

CUTTING PLOTTER



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Congratulations on your purchase of Mimaki cutting plotter CG-60SR. This guide explains basic operation of CG-60SR. For more details, please refer to the "CG-60SR Operation Manual" supplied with the attached plugin software FineCut CD-ROM.

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Requests

- This Operation manual has been carefully prepared for your easy understanding. However, please do not hesitate to contact a distributor in your district or our office if you have any inquiry.
- Description contained in this Operation manual are subject to change without notice forimprovement.

FCC Statement (USA)

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the Operation manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which cause the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.



 In the case where MIMAKI-recommended cable is not used for connection of this device, limits provided by FCC rules can be exceeded. To prevent this, use of MIMAKI-recommended cable is essential for the connection of this plotter.

Interference to televisions and radios

The product described in this manual generates high frequency when operating.

The product can interfere with radios and televisions if set up or commissioned under improper conditions. The product is not guaranteed against any damage to specific-purpose radio and televisions.

The product's interference with your radio or television will be checked by turning on/off the power switch of the product.

In the event that the product is the cause of interference, try to eliminate it by taking one of the following corrective measures or taking some of them in combination.

- Change the orientation of the antenna of the television set or radio to find a position without reception difficulty.
- Separate the television set or radio from this product.
- Plug the power cord of this product into an outlet which is isolated from power circuits connected to the television set or radio.

About media

Please follow the local regulations to dispose of roll sheets or other media.

Safety Precautions

Symbols

Symbols are used in this Operation Manual for safe operation and for prevention of damage to the machine. The indicated sign is different depending on the content of caution.

Symbols and their meanings are given below. Please follow these instructions as you read this manual.

Examples of symbols

| | Meaning |
|--------------|--|
| Warning | Failure to observe the instructions given with this symbol can result in death or serious injuries to personnel. Be sure to read and observe the instructions for proper operation. |
| Caution | Failure to observe the instructions given with this symbol can result in injuries to personnel or damage to property. |
| (Important!) | This symbol indicates that the information is helpful in proper operation of the plotter. |
| | This symbol indicates that it is important to know of the information on proper operation of the plotter. Use this information for your operation. |
| (Z) | Indicates the reference page for related contents. |
| Â | The symbol " \triangle "indicates that the instructions must be observed as strictly as the CAUTION instructions (including DANGER and WARNING instructions). A sign representing a precaution (the sign shown at left warns of hazardous voltage) is shown in the triangle. |
| | The symbol " Sindicates that the action shown is prohibited. A sign representing a prohibited action (the sign shown at left prohibits disassembly) is shown in or around the circle. |
| BEC | The symbol " • indicates that the action shown must be taken without fail or the instructions must be observed without fail. A sign representing a particular instruction (the sign shown at left instructs to unplug the cable from the wall outlet) is shown in the circle. |

| Do not disassemble or remodel the plotter. | Handling of the power cable | |
|--|--|--|
| • Never disassemble or remodel the plotter. Disassembly or remodeling can result in an electric shock or breakdown of the machine. Do not use the plotter in a damp place. | • Use the supplied power cable. Take care not to damage, break or work upon the power cable. If a heavy material is placed on the power cable, or if it is heated or pulled, the power cable can break, thus | |
| Avoid locating the plotter in a damp environment. | resulting in fire or electric shocks. | |
| • Do not splash water onto the machine. Use in such an environment can give rise to fire, electric shocks or breakdown of the plotter. | | |
| In case abnormal event occurs. | | |
| • Use of the plotter under an abnormal condition where the device produces smoke or strange smell can result in fire or electric shocks. If such an abnormality is found, be sure to turn off the power switch immediately and unplug the cable from the wall outlet. Check first that the plotter no longer produces smoke, and contact your distributor for repair. Never repair your plotter by yourself since it is very dangerous for you to do so. | | |

| A place exposed to direct sunlight | On an inclined surface | A place where temperature or humidity varies significantly | |
|------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| | | Use the plotter under the following environmental conditions: Operating environment: 20 to 35° C 35 to 65% (Rh) | |
| A place that vibrates | A place exposed to direct air flow from an air conditioner or the like. | Around a place where flame is used | |
| \bigotimes | | \bigotimes | |
| | | | |

| Be care | ful with the movable parts | Sheets | |
|---------|---|---|--|
| | Do not touch the rolling grit roller; otherwise, you may hurt your fingers or tear off your finger nails. | • Straighten the sheet of media, if significantly curled, before using it for printing. Heavily curled sheet affects the cutting (plotting) result. | |
| • | Keep your head and hands away from any | Caution with cutters | |
| | moving parts during cutting (plotting) operation; otherwise, you may get your hair caught in the machine or get injuries. | Do not touch the cutter blade, which is very sharp. Do not shake or swing the cutter holder: | |
| 0. | Wear proper clothes. (Do not wear loose-fit clothes or accessories). Bind a long hair. | otherwise, the blade may come off. | |

Safety Labels



Checking the accessories

The articles illustrated below are supplied with your plotter as accessories.

Check them for correct quantities and appearance. If you find any problem, please contact your distributor.



Configuration and function

The Front



The Rear



Operation Panel

Display panel

The display panel indicates tool conditions such as speed, pressure and offset, tool coordinates, functions and error messages.

