procedure and to verify that the results are acceptable

Estimated Time	15 minutes
Difficulty	3 of 5
Possibility of damage	1 of 5
Disassembly?	N/A

Tools Required:

None: the relevant components can be adjusted by hand

1) This wingnut allows the ticket catcher assembly to swing into, or away from, the main body of the PrecisionCounter 500: it adjusts the angle at which the tickets land



2) The height of the ticket catcher assembly - and its angle to the ticket exit chute - can both be modified from these two thumb nuts: they adjust how the tickets stack



Change the height of the ticket catcher assembly, or its angle to the ticket exit chi

Adjusting the mylar ticket deflector

In most cases, the mylar film should just reach the metal of the ticket chute so that every ticket is lightly grazed as it exits the dispensing mechanism. The mylar ticket deflector guides the tickets to ensure that they consistently follow the same path upon existing the ticket chute: more specifically that they do not flip upwards as they exit the chute. If, after adjusting the mylar ticket deflector, you notice that the tickets have a tendency to flip upwards, this deflector will need to be lowered a bit further

This is the 4th easily accessible adjustment which can be configured to affect the stacking of dispensed tickets. The recommended setting, however, is the one described above and any alteration will usually result in a greater change than expected. If, some configuration is necessary to affect the stacking of dispensed tickets, it will - in most cases - need to be performed on the ticket catcher assembly and not on the mylar ticket deflec-

Just as for procedure 2, any changes to this component should be thoroughly tested to ensure the tickets stack properly

Estimated Time	< 5 minutes
Difficulty	1 of 5
Possibility of damage	1 of 5
Disassembly?	N/A

Tools Required:

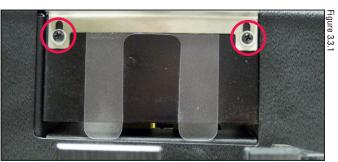
#1 Phillips screwdriver (capable of comfortably handling size 6 screws)

1) Loosen the two screws

Move the metal film retainer upward or downward until the mylar ticket deflector is at the desired height

Re-tighten the two screws and verify that the torque from tightening the screws did not alter the height

Note: having washers present helps alleviate the torque from tightening the screws



Set the mylar ticket deflector at the desired height by adjusting the metal film reta



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Replacing the mylar ticket deflector

The mylar ticket deflector is a wear & tear part because hundreds of thousands of tickets will be hitting the strip in exactly the same spot. The strip should also be replaced if it is ever accidentally bent or torn: the mylar ticket deflector is a simple, but critical, component to the successful operation of the machine, and any defect should be cause for immediate replacement

It is, however, easy to replace: the only unique consideration to pay attention to is that the mylar ticket deflector has a smooth side and a semi-rough side: the smooth side must be the side that the tickets hit

Once the mylar ticket deflector is replaced, be sure to complete procedure 3 in order to verify proper operation

Estimated Time	5 minutes
Difficulty	1 of 5
Possibility of damage	1 of 5
Disassembly?	N/A

Tools Required:

- #1 Phillips screwdriver (capable of comfortably handling size 6 screws)
- A small strip of double-sided tape

1) The mylar ticket deflector is attached to the metal film retainer with double-sided tape: unscrew the 2 screws in Figure 3.4.1 and remove the metal film retainer



2) In Figure 3.4.2, the double-sided tape is visible underneath the mylar ticket deflector. In most circumstances the tape already present can be reused

Note: the tape should be glued to the rough side of the replacement mylar ticket deflector. This way, when the metal film retainer is re-attached to the ticket counter, the smooth side of the mylar ticket deflector will be the one that is hit by tickets



Change the mylar ticket deflector and re-attach the metal film retainer

Replacing the ticket catcher sensor

The most likely reason to need to replace the ticket catcher sensor is physical damage due to its external location: even that, however, is not very likely, since access is limited by the ticket catcher assembly

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Estimated Time	< 5 minutes
Difficulty	1 of 5
Possibility of damage	1 of 5
Disassembly?	N/A

Tools Required:

