

IPS2000 Mifare IC Card Parking System

Cashier Station (POS) - ICST209

User's Manual

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Revision History:

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1. Introduction:

1-1. Functional description:

ICST209 Cashier Station is a PC based POS computer in IPS2000 parking system. It supports Mifare IC card as parking tickets and provides a manned payment service for a parking facility. In case of network disconnection, ICST209 can still be operated under stand-alone mode; off-line data will be saved and then sent back to Central Management Server after network reconnected.

ICST209 Cashier Station reads the data from a ticket of Mifare IC card received; calculates and displays the required amount of parking fee on the fee display. Once a payment is made, payment completed data is written back into the Mifare IC of the card ticket for exit validation later. A printed receipt is available upon request.

1-2. Hardware introduction:



Fig. 1-1

- 1. Fee display: To display the required parking fee amount to customers for payment.
- 2. Receipt printer: A thermal printer for receipt printing. Refer to Appendix 1 for receipt paper roll installation details.
- 3. Card (ticket) reader: A Mifare IC card reader for parking card (ticket) data read/write.
- 4. Cash drawer: A cash drawer for a secure cash control and storage. It can only be opened with a key or from POS program.
- 5. Personal computer set: A set of personal computer includes a keyboard and a monitor to link with other station devices and for the POS software operation.



1-3. Cashier Station (POS) software introduction:

1-3-1. Main function menu side bar:



Fig. 1-2

- 1. [Payment]: The function page is for payment related operations. (Details in section 4)
- 2. [Shift Account]: For reviewing the revenue details of current and previous shift, and handling refund and miscellaneous income operations. (Details in section 5)
- 3. [Lost Ticket]: For searching and issuing substitute tickets for lost tickets or problem (unreadable) tickets. (Details in section 6)
- 4. [Season Card]: For season card related operations. (Details in section 7)
- 5. [Operator Card]: For operator card related operations. (Details in section 8)
- 6. [Read Ticket]: For reading and displaying data encoded in a ticket (card). (Details in section 9)
- 7. **[Login/Logout]:** For operator login and logout, terminate a shift and print a shift report. (Details in section 3)
- 8. Equipment status lights: Green means under normal operation and red means disconnected or not in service. From left to right the status lights represent:
 - Card reader.
 - Receipt printer.
 - Fee display.
 - Central management server station.
 - Spare light- currently not in use.



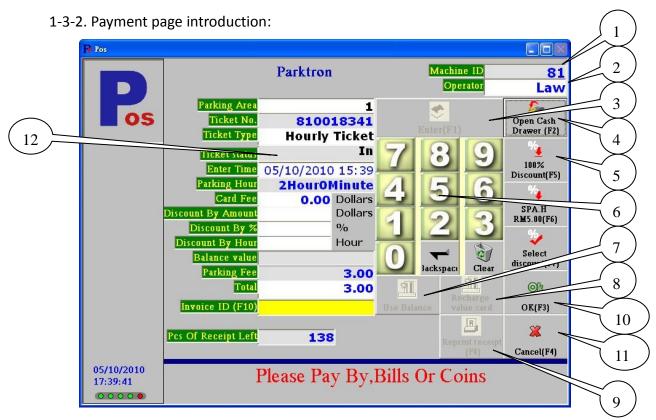


Fig. 1-3

- 1. The ID number of the Cashier Station.
- 2. The operator name..
- 3. **[Enter]**: Push by hand on a touch screen (optional) or click with mouse on the screen for start a payment process; enable the card reader to wait for reading a card. The F1 key on the keyboard provides the same functionality.
- 4. **[Open Cash Drawer]**: Push to open cash drawer. (Normally enable the receipt printer the same time)
- 5. [Discount]: Push to enter discount selecting page for discount applying.(Details in section 4-1-2)
- 6. Number keypad: Push by hand on a touch screen (optional) or click with mouse on the screen for digit inputs.

[Backspace]: Push to delete last digit.

[Clear]: Push to clear all input digit(s).

- 7. [Use balance]: For value card use only, to deduct stored value for a payment. (Details in section 4-3-1)
- 8. [Recharge value card]: For value card recharge operation. (Details in section 4-2-1)
- 9. [Reprint receipt]: For receipt reprint operation.(Details in section 4-4-1)
- 10. [OK]: Push after confirming a payment received and write payment competed information to the parking ticket (card). Cashbox will be automatically open for collecting payment cash and providing change if needed.
- 11. [Cancel]: To abandon a payment transaction and clean up all data on the screen.



12. Detail data read from a ticket for payment:

- Parking Area: The system provides maximum 9 areas to apply individual different parking rate.
- Ticket No.: Serial number of the read parking ticket (card).
- Ticket Type: Types of ticket (card), for example: "Hourly Ticket", "Season Card" or "Value Card".
- Ticket Status: Current status of ticket, for example: "In" or "Paid".
- Enter Time: Time of entry.
- Parking Hour: Duration of parking time.
- Card Fee: For season card issuing only. The cost is pre-configured in database.
- Discount by Amount: Only shown if any discount by amount applied.
- Discount by %: Only shown if any discount by percentage applied.
- Discount by Hour: Only shown if any discount by time applied.
- Balance Value: For value card only. The remained balance value in a value card.
- Parking Fee: Original parking fee due.
- Total: Parking fee due after discount if any.
- Invoice ID: Input invoice ID if necessary.
- Pcs of receipt left: Number of empty receipt paper left for printing.

2. Power on / Shut down:

2.1. Power on procedure:

- 2.1.1. Turn on the main power source for all devices of the Cashier Station.
- 2.1.2. Make sure card reader is powered.
- 2.1.3. Make sure fee display is switched on (Located at No. 1 in Fig. 2-1) and display normally.



Fig. 2-1



2.1.4. Make sure receipt printer is switched on (Located at No. 1 in Fig. 2-2) with power status light on (Located at No. 2 in Fig. 2-1).

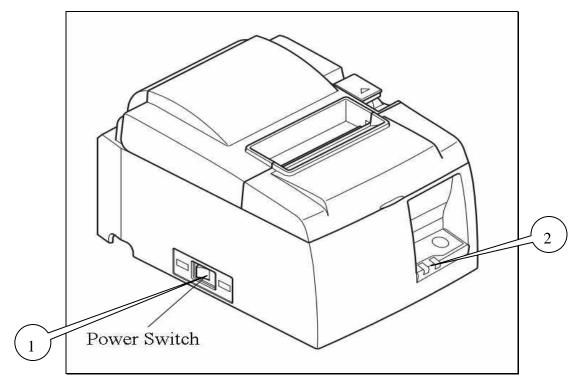


Fig. 2-2

- 2.1.5. Turn on the personal computer power switch, and wait till operating system boots up and then the POS program should be automatically executed.
- 2.2. Shut down procedure:
 - 2.2.1. Log out from POS program.
 - 2.2.2. Log out from computer operating system, and power off personal computer.
 - 2.2.3. Turn off the main power source for all devices of the Cashier Station.