(FUNCTION) key

Use this key to enter function setting mode.



Jog keys

The arrow keys are used as described in the table below.

| Before the detection of a sheet | After the detection of a sheet | When selecting a function | When selecting a setting value |
|--|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Detects the sheet width. | Shifts the carriage to the left. | _ | _ |
| Detects the width and length of the sheet. | Shifts the carriage to the right. | _ | _ |
| Detects the sheet width. | Move the sheet toward the rear of the plotter. | 1Restores the previous function. | Selects the previous value. |
| Detects the width and length of the sheet. | Move the sheet toward the front of the plotter. | Selects the next function. | Selects the next value. |

In this manual, the sheets of media other than roll sheets are referred to as leaf sheets or cut sheets.

Connecting the cables

USB Cable Connection

When you want to connect the USB cable, you must observe the following notabilia.

- (mportant!) Do not plug in or unplug any cable during data transferring.
 - Follow the instructions on the LCD if the wizard is displayed when connecting the USB cable.

Connecting USB driver

As for USB driver connection, refer to "USB Driver Installation Guide" in the supplied FineCut.

- (1) Set the CD supplied with FineCut into the disk drive.
- (2) Click [CD-ROM Contents] on the menu.
- (3) Open [usb11_installguid(en).pdf] for the plotter used in [Mimaki USB1.1 Driver] folder.

Connector ports

This plotter uses the USB connector for connection to the host computer.

• Connect or disconnect the connectors carefully. Applying undue force to a connector may damage the connector.



Connecting the power cable

After connecting the interface cable, you must connect the power cable. Connect the power cable with the plug outlet of the following power specifications.

- Voltage \therefore AC100 240V \pm 10%
- Frequency : 50/60Hz
- Capacity : 145 VA or less





Be sure to connect the ground wire. • Using without the

Using without the ground wire causes the damage of this device and electric shock that may be very dangerous.



Regarding the use of two polar plug outlet, you must connect the auxiliary ground adapter to the plug of power cable.



• Earth the green wire (ground wire) of the ground adapter. If you cannot, consult with an electrician.

Operation flow

| 1 | Installing a tool | See "Installing a tool" (@ P.13) |
|-------------|---|--|
| 2 | Mount the Manual Cutter. | See "Mount the Manual Cutter." (@ P.17) |
| 3 | Turning the power on | See "Turning the power on" (@P.19) |
| 4 | Setting the tool conditions | See "Setting the tool conditions" (@ P.20) |
| | | |
| 5 | Loading a sheet of media | See "Loading a sheet of media" (@ P.23) |
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| 5 6 7 | Loading a sheet of media Test cutting (plotting) Cutting (plotting) | See "Loading a sheet of media" (@ P.23) See "Test cutting (plotting)" (@ P.29) See "Cutting (plotting)" (@ P.30) |

Installing a tool

For this device, you can use the following tools.

: Select this to cut the image printed on a sheet and to create the cut letters with the cutting sheet.

Pen (rollerball)

Cutter

: Select this to "trial-write" for confirming how to actually cut. **Pouncing Pin (option) :** Select this to sketch the cutting line.

Using a cutter

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Don't touch the cutter blade with your fingers.

- ->Sharp cutter edge may cause to injure you. Caution
 - After setting the cutter, don't shake the tool.
 - ->The cutter edge may pop out and may cause to injure you.

How to install a cutter blade



Take out the cutter holder.



Loosen the lock nut, and pull the adjusting knob out of the holder.





Insert the cutter blade into the adjusting knob using tweezers.





Tighten the lock nut.



Adjusting the protrusion of the cutter blade

Adjust the cutter blade according to the types of the cutters and the sheet for use. After adjusting the protrusion of the cutter blade, set the cutting conditions and conduct test cutting to check the cutting quality.



• Take care not to protrude the blade too much. If the cutter is used with its blade excessively protruded, the cutter can cut out the base paper, thus damaging the main unit.



How to install the cutter

(Important!)

• Install the cutter to the tool holder of the carriage.Be sure to insert the cutter all the way in the tool holder.



(Important!) • Fix the cutter firmly. If not, accurate and high-quality cutting (plotting) will not be achieved.

Knob

How to Install a Ballpoint Pen

• When use a boll-point pen on the market, refer to the oeration manual and select a installable boll-point pen.



Put the cap on the pen adapter.

• Use the cap to adjust the pen height.



Insert the pen into the pen adapter.

• Insert the pen until the pen head reaches the cap.



Fix the pen tip.

- Tighten the fixing screw clockwise.
- Be careful not to over-tighten the fixing screw for the pen adapter. If tightened too much, the ballpoint pen may crack.





Remove the cap.



Insert the pen adapter with the pen into the tool holder.

- Make sure that the collar of the pen adapter is rested on the holder.
- Set the adapter in such a way that the fixing screw will not obstruct operation.



Turn the knob of the tool holder clockwise to fix the tool.



⁽Important!)

Mount the Manual Cutter.

You can use the manual cutter when you want to cut the sheet after you cut (plot). (Cutter blade is not installed at factory for safety reasons. Install the blade according to the following procedure.)

- Caution
- Don't touch the cutter blade with your fingers.
- ->Sharp cutter edge may cause to injure you.
- After you set the cutter, don't shake the manual cutter.
 The cutter edge may pop out and may cause to injure you.

