



Before using your P-touch, read this instruction leaflet, then keep it in a handy place for future reference.
Use only tape cassettes bearing the logo with this machine.

Since the P-touch HOME & HOBBY III is so compact, it can be taken anywhere to make labels quickly and easily. Simply switch on the P-Touch, type in your message, then print out your label. You can choose from five different text sizes, nine character styles, and seven framing settings. Messages can be printed on either one or two lines and can include accented characters and special symbols. In addition, nine preset layout formats are available for you to type in and print out formatted labels quickly. Five tape colors (silver, gold, blue, green and pink) in two tape widths (3/8" (9 mm) and 1/2" (12 mm)) in addition to 1/2" (12-mm)-wide white tape are available for creating personalized labels.

FCC NOTICE

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/television technician for help.

Care and Precautions

- 1) Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the machine.
- 2) Use only **AA-size (LR6) alkaline batteries**.
- 3) Do not expose the machine or the tape cassette to high temperatures, high humidity, or excessive dust.
- 4) If you do not intend to use the machine for an extended period of time, remove the batteries.
- 5) Do not touch the tape cutter button while printing or replacing the cutter unit.
- 6) Do not touch the cutter blade.
- 7) Do not put labels in your mouth.
- 8) Do not stick labels onto skin.
- 9) If the machine "locks up" (i.e., it does not respond when a key is pressed), press to turn off the machine; then, while holding down and , press once to turn the machine on again.

Making a Label

- 1) **Insert the batteries.**
- 2) **Insert a tape cassette.**
- 3) **Turn on the P-Touch by pressing .**
- 4) **Type in and format the text.**

Your message can be up to 55 characters long including spaces. See "Advanced functions" for more details on formatting your text.

5) Print the label by pressing .

Before printing, be sure that the back cover is attached, otherwise the label cannot be printed.

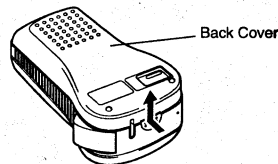
6) Cut off the label.

The tape cutter button is equipped with a safety mechanism. Do not try to force the cutter button since it cannot be operated if no cassette is installed and the back cover is removed. If the cutter button is forcefully operated, correct printing may no longer be possible.

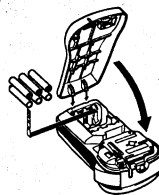
7) Peel off the backing.

Changing the Batteries

- 1) Remove the back cover by pressing in on the rough area at the top end of the machine and pulling off the back cover.



- 2) If batteries are already installed, remove them and insert **six new AA-size (LR6) alkaline batteries** in the direction shown by the illustration on the bottom of the battery compartment. The positive end of the three batteries in the bottom row point downward, while the positive end of the top three batteries point in the opposite direction.



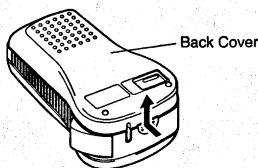
When inserting new batteries, always insert them positive end first. When removing old batteries, always remove them negative end first.

Always replace all six batteries at the same time with brand new ones.

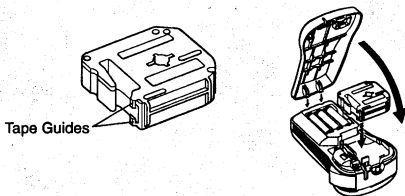
- 3) Attach the back cover by inserting the two hooks on the bottom end of the back cover into the slots on the bottom end of the machine, then pushing down firmly on the cover until it snaps into place.

Changing the Tape Cassette

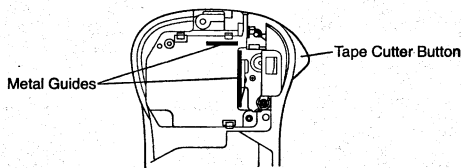
- 1) Remove the back cover by pressing in on the rough area at the top end of the machine and pulling off the back cover.



- 2) If a tape cassette is already installed, pull it straight out and remove the paper tab from the new tape cassette. Make sure that the end of the tape in the new cassette feeds under the tape guides.