3. Login / Logout:

The Login window is shown after executing the "POS.exe" program. Login with a valid operator ID number or use an operator card, and password. (First time default login ID = admin; and password = 123456)

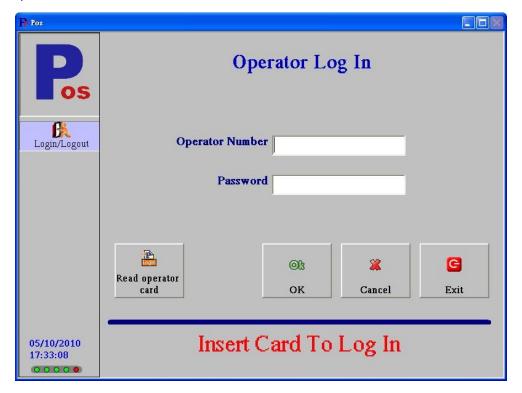


Fig. 3-1

Note: If previous operator log out without conducting a shift report printing, the current login with a different operator account will result the printing of the previous shift report automatically. The same operator account re-login is treated as continuing a shift.



3-1. Login

3-1-1. Login with manual inputs:

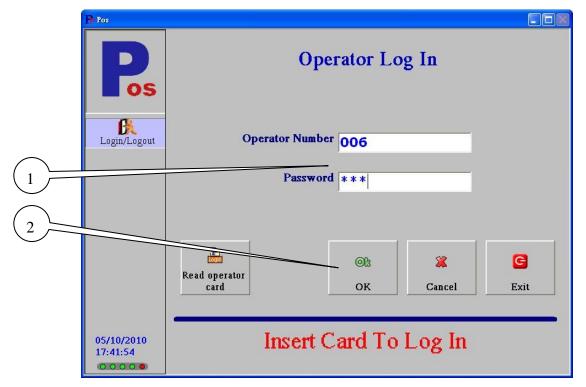


Fig. 3-2

- 1. Type in a valid operator number and password in the input boxes indicated.
- 2. Push [OK] to login.

3-1-2. Login with an operator card:

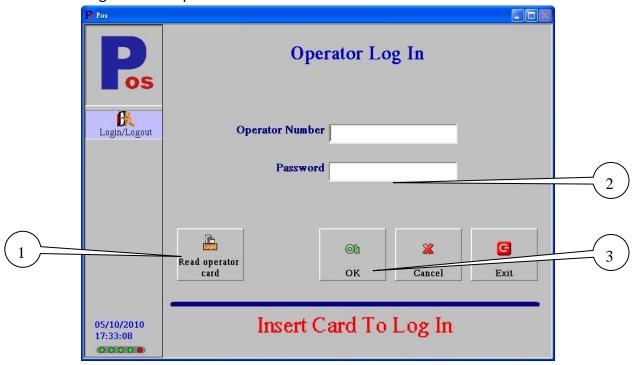


Fig. 3-3



- 1. Push [Read operator card] and put a valid operator card on to the card reader for data reading. After a successful reading of the card data, the operator number should be automatically shown on the input box.
- 2. Type password in the password input box.
- 3. Push [OK] to login.

3-2. Logout:

Push [Login/Logout] at the bottom of the main function menu side bar to enter login/logout function page.

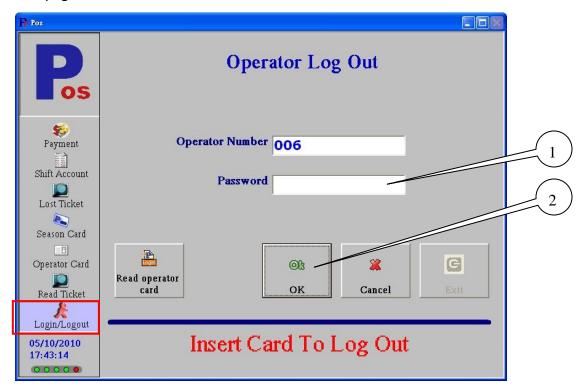


Fig. 3-4

- Type in the correct password of the login operator number shown in the page.
 Note: Normally the number of login operator is shown in the operator number box, however, a failed logout (incorrect password) might result a erasing of the number.
 Manually type in or use button [Read operator card] to read the operator card of current shift for retrieving the operator number back.
- 2. Push [OK] to logout.



3-3. Terminate a shift:

After logout procedure above, a shift report print window will pop up for termination of current operator shift.

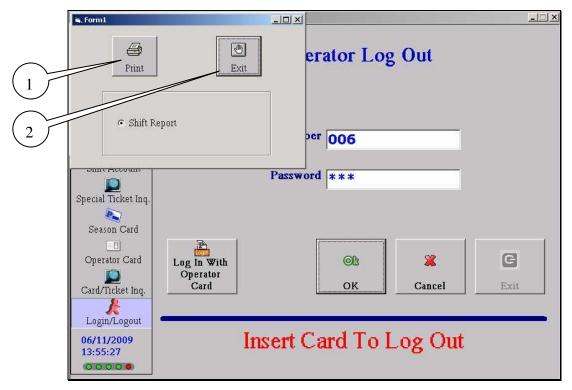


Fig. 3-5

- 1. Push [Print] to terminate the current operator shift, and a detailed revenue report of current shift will be printed out.
- 2. Push **[Exit]** to logout POS program and temporarily stop providing service. The current shift is not terminated yet until a shift report is printed when log back in with a different operator account.



3-4. Exit POS program:

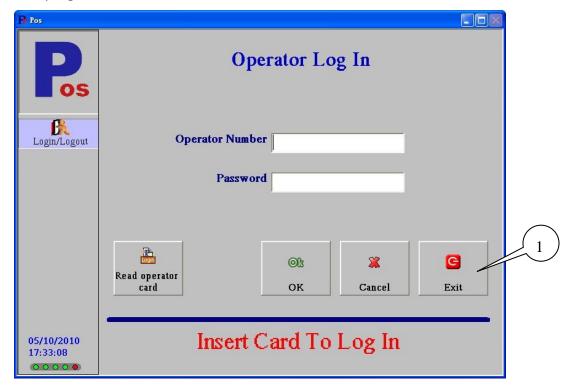


Fig. 3-6

After conducting a logout, push **[Exit]** button at the login/logout page to terminate the POS program.



4. Payment function page:

4-1. Hourly parking payment operation:

Apply to normal hourly tickets (cards) or season card parking out of configured time zone.

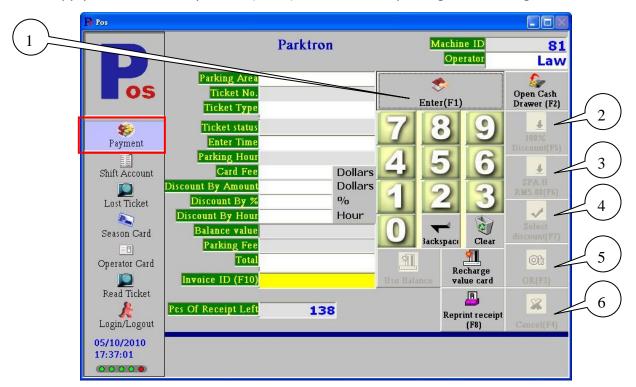


Fig. 4-1

4-1-1. Start a payment:

Push [Enter] button (No1 in Fig. 4-1.) to enter payment process. Place a ticket (card) on to card reader to read and show all ticket data on the screen.