#1 Phillips screwdriver (capable of comfortably handling size 6 screws)

1) Set the ticket counter in this position: this will allow easy access to the underside of the ticket catcher assembly



Set the ticket counter in this position

2) The ticket catcher sensor can be removed by disconnecting the harness for the sensor and unscrewing 1 screw



Unscrew 1 screw on the underside of the ticket catcher assembly

3) Do not attempt to slide out the ticket catcher sensor: it is recessed in a groove; instead, lift the sensor from the side. Screw in a new ticket catcher sensor, and dispense at least a column of tickets to ensure proper operation of the machine (specifically, try batch dispensing, since that functionality relies on the ticket catcher sensor)





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Adjusting the ticket gate

The ticket gate only permits one ticket at a time to pass through the dispensing mechanism. This is accomplished by positioning the ticket gate such that the distance between the metal ticket gate edge and the rollers is greater than the thickness of 1 ticket but less than the thickness of 2

There are 2 main techniques for setting this up. The 1st consists of placing 1 ticket underneath the metal ticket gate edge and loosely pressing down on the ticket gate (just to make sure it doesn't move) as the ticket gate is tightened into position. This results in a precise fit, but it can be configured to be too restricting (if there is too much pressure on the ticket as the ticket gate is tightened into position)

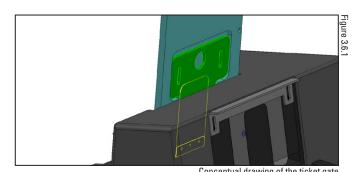
The 2nd method consists of placing 2 tickets underneath the gate edge and pressing with moderate force (not too hard) on the tickets with the ticket gate as the ticket gate is tightened into position. This will definitely leave enough room for 1 ticket to pass underneath the gate, and it should be too tight for 2 tickets (because the kind of pressure exerted on the 2 tickets does not occur naturally). With this method, the possible issues that can arise consist of, possibly being too forceful with the machine, or, of having trouble tightening the tickets gate into position while simultaneously pressing down on it

This procedure will demonstrate the 1st method, but both should be experimented with to see which gives the best results for an individual technician

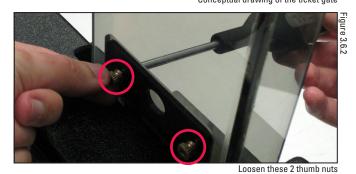
Estimated Time	10 minutes
Difficulty	2 of 5
Possibility of damage	1 of 5
Disassembly?	N/A

Tools Required:

- #1 Phillips screwdriver (capable of comfortably handling size 6 screws)
- 1) The ticket gate is housed in a recessed groove on the back side of the column ... its range of motion is restricted to that groove

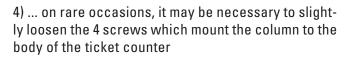


2) Loosen (but do not remove) the 2 thumb nuts which hold the ticket gate in place



3) Verify that the ticket gate can move within the full range of the groove within which it is enclosed

If it cannot, loosen the 2 thumb nuts a little more and try again ... if it will still not move within the full range of the groove ...





5) Place a ticket underneath the ticket gate



Verify that the ticket gate can move freely

6) Tighten the thumb nuts for the ticket gate to about 80% of final torque. Keep a finger in the adjusting hole of the ticket gate to make sure that the ticket gate does not move up as you're tightening it in place



7) Verify that a ticket can move easily underneath the ticket gate

Firmly tighten the ticket gate thumb nuts, but do not use too much force



Replacing the keypad

The keypad is a possible wear & tear part because it is one of the main interfaces through which the operator interacts with the ticket counter; however, the probability that it will need to be changed is low

Estimated Time	15 minutes
Difficulty	2 of 5
Possibility of damage	1 of 5
Disassembly?	Only partial

Tools Required:

- mini Phillips screwdriver
- 3/16 nut driver

Replacing the square pushbutton switch

The square pushbutton switch is a possible wear & tear part: it is designed to withstand a certain amount of rough handling, but because of its prominent location and functionality it may need to be replaced

