

# PC-250+

# SMD Taped Parts Counter Operator's Manual

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**Description:** Taping & Inspection Machines.

Model Number:PC 250+Specification:Parts CounterSerial Number/s:201XXXXXXXX

The following standards have either been referred to or been complied with in part or in full as relevant:

EN ISO 12100:2010 Safety of machinery - Safety of machinery - General principles for design -

Risk assessment and risk reduction

EN ISO 13849-1:2008 Safety of machinery - Safety Related Parts of Control Systems -

Part 1 General Principals for Design

EN ISO 13732-1:2008 Safety of machinery - Ergonomics of the thermal environment - Methods for

the assessment of human responses to contact with

surfaces

EN 614-1:2006+A1:2009 Safety of machinery - Ergonomic design principles - Part 1: Terminology and

general principles

EN 614-2:2000+A1:2008 Safety of machinery - Ergonomic design principles - Part 2: Interactions

between the design of machinery and work tasks

EN 953:1997+A1:2009 Machinery Safety - General requirements for the design and

construction of guards

EN 13850: 2008 Safety of machinery - Emergency-stop equipment, Principals for Design

EN 60204-1:2006/A1:2009 Safety of machinery - Electrical Equipment of Machines

EN ISO 11202/A1 1997 Acoustics - Noise emitted by machinery and equipment -

Determination of emission sound pressure levels at a

work station and at other specified positions.

EN 61000-6-3:2007 EMC - Generic standards - Emission standard for residential,

commercial and light-industrial environments

EN 61000-6-1: 2007 EMC - Generic standards - Immunity for residential,

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#### **Preface**

The PC-250+ SMD Taped Parts Counter is built with the following standard features:

- Accepts 7 inch and 13 inch reel diameters with standard equipment reel widths from 8 to 56 mm
- Bidirectional counting (will subtract count when the direction of tape travel is reversed)
- Accurate counting of surface mount devices in embossed or punched carrier tape, 2 mm pitch or larger
- Large stable base allows the unit to be used without securing it to the worktable surface
- All metal construction and an attachment point provide ESD protection for sensitive components
- Makes an ideal tape inspection platform in addition to its counting function
- Will not kink or bend tape
- Equipped with battery backup for operation away from AC power outlets

This User's Guide describes how to setup and operate the PC-250+ SMD Taped Parts Counter. It should be read and thoroughly understood before operating the machine.

#### **Theory of Operation**

The intended use of the PC-250+ SMD Taped Parts Counter is to count taped reels of individually sealed components. Use of this equipment in any other way is not recommended.

The operator loads a reel of taped parts to be counted on the right *Reel Spindle*. The tape is then fed between the *Idler Wheel* and the *Sprocket Wheel* and under the right side of the *Tape Guide*, ensuring the sprocket holes of the carrier tape are engaged with the *Sprocket Wheel* teeth. The *Tape Guide* is then adjusted to accommodate the tape width. The tape is positioned so the leading edge of the first component lines up with the index mark on the *Tape Guide*.

Once the tape is loaded, the tape pitch is determined and entered on the LED screen, resetting the count to zero.

The operator then loads an empty reel on the left *Take-up Spindle*. The tape is advanced by manually turning the left crank (Take-up side crank) until the tape can be attached to the *Take-up Reel Hub*.

The operator continues to advance the tape until the last component reaches the index mark on the *Tape Guide*. The number of parts counted is displayed on the *LED Display*. When the entire reel has been counted, the carrier tape is rewound onto the original reel by manually turning the right crank (Feed side crank).

#### **Machine Details**

#### **Operating Temperature**

0 Degrees Celsius to + 60 Degrees Celsius

Although all of the components used on the machine will withstand the temperature range of 0 degrees Celsius to +60 degrees Celsius, such temperature may decrease the life of some of the components. The recommended rating is 0 degrees Celsius to +50 degrees Celsius.

#### Humidity

5% to 90% non-condensing

#### **Physical Specifications**

Height: 12 inches (30 cm) Width: 30 inches (76 cm)

Depth: 16 inches (40 cm)

Weight: 14.5 pounds (6.4 kg)

#### **Power Required**

• 120/230 VAC, 50-60 Hz

Four AA batteries allow portability

#### **Intended Use**

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#### **Operating Environment**

The PC-250+ is designed to be operated in a temperature controlled, light, industrial setting. The machine should be installed on a flat, dry, stable surface in a well lit area (ambient lighting of 200 to 300 Lux (Lumens/m2).

The recommended climate is between 5 - 90% non-condensing humidity with a room temperature between 0 - 50 degrees Celsius.

**Note**: Although all of the components used on the machine will withstand the temperature range of 0 to 60 degrees Celsius, such temperature may decrease the life of some of the components.

The intended electrical environment is Pollution Degree 2 and Over Voltage Category II.

#### **Misuse**

The user is protected from moving parts and exposure to objects being ejected under pressure by metal enclosures. The PC-250+ should never be operated with these enclosures removed.

#### **Safety Precautions**

#### **General Precautions**

Only qualified personnel with the proper technical training, experience working on this type of equipment, and awareness of the possible hazards should perform maintenance on the PC-250+.

The PC-250+ should be installed on a level and stable surface before any operation or maintenance is performed.

Observe the following safety precautions when working with the PC-250+.