4-1-2. Select a discount(s):

Push either one of No. 2, 3 or 4 discount button in Fig. 4-1 to enter the discount selection page below (Fig. 4-2) for selecting available discount type(s) to apply to the ticket.



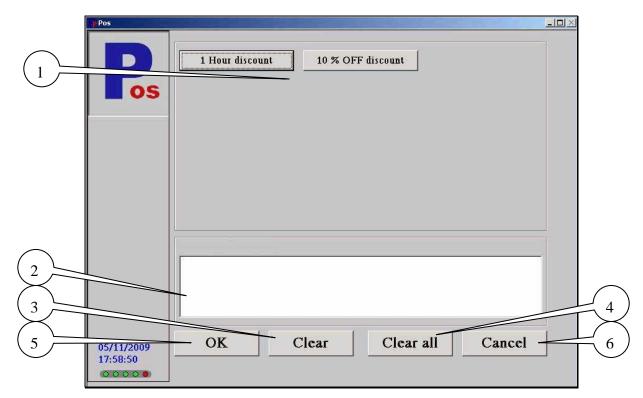


Fig. 4-2

- 1. Discount buttons: All available discount type buttons will be listed for selection. Push to have selected discount type to be listed in the discount box below.
- 2. Discount box: Current discount type(s) applied to the ticket.
- 3. **[Clear]:** To delete current discount item(s). Highlight discount item in the current discount box and push to clear one by one.
- 4. [Clear all]: To delete all current discount item(s) from the ticket at once.
- 5. **[OK]:** Push to confirm all discount type item(s) in the discount box to apply to the ticket and go back to payment page.
- 6. **[Cancel]:** Push to cancel modification and back to earlier discount setting, and go back to payment page.

4-1-3. Confirm or cancel payment operation:

- 1. Push **[OK]** button (No. 5 in Fig. 4-1) to confirm and conduct the payment proceed.
- 2. Push [Cancel] button (No. 6 in Fig. 4-1) to cancel a payment operation.



4-1-4. Receipt printing:

After a confirmation of a payment operation, a confirmation window (Fig. 4-3) for receipt printing will be pop up for a confirmation. Push [Yes] to print a receipt and [No] to exit the payment operation without a receipt printing.



Fig.4-3

4-2. Value card recharge operation:

4-2-1. Value card recharge page:

Push [Recharge value card] button (Fig.4-4) in payment page to enter value card recharging page.

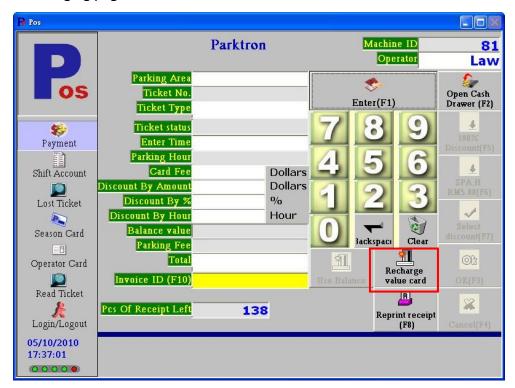


Fig. 4-4



4-2-2. Obtain value card data:

Put value card on the card reader and push [Read card data] button (Fig. 4-5).

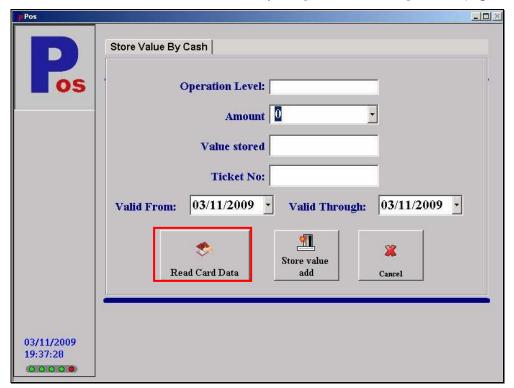


Fig. 4-5

4-2-3. Input recharge value amount:

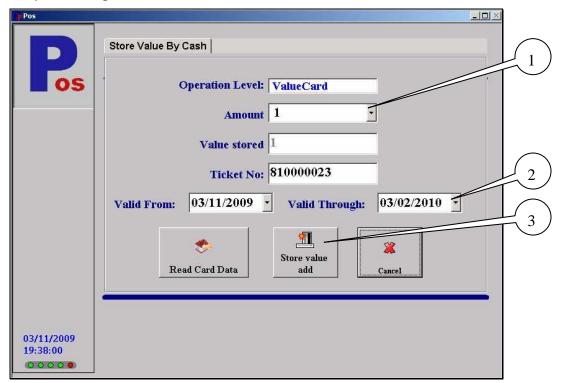


Fig. 4-6

1. Use pull down menu to select or manually type in the money amount to recharge.



- 2. Specify the new expiration date for value card after recharge.
- 3. Click [Store value add] to confirm recharge operation.
- 4-2-4. Confirm recharge for payment:

Push [Recharge] button to confirm recharging condition and go back to payment page for conducting recharge payment.

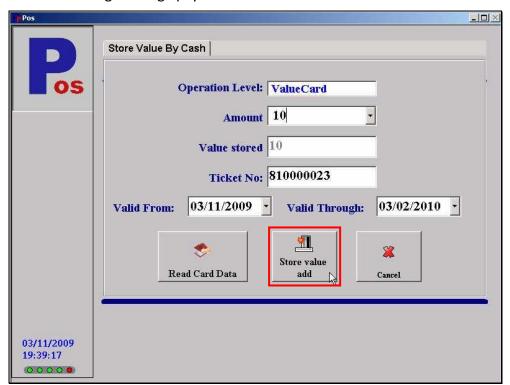


Fig. 4-7

4-2-5. Payment of recharging:





Fig. 4-8

- 1. Push [OK] button to confirm a payment of a recharging to the value card.
- 2. Push [Cancel] button to cancel and exit the recharging operation.
- 4-3. Conduct payment with value card:

Use value card to conduct an hourly parking payment by value deducted automatically from an Exit Terminal or manually from a Cashier Station.

4-3-1. Value card payment on a Cashier Station:

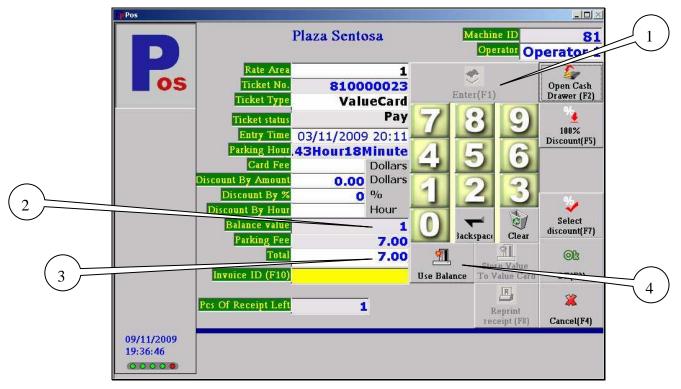


Fig. 4-9

- 1. Push [Enter] button to enter payment process. Put a value card on the card reader for data reading and displaying.
- 2. Balance value left in the value card.
- 3. Parking due in total after any discount applying.
- 4. Push [Use balance] button to pay the parking due with value balance.