Take off the cover of the manual cutter.

- (1) Insert the flat head into the hole under the manual cutter cover,
- (2) and pull it up pressing the pawl of the manual cutter.





Take off the manual cutter.

• Pull the finger grip and hold it up.





Take out the "Cutter blade for manual cutter" from accessories, and fold the blade with a nipper or the like.



Flod a blade with a nipper or the like.



Set the cutter blade.

- (1) Remove a screw of cutter roller.
- (2) Insert the cutter so as to fit in the slot,
- (3) Place the convexity part of cutter roller toward cutter blade.
- (4) Tighten the screw.





Mount the manual cutter on the device.

- (1) Hold the cutter so that the screw may come near to you,
- (2) Fix the slot of the manual cutter with that of the device,
- (3) Mount the cutter for sure so that you can hear a click sound.





Paste the arrow sticker on manual cutter cover.

• Paste the arrow sticker (accessories), which indicate the cut direction, according to the installed cutter blade direction.



Paste the arrow sticker

Turning the power on

• Before turning the power on, check that the pinch rollers have been raised.

- Be sure to turn on the host computer before turning on the plotter. If this order is not correctly followed, the plotter can malfunction.
- Once the power is turned off, wait at least five seconds before turning the power on again.



(Important!)

Press the "|" side of the power switch.

• When the plotter is turned on, it will enter the first operation mode, which are followed by the subsequent modes. Refer to page 1-15 for the operation modes.





The POWER indicator lamp lights up green.

• The sheet suction fan rotates.



Check the receiving buffer.

• Then, the tool conditions for the currently selected tool appears on the LCD.



Setting the tool conditions

You must set the tool conditions adjusting to your use.

Kinds of the Tool Conditions

The kinds of the tool conditions include cutting and plotting conditions. See P.20 for the way of setting tool conditions.

| Kinds | Description | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| Cutting Condition (CUT1 \sim CUT5) $CUT1 \ 20 \ 050 \ 0.30$ $CUT2 \ 20 \ 080 \ 0.30$ | This is the tool conditions for using the cutter. CUT1 20 050 0.30 OFFSET The distance from the center of the cutter holder to the cutter blade | | |
| CUT3 05 150 0.30 CUT4 20 060 0.30 CUT5 20 070 0.30 | PRESSURE The pressure required for cutting SPEED The speed of cutting Blade tip | | |
| Plotting Condition (PEN) | This is the tool conditions for using a pen. | | |



• Besides the above list, able to set the cutting condition for "POUNCHING" and "HALF CUT". Refer to the operation manual for more detail.



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|---|
| |

| ENTER/HOLD | | | | |
|------------|-------|----|-----|------|
| or | CUT 2 | 50 | 100 | 0.35 |
| | | | | |

- When you set PRESSURE to lower than 20g in the Step 4, you must set the setting of SPEED to lower than 10cm/s in the Step 2. Otherwise, the setting may cause the tool to be lifted, and blurred plotting as well as undone cutting.
 - Don't perform cutting adjustment only with the protruding amount of the cutter edge while PRESSURE (cutting pressure) remains to be set hard. If cutting is made with the less protruding amount of the cutter edge but with stronger PRESSURE, strange sound may come out during cutting. In addition, the bottom of the cutter and the sheet scrape each other, which may cause the sheet surface to have scratches and which may lower the cutting quality.

Loading a sheet of media

Either a leaf sheet (cut sheet) or a roll sheet can be loaded on the plotter. The pinch rollers and grit rollers hold the sheet in position. Locate the pinch rollers so that they match the sheet to be used.



Sheet width available

| | mm | inch |
|-----------------------|--------|------|
| Sheet width available | 90~740 | 24 |

Sheet detection

The width and length of the sheet are detected by pressing P.24 or END key depending on the sheet loaded. (P.24)



- Once the sheet length has been detected, if the received data is larger than the sheet, the
 portion of data that exceeds the sheet cannot be used for cutting.
 If the sheet length is not detected, the plotter will terminate cutting operation when data goes
 - beyond the sheet.





Method of detecting a sheet

When a sheet of media is set, the following two displays will appear alternately on the LCD panel. Align to the direction of the set sheet, and press the jog keys \frown , \bigtriangledown , \checkmark , \checkmark or \triangleright .

F set



ROLL ∨ LEAF F ^ A sheet is set from the front side.

The plotter uses the five different methods to detect a sheet of media as shown below.

| Кеу | This key sets the roll sheet in the back side. | This key sets the discard in the back side. | ■ This key detects only the sheet width. | |
|--|--|---|---|--|
| Detecting method | After the sheet width is detected, the front end of the sheet is detected. | After the sheet width is detected, The front and back ends of the sheet are detected. | The sheet width is detected | |
| | Front side of the plotter | Origin Front side of the plotter | B Origin Front side of the plotter | |
| Example of display after the sheet detection | A = * * * B = 1 2 3 | A = 5 6 7 B = 1 2 3 | A = * * * B = 1 2 3 | |
| Кеу | This key sets the roll sheet in the front side. | This key sets the discard in the front side. | | |
| Detecting method | After the sheet width is detected, The back end of the sheet is detected. | After the sheet width is detected, The front and back ends of the sheet are detected. | | |
| | Origin B B Front side of the plotter | Origin B Front side of the plotter | | |
| Example of display after the sheet detection | A = * * * * B = 1 2 3 | A = 5 6 7 B = 1 2 3 | | |



- When the detected length is 3 m or more, the display "**** " will appear on the LCD.
- When a long sheet of media is used or a sheet which has already been drawn out is used from its middle area, the sheet detection will require an extended period of time. In such a case, the detection time can be reduced by detecting only the sheet width.