#### Maintenance

Always disconnect the power source from the machine before removing access panels to perform any maintenance required. Please refer to Chapter 1 of this manual before performing maintenance on the machine.



#### **ACReceptacle**

Connect the power cord to the machine before plugging it into an outlet.

#### **Contact Information**

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For customer service, please refer to the Customer Service Contact Sheet at the back of this manual.

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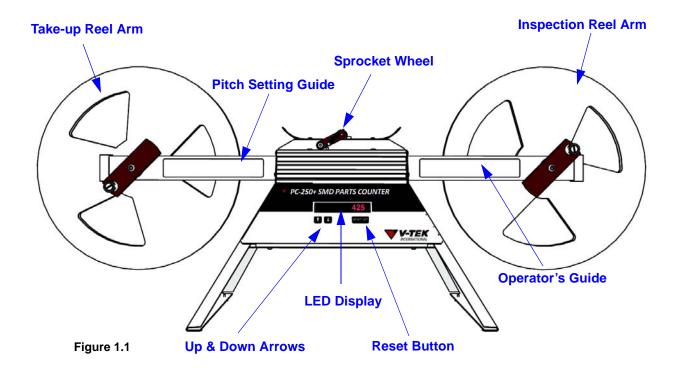
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# **Chapter I: Operator's Instructions**

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#### Overview of the PC-250+

#### **Front View**



#### **Back View**

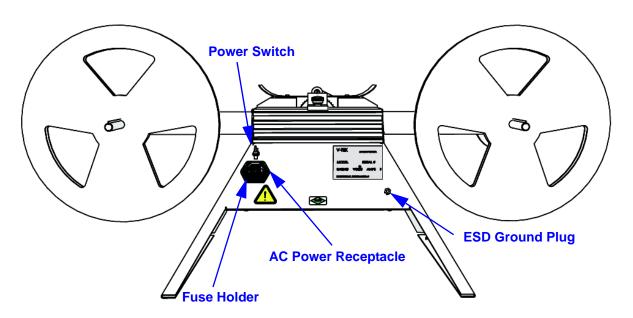
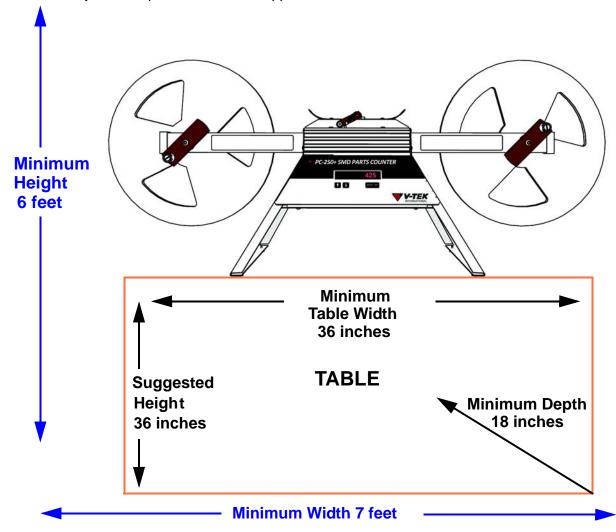


Figure 1.2

Overview of the PC-250+ 61572324.fm

#### Preparing the Work Area

The PC-250+ is a table-top machine which needs to be placed on a flat, stable surface in a well lit area that is a minimum of 6' high x 7' wide x 4'deep (2m x 2.2m x 1.3m). When positioning the PC-250+, choose an area that is not located below overhead gantries, walkways or power lines to ensure objects or liquids cannot be dropped on the machine from overhead.



Choose a table that is at least 36" wide by 18" deep to provide sufficient space for the assembled machine when it is fully loaded with a variety of tape reel sizes.

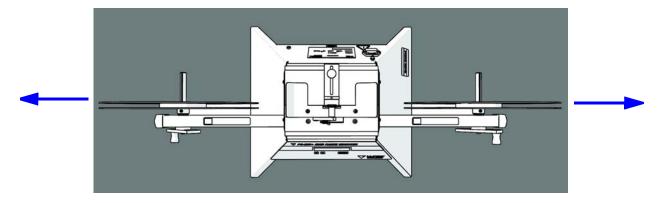
Ideally the table height should be adjustable so the machine height can be easily adjusted to suit operators of varying heights. The objective is to position the PC-250+ controls so they are easily accessible for operation and maintenance. The suggested level is 36" (900 mm) above the floor, but this may vary from one operator to another.

The table's working surface should have a slope of no more than 5 degrees and be capable of supporting a load of 30 pounds (14 kg).

61572324.fm Preparing the Work Area

When loading, unloading or running the PC-250+, the operator should stand in front of the machine to assure easy access. This position also allows the operator to view all parts of the PC-250+ while it is in operation.

Allow at least 24" clearance at the front and sides of the machine for easy access and operation. (Pictured in the overhead view below.)



Allow 24 inches clearance on front and sides.

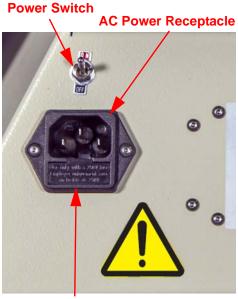


The PC-250+ will also require access to a 120/230 VAC, 50-60 Hz power supply. Locate the machine so electrical power cables can be routed away from areas where personnel are expected to move. It is recommended that cables be routed overhead or underground. If cables must be routed over the floor, cover them with rubber ramps.