Estimated Time	5 minutes
Difficulty	1 of 5
Possibility of damage	2 of 5
Disassembly?	Only partial

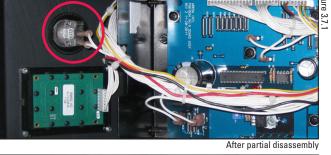
Tools Required:

None: the relevant components can be modified by hand

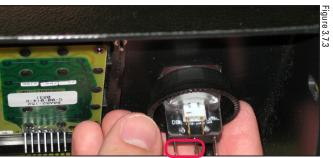
1) Partial disassembly (see p. 26) will remove the bottom metal pan in order to provide express access to several components, among which, the square pushbutton switch

The switch has 5 prongs but only uses two wires. The two wires can be reversed, but, as a pair, they must be placed on the correct prongs of the switch

2) The pushbutton switch consists of the switch itself - mounted from the outside through a cutout in the plastic body of the ticket counter - and a plastic nut which secures the pushbutton switch to the plastic body



3) It is mounted as in Figure 3.7.3



1) Because full disassembly would leave the keypad in the following position ...

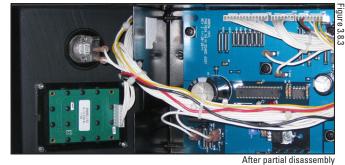


The keypad after disassembly step 22

2) ... and the keypad mounts from the inside out, it can be hard to screw the keypad into the ticket counter (because gravity is pulling it down - away from its mounting position)



3) Perform partial disassembly (see p. 26) which only removes the bottom metal pan of the ticket counter and allows the ticket counter to be positioned sideways, or upside down. It is much easier to mount the keypad in that position





4) The keypad and the tools needed to mount it

The keypad will not have a keyed connector (see p. 9). If replacing a keypad, make sure to copy over the marking from the old keypad which indicates the proper orientation for re-attaching the keypad har-

5) Mount the keypad: the screws come from the outside and the nuts from the inside

When performing re-assembly, be sure to mount the keypad harness with the correct orientation



The keypad and the tools needed to mount it



Replacing the LCD assembly

There is little likelihood that the LCD assembly will need to be replaced: more likely scenarios for the LCD assembly not functioning properly have to do with the harness or with power. Check the harness cable to make sure it is not damaged and that it is connected properly. If the cable is ok, follow the diagnostic procedure for checking power

If everything is checking out ok, however, and the LCD assembly is still not functioning properly, follow the procedure below to replace it

Estimated Time	20 minutes
Difficulty	3 of 5
Possibility of damage	3 of 5
Disassembly?	1-22

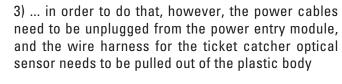
Tools Required:

- #1 Phillips screwdriver (capable of comfortably handling size 6 screws)
- 5/16 nut driver
- 1) The disassembly process will leave the ticket counter in the following state



2) The LCD assembly mounts from the inside. After the initial disassembly is complete, the LCD assembly would fall down if dismounted

The plastic body needs to be turned upside down ...



Note: take careful note of which power wire connects to which plug (see p. 10): an incorrectly plugged power wire can result in injury and/or death, and possible damage to the PrecisionCounter 500

4) Oriented in this manner, it is easier to perform maintenance on the LCD assembly

Note: to make sure that the replacement LCD assembly will not be mounted upside down, take note of the location of the header on the original LCD assembly PCB

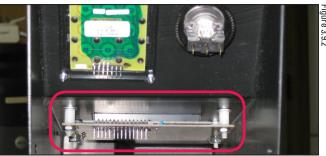
5) The components of the LCD assembly

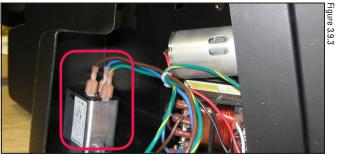
Note: the plastic screws and spacers are used to protect against static shocks - it can be easy, however, to break one of the plastic screws if the nuts are tightened too tightly

6) The mounting order is the following (left to right)

