

# User's Manual

VFD-860/880 Series  
**VFD Customer Display**



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# 1. Information

## 1.1 Standard Package

- Display Unit
- Support CD
- Power Kit  
to retrieve power DC 12V from switching power supply inside the computer.

## 1.2 Optional Accessories

- Switch-Mode Power Supply  
Input: AC 100V~240V, 50Hz~60Hz  
Output: DC 9 V, 1A
- Power adapter  
Input: AC 110V, 60Hz  
Output: DC 9 V, 1A
- Power adapter  
Input: AC 230V, 60Hz  
Output: DC 9 V, 1A
- Optional fixed pole 300mm or 400mm
- Pass through cable

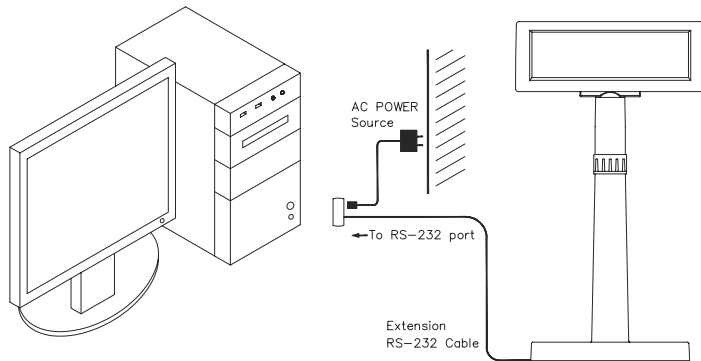
## 1.3 Specifications

Model	VFD-860	VFD-880
	<b>Tube Display</b>	
<b>Customer Display</b>	Vacuum Fluorescent Display	
<b>Display Pattern</b>	5 x 7 dot matrix	16 x 15 dot matrix
<b>Brightness</b>	700 cd/m2	
<b>Character Type</b>	96 alphanumeric & 13 international characters	Chinese(Big5/GB)/Korean/Japanese
<b>Command Set</b>	ESC/POS	
<b>Character Size</b>	6.40W x 9.20H mm	6.52W x 9.77H mm
<b>Character Number</b>	2 x 20	
	<b>Electrical</b>	
<b>Power Source</b>	DC 9V~12V (RS-232)	
<b>Power Consumption</b>	4.5 Watts (RS-232)	
<b>Central Control Unit</b>	CPU 8032 ROM 64K flash ROM 32K SRAM	CPU 8031BH ROM 64K flash ROM 32K SRAM
<b>Speed</b>	29MHz	11MHz
	<b>Physical</b>	
<b>Dimensions (Panel)</b>	224W x 45D x 83H mm	
<b>Dimensions (Support)</b>	Telescopic pole 270~440mm or optional fixed pole 300mm or 400mm	
<b>Dimensions (Base)</b>	187W x 84D x 22H mm	
<b>Tilt Angle</b>	Max. 53°	
<b>Rotation Angle</b>	Max. 360°	
<b>Weight</b>	About 0.8Kg	
<b>Interface</b>	RS-232	
<b>Color</b>	Black or beige	
	<b>Environmental</b>	
<b>Operating Temperature</b>	0°C~40°C (32°F~104°F)	
<b>Storage Temperature</b>	-10°C~50°C (14°F~122°F)	
<b>Relative Humidity</b>	0%~90% RH	

## 2. Installation

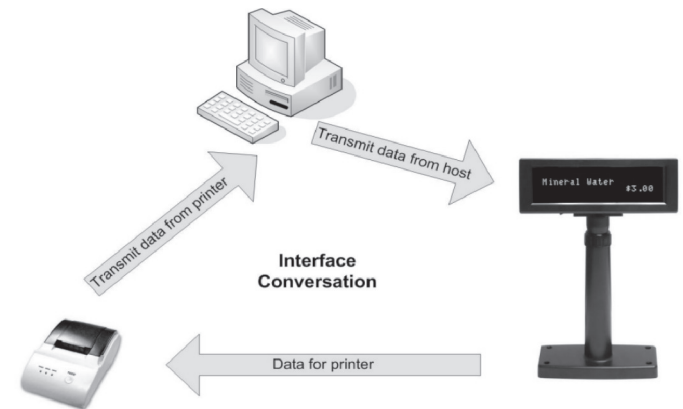
### 2.1 RS-232 Connection

- Step 1: Turn off the computer.
- Step 2: Connect the display cable to the RS-232 port of the computer.
- Step 3: Set the connection between the bundled power kit and the switch power supply inside the computer or connecting the DC power source by the appropriate DC power adapter.
- Step 4: Turn on the computer. The display will be on and ready for receiving data.