#### **Getting Started**

#### **Initial Power-up**

Power is applied to the PC-250+ when an AC power cord to plugged into the AC power receptacle found on the back panel of the parts counter and the power switch is turned on. The PC-250+ is grounded through the AC power cord. AC power is fused using (2) 5mm x 20mm 1 amp fuses installed in the holder located directly beneath the AC power plug.



**Fuse Holder** 

#### **Battery Power**

The PC-250+ is also equipped with battery backup power so that the counter can be operated away from an AC outlet. The battery access panel is located on the bottom panel of the counter. It required four standard AA batteries. The estimated length of the battery backup is forty-eight hours of continuous operation.



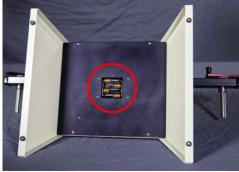


Figure 1.4

#### Pitch Setting Display

Each time the PC-250+ is powered up, the current counting pitch will be displayed for three seconds. Then the PC-250+ will display a count of zero. It is then ready to begin counting reels using the pitch that was displayed.

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#### **Operation**

#### **Determining the Carrier Tape Pitch**

The pitch of a carrier tape is the distance from the center of one pocket to the center of the next pocket. Follow the steps below to determine the pitch.

- 1. Hold the free end of the carrier tape over one of the Pitch Setting Guides which are located on the counter's reel support arm. Position the center of the first pocket over the (0) mark.
- 2. Note which of the numbered lines appears at the center of the next pocket after the first. This number is the pitch value of the carrier tape.
- 3. If the pitch is different from the current pitch setting on the parts counter, enter the new pitch value by following the steps below. If the pitch setting does not need to be adjusted, proceed to the Preparing to Count a Reel section on the next page.



#### Setting the Counting Pitch of the PC-250+

- 1. Once the pitch of the carrier tape has been determined, press and hold the **RESET** button on the PC-250+. Release the button after two beeps have sounded.
- 2. The current pitch setting will be displayed on the LED Display. This value can be increased or decreased using the UP and DOWN Arrow buttons.
- 3. Once the desired pitch setting is reached, press the RESET button again to save the setting into the counter's memory. The PC-250+ will beep twice again to notify the operator that the new pitch setting was saved. The count will be reset to zero and the LED display will return to displaying the current parts count.

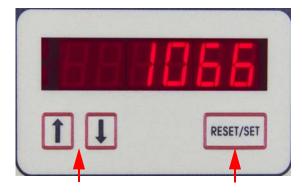


Figure 1.6

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#### Preparing to Count a Reel

- 1. Loosen the adjustment knob on the tape adjuster guide and slide the tape adjuster guide back towards the rear of the counter to allow ample room for the width of the carrier tape.
- 2. Place an empty take-up reel onto the left reel spindle and the reel to be counted onto the right reel spindle.
- 3. Lift the idler wheel from the sprocket wheel. Then feed the carrier tape under the right side of the tape guide and engage the sprocket holes of the carrier tape with the teeth of the sprocket wheel. Replace the idler wheel to secure the carrier tape onto the sprocket wheel.



Figure 1.7

Idler Wheel

4. Once the carrier tape is positioned securely, slide the tape adjuster guide forwards until the edge of the carrier is in the groove of the tape guide but has enough play to move through the quide freely. Tighten the adjustment knob to secure the tape adjuster guide in place.

#### Counting a Reel

- 1. Position the tape with the leading edge of the first component lined up with the index mark on the top of the tape adjuster guide.
- 2. Press the RESET button on the front panel to zero the current count.
- 3. Advance the tape by turning the left (Take-up) crank until the leading end is far enough to reach the hub of the take-up reel and attach it.
- 4. Continue advancing the carrier tape through the counter onto the take-up reel until the last component reaches the index mark on the tape guide. The number of parts that have passed the index mark will be displayed on the LED display.
- 5. When finished with counting the reel, rewind the carrier tape back onto the original reel by turning the right (Feed Reel) crank.

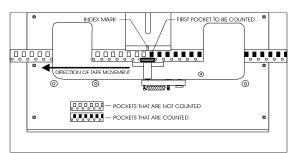
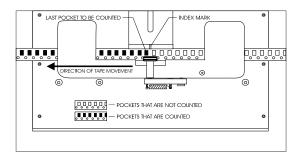


Figure 1.8



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#### **Counter Calibration Procedure**

It is recommended that the PC-250+ be calibrated once a year.

#### **Making Calibration Reels**

Two reels of known quantity must be made to use as calibration standards. The recommended calibration standards are two reels of empty carrier tape that are 600 pockets in length. it is also recommended that two calibration reels with different pitch settings be prepared. Follow this procedure to make the calibration reels:

- 1. Mark one pocket of empty carrier tape about 36 inches in from the end.
- 2. Manually count 600 pockets, including the marked pocket, and then put a mark on the 600th pocket.
- 3. Have the count verifying manually by another person. Do not use the counter for verification.
- 4. Trim the tape off at about 36 inches past the second mark.
- 5. Wind the tape onto the reel and label the reel as a "Counter Calibration Reel of 600 Pockets."