4-3-2. Input value for deduction:

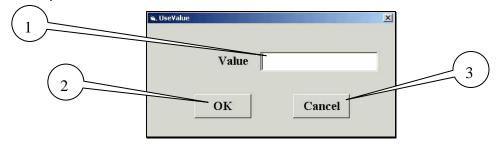


Fig. 4-10



- 1. Type in the value amount for deduction in the text box.
- 2. Push [OK] button to confirm the deduction of the input value.
- 3. Push [Cancel] button to cancel and leave value deduction operation and back to payment page.

4-4. Reprint receipt:

4-4-1. Receipt reprint page:

Push [Reprint receive] button to enter receipt reprint page (Fig. 4-12).

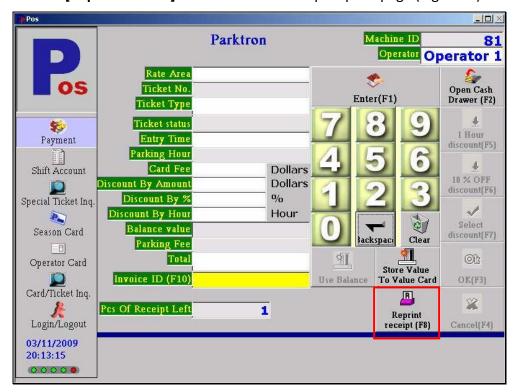


Fig. 4-11

4-4-2. Reprint by ticket search:



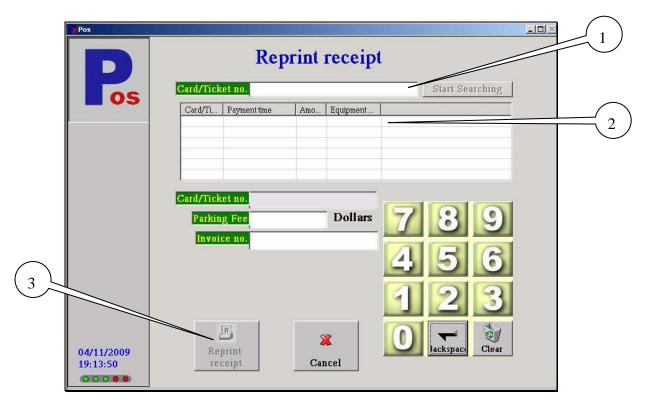


Fig. 4-12

- 1. Type in parking ticket number and push [Start searching] for searching the ticket information for receipt reprint.
- Highlight the search result to display receipt information for reprint.
 Note: If the ticket had its receipt printed before, the search result will not show any item.
- 3. Push [Reprint receipt] to print out the receipt again.

4-4-3. Reprint by input receipt number:



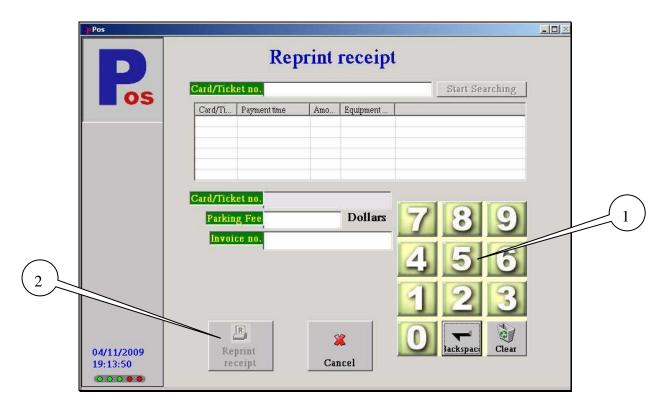


Fig. 4-13

- 1. Input the receipt number for reprint with the number keypad on the screen.
- 2. Push [Reprint receipt] to print out the receipt again.



5. Shift account:

5-1. Shift account page:

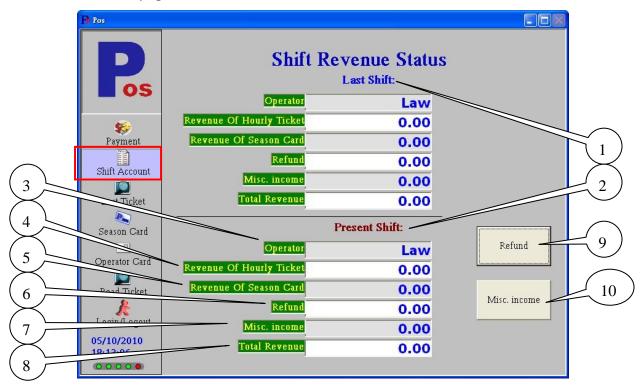


Fig. 5-1

- 1. The shift revenue details of last shift.
- 2. The shift revenue details of current shift.
- 3. Operator ID.
- 4. Total revenue amount of hourly parking.
- 5. Total revenue amount of season card parking (Value card parking included).
- 6. Refund total amount.
- 7. Miscellaneous income other than parking revenue. (No receipt provided)
- 8. Revenue summary.
- 9. [Refund]: Push to enter refund operation page.
- 10. [Misc. income]: Push to conduct miscellaneous income acceptance. (No receipt provided)



5-2. Refund operation:

Push [Refund] button in Shift account page to enter refund operation page (Fig. 5-2)

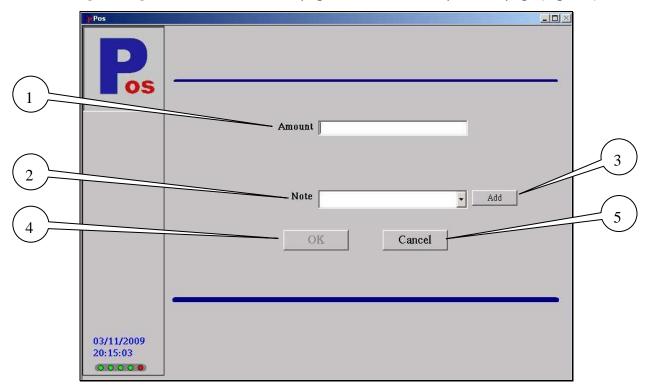


Fig. 5-2

- 1. Input the amount of refund.
- 2. Using pull down menu to select existing refund note.
- 3. Or push [Add] to input new refund note.
- 4. Push [OK] to confirm refund activity and go back to shift account page.
- 5. Push [Cancel] to cancel and leave the refund operation.