Loading a leaf sheet (cut sheet)

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Press the (SHEET SET) key to switch to NOT READY mode.

• You need not to do so if it's already in the NOT READY mode. Start operation from the Step 2.

Load the leaf sheet on the platen.

- (1) Push a clamp lever up to raise a pinch roller.
- (2) Set the right end of the sheet considering the platen vertical rib as the measure.

Or, align the near end of the sheet in parallel with the platen.



ROLL < R > LEAF





Move the pinch rollers so that they suit the sheet width.

• Locate each of the pinch rollers 5 mm or more inside the sheet edge; otherwise, the sheet can slip off the pinch rollers while it is being fed.





Push a clamp lever down to lower the pinch roller.







Press the jog key \bigcirc or \bigcirc to select "LEAF".

- "Sheet detection" (@ P.23)
- In the case the sheet is loaded from the rear
 In the case the sheet is loaded from the front



Start detecting the sheet.

• This plotter cannot detect the discard sheet of longer than 3m.



How to Place the Roll Sheet

If you want to use the roll sheet, you must mount the roll-placing table.



Raise the clamp lever.



2

Lay down the roll-placing table, fitting to the width of the roll sheet.

- As the roll-placing table has a magnet, just attach it to the device and it is fixed.
- Fix the roll-placing table 2 to 3mm away from the sheet width. Pressing the both ends hard may cause the roll not to be rotated, resulting in no sheet feeding.



Lay up the roll sheet on the roll-placing table.

• Be careful about the sheet direction.







Lock the stopper of the roll-placing table.

- The stopper prevents the sheet from rotating when it is pulled out.
- Setting the stopper helps to easily maintain the sheet in the Step 5.



Locked as tilted



Pull out the sheet for maintaining.

- (1) Pull the sheet tightly and take up the slack.
- (2) Make sure that the sheet is loaded without slack, then raise the clamp lever.
 - When the power is on, the absorbing fan is turned on to absorb the roll sheet.
 - If the power is not on, the absorbing fan is not turned on. Therefore, pressing the sheet with your left hand so as not to be deformed, raise the clamp lever.





Release the stopper for roll-placing table.





Install the sheet support to the roll table as shown in illustration.





Press the jog key • or • to select [ROLL].

- "Sheet detection" (@ P.23)
- • In the case the sheet is loaded from the rear
 - In the case the sheet is loaded from the front



Start detecting the sheet.





Press the FEED key to pull out the sheet of the length you want to use.

Before you use the roll sheet, previously pull out the sheet of the length you use to make enough room. By feeding out the sheet, you can verify if there is any sheet misalignment or not.

Test cutting (plotting)

Execute test cutting (plotting) to confirm the tool conditions. In the test cutting, the plotter cuts two squares.

• When the cutter blade is worn and dull, you can use it temporarily by enhancing the value of PRESSURE. However, you are recommended to replace the worn cutter blade with a new one to ensure a satisfactory cutting quality.



 When the tool conditions are proper, the results of test cutting (plotting) are as follows: The two squares are cut perfectly. The base sheet remains uncut. No corner of the squares is round. No corner of the squares is curled-up.



Confirm that the plotter is in the local mode.

CUT1 20 050 0.30

2

Press the (FUNCTION) key a few times to select [SQUARE CUT].

| | SQUARI |
|--|--------|
|--|--------|

ARE CUT <ENT>



Press the **ENTER/HOLD** key .

• The plotter will execute test cutting (plotting) and then return to the local mode display.

Change the settings of the cut conditions according to the test cutting (plotting) results.

| Cut Condition | Cause | Remedy |
|--|---|---|
| - | The blade floats above the sheet | Lower the speed. |
| Some parts uncut. | because of a too high cutting speed. | Tighten up the thumbscrew for the tool holder. |
| The base sheet has | Too high pressure. | Lower the pressure. |
| been cut. | Too large protrusion of the cutter blade. | Adjust the protrusion of the cutter blade. |
| Any of the square corners rounded. | Improper OFFSET value. | Adjust the OFFSET value so that it suits the cutter blade in use. |
| | The protruding amount of the | Adjust the protrusion of the cutter blade. |
| | cutter edge is too much. | Adjust the cut pressure |
| Any of the square corners curled-up. Any of the square corners curled-up. Any of the square corners curled-up. Any of the square corners curled-up. The cutting pressure is higher. The [COMPENSATION PRESSURE OFFSET value] is greater. More than two out of the above fall under this category. | | Adjust the ADJ-PRS OFS value |

Cutting (plotting)

You can start cutting (plotting) after completion of setting up a tool, loading a sheet and setting the tool conditions.

Setting the origin

The origin is a reference point for the cutting (plotting) data. When the origin is to be changed, set the new origin before starting cutting (plotting).



• Change the origin before you make the plotter start cutting for the next data; otherwise, cutting will be performed over the previous data.