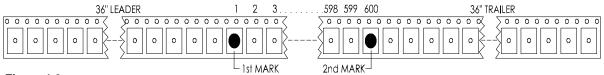


Figure 1.9

#### **Count the Calibration Reels**

Count both of the calibration reels that were made for calibration, using the same method as described in the Operation section of this chapter. Use the reference marks on the calibration reels as the start and stop points.

#### Certify Calibration

The counter module must display the exact value of the calibration standard for calibration to be successful. If calibration is successful, the counter should be marked with a calibration sticker in accordance with the policies of the company performing the calibration. This should apply to both calibration reels.

#### **Errors**

If the displayed value is incorrect, perform the calibration procedure again to make sure there was no error in the first procedure. If the value is still incorrect, manually recount the calibration standard to make sure there is no error in the value of the standard. If an error is found, perform the calibration procedure again. If the displayed value is still incorrect and no errors are found in the standard or the procedure, the counter must be repaired.

#### **Optional Items**

#### PC-250+ Extended Arms

The extender arms are an option for the PC-250+ Parts Counter. They are designed to accommodate bulk carrier tape reels up to 22 inches in diameter. It is a simple process to install the extended arms to the standard PC-250+. Follow this procedure to install the extended arms:

- 1. Remove the black rubber end caps from the ends of the standard PC-250+ reel support arms.
- 2. Loosen the bolt on the extender arm at the location marked by the arrow.
- 3. Attach the extender arm, making sure to line up the frames of the two arms and tighten both bolts securely.
- 4. Repeat this procedure for the other arm.

#### Pen Holder

The pen holder option for the PC-250+ is designed to hold a pen above the carrier tape to be used for marking the top surface of the cover tape.

There are two types of pens the pen holder is designed to use: the Pentel white marker with a fine tip (#10316) or a Pilot silver marker.

Follow this procedure to setup the pen holder for use:

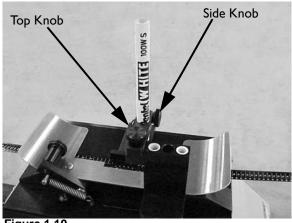


Figure 1.10

- 1. Place the pen into the pen holder. Turn the side knob to clamp the pen into place.
- 2. Adjust the height using the side knob so that when the pen holder is pushed down, the pen tip will touch the top surface of the cover tape. The top knob can be adjusted to move the pen in and out of the holder.

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#### **Maintenance Instructions**

The PC-250+ is designed to require very little maintenance. The tape path and the area under the tape guide should be cleaned with a soft-bristled brush to remove accumulated dust and debris on an as needed basis. No other maintenance is required.

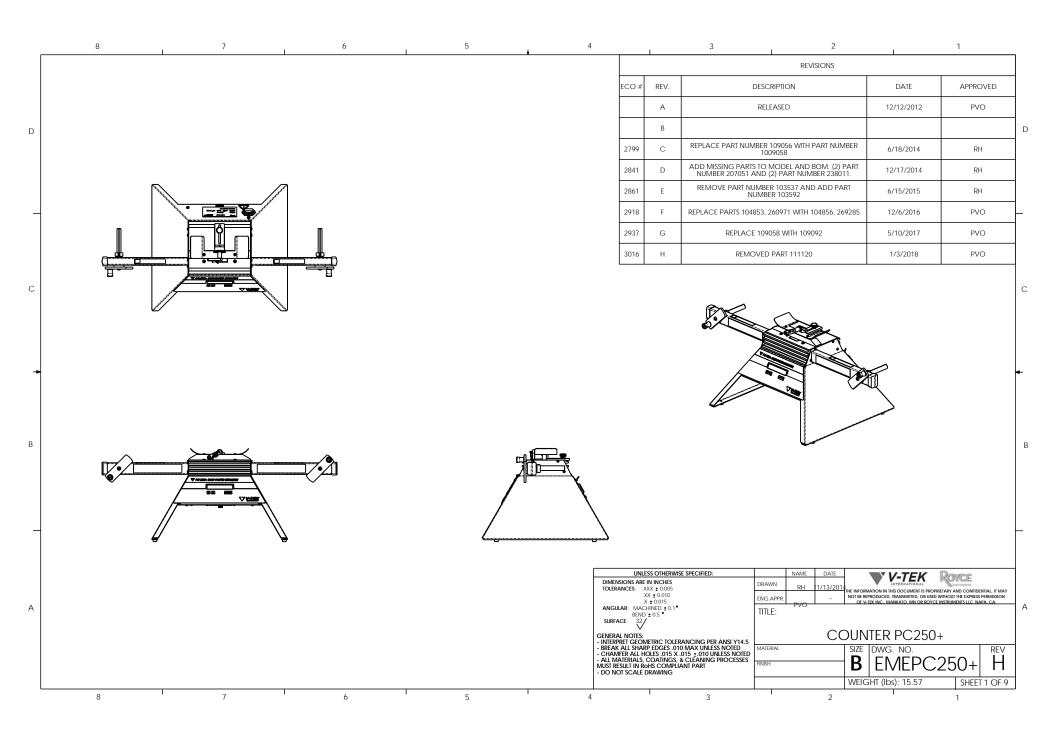
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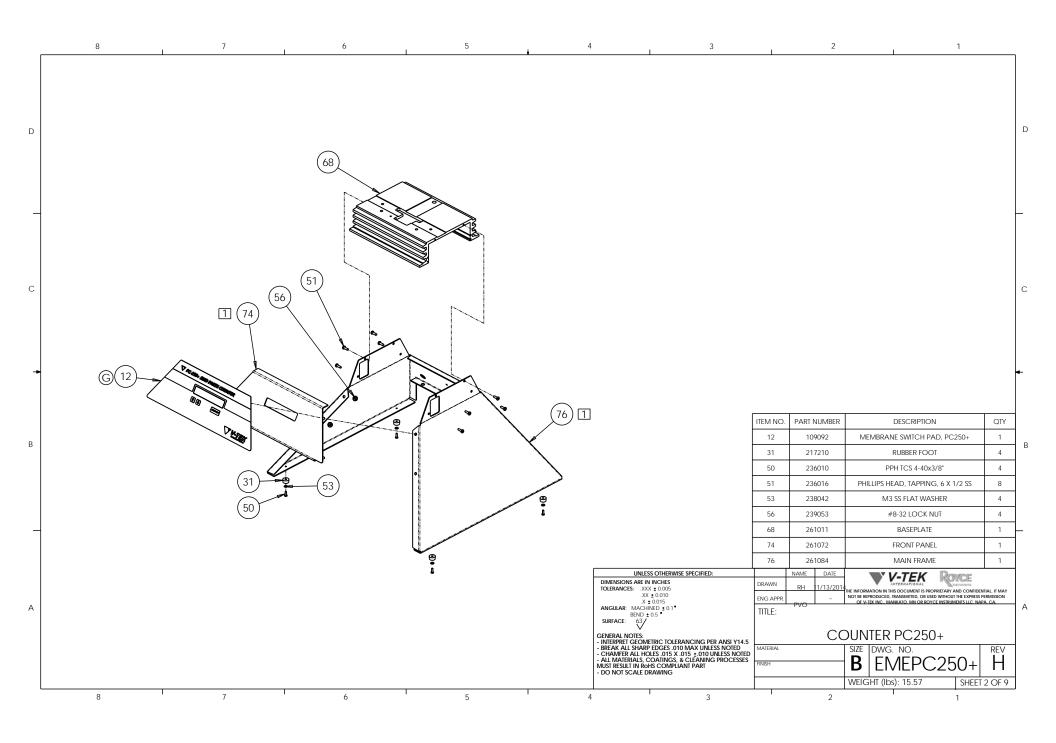
If any problems are encountered while using the PC-250+, contact your V-TEK service representative, referring to the Customer Service Contact sheet located at the back of this manual.