Plastic screw; plastic body (not pictured, but would be present where the red arrow is); washer; spacer;

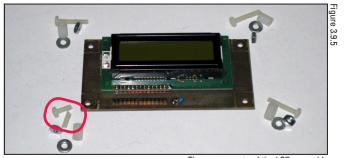
A final tip for mounting the assembly: the Precision Counter 500 label has a see-through pane that covers the LCD screen: take care not to puncture it



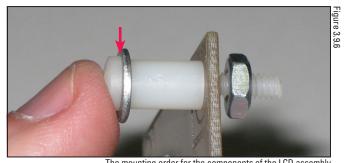




Oriented in this manner, it is easier to perform maintenance on the LCD assert



The components of the LCD assemble





Adjusting the metal spring foot

Estimated Time	10 minutes			
Difficulty	2 of 5			
Possibility of damage	2 of 5			
Disassembly?	1-22			

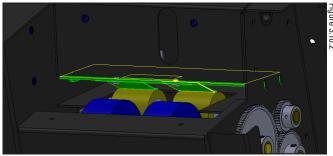
1) The disassembly process will leave the ticket counter in the following state

Tools Required:

#1 Phillips screwdriver (capable of comfortably handling size 6 screws)



2) The foot mounting bracket and metal spring foot can be adjusted even if the metal top wrap is not removed





4) The height of the metal spring bracket is adjusted by these 2 screws on the side of the ticket counter which has the motor board PCB ...

et counter will not operate properly

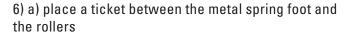
[the 2 screws only need to be loosened, not removed]



5) ... and by 2 more screws on the side of the ticket counter which has the motor

[the 2 screws only need to be loosened, not removed]

These last 2 screws are accessed through the hole in the plastic pulley gear (when the hole in the gear is at roughly 11 and 1 o'clock)



b) while pressing on the metal spring foot with mildmoderate force, tighten all 4 screws



The other 2 adjusting screws for the metal spring bracket



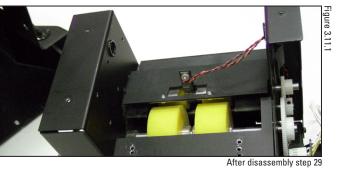
111 Cleaning the ticket-count optical sensor

Estimated Time	< 5 minutes
Difficulty	1 of 5
Possibility of damage	1 of 5
Disassembly?	1-29

1) The disassembly process will leave the ticket counter in the following state

Tools Required:

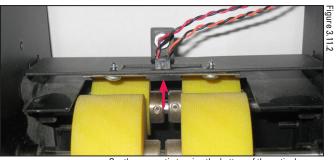
- Q-tips
- A can of compressed air
- A small vacuum



2) Gently use a q-tip to wipe the bottom of the optical sensor. This is the only *step* that really needs to be performed, but it would also help to ...

Blow out any dust close to the sensor

Vacuum any dust that has accumulated in the inner chamber (the metal side wall needs to be removed to access it)





Replacing a plastic gear

If a plastic gear has chipped teeth - or is missing teeth - it will need to be replaced: this situation usually results in an abnormal whirring sound that is guite readily identifiable

Some technicians change gears in the field, but everyone who attempts to do so should be aware of the following notes. Gears are tightened down via Allen screws. The body of the Allen screw is located in a fixed position in the gear: it goes further toward the center of the gear when screwed in, and further away from the center of the gear when screwed out. The inner tip of the Allen screw does not go into some kind of socket (like a regular screw). Instead, it exerts pressure anywhere against the flat surface of the shaft on which the gear is mounted. The friction of the Allen screw pressing against the flat surface prevents the gear from moving around: this allows the gear to be mounted anywhere along the shaft without the need of a socket

For this to work properly, a flat surface is needed on the shafts on which the gears are mounted. The flat surface on most of the shafts in the PrecisionCounter 500 are only about 2-3 millimeters wide! If the Allen screw misses the flat surface when being screwed in, it will likely hold against the curved surface of the shaft for a short period of time, but when it begins to slip, and the gear begins to move around, it will cause the gears to be out of sync, and one or more gears will get damaged