- 3) Insert the tape cassette, making sure that it snaps into place. Check that the cassette fits properly around the two metal guides in the cassette compartment.



- 4) Attach the back cover by inserting the two hooks on the bottom end of the back cover into the slots on the bottom end of the machine, then pushing down firmly on the cover until it snaps into place.
- 5) Feed the tape by holding down **COO** and pressing **TM**, then cut the tape by pressing in on the tape cutter button.

The amount of tape remaining is visible through the window in the back of the P-touch.

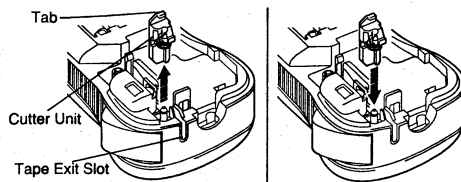
When there is only a small amount of tape left, green tape appears.

Changing the Cutter Unit

When the cutter becomes blunt and ceases to cut the tape cleanly, replace it.

- 1) Remove the back cover and the tape cassette.
- 2) Grasp the tab on the top of the cutter unit and pull out the cutter, taking care not to touch the blade.

- 3) Grasp the tab on the new cutter unit and insert it as shown below.



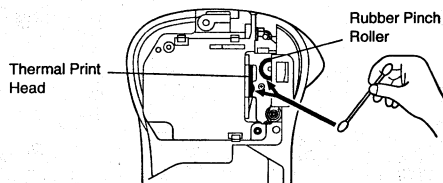
CAUTION

- When changing the cutter unit, be sure not to touch the cutter blade.
- Keep the cutter unit in a safe place that is out of the reach of small children.

Cleaning the Print Head

If dust accumulates on the print head, blank horizontal lines may appear through the printed label. If this happens, clean the print head as follows:

- 1) Turn off the P-touch.
- 2) Remove the back cover and the tape cassette.
- 3) Use a dry cotton swab to gently wipe the thermal print head and rubber pinch roller with an up-and-down motion.



- 4) Re-insert the tape cassette, attach the back cover, and turn on the machine. Hold down **COO** and press **TM** to feed the tape, and then try printing.
- 5) If blank lines remain in the printed label, repeat steps 1 through 4, this time using a cotton swab dipped in isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol.

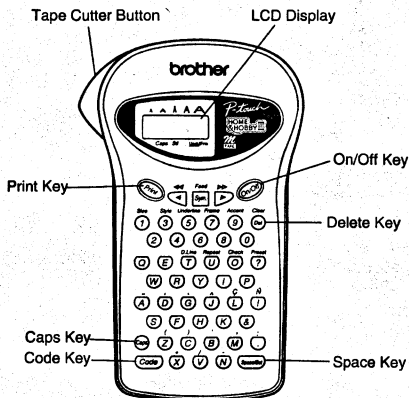
Accessories

The following accessories are available:

Tape cassettes	1/2" (12 mm) \$9.99 (SRP)	3/8" (9 mm) \$8.99 (SRP)
Black on silver	M-931	M-921
Black on gold	M-831	M-821
Black on blue	M-531	M-521
Black on green	M-731	M-721
Black on pink	M-E31	M-E21
Black on white	M-K231	
Replacement cutter unit	TC7 \$9.95 (SRP)	
Carrying case	6992 \$19.99	

Most retailers and distributors carry a full line of tape cassettes. If you wish to order accessories for your P-Touch direct from Brother, please refer to the "Accessory Order Form" included separately.

Function Keys



• On/Off ()

To switch the P-touch on or off, press .
 The P-touch conserves battery power by automatically switching itself off if no key is pressed within five minutes. When the batteries are low, "BATT" appears on the display after printing. When the batteries are very low, the P-Touch will automatically turn itself off when you try to print a message or feed the tape.
 If the P-touch is turned off, the current message, text style and size, underline/frame setting, and Caps setting remain unchanged when the P-touch is turned on again.

• Caps ()

To turn the Caps function on or off, press . When the display indicator above Caps is on, you can add capital letters to your message by simply pressing the character keys. When the Caps indicator is off, pressing a character key will enter a small letter in your message.