5-3. Miscellaneous income operation:

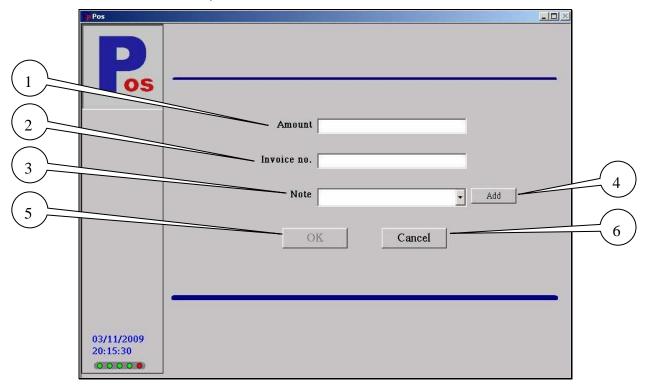


Fig. 5-3

- 1. Input the amount of miscellaneous income received.
- 2. Input the associated receipt or invoice number if available.
- 3. Using pull down menu to select existing income note.
- 4. Or push [Add] to input new income note.
- 5. Push [OK] to confirm refund activity and go back to shift account page.
- 6. Push [Cancel] to cancel and leave the refund operation.



6. Lost ticket:

6-1. Lost ticket search by entry time:

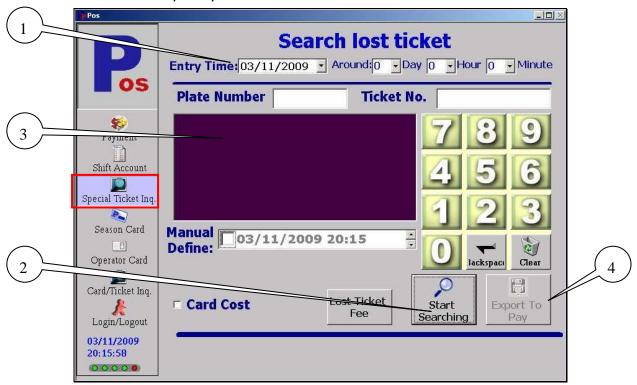


Fig. 6-1

- 1. Select the date and the before and after time range (by day, hour and minute) of the date to search.
- 2. Push [Start Searching] button to start the search in database.
- 3. After search result showing on the result display, click on the target ticket item of searching.
- 4. Place a new parking ticket (card) on the card reader, and then push [Export to pay] button to conduct payment for this lost ticket item.



6-2. Lost ticket search by plate number or ticket number:



Fig. 6-2

- 1. Input the license plate number associated with the parking vehicle to search.
- 2.Or input the parking ticket number to search.
- 3. Push [Start Searching] button to start the search in database.
- 4. After search result showing on the result display, click on the target ticket item of searching.
- 5. Place a new parking ticket (card) on the card reader, and then push [Export to pay] button to conduct payment for this lost ticket item.



6-3. Manual defined entry time for a lost ticket payment:



Fig. 6-3

- 1. Check the manual define box and manually input the entry time for payment.
- 2. Select the correct parking area.
- 3. Place a new parking ticket (card) on the card reader, and then push **[Export to pay]** button to conduct payment for a lost ticket item.



6-4. Fixed rate for a lost ticket payment:

When there are difficulties to obtain entry time of a lost hourly ticket. Charging a fixed rate with a whole day parking fee plus ticket cost can be operated as follows.



Fig. 6-4

- 1.[Card Cost]: Check to include a card cost charge (system defined) for a lost ticket, or uncheck to exclude.
- 2. Place a new parking ticket (card) on the card reader, and then push [Lost Ticket Fee] button to conduct fixed rate payment for a lost ticket.

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7. Season card:

Season card function page (Fig. 7-1) is mainly for season card and value card operation. Refer to following sections for detailed operating description.

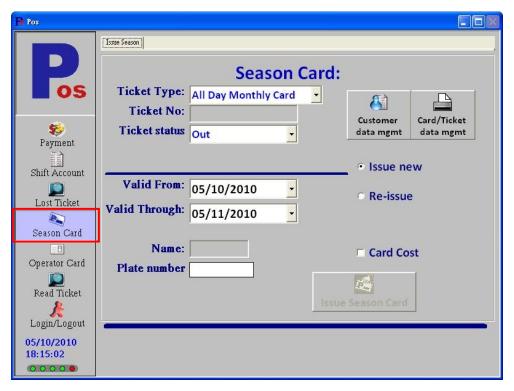


Fig. 7-1

7-1. Customer data management:

In season card function page, push [Customer data mgmt] button to enter customer data management page (Fig. 7-3).

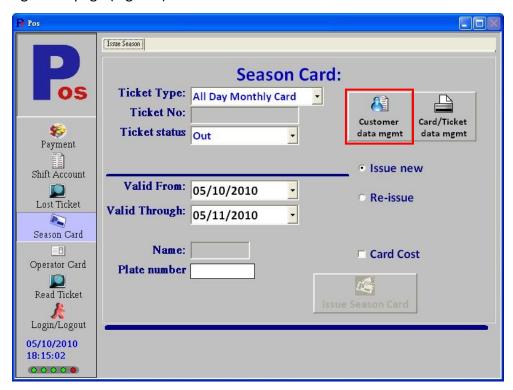




Fig. 7-2

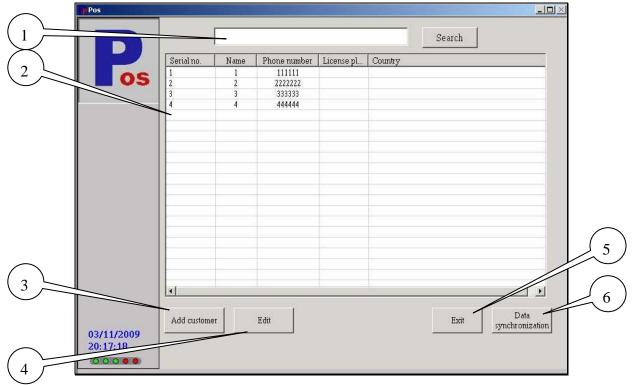


Fig. 7-3

- 1. Keyword search box: Type in a key word of either serial number, customer name or phone number for searching and highlighting a customer data item for operation.
- 2. Customer data table: List all customer data entries by serial number order.
- 3. [Add customer]: For adding a new customer data entry. Refer to section 7-1-1 below for detail instruction.
- 4. **[Edit]:** To edit the customer data item highlighted. Refer to section 7-1-2 below for detail instruction.
- 5. [Exit]: To exit customer data page.
- 6. [Data synchronization]: To broadcast updated customer database to all connected system devices.



7-1-1. Add a new customer data entry:

Push [Add customer] button (No. 3 in Fig. 7-3) in the customer data page to enter customer addition page (Fig. 7-4).