- • CD: Moves the head to the right.
 - Moves the head to the left.
 - Events the sheet toward the rear of the plotter.
 - Feeds the sheet toward the front of the plotter.



New origin

• Every time you press the <u>TOOL</u> key, the tool will move up and down alternately. This helps you to set the origin at a correct position.



Start cutting (plotting)

the data.



After completion of setting the origin, press the REMOTE key.

 On receiving the data, the plotter performs cutting (plotting) while displaying the remaining amount of

• Upon completion of cutting (plotting), the display

| CUT1 | * | REMO | ΤE | * |
|---------|-----|----------|--------------------|------|
| CUT1 | * | 1356 | КВ | * |
| When th | e c | utter is | sele T E | cted |
| When th | e p | en is se | elect | ed |

* REMOTE

PEN

• The display changes to REMOTE.

Send the data to the plotter.

changes as shown at right.

Bringing the cutting (plotting) to a halt

To temporarily stop the plotter during cutting (plotting), press the **REMOTE** key once. Another press of the key will make the plotter resume cutting (plotting).



• In case the sheet has slipped off the plotter during cutting operation, turn off the power immediately; otherwise, the main unit may be damaged.



• The LCD will show the following error message if you try to execute any function that can initiate some action during temporary suspension or any operation that can affect the command coordinate system.



• If the error message appears, let the plotter complete the cutting for the remaining portion of the data or discontinue the cutting by executing data clearing (PERATION MANUAL).

Cut off the Sheet (Manual Cutting)



 When cutting a sheet, be careful for the cutter blade direction. Carriage must be moved to the direction of able to cut.

Turning the power off

When plotting is completed, press the $\ \ "$ O " side of the power switch to turn the power off.

(Important!)

• Once the power is turned off, wait at least five seconds before turning the power on again.



Confirm that the plotter is not receiving any data.

• Make sure that the display is indicating REMOTE or LOCAL.





Press the "O" side of the power switch.

• The POWER lamp on the operation panel turns off.



Cut Out Data with Registration Mark

Making sticker with a register mark (When using FineCut)

Create registration marks on an output image that you want to make a seal, and then the plotter detects them to cut it out.





Load the sheet to CG-60SR.

• Refer to P.18 for loading the sheet.





• For the operation of plug-in software FineCut, refer to the operation manual provided with a FineCut CD-ROM.

Register mark type

There are following two types of registration marks.



Registration mark: Type 1



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TP2

TP1

• Use the TP4 when performing trapezium compensation to correct the uneven sheet feeding rate caused by the difference in the diameter between the right and left grit rollers. If the trapezium compensation is to be omitted, there is no need to set the TP4. In that case, however, cutting distortion will increase.

Enter the registration mark detection mode



Press the END key in the local mode.

• It turns out to be a registration mark detection mode.



- When the registration detection is set to OFF, it doesn't enter into the registration mode. (@ P.40)
- While various functions are under setting, data entry may be cancelled and the plotter may go back to the previous setting item.

Precautions in inputting data with registration marks

There are some limitations on preparing data with registration marks. In order to make full use of this function, read the following instructions carefully and prepare data with registration marks properly.

(Important!)

• The registration mark described here is intended to detect the sheet inclination and the lengths along the A and B axes. It is not a mark for trimming.

Size of the registration marks

Refer to "The size of, and the distance between, registration marks" (\bigcirc P.38) for the relationship between the data and the length of one side of a registration mark.



The area where registration marks and designs can be arranged

- The TP1 starting position must be 20 mm or more away from the leading edge of the sheet.
- The TP2 end position must be 30 mm or more away from the tail end of the sheet.



No-plotting area around the registration marks

An area around a registration mark (from the mark origin to the mark size area) is a non-plotting area. There must be no data plotted or stain in this area; otherwise, a wrong origin may be detected or a mark read error can occur.





Example of cause of wrong detection 1





The size of, and the distance between, registration marks

The size (B) of a registration mark suited for the distance (A) between the marks is as shown below. If the mark size (B) is too small relative to the distance (A), the marks may not be detected correctly. Be sure to prepare the registration marks with an appropriate size.



Distance between registration marks for copied designs

For Type 1 registration marks, the distance between the marks must be not shorter than two times the mark length and not longer than 1000 mm. For Type 2 registration marks, the distance between the marks must be not shorter than the mark length and not longer than 1000 mm.



Recommended size of the area defined with a set of four registration marks

It is recommended that the size of the area defined with a set of four registration marks is in the range of A4 size (210 mm x 297 mm) to A3 size (297 mm x 420 mm). If you follow this recommendation, you can minimize wasteful spaces and arrange the designs efficiently.



A4 size (210 mm x 297 mm) to A3 size (297 mm x 420 mm)

Color of mark

The mark must be printed in black against the white background. The registration mark will not be detected correctly if the background is not white or the mark is not black.



Mark blurred

If the mark is blurred, a wrong mark origin can be detected, thus resulting in deviated cutting.