• Space/Set ()

To add a space to your message, press . This key can also be used to select some settings, such as an accented character, a symbol, or a preset format.

• Code ()

To access those functions or enter those characters printed in yellow above the keys, press . See the following explanations and "Advanced Functions" for more details on how this key is used.

• Cursor Movement (,)

You can move the cursor () to view or edit parts of the text to the left or right of the 5 characters shown in the LCD display. To move the cursor to the left, press ; to move the cursor to the right, press . Hold down the key to continue moving the cursor in the desired direction.
 To position the cursor under the first character of the message, hold down and press ; to position the cursor immediately after the last character, hold down and press . If you try to move past the start or end of the message, the message "ERROR" appears.

• Delete ()

To delete the character to the left of the cursor, press . This key can also be used to quit any function and return to the current message.
 To erase the current message text, hold down and

press . The text style, size, underline/frame setting, and Caps setting are not cleared.

• Check ()

To view the entered text, hold down and press . All of the entered text, starting from the beginning, scrolls along the display, then the length of the message is displayed.

To change the units, press while the text scrolls across the display. Press (or press) until the desired unit appears, then press .

• Feed ()

To feed out about 1" (24 mm) of tape at a time, hold down and press . The message "FEED" appears while the tape is fed.

• Print ()

To print out the entered text, press . The message "PRINT" appears while printing.

Do not press the tape cutter button while the P-touch is printing or feeding the tape, since this will cause the tape to jam.

• Composite Characters (, , ,)

To enter a composite character, first make sure the Caps function is turned on or off as desired, then hold down and press the key of the desired accent (, , or). Finally, press the key of the letter that you wish to combine with the accent. The accent and the character that it is combined with flash alternately on the display. The following composite characters are available:

Accent	Characters	Accent	Characters
ˆ	aeu AEU	ˆ	aeiou AEIOU
ˆ	aeiou AEIOU	^	aeiou AEIOU

Some accented characters can be entered directly using (see "Code") or using (see "Accented Characters" below).

• Accented Characters ()

To enter an accented character, first make sure the Caps function is turned on or off as desired, then hold down and press . After the message "A-U?" appears, press the key corresponding to the desired letter (A, C, E, I, N, O, or U). If you press any other key, the error message "ERROR" appears. In the displayed list of available accented characters, press (or) to position the cursor under the desired accented character, then press . Your message reappears on the display with the accented character added, and the accent and character flash alternately.
 To clear the list of available accented characters and return to the current message, press (or hold down and press) instead of pressing .

The following accented characters are available:

	Accented characters		Accented characters
A	áâãäåæ ÄÅÁÀÃÄÆ	N	ñ Ñ
C	ç Ç	O	óôõ ö ÓÔÕ
E	èéêë ê ÉÊËË	U	ùúû ÜÚÛÜ
I	ï ï		

Some accented characters can be entered directly using (see "Code") or using the accent keys (see "Composite Characters" above).

Advanced Functions

• Changing Text Size (Code + $\overline{\text{O}}$)

The currently selected size is shown by the indicator at the top of the display. To display the name of the currently selected text size, hold down (Code) and press $\overline{\text{O}}$ once. To change the size, keep (Code) held down and continue pressing $\overline{\text{O}}$ until your desired setting is displayed and shown by the indicator at the top of the display. The selected text size applies to the entire message.

The following five text sizes are available:

SIZE1 SIZE2 SIZE3 SIZE4 SIZE5
 A A A A A

• Changing Text Style (Code + $\overline{\text{O}}$)

If the indicator above "Stl" appears, a style other than NORM has been selected. To display the name of the currently selected text style, hold down (Code) and press $\overline{\text{O}}$ once. To change the style, keep (Code) held down and continue pressing $\overline{\text{O}}$ until your desired setting is displayed. The selected text style applies to the entire message.