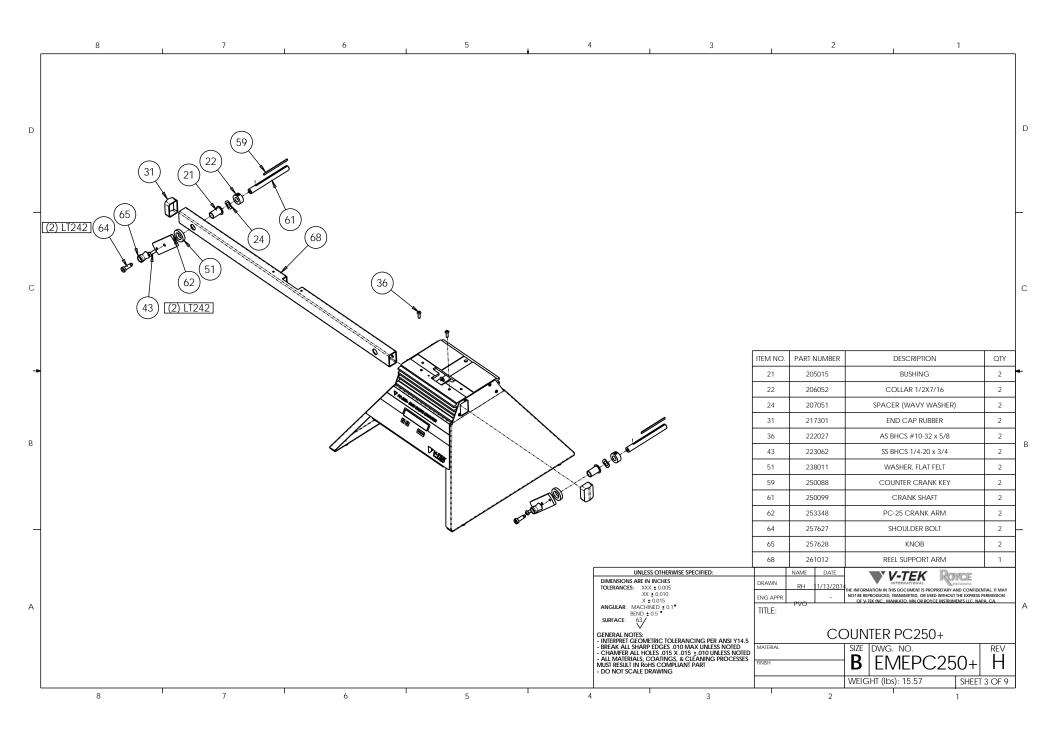
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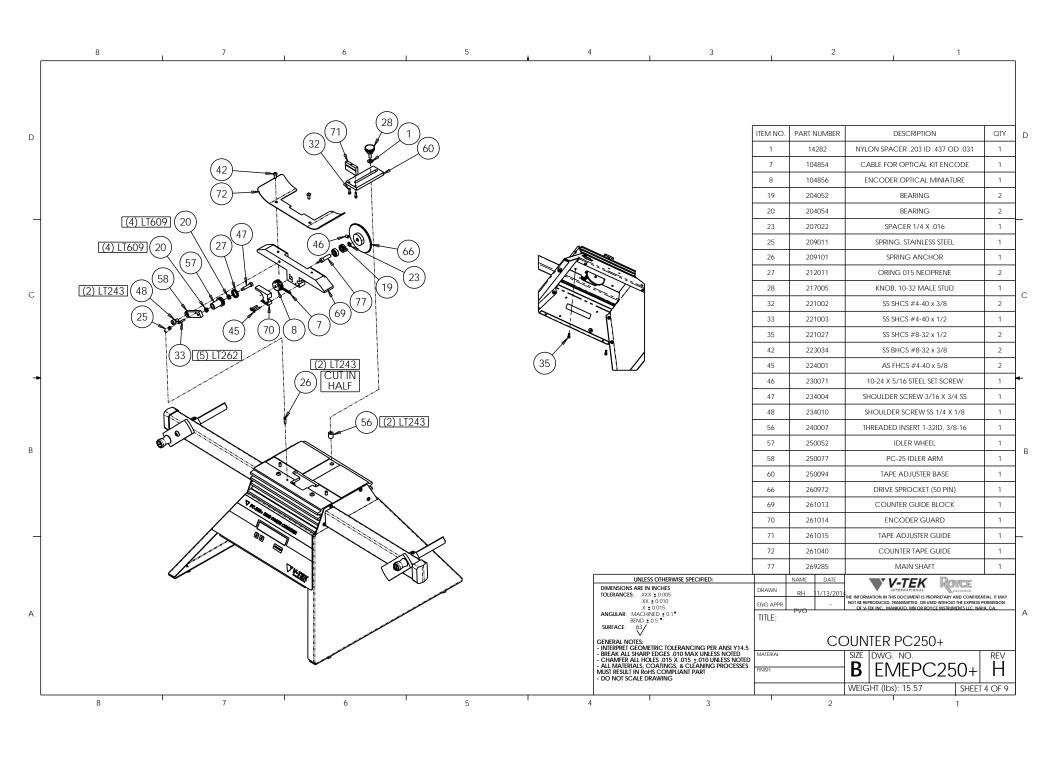
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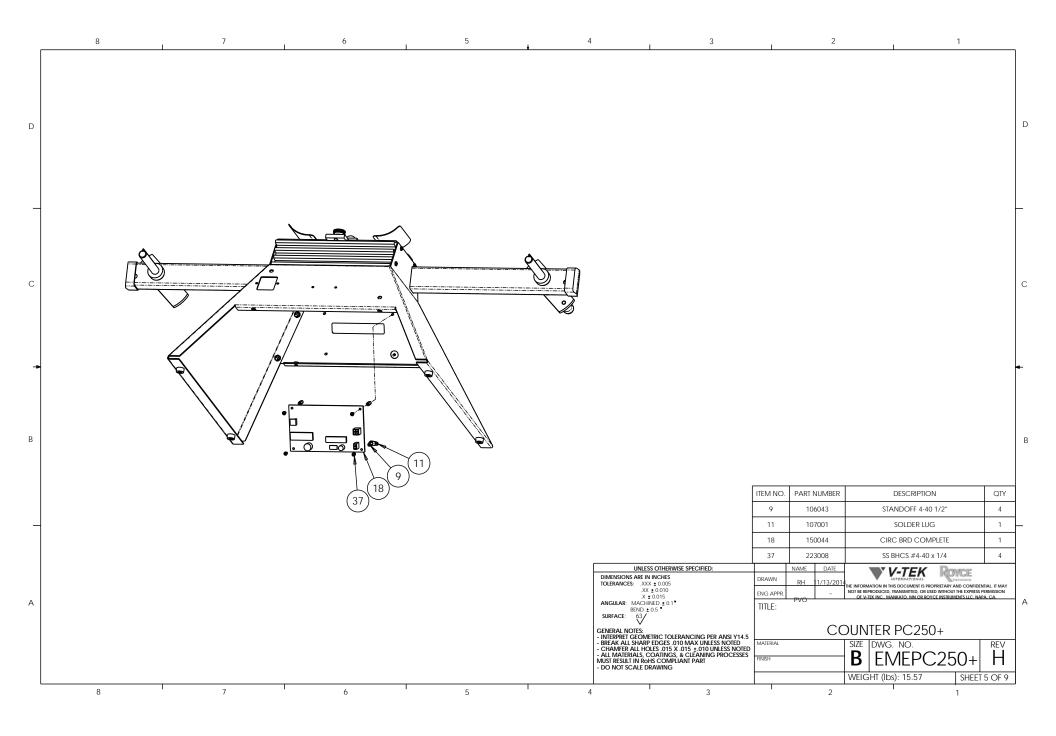
| Part Number | Description                          | Quantity |
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| 102515      | On/Off switch                        | 1        |
| 103592      | Power supply                         | 1        |
| 104853      | Miniature optical encoder            | 1        |
| 104856      | Cable for optical encoder            | 1        |
| 105405      | Firmware & chip                      | 1        |
| 109092      | Membrane Keypad                      | 1        |
| 111169      | Pitch Decal                          | 2        |
| 150044      | Circuit board (needs firmware)       | 1        |
| 250088      | Counter crank key                    | 2        |
| 261040      | Counter tape guide                   | 1        |
| 290605      | Drive Idler Assembly (Includes items | s below) |
| 204054      | Bearing                              | , 2      |
| 209011      | Spring                               | 1        |
| 212011      | O-ring                               | 2        |
| 234004      | Shoulder screw 3/16x3/4              | 1        |
| 234010      | Shoulder screw 1/4x1/8               | 1        |
| 250052      | Idler wheel                          | 1        |
| 250077      | Idler arm                            | 1        |
|             | Drive Sprocket Assembly              |          |
| 204052      | Bearing                              | 2        |
| 207022      | Spacer 1/4x.016                      | 1        |
| 260971      | Main shaft                           | 1        |
| 260972      | Drive sprocket 50 pin                | 1        |
|             | Tape Guide Assembly                  |          |
| 217005      | Knob                                 | 1        |
| 250094      | Tape adjuster base                   | 1        |
| 261015      | Tape adjuster guide                  | 1        |