Set for Detecting the Registration Marks

When you want to cut the data with registration marks, you must set the following without fail.

| 1 | Press the FUNCTION key in the local mode. | FUNCTION | DATA CLEAR < ENT> |
|---|--|--|---|
| 2 | Press the jog key 🔺 or 💌 to select [SET UP] . | | SET UP < ENT> |
| 3 | Press the (ENTER/HOLD) key. | ENTER/HOLD | |
| 4 | Press the jog key 🔺 or 💌 to select [MARK DETECT] . | | MARK DETECT <ent></ent> |
| 5 | Press the ENTER/HOLD key. | ENTER/HOLD | MARK DETECT:OFF |
| 6 | Press the jog key () or () to select [Number of detected registration marks]. | | MARK DETECT: 2 p t A |
| | Set values: OFF, 1pt, 2ptA, 2pt B, 3pt, and 4pt | | |
| 7 | Press the (ENTER/HOLD) key. | | |
| | In case you selected "OFF" in Step 6, proceed to | Step 12. | |
| 8 | Press the jog key or to select The following items are provided for the setting of r Scale compensation, registration mark size, offset number of continuous cutting in direction A, numb high speed limit, skew check, and detect mode | the fol registratic t A, offse per of cor | lowing items. on mark detection: t B, form of registration mark, ntinuous cutting in direction B, |

• See pages P.41 through P.44 for the contents of each setting item.



Press the ENTER/HOLD key..



Press the jog key \frown or \bigcirc to select the set values.

• See pages P.41 through P.44 for the contents of each setting item.

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Press the **ENTER/HOLD** key to confirm the value.

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When you want to terminate this procedure, press the $\textcircled{\texttt{END}}$ key twice.

Setting Items

Setting the Number of Registration Mark Detection

The higher the number of detected points, the higher the cutting accuracy.

(Important!) • Select "1pt" when using FineCut.

| Setting | Description |
|---------|---|
| OFF | Select this setting for cutting a normal sheet, not for cutting the outline. |
| 1pt | Detects the TP1. Sets only the origin. |
| 2pt A | Detects the two registration marks TP1 and TP2. Performs the skew compensation and the scale compensation in the sheet feeding direction. |
| 2pt B | Detects the two registration marks TP1 and TP3. Performs the skew correction and the scale compensation in the width direction. |
| 3pt | Detects the three registration marks TP1, TP2 and TP3. Performs the skew compensation and the scale compensation in the sheet feeding and the width direction. |
| 4pt | Detects the four registration marks TP1, TP2, TP3 and TP4. Performs the skew compensation, the scale compensation in both directions, and the trapezium compensation. |

DIST.REVI

| Setting | Description |
|---------|---|
| OFF | The plotter will not perform any scale compensation. |
| BEFOR | With this setting, enter the scale compensation values and the trapezium compensation ^{*1} value before executing the registration mark detection. (@P.46, @P.49) Since the distance between registration marks is entered beforehand, rapid movement is expected when detecting. |
| AFTER | With this setting, enter the scale compensation values and the trapezium compensation value^{*1} after executing the registration mark detection. (P.46, P.46) Since there is an understanding of the distance between marks, setting values can be input rapidly. The AFTER setting will take less time than the BEFORE setting. |

Select "OFF" when using FineCut.

*1: The diameter difference between the grit rollers may cause a significant difference in the sheet feeding distance between the right side and the left side. The trapezium compensation function correct this difference in sheet feeding between the right side and the left side.

Size

| Setting | Description | |
|----------|--|--------------------|
| 4 ~ 40mm | Set the length of one side of the registration mark. When the printed mark's horizontal and vertical lengths differ from each other, set the same value as the shorter length. | Length of one side |

Offset A, Offset B

| Setting | Description | | |
|-----------|--|--|--|
| ± 40.00mm | Generally the origin will be set at the position shown below. However, the position information of the origin may differ depending on the application software. In this case, the location of the origin can be corrected. | | |
| | Mark: Type 1 Mark: Type 2 | | |
| | Plus A direction Plus B direction Plus Plus Plus Plus Plus Plus Plus Plus | | |

MARK FORM

| Setting | Description | | | |
|-----------------|---|----------------|-------------|--|
| TYPE1 井 | Select either one of the following types of registration marks. | | | |
| TYPE2 [] | | Mark: TYPE1 | Mark: TYPE2 | |
| | | TP4 TP2 | TP4 TP2 | |
| | | TP3 TP1 T F | TP3 TP1 | |
| | | | | |

COPIES A (UP), COPIES B (LEFT)

| Setting | Description | | |
|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| $1 \sim 9999$ (COPIES A) | Effective when the same pattern is multi-printed at regular intervals. Cuts automatically the preset number of sheets while detecting registration marks consecutively based on the first data. | | |
| 1 \sim 99 (COPIES B) | For leaf sheets (cut sheets), the value of [COPIES A] is used as the number of copies. When the number of copies can be set on the application software, like on the supplied FineCut, set the value to [1]. 3x3 copies | | |

SPD LIMIT

| Setting | Description | | |
|-----------------|--|--|--|
| 0 \sim 50cm/s | Set a speed limit for rapid moving in continuous copying. During rapid moving, mark detection may not be performed correctly if a slippery sheet is used. In such a case, set a speed limit. If no speed limit is required, set the value to "0". | | |