The following nine text styles are available:

(normal) (outline) (shadow) (italic)
 NORM OUTL BOLD SHAD ITAL
 (italic+outline) (italic+bold) (italic+shadow) (vertical)
 IT+O IT+B IT+S > W C T

• Adding Underlining (Code + $\overline{\text{O}}$)

If the indicator above "Undl/Frm" appears, underlining or a framing setting has been selected. To display the currently selected underlining setting, hold down (Code) and press $\overline{\text{O}}$ once. To change the setting, keep (Code) held down and continue pressing $\overline{\text{O}}$ until your desired setting appears. The underline is printed under all of the text, but is not printed if the VERT style is selected. If a frame was chosen before selecting underlining, the frame is cancelled and the underline is printed.

The following underline settings are available:

(no underline) TEXT UNDL

• Adding a Frame (Code + $\overline{\text{O}}$)

If the indicator above "Undl/Frm" appears, a frame setting or underlining has been selected. To display the currently selected frame setting, hold down (Code) and press $\overline{\text{O}}$ once. To change the setting, keep (Code) held down and continue pressing $\overline{\text{O}}$ until your desired setting appears. The frame is printed around the entire message, but is not printed if the VERT style is selected. If underlining was chosen before selecting a frame, the underline is cancelled and the frame is printed.

The following frame settings are available:

(no frame)

TEXT BOX1 BOX2 BOX3
 BOX4 BOX5 BOX6 BOX7

• Adding a Symbol (Frm + $\overline{\text{O}}$)

To enter a symbol, press $\overline{\text{Frm}}$. After the message "A-O?" appears, press the letter key corresponding to the group containing the desired symbol. In the displayed list of available symbols, press $\overline{\text{C}}$ or $\overline{\text{D}}$ to position the cursor under the desired symbol, then press (Code). Your message reappears on the display with the selected symbol added. To clear the list of available symbols and return to the current message, press $\overline{\text{O}}$ (or $\overline{\text{Frm}}$) instead of pressing (Code). The following symbols are available:

	Symbols					Symbols					
A	U	ü	Ç	ç	ø	I	[]	TM	®	©
B	i	¿	\$	#	@	J	☎	☐	☑	☒	☓
C	á	é	í	ó	ú	K	☹	☺	♿	♻	♼
D	Æ	æ	Á	ā	Ē	L	☺	☻	☼	☽	☿
E	ë	Ö	ō	Ñ	ñ	M	☺	☻	☼	☽	☿
F	%	;	"	'	*	N	★	↑	↓	↗	↘
G	+	x	+	=	§	O	☎	☐	☑	☒	☓
H	2	3	2	3	4						

• Double-Line Printing (Code + $\overline{\text{O}}$)

To print a message as a two-line label, press $\overline{\text{C}}$ or $\overline{\text{D}}$ to position the cursor under the character that will start the second line. Hold down (Code) and press $\overline{\text{O}}$. A marker (▼) appears to the left of the character above the cursor. Two-line messages are only printed with the SIZE1 text size and the NORM style.

To change a message back to a single-line label, delete the marker.

• Using Preset Formats (Code + $\overline{\text{O}}$)

To select a preset format, hold down (Code) and press $\overline{\text{O}}$. After the message "1-9?" appears, press the number key corresponding to the desired format. If you wish to view each of the format setting (text size, style and underline/frame) press $\overline{\text{D}}$ while the format name is displayed. Press (Code) to select the displayed format, then enter the text. The label will be printed with the settings of the selected preset format.

The following preset formats are available:

PRE1 PRE2 PRE3 PRE4 PRE5
 PRE6 PRE7 PRE8 PRE9

• Repeat Printing (Code + $\overline{\text{O}}$)

To print multiple copies of the current message with its format settings, hold down (Code) and press $\overline{\text{O}}$. After the message "1-9?" appears, press the key corresponding to the desired number of copies. Press (Code) to print the specified number of labels.

IMPORTANT WARRANTY INFORMATION

Thank you for purchasing this Brother Product. We hope that you will enjoy using it. We suggest that you keep all packing and other materials.

SHOULD YOU ENCOUNTER ANY PROBLEMS WITH YOUR PRODUCT,

**PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR
 PRODUCT TO THE STORE!**

After referring to the instruction manual, if you still need assistance, call Brother's "HELP" line at:

1-901-373-6256

(Please refer to PROGRAM 225)