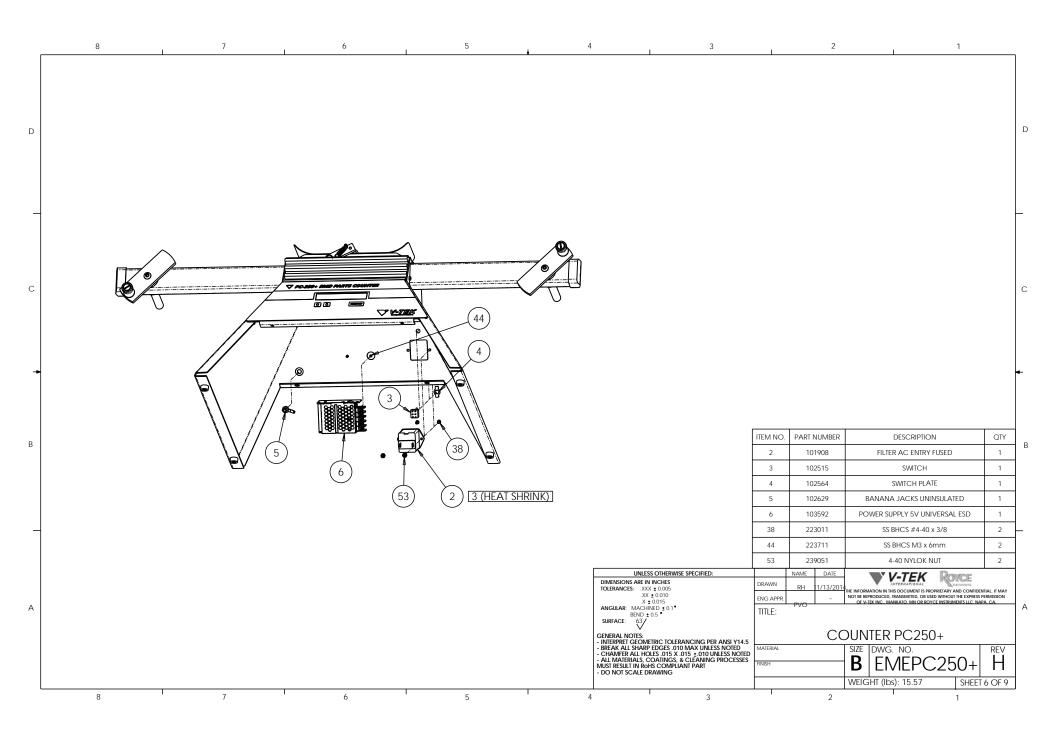


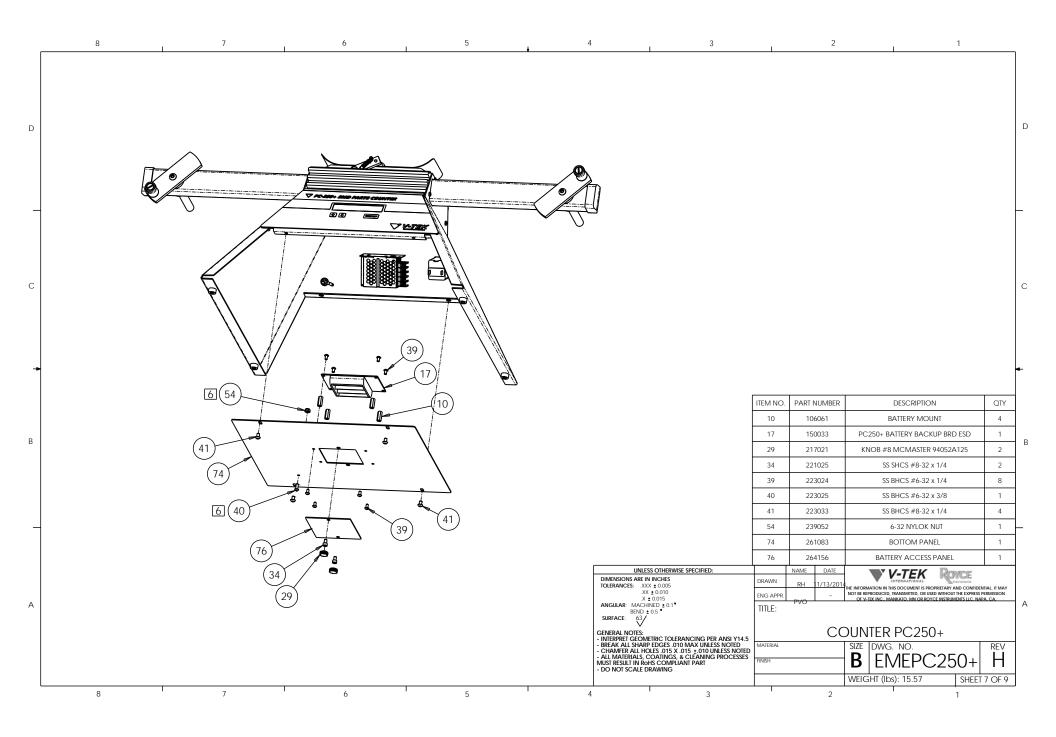


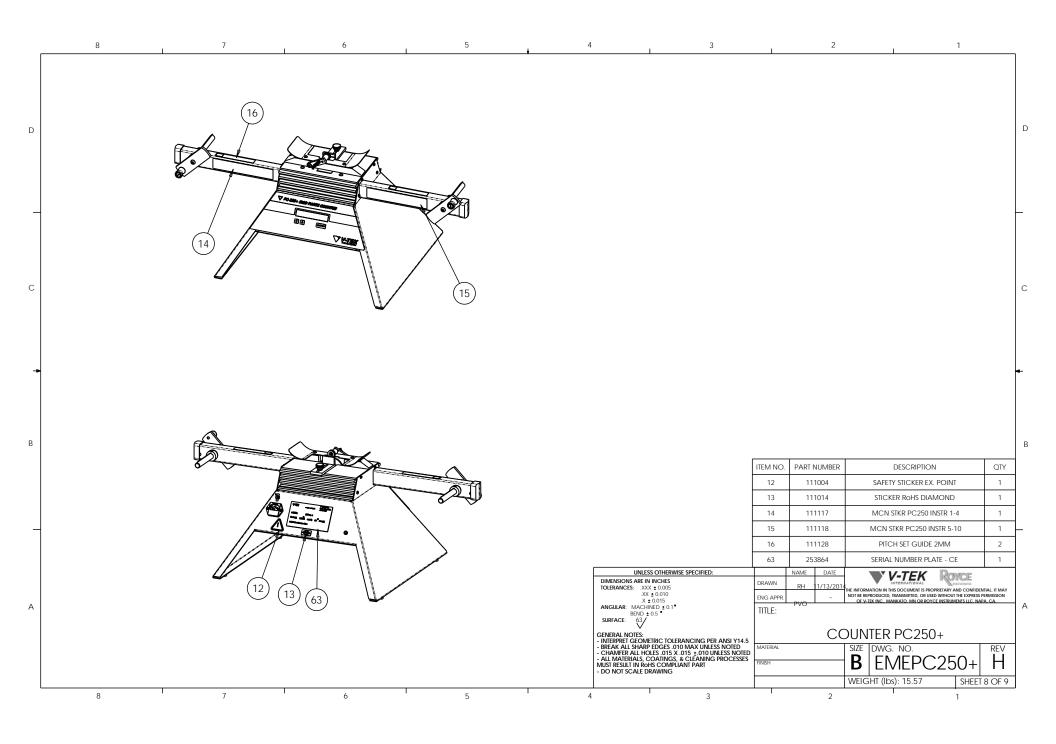














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Please provide the machine model and serial numbers with all inquiries.

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- 2. All integrated products purchased by V-TEK and integrated on to V-TEK equipment shall be covered in accordance with the manufacturer's pass through warranty and limited in costs equal to the amount of the manufacturer's pass through warranty.
- 3. V-TEK's obligation under this warranty applies only to the original Customer and commences when V-TEK is notified of name, address of Customer, and date of receipt of equipment.
- 4. During the warranty period, V-TEK will replace any defective non-consumable parts returned for that purpose to the designated V-TEK Replacement Parts Center or at V-TEK's option, refund original cost of equipment.
- 5. Authorization to return Articles purchased from V-TEK must be obtained by Customer before return shipping commences.
- 6. Credit may be granted, less an appropriate restocking charge of 15 to 20% of invoice amount, depending on the reason for the return and condition of the Articles.
- 7. Returns should always be carefully packed in original shipping carton and sent via ground service. V-TEK does not assume any liability for damage incurred during shipment.
- 8. For the first 30 days that you own your V-TEK product, V-TEK will be responsible for ground shipments to and from V-TEK's facility in Mankato, MN, U.S.A. or its designate. For the remainder of your warranty V-TEK will pay freight for returning your product to you after its repair.
- 9. Customer shall bear all charges for customs duty fees or freight above the ground rate or for articles returned which are not defective.
- 10. Collect shipments will not be accepted.
- 11. Insurance coverage during shipping is the responsibility of the Customer. V-TEK does not assume any liability for damage incurred during shipment.
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