SKEW CHECK

| Setting | Description |
|----------|---|
| 0 ~ 99mm | Set the allowable range of the sheet feeding error when performing continuous copy. During continuous copying on a roll sheet, copies may be misaligned little by little because of sheet skewing. If the error in the B-axis coordinate of the TP1 mark has exceeded the allowable range, cutting operation is temporally stopped. Press the <u>ENTER/HOLD</u> key after correcting the sheet feeding error. Then the plotter waits for mark detection. Move the light pointer to the position shown below with jog keys and press the <u>ENTER/HOLD</u> key. Then the light pointer starts mark detection. If skew check is to be omitted, set the value to "0". |
| | Mark: TYPE1 Mark: TYPE2 Reference mark 1 (TP1) Starting point for mark detection |

DETECT MODE

| Setting | Description | | |
|---------|--|--|--|
| FAST | The position is determined by scanning the registration mark segment back and forth once. Time required for detection is short, however, the accuracy becomes lower a little | | |
| PREC | PRECAfter scanning the registration mark segment back and forth once, measure position without fail by scanning the segment included its outside again. Time required for detection becomes slightly longer. | | |

Reset the Setting of Registration Mark Detection

In case the plotter detects the sheet that has no printing of registration marks and displays [SEARCH START POS] you must set the registration mark detection to "OFF." Then, the registration mark detection becomes rendered ineffective.



Method of detecting registration marks

Registration marks are detected in two different ways; full-automatic detection and semi-automatic detection. Use the semi-automatic function when the TP1 is not located at the bottom right of the sheet, or when the supplied FineCut is to be used as the cutting software.

- (Important!) If the sheet is curled, straighten it.
 - When using a cutting software having no mark function, use a sheet which has neither stains nor images in the area (A) located between TP1 and TP2 and in the area (B) located between TP1 and TP3.

Check sheet skew with a light pointer

Depress the clamp lever, raise the pinch roller and reset the sheet with the (SHEET SET). And then the Light Pointer is turned lit. You can manually move the carriage to the left and right. Depress the clamp lever, and manually move the carriage between the registrations TP1 and TP3. Then you can confirm the sheet inclination by the move line of Light Pointer. Align to the move line and adjust the sheet inclination.





Full-automatic detection of marks

Use this function to correct the error in the detected length between registration marks as compared with the printed length between registration marks. For this purpose, measure the length A and B on the data beforehand.

Measure the length between the registration marks.



Detecting procedure ([DIST.REVI.] Setting value is "BEFOR")

(mportant!) • Be sure to set the sheet in the rear.





Set with the jog key \frown or \frown .

- Press the **ENTER/HOLD** key. And the plotter moves to the next scale compensation setting.
- If [MARK DETECT] is set to [2ptA], the display for inputting the B length will not appear.
- If [MARK DETECT] is set to [1pt], the scale compensation setting display will not appear but the origin point will be displayed. (Step 7)



Press the **(ENTER/HOLD**) key after completing the settings.

- The registration mark detection will be started.
- See "Setting the Number of Registration Mark Detection" (@P.41) for the number of registration marks.
- In case the plotter cannot detect any registration marks, it displays "Error 36 in the registration mark detection" on the display. Set the sheet again.



A (1 - 2) = * * * . *

B(1-3)



Set the origin.

• After the detection of the registration marks, the display will show the available cutting area and then return to local mode.



Detecting procedure ([DIST.REVI.] Setting value is "AFTER")

(mportant!) • Be sure to set the sheet in the rear.



Follow steps 1 to 3 of "Detecting procedure ([DIST.REVI.] Setting value is "BEFOR")" (@ P.46)



Press the **ENTER/HOLD** key.

- The registration mark detection will be started after detecting only the sheet width.
- See "Setting the Number of Registration Mark Detection" (@P.41) for the number of registration marks.
- In case the plotter cannot detect any registration marks, it displays "Error 36 in the registration mark detection" on the display. Set the sheet again.





After the detection of the registration marks, the scale compensation display appears.



- The right figure shows the 4-point detection display as an example.
- If there is a difference between the actually measured value and the detected length, make setting with the jog key () or ().
- Press the (ENTER/HOLD) key to change the display to the next scale compensation setting.
- If [DIST. REVI.] is set to [OFF], the display for scale compensation setting will not appear.
- If [MARK DETECT] its set to [2ptA], the display for inputting the B length will not appear.
- If [MARK DETECT] is set to [1pt], the display for scale compensation will not appear. Proceed to Step 4 and set the origin.



Press the <u>ENTER/HOLD</u> key after completing the settings.

- Set the origin.
- The display will show the available cutting area and then return to local mode.



Semi-automatic detection of registration marks

When TP1 cannot be located at the position where it can be detected full-automatically or when no registration mark can be detected full-automatically, perform registration mark detection semiautomatically.



Detecting procedure ([DIST.REVI.] Setting value is "BEFOR")





Move the Light Pointer into the area shown below by pressing the appropriate ones of the jog keys





CUT1

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050 0.30



Detecting procedure ([DIST.REVI.] Setting value is "BEFOR")

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Follow steps 1 to 3 of "Detecting procedure ([DIST.REVI.] Setting value is "BEFOR")" (@ P.49)



Press the ENTER/HOLD key.

- The plotter will start detecting the registration marks according to the settings of [MARK DETECT].
- See "Setting the Number of Registration Mark Detection" (2 P.41) for the number of registration marks.

ENTER/HOLD

• In case the plotter cannot detect any registration marks, it displays "Error 36 in the registration mark detection" on the display. Set the sheet again.