### 2.2 Pass-through Connection

- Step 1: Turn off the computer, printer and display.
- Step 2: Refer to 3.4 Pass-through Cable Pinouts for detailed information of the cable to make proper connection to the proper ports on the devices.
- Step 3: Turn on the computer. The display will be on and ready for receiving data.



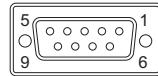
**Note:** Select the proper peripheral through command, either the printer or the display, and all the data transmitted from the host will be processed by the selected device.

# 3. Interface

## 3.1 RS-232 Cable-end


### DSUB-9 Pin Female Connector

2	TX
3	RX
5	GND
7	CTS
8	RTS
9	VCC
1	Short Connection
4	
6	



## 3.2 DC Power Jack



**GND** —  — **+9~12VDC/500~1000mA**

## 3.3 Interface of Display Panel Side

- Specifications

Data Transmission method: Asynchronous Serial  
Default protocol: 9600 bps, non-parity,  
8 data bits, 1 stop bit

- Interface connector (display panel side)

6 pin Male-Header

Pin assignments:

1	TXD
	DSR
	RXD
	DTR
	GND
6	VCC

## 4. Demo Software

Connect the display to the COM 1 of the computer. The default communication parameters of the display are:

COM port: COM 1  
 Baud rate: 9600  
 Parity: None  
 Data bits: 8  
 Stop bit: 1

- Make sure the display is powered on and connected properly to the computer.
- Insert the bundled CD and install the demo software through the following directories.  
 VFD-860: Utilities\VFD-660&460\setup.exe  
 VFD-880: Utilities\VFD-1615\setup.exe
- Run the demo software through the directories.  
 VFD-860: Start\Programs\VFD-660\_460  
 VFD-880: Start\Programs\VFD-1615
- Test the software commands, such as Cursor Position, Screen Display, and Display Mode, by each index.
- Close the configuration utility to complete the setup process.

### 3.4 Pass-through Cable Pinouts

#### CBL-VFD-PASS 1

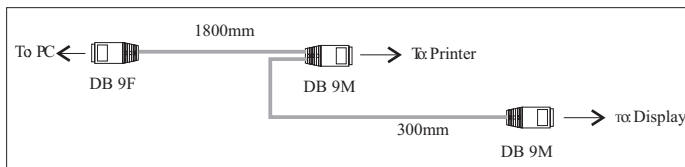
For printers with ESC commands

To:Host	To:Printer	To:Display
<b>DB9F</b>	<b>DB9M</b>	<b>DB9M</b>
2 (RXD)	2 (TXD)	
3 (TXD)	3 (RXD)	3 (RXD)
4 (DTR)	4 (DSR)	
5 (GND)	5 (GND)	6 (RXD)
6 (DSR)	6 (DTR)	
7 (RTS)	7 (CTS)	
8 (CTS)	8 (RTS)	

#### CBL-VFD-PASS 2

For printers without ESC commands

To:Host	To:Printer	To:Display
<b>DB9F</b>	<b>DB9M</b>	<b>DB9M</b>
2 (RXD)	2 (TXD)	
	3 (RXD)	3 (TXD)
3 (TXD)		3 (RXD)
4 (DTR)	4 (DSR)	
5 (GND)	5 (GND)	5 (GND)
6 (DSR)		6 (DTR)
7 (RTS)	7 (CTS)	
8 (CTS)	8 (CTS)	
	6 (DTR)	4 (DSR)



## 5. Command List

### 5.1 ESC/POS Command List for VFD-860

Command	Code Description (decimal)	Function Description
BS	8	Move cursor left
HT	9	Move cursor right
LF	10	Move cursor down
US LF	31 10	Move cursor up
HOM	11	Move cursor to home position
CR	13	Move cursor to left-most position
US CR	31 13	Move cursor to right-most position
US B	31 66	Move cursor to bottom position
US \$	31 66 n m 1 ≤ n ≤ 20 m = 1 or 2	Move cursor to specified position
CLR	12	Clear display screen
CAN	24	Clear cursor line
ESC =	27 61 n 0 ≤ n ≤ 255	Select peripheral device
ESC @	27 64	Initialize display
ESC %	27 37 n 1 ≤ n ≤ 3	Select/cancel user-defined character set
ESC &	273 8sbm s=1 0 ≤ n ≤ m ≤ 126 0 ≤ a ≤ 5 0 ≤ p1... ≤ psx a_255	Define user-defined character set