Even when the Allen screw of a gear is correctly positioned, with time, it will begin to loosen its pressure against the flat surface of the shaft. That is why virtually every Allen screw in the PrecisionCounter 500 is doused in a healthy serving of locktite - a compound which hardens and prevents backward regression of the Allen screw during normal operation. In order to replace a gear you will need to do what the Allen screw is prevented from doing by the locktite: break through the locktite and unscrew the Allen screw so that it no longer exerts pressure against the shaft: this requires a good deal of force (for that reason it is recommended that you have 90° Allen wrenches because they can exert more torque than straight wrenches)

Sometimes, however, you will find that the Allen screw gets stripped within the gear before it can move backwards against the locktite: in such cases the only option is to break the gear off the shaft - a dangerous process which can result in damage to the PrecisionCounter 500. These are some of the dangers associated with performing this procedure and - though the procedure is described below - we recommend that, should a gear need to be changed, the entire unit be shipped to Arrow International for service

Estimated Time	15 minutes	
Difficulty	5 of 5	
Possibility of damage	5 of 5	
Disassembly?	1-22	

Tools Required:

- 1/16" 90° hex Allen wrench
- locktite

After completing the replacement of a part that utilizes an Allen screw, be sure to re-apply locktite to the Allen screw prior to re-assembling the rest of the ticket counter

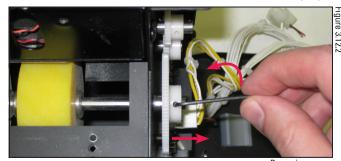
1) The disassembly process will leave the ticket counter in the following state



2) Unscrew the Allen screw and pull the gear off the

When mounting the new gear make sure to

- align it with the other gears (you will notice that the smaller gear in the Figure is a little misaligned)
- align the screw with the flat surface of the shaft (the tiny sliver of reflective light in Figure 3.12.2)
- re-apply locktite once the screw is tightened



13 Replacing a roller

Please read over procedure 12 for an introduction to the Allen screws which are used in this procedure: roller replacement is another procedure for which we recommend that the entire unit be shipped to Arrow International for service

The main difference between replacing a roller and replacing a gear is that to replace a roller, 4 Allen screws must be loosened and re-attached instead of 1 (2 for the roller cores and 2 for the shaft collars): the rollers cannot be pulled out until every piece is off the shaft

Estimated Time	30+ minutes	
Difficulty	5+ of 5	
Possibility of damage	5 of 5	
Disassembly?	1-34	

Tools Required:

- 1/16" hex Allen wrench (for the 2 roller cores)
- 3/32" hex Allen wrench (for the 2 shaft collars)
- locktite

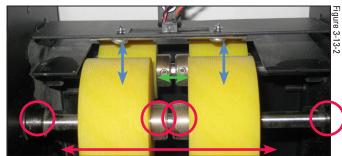


1) The disassembly process will leave the ticket counter in the following state



After disassembly step 34

- Before disassembling the roller shaft, wiggle it back and forth (red arrow) ... notice that it has a little play (because the shaft collars are not screwed in *all* the way into the sides)
- Notice the perfect alignment between the two rollers and metal spring (blue arrows)
- Notice the gap between rollers (green arrow)
- Unscrew the 4 Allen screws with the shaft properly turned they'll be in the circled areas



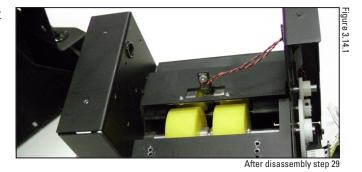
14 Replacing the ticket-count optical sensor

Estimated Time	20 minutes
Difficulty	4 of 5
Possibility of damage	3 of 5
Disassembly?	1-29

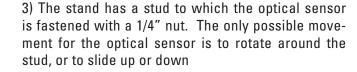
Tools Required:

- #1 Phillips screwdriver (capable of comfortably handling size 6 screws)
- 1/4" nut driver
- soldering kit

1) The disassembly process will leave the ticket counter in the following state



2) The optical sensor is mounted on an immovable stand: the stand is soldered to the foot mounting bracket



The position of the optical sensor in Figure 3.14.3 is correct: the optical sensor is pointing straight down between the rollers, and protrudes at most 1mm below the foot mounting bracket

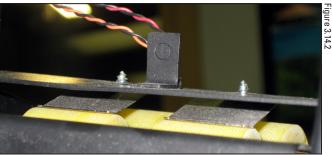
4) The optical sensor's 4 wires are soldered to the underside of the motor board PCB. The motor board must be removed in order to be able to un-solder the old wires and to solder the replacement optical sensor wires

The motor board PCB is screwed to the main body of the ticket counter with 2 screws

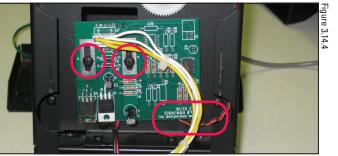
5) Un-solder the old optical sensor's wires and solder in the replacement optical sensor's wires: if possible - in order to avoid mixing up the wires - un-solder and solder one wire at a time

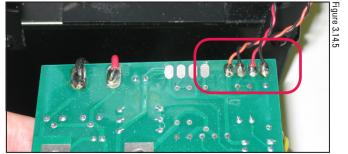
Mount the replacement optical sensor as in Figure 3.14.3. The new optical sensor is now ready for operation

6) Be sure to run the wires through the provided panduit: this will prevent them from getting snagged by a gear when the ticket counter is dispensing tickets













15 Replacing the motor belt

Estimated Time	5 minutes
Difficulty	1 of 5
Possibility of damage	1 of 5
Disassembly?	1-22

Tools Required:

None: the relevant components can be modified by hand

1) The disassembly process will leave the ticket counter in the following state



After disassembly step 22

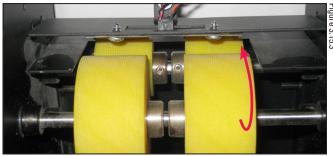
2) The motor belt is a wear & tear part that can be removed from the machine by de-railing it off the plastic pulley and the motor

When the replacement is mounted, take care to ensure that no twists are present in the motor belt: they can significantly reduce the life of the motor belt



Pull the motor belt off the 2 pulleys

3) Turn the 2" rollers by hand and verify that the motor belt is operating properly for several cycles of rotation



16 Replacing the plastic pulley

Please read over procedure 12 for an introduction to the Allen screws which are used in this procedure

Estimated Time	15 minutes
Difficulty	4 of 5
Possibility of damage	4 of 5
Disassembly?	1-22

Tools Required:

- 1/16" hex Allen wrench
- locktite

1) The disassembly process will leave the ticket counter in the following state



After disassembly step 22

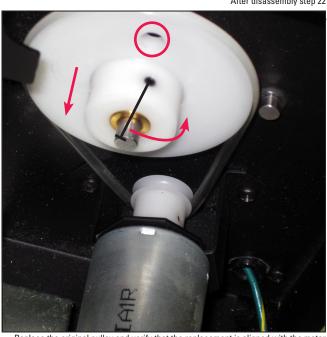
2) Verify that the replacement plastic pulley has the hole needed to adjust the metal spring foot

Unscrew the Allen screw on the original plastic pulley and pull the pulley off the shaft. The motor belt will need to be derailed in order to be able to pull the pulley off the shaft

When the replacement plastic pulley is inserted, it must be aligned with the motor pulley to make sure they are one the same vertical plane - so that the motor belt will not be spinning at an angle: an improperly aligned motor belt will wear out pre-maturely or will derail when tickets are being dispensed

Turn the 2" rollers by hand and verify that the belt is operating properly for several cycles of rotation

Apply locktite to the Allen screw prior to assembling the rest of the ticket counter