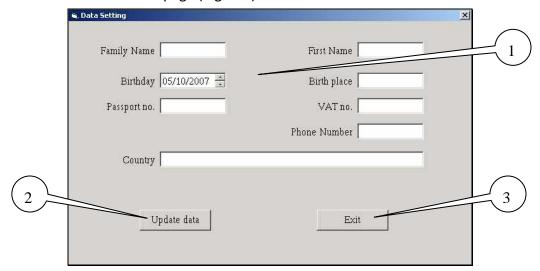


Fig. 7-4

- 1. Fill in customer information for new addition.
- 2. Push [Update data] to confirm a new customer data addition to database.
- 3. Push [Exit] to guit out of the new customer addition page.

7-1-2. Edit a customer data entry:

Highlight a customer data entry, and push **[Edit]** button (No. 4 in Fig. 7-3) in the customer data page to enter customer editing page (Fig. 7-5) for the highlighted entry item.

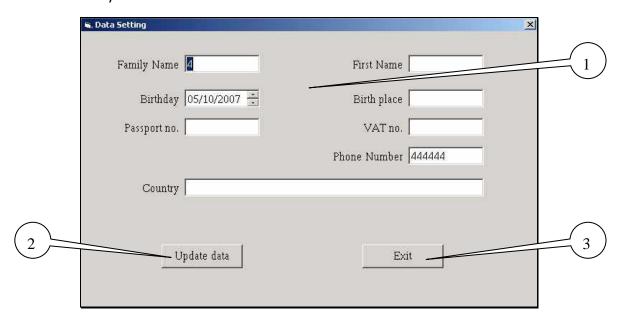


Fig. 7-5

- 1. Edit the customer information shown in the page as wished.
- 2. Push [Update data] to confirm the edition of customer data to database.
- 3. Push [Exit] to quit out of the customer data edition page.



7-2. Season card / value card:

In season card function page, push [Card/Ticket data mgmt] button to enter card/ticket data management page (Fig. 7-7).

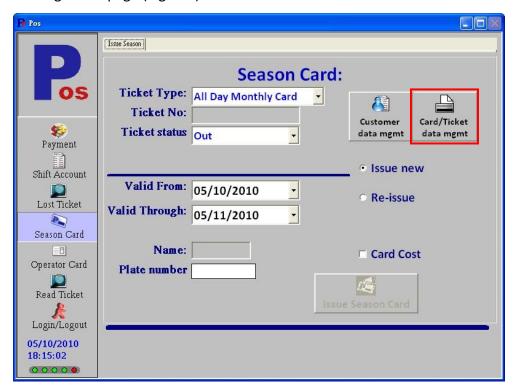


Fig. 7-6

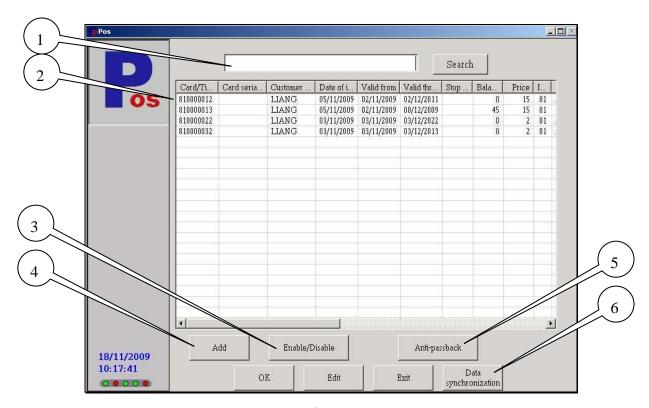


Fig. 7-7



- 1. Keyword search box: Type in a key word of either card number, customer name or date of issuing ...etc for searching and highlighting a season card or value card item for operation.
- 2. Card/Ticket data table: List all the card/ticket data items in the database.
- 3. [Enable/Disable]: To enable or disable a season card/ticket.
- 4. **[Add]**: For adding and creating a new season card /value card entry item in the card data table. (refer to section 7-1-1 for detail instruction)
- 5. [Anti-passback]: For enable/disable anti-passback setting to a season card.
- 6. **[Data synchronization]**: To synchronize new updated season card data to all connected system devices.

7-2-1. Season card / Value card new issuing:

7-2-1-1. Add a new season card item:

Push [Add] button (No. 4 in Fig. 7-7) in card data management page to enter the new season card addition page (Fig. 7-8).

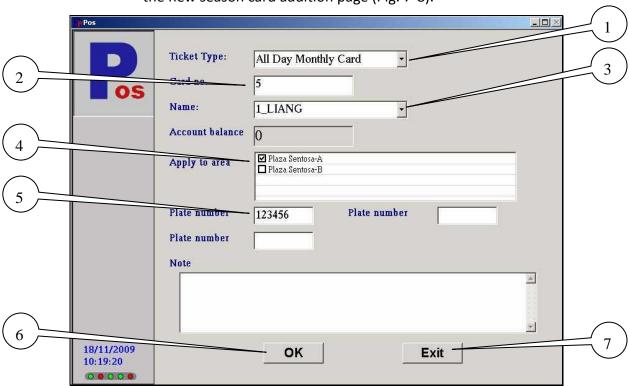


Fig. 7-8

- 1. Use pull down menu to select a card type for new addition.
- 2. Type in a new card number.
- 3. Use pull down menu to select the custom name. (New custom data need to be added first refer to section 7-1-1)
- 4. Configure the parking area(s) allowed for the new added parking card. At least one parking area need to be selected.



- 5. Type in car license plate associated with the parking card. (Optional feature for license number matching if a license plate recognition system is installed)
- 6. **[OK]**: Push to save the new added card data to database and go back to card data management page.
- 7. **[Exit]**: Push to ignore data input and quit out of new card addition operation and go back to card data management page.

7-2-1-2. New season card / value card issuing:

Highlight a new card item created in section 7-2-1-1 earlier in the card data table and push **[OK]** to enter the new card issuing page (Fig. 7-10).

