

# How to change a Thermal Transfer Printer to Direct Thermal

## How easily can I change my existing Thermal Transfer printer to Direct Thermal?

As virtually every thermal printer is designed to be dual function, switching from Thermal Transfer to Direct Thermal is a quick and a hassle free process.

**In most cases the change simply involves:**

- a. Removing the thermal transfer ribbon and labels and installing Direct Thermal label stock. Your existing label supplier will have Direct Thermal labels to meet your needs.
- b. Changing the printer and/or software settings for Direct Thermal (see below).

If your printer has a LCD display, navigate to settings and change Print Method to *Direct Thermal*.

On your PC, go to *Printers & Scanners Settings* (Windows 10), *Devices and Printers* (Windows 8 or former) and change the Media type setting to *direct thermal*.

← Settings

🏠 ZDesigner GK420t

### Manage your device

Printer status: Offline

Open print queue

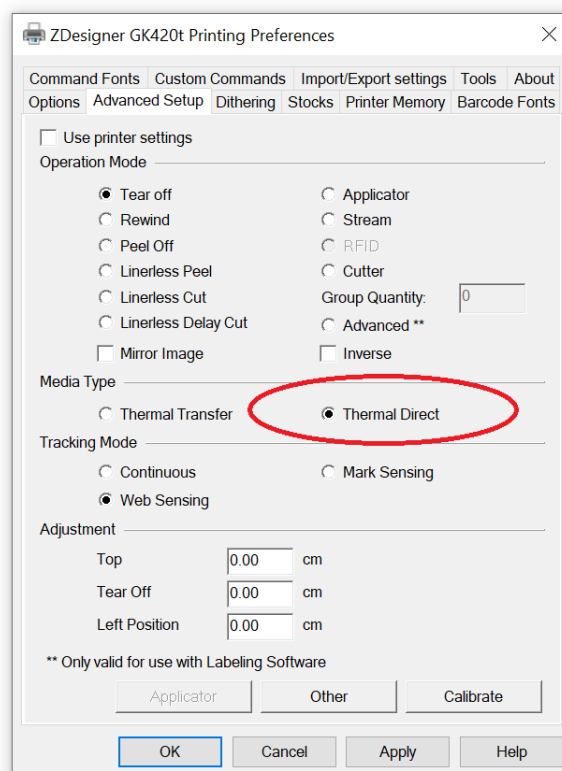
[Print a test page](#)

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- c. Your printer is now ready to print direct thermal labels.

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