177 Replacing the motor

The following considerations are applicable to this procedure

- physical mounting of the motor: please read over procedure 12 for an introduction to the Allen screws which are used in this procedure
- alignment with the plastic pulley: to prevent damage to the motor belt
- soldering: the correct polarity must be maintained in order for the motor to operate correctly

Estimated Time	20 minutes
Difficulty	5 of 5
Possibility of damage	4 of 5
Disassembly?	1-22

Tools Required:

- #1 Phillips screwdriver (capable of comfortably handling size 6 screws)
- .05" hex Allen wrench
- locktite
- soldering kit
- 1) The disassembly process will leave the ticket counter in the following state



After disassembly step 22

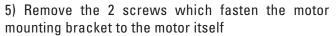
2) Un-solder the two power leads to the original motor: be sure to note the correct polarity



3) Remove the 3 screws which fasten the motor mounting bracket to the main body of the ticket counter (2 on the side and 1 below)



4) Remove the small pulley off the motor shaft: first mark how deep on the shaft the pulley is located: the pulley will need to be inserted at the same position on the replacement motor's shaft to preserve vertical alignment with the plastic pulley above the motor. If the two pulleys are not properly aligned, the motor belt will spin at an angle: an improperly aligned motor belt will wear out pre-maturely or will derail when tickets are being dispensed



The original motor is now detached from the ticket counter





- 5) To connect the replacement motor, perform the previous steps in reverse
- attach the motor mounting bracket to the motor itself (2 screws)
- attach the small motor pulley to the motor (do not use locktite yet in case the pulley needs to be adjusted further up, or down, the shaft)
- attach the motor mounting bracket to the main body of the ticket counter (3 screws)
- install the motor belt and observe if the pulleys are properly aligned. If the alignment is correct, apply locktite to the small motor pulley
- solder the two power leads to the replacement motor: be sure to observe polarity

- re-assemble the ticket counter
- test the machine

18 Cleaning the rollers

The rollers maneuver the ticket from the bottom of the column to the dispensing chute. They need friction - the ability to 'grab' the ticket - in order to be able to reliably perform their job. This friction is achieved by the rough coating applied to the rollers

This coating is very resilient: it hardly ever gets damaged. What does happen, however, is that waxy glazing from the tickets, over time, deposits *on top* of the coating. Cleaning the rollers of this waxy residue is one of the more important maintenance routines to be performed: it is recommended that this procedure be performed every few months on busy machines

Estimated Time	10 minutes	
Difficulty	1 of 5	
Possibility of damage	2 of 5	
Disassembly?	1-34	

Tools Required:

- Rubbing alcohol, or white vinegar ... or - as a last resort - Windex
- Lint-free cloth

1) The disassembly process will leave the ticket counter in the following state

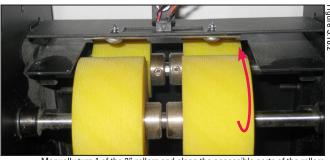


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2) Turn 1 of the 2" rollers by hand. This will turn all the rollers in the assembly and allow their various extremities to be accessible for cleaning

Scrub the undersides of the rollers as necessary: use a lint-free cloth and rubbing alcohol: rubbing alcohol is recommended because it does a good job of cleaning the waxy residue and because it evaporates very quickly

- also clean the side walls and the inner chamber of accumulated ticket dust: once the machine is operational, some of that dust may settle on the rollers
- do NOT turn on the ticket counter until certain that all liquids used in cleaning the machine have evaporated



Manually turn 1 of the 2" rollers and clean the accessible parts of the rollers

19 Diagnosing power issues

This procedure requires that electrical readings be taken with a multimeter while the power to the ticket counter is connected and turned on. This procedure can result in injury and/or death, and possible damage to the PrecisionCounter 500

Estimated Time	15 minutes
Difficulty	4 of 5
Possibility of damage	5+ of 5
Disassembly?	Only Partial

Too		

Multimeter

Electrical current flows into the ticket counter along the path described below: a failure anywhere along this path will cause improper operation of the ticket counter. It is possible to start by taking readings further up the path (which can be used to validate that everything before that point on the path is correct) but, because it shouldn't be assumed that the electrical components of the machine have not been tampered with, the recommended procedure is that the electrical testing follow the order described below