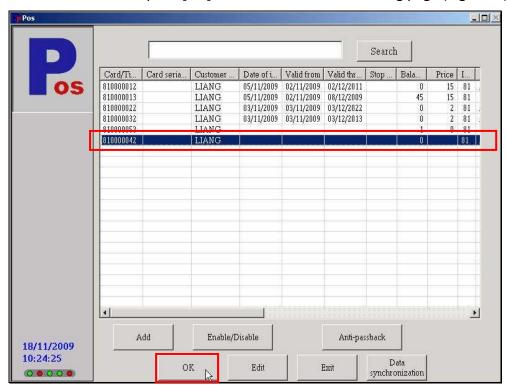


Fig. 7-9



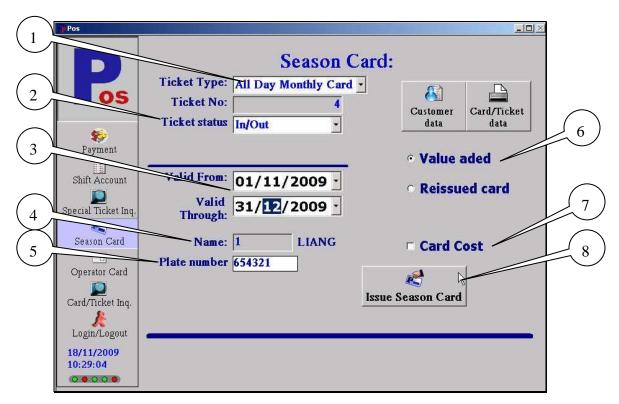


Fig. 7-10

- 1. Select a season card type (includes value card).
- 2. Define current card status: In, out or no limitation for first time usage.
- 3. Setup card valid time of beginning and ending.
- 4. Customer number and name.
- 5. Correspondent car license plate: For one card matching one license number setting only with a License plate recognition system installed.
- 6. [Issue new]: Check for issuing a new season card or a value card.
- 7. [Card cost]: Check to apply a card cost charge to the issuing operation.
- 8. Place a new card on the card reader, and push [Issue Season Card] button to enter payment page to conduct a new card payment.
- 9. Make sure all the payment items and amount are correct, and push **[OK]** to confirm the completion of a new card issuing payment (Fig. 7-11).
- 10. A question box for receipt printing (Fig. 7-12) will pop up after payment confirmed. Push **[Yes]** to print out a receipt and **[No]** to discard a receipt printing. Take the new card issued and hand it to the customer with a receipt if printed.



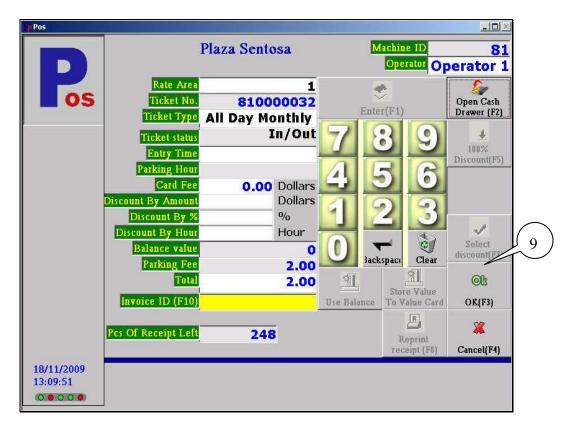


Fig. 7-11

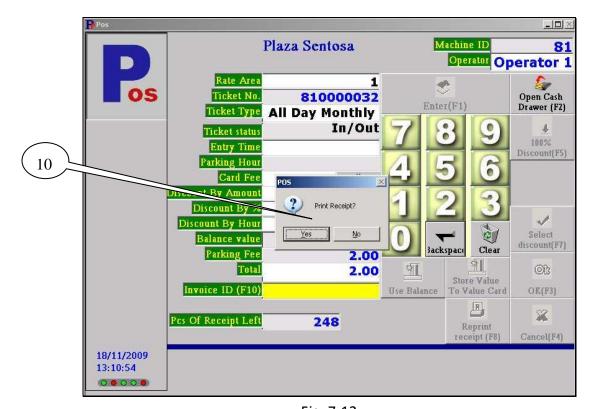


Fig. 7-12



7-2-2. Season card / Value card re-issuing:

Highlight an old card data item in card data table on card data page, and click **[OK]** to go to card re-issuing page (Fig. 7-14).

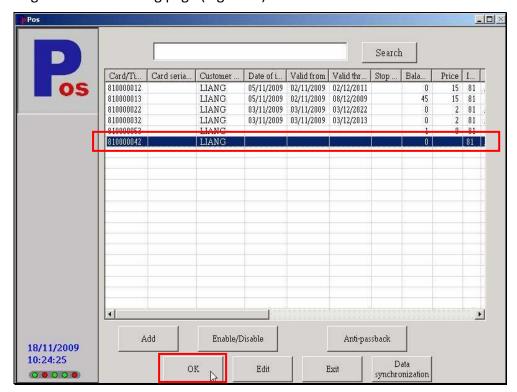


Fig. 7-13



Fig. 7-14



- 1. Make sure card number, and other data are correct before re-issuing.
- 2. Check [Re-issue] for card re-issue operation.
- 3. [Card cost]: Check to apply a card cost charge to the re-issuing operation.
- 4. Place a new card on the card reader, and push [Issue Season Card] button for card re-issuing (write data into the new card). Take the new issued card and hand it to the customer.

Note: If card cost need to be charge in step 3 above, then after button [Issue Season Card] pushed, the program will go to payment page for conducting payment. (Please refer to step 9 and 10 in section 7-2-1-2)

8. Operator card:

The operator card management page (Fig. 8-1) is mainly for handling all kinds of operator card operation.



Fig. 8-1

8-1. Add / Modify operator data entry:

Push [Operator Data] button in operator card management page to enter operator data management page (Fig. 8-2)



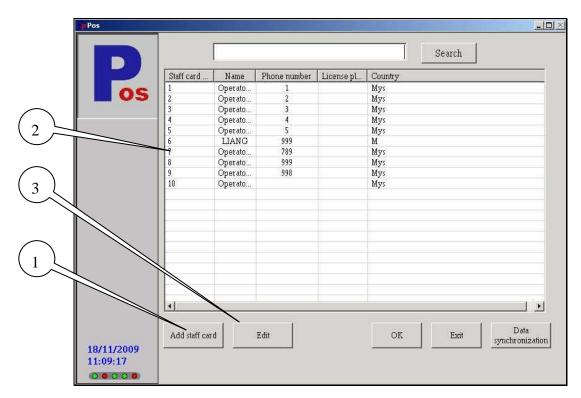


Fig. 8-2

- 1. Add a new operator data entry: Push [Add Operator] button in operator data management page (Fig. 8-2) for a new operator data entry window (Fig. 8-3) to pop up for data input.
- 2. Or select an old operator data entry for modification.
- 3. Push **[Edit]** button if you selected an old operator data entry and enter the data entry window (Fig. 8-3) for data modification.
- 4. Push [Update data] after a new operator data input or an old operator data edition to update server database.
- 5. Push [Exit] to close operator data entry window.



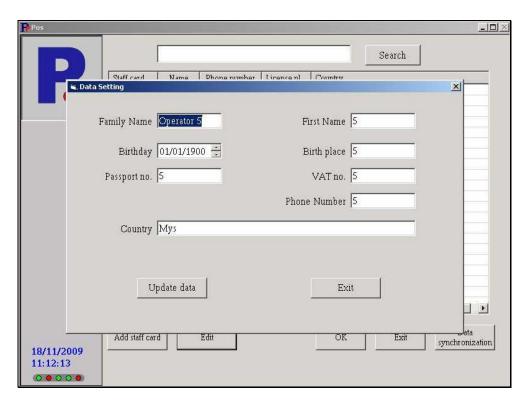


Fig. 8-3

8-2. Issue operator card:

Highlight an operator data entry in operator data management page (Fig. 8-4), and click **[OK]** to go to operator card management page (Fig. 8-5).