Command	Code Description (decimal)	Function Description
ESC ?	27 63 n 32 ≤ n ≤ 126	Cancel user-defined characters
ESC R	27 82 n 0 ≤ n ≤ 13	Select an international character set
ESC t	27 116 n 0 ≤ n ≤ 5, 16, 17, 18, 19, 254, 255	Select character code table
ESC W	27 28 n m (x1 y x2 t2) 1 ≤ n ≤ 4 M = 0, 1, 48, 49 1 ≤ x ≤ 1 ≤ x2 20	Select/cancel window range
US Md1	31 1	Specify overwrite mode
US Md2	31 2	Specify vertical scroll mode
US Md3	31 3	Specify horizontal scroll mode
US C	31 67 n n = 0, 1, 48, 49	Select/cancel cursor display
US E	31 69 n 0 ≤ n ≤ 255	Select/cancel display screen blinking
US T	31 84 h m 1 ≤ h ≤ 23 1 ≤ m ≤ 59	Set and display time counter
US U	31 85	Display time counter
US X	31 88 n 1 ≤ n ≤ 4	Brightness adjustment

Command	Code Description (decimal)	Function Description
US r	31 114 n n=0, 1, 48, 49	Select/cancel reverse characters
US v	31 118 n n=0, 1, 48, 49	Status confirmation by DRT signal
US @`	31 64	Execute self-test
US :	31 58	Start/end macro definition
US ^	31 94 n m 0 ≤ n ≤ 255 0 ≤ m ≤ 255	Execute and quit macro
US.n	31 46 n 32 ≤ n ≤ 255	Select/cancel cursor display
US,n	31 42 n 32 ≤ n ≤ 255 n= a	displayable character code display the code with a dot
US:n	31 59 n 32 ≤ n ≤ 255 n= a	displayable character code display the code with a semicolon
US#nm	31 35 n 1 ≤ n ≤ 20 1 ≤ m ≤ 2	Turn the annunciator (▼) ON/OFF

## 5.2 ESC/POS Command List for VFD-880

Command	Code Description (decimal)	Function Description
BS	08	Move cursor left
HT	09	Move cursor right
LF	0A	Move cursor down
US LF	1F 0A	Move cursor up
HOM	0B	Move cursor to home position
CR	0D	Move cursor to left-most position
US CR	1F 0D	Move cursor to right-most position
US B	1F 42	Move cursor to bottom position
US \$ n m	1F 24 n m 1 ≤ n(column) ≤ 20 m(line)=1 or 2	Move cursor to specified position; nth column and mth line
CLR	0C	Clear display screen
CAN	18	Clear cursor line
ESC=n	1B 3D n 1 ≤ n ≤ 3	Select peripheral device
ESC @	1B 40	Initialize display
US Md1	1F 01	Specify overwrite mode
US Md2	1F 02	Specify vertical scroll mode
US Md3	1F 03	Specify horizontal scroll mode
ESC % n	1B 25 n 1 ≤ n ≤ 3	Select/cancel user-defined character set
ESC & s n m	1B 26 s n m s=1, 32 ≤ n ≤ m ≤ 126	Define user-defined character set
ESC ? N	1B 3F n 32 ≤ n ≤ 126	Cancel user-defined characters



Command	Code Description (decimal)	Function Description
ESC R n	1B 52 n $0 \leq n \leq 13$	Select an international character set
ESC t n	1B 74 n	Select character code table
ESC W n m	1B 52 n m $1 \leq n \leq 4$ M=0, 1, 48, 49	Select/cancel window range
US C n	1F 43 n n=0, 1, 48, 49	Select/cancel cursor display
US E n	1F 45 n $0 \leq n \leq 255$	Set display screen blink interval
US T h m	1F 54 h m $0 \leq h \leq 23$ $0 \leq m \leq 59$	Set and display time counter
US U	1F 55	Display time counter
US X n	1F 58 n $1 \leq n \leq 4$	Brightness adjustment
US r n	1F 72 n n=0, 1, 48, 49	Select/cancel reverse characters
US v n	1F 76 n n=0, 1, 48, 49	Status confirmation by DRT signal
US @	1F 40	Execute self-test
US :	1F 3A	Start/end macro definition
US ^ n m	1F 5E n m $0 \leq n \leq 255$ $0 \leq m \leq 255$	Execute and quit macro