1) The electrical outlet is the source of AC power for the ticket counter: do not assume it is working correctly. Either plug another appliance into the same outlet used by the ticket counter or take an AC reading: this reading should give 110-120 VAC



Test the AC outlet

2) The AC lines feed into the power entry module of the ticket counter. This module houses the fuse and on-off switch

To test the fuse, leave the machine unplugged and remove the fuse. A bad fuse may appear cloudy, but to be certain, set your multimeter to test for Ohms across the 2 ends of the fuse. A bad fuse will give the same reading as when the 2 leads are not touching anything (different meters display this state in different ways). A good fuse will show a value close to 0



est the fuse



3) To test the on/off switch, you will need to perform partial disassembly (see p. 26)

This will leave the electrical components accessible for testing

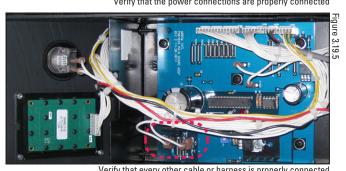
4) With the machine still unplugged, verify that all the power connections are connected properly - see page 10 of this manual for a close-up of the transformer and power entry module. If you wish to verify that the transformer is still the original transformer, you will need to perform full disassembly, up to step #22

5) While in this position - with the machine still unplugged - verify that the rest of the cables and harnesses are connected as well ... particularly the AC inputs to the main PCB from the transformer (see p. 14-15 for a close-up of the main PCB connections)



After partial disassemb

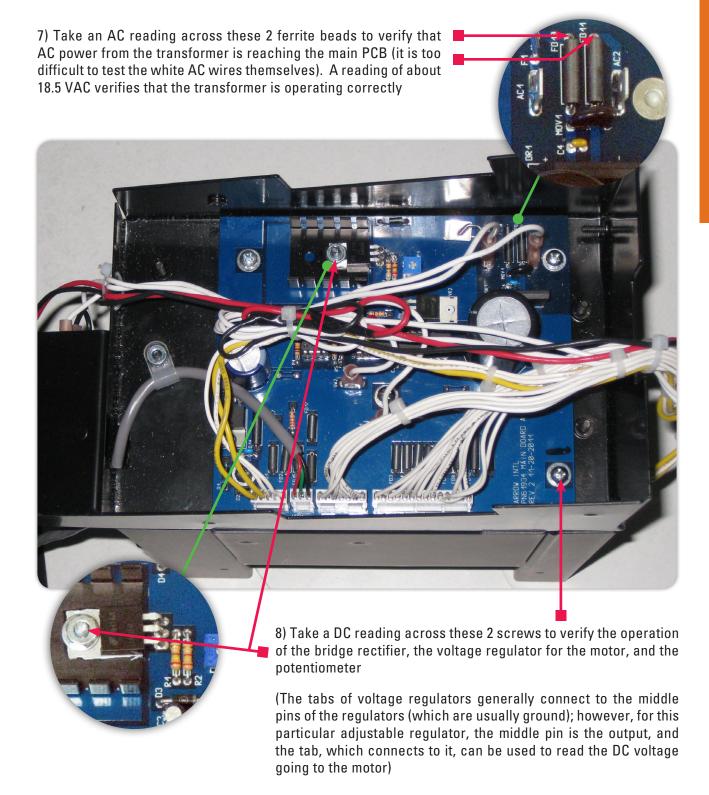




Plug in the power cord and turn on the on/off switch

6) ... take an AC reading across the Line-in and Neutral leads that connect to the power entry module: this reading should give the same result as that in step #1: about 110-120 VAC





The DC reading should be 14.2 VDC (or a value very close to it, like 14.1, or 14.3). If it is close, but more than .3 VDC away from 14.2 VDC, the bridge rectifier is ok, but the potentiometer needs to be adjusted to the correct value: do not operate the machine if the reading from step #8 is not 14.2 VDC



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