After the detection of the registration marks, the scale compensation display appears.



MARK DETECT

- The right figure shows the 4-point detection display as an example.
- If there is a difference between the actually measured value and the detected length, make setting with the jog key () or ().
- Press the **ENTER/HOLD** key to change the display to the next scale compensation setting.
- If [DIST.REVI.] is set to [OFF], the display for scale compensation setting will not appear.
- If [MARK DETECT] is set to [2ptA], the display for inputting the B length will not appear.
- If [MARK DETECT] is set to [1pt], the scale compensation setting display will not appear but the origin point will be displayed.

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Press the <u>ENTER/HOLD</u> key after completing the settings.

- · Set the origin.
- The display will show the available cutting area and then return to local mode.



Confirm the following when failed in cutting correctly.

Check the sensor for the registration mark detection

• If you move the head and sheet manually, you cannot perform the right response check. Be sure to perform it via the following operations.



Make sure that the plotter is in local mode.

CUT1 20 050 0.30



Enter the jog mode by pressing the jog key \frown \frown \frown or \frown



Turn on the Light Pointer by pressing the **(REMOTE)** key.



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Move the Light Pointer to the registration mark detection position by pressing the appropriate ones of the jog keys () () and () .

• Perform registration mark detection at a position 1mm or more away from the registration mark.





Press the **END** key to terminate the jog mode.

• The plotter returns to the local mode.



| 7 | Select [MARK sensor] by pressing the jog key 🔺 or 💌 . | | MARK s | ensor <ent></ent> |
|----|--|------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| 8 | Press the ENTER/HOLD key. | ENTER/HOLD | SENSOR | CHK < ent> |
| 9 | Press the ENTER/HOLD key after confirmin displayed. | g [SEN | SOR CHI | <] is |
| 10 | Select the length of the registration mark, shape of the registration mark, and speed of the registration mark detection. | | S I Z E | : 1 0 mm : T Y P E 1 _计 |
| | For details on setting the [SIZE] and [FORM], refer to the [MARK DETECT] setting procedure. (| | | |
| 11 | Perform registration mark detection wit page) | h the jo | og key 💽 | 🗩 . (Next |

Detect operation



• If the plotter cannot detect the line successfully even after you adjusted the sensitivity, you must verify the registration conditions and contact our sales branches (for service call).

Correct the light pointer position

If the plotter fails to recognize any registration mark properly, the possible cause is an error in the positional relationship between the MARK sensor and the light pointer. In this case, adjust the position of the light pointer.

| 1 | Install a water-based ball-point pen in the tool holder. • When making an adjustment, use the pen dedicated for the plotter to reduce the fudge factor. Any pen color works for the adjustment. You can order the dedicated pen from a sales office of MIMAKI. | | |
|---|--|------------|-------------------------|
| 2 | Confirm that the plotter is in the local mode. | | CUT1 20 050 0.30 |
| 3 | Press the FUNCTION key. | | DATA CLEAR <ent></ent> |
| 4 | Select [MARK SENSOR] by pressing the jog key 🔺 or 💌 . | | MARK sensor < ENT > |
| 5 | Press the ENTER/HOLD key. | ENTER/HOLD | SENSOR CHK <ent></ent> |
| 6 | Select [POINTER OFS] by pressing the jog key () or (). | | SENSOR OFS <ent></ent> |
| 7 | Press the ENTER/HOLD key. A 10 mm by 10 mm cross pattern will be | ENTER/HOLD | A = - 3 . 9 B = - 6 . 0 |
| | plotted.The light pointer turns on and moves to the center | of the cro | oss pattern. |



By pressing the jog keys () and), adjust the light pointer position so that the center of the light pointer is in alignment with the center of the cross pattern.



Press the ENTER/HOLD key.

| ENTER/HOLD | CUT1 | 2 0 | 050 | 0.30 |
|------------|------|-----|-----|------|
| | | | | |

• The plotter will return to the local mode after registering the compensation value.

• The value registered in the [POINTER OFS] is not initialized even by executing the [SETUP RESET].

Adjust the sensitivity (light intensity) of the mark sensor LED (automatically)

If an error occurs frequently in registration mark detection, a possible cause is an improper sensitivity of the mark sensor LED.

In this case, adjust the sensitivity (light intensity) of the mark sensor LED.





just above a plain area (non-printed area) of the sheet.





Press the **FUNCTION** key.

DATA CLEAR < ENT >

| 4 | Select [MARK sensor] by pressing the jog key 🔺 or 💌 . | | MARK sensor < ENT > |
|---|---|------------------------|--|
| 5 | Press the ENTER/HOLD key. | ENTER/HOLD | SENSOR CHK < ent> |
| 6 | Select [LEVEL ADJ] by pressing the jog key () or () . | ENTER/HOLD | LEVEL ADJ < ent> |
| 7 | Press the ENTER/HOLD key. | | |
| 8 | This plotter automatically performs the sensitivity adjustment. | | OUT:**** IN:*** |
| 9 | Press the ENTER/HOLD key after making certain that the display is showing a number steadily. | | |
| | The display may not become so steady that it kee that case, press the <u>ENTER/HOLD</u> key when the value fixed. | eps show e of the h | ving only one fixed number. In igh-order digit on the display is |

• The plotter will return to the local mode after registering the adjusted value.



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