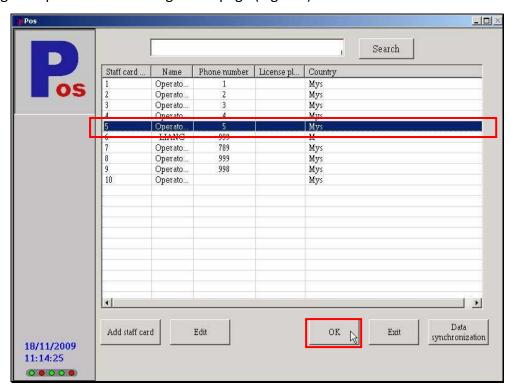


Fig. 8-4





Fig. 8-5

- 1. Operation level: Select and verify the operation level for the operator card going to be issued.
- 2. Verify operator ID, password, valid time and ticket number of the operator card before issuing.
- 3. Place a new operator card on the card reader, and push [Issue Operator Card] button to create and issue a new card with the data listed.



9. Read ticket:

Push [Read Ticket] on the main function side bar menu to enter ticket (card) data reading page (Fig. 9-1). The page is mainly for reading the data in a ticket (card) and display for viewing.

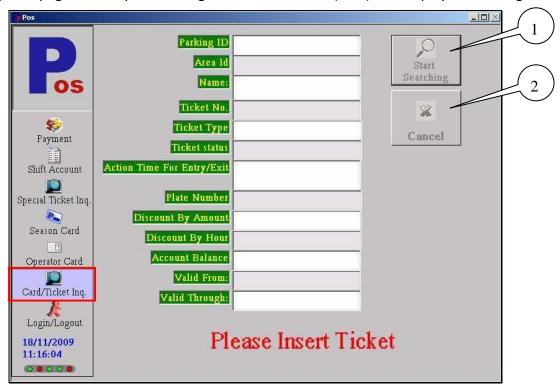


Fig.9-1

- 1. Place the ticket (card) on the card reader, and push [Read data] to read the data stored in the ticket (card) and display to the page screen.
- 2. Push [Cancel] to remove the ticket (card) and clear all data on the page screen.



10. Solutions to frequent encountered problems

- 10-1. [Add] button disappeared in the card/ticket data management page (Fig. 7-7).
 - 1. Central management server program is not executed yet: Execute SERVER.EXE or reboot the server compute.
 - 2. Networking disconnected: Examine the signal lights on networking hub(s) and see if flashing normally without red light(s). Power cycle the networking hub for a reboot and see if it fixed the problem.
- 10-2. Can not connect to the server database when issuing a new season card:
 - 1. Central management server program is not executed yet: Execute SERVER.EXE or reboot the server compute.
 - 2. Networking disconnected: Examine the signal lights on networking hub(s) and see if flashing normally without red light(s). Power cycle the networking hub for a reboot and see if it fixed the problem.
- 10-3. Card reader failed to read a card ticket:
 - 1. Try card reader with an operator card. If an operator card can be read then the card ticket can not be read is probably damaged. Please re-issue a new card ticket to use.
 - 2. If non of a tested card can be read, please check the connection between the card reader and the computer of the Cashier Station (POS).
- 10-4. Receipt printer has problems print out a receipt:
 - 1. Verify if the thermal printer is out of printing paper. Install new paper roll if it is.
 - 2. Unplug the USB connection cable of the thermal printer and re-plug in after waiting for few seconds.
 - 3. Power cycle the thermal printer for a printer hardware reset.
 - 4. Logout the Cashier Station (POS) program and power cycle the computer for a hardware reset, and log back in to the POS program.

Contact our system technician if none of above help resolving the problem.



Appendix 1: How to install a thermal paper roll to the receipt printer

1. Release the printer top cover lock by pushing back the lock switch (Fig. AP1-1).

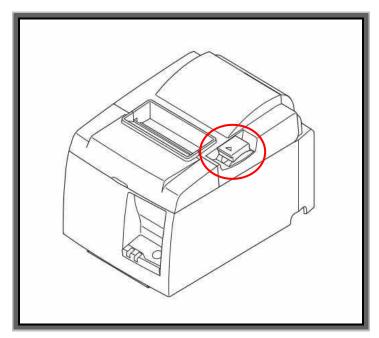


Fig. AP1-1

2. Open the printer top cover as shown in Fig. AP1-2.

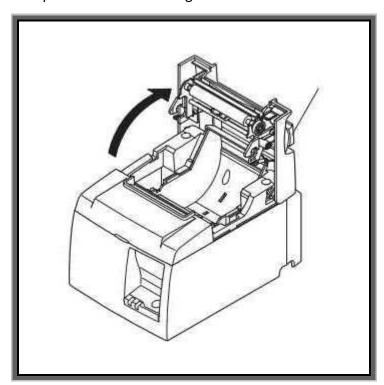


Fig. AP1-2

3. The correct direction to install a paper roll is shown in Fig. AP1-3. The outside of paper roll is the printing side should be facing down.



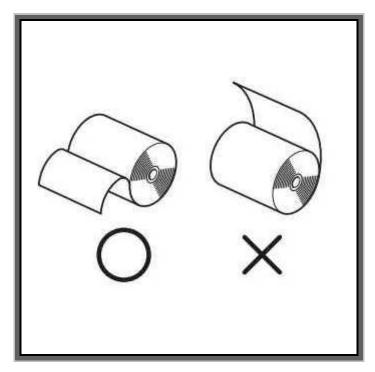


Fig. AP1-3

4. Install the paper roll into the printer with correct direction, and with a short portion of the roll paper front sticking out resting on the printer paper outlet.

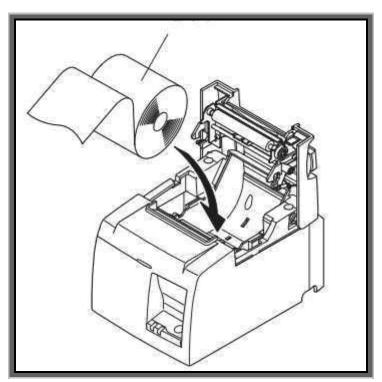


Fig. AP1-4

5. Close the printer top cover with the roll paper front sticking out of the printer outlet.



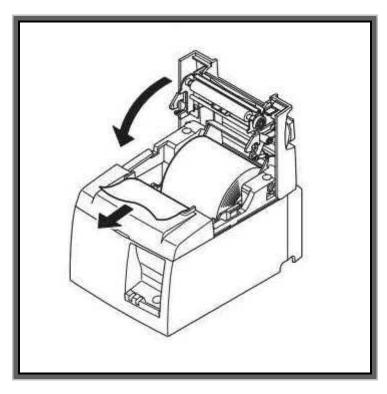


Fig. AP1-5

6. After the top cover is closed properly, the printer will automatically conduct a paper cutting operation. Tear off the front portion after cutting and the printer is ready for service.

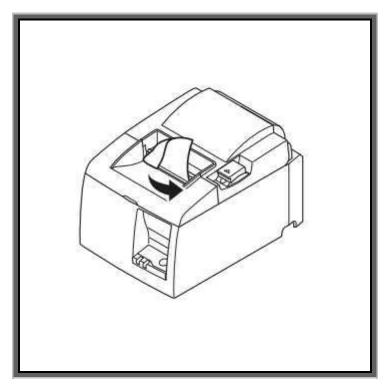


Fig. AP1-6