

User's Manual

Portable Data Collector Series



Revision History

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1.0	05/01/2013	Initial release
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Battery Information

- Use only a ZEBEX approved batteries.
- Using any other type of battery and charging equipment may damage the device and invalidate the warranty.
- Store batteries at half of full charge in a dry, cool place, removed from the equipment to prevent loss of capacity, rusting of metallic parts and electrolyte leakage.
- When batteries are stored over six (6) months, some irreversible deterioration in overall battery quality may occur.
- When storing batteries for over a year, the charge level should be verified at least once every 6 months and charged to half of full charge.

Battery Safety

- The area in which the units are charged should be clear of debris and combustible materials or chemicals. Particular care should be taken where the device is charged in a non-commercial environment.
- Follow battery usage, storage, and charging guidelines found in the user guide.
- Improper battery use may result in a fire, explosion, or other hazard.
- To charge the device battery, the battery and charger temperature must be between 0°C~+45°C
- Do not use incompatible batteries and chargers. Use of an incompatible battery or charger may present a risk of fire, explosion, leakage, or the hazard.
- Do not disassemble or open, crush, bend or deform, puncture, or shred.
- Severe impact from dropping any battery-operated device on a hard surface could cause the battery to overheat.
- Do not short circuit a battery or allow metallic or conductive objects to contact the battery terminals.
- Do not modify or remanufacture, attempt to insert foreign objects into the battery, immerse or expose to water or other liquids, or expose to fire, explosion, or other hazard.
- Do not leave or store the equipment in or near areas that might get very hot, such as in a parked vehicle or near a radiator or other heat source. Do not place battery into a microwave oven or dryer.
- Battery usage by children should be supervised.
- Please follow local regulations to promptly dispose of used re-chargeable batteries.
- Do not dispose of batteries in fire.

- Seek medical advice immediately if a battery has been swallowed. In the event of a battery leak, do not allow the liquid to come in contact with the skin or eyes. If contact has been made, wash the affected area with large amounts of water and seek medical advice.
- Do not short the battery terminals. The battery could overheat.
- Do not attempt to split or peel the outer casing.

Battery Maintenance

These are recommendations to extend the life of the battery pack:

- When charging the battery for the first time, charge for at least 12 hours prior to use.
- Remove the battery if the device is not going to be used for a long time. If the battery is left unused for more than 3 months, you need to charge the battery before use.
- If the battery is not installed, recharge the battery every 6 months to prevent damage to the battery cells.
- The battery capacity is reduced at temperature extremes, high and low.

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Introduction

With simplicity in mind, Z-9000 is built for mobility and performance. It is highly reliable and smartly designed for all data collecting applications.

Features

- Simple, easy to understand interface
- Transflective LCD for a wide working condition
- No programming background required
- 10 menus + 10 forms + 3 lookup for maximum flexibility
- Application Simulator

PC System Requirement

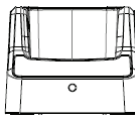
- Windows XP Service Pack 2 or above
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.01 or later
- Microsoft Framework 2.0

Package Contents

Items contain in the package may vary depending on the model of the data collector.



Data Collector



Cradle



Li-ion Battery



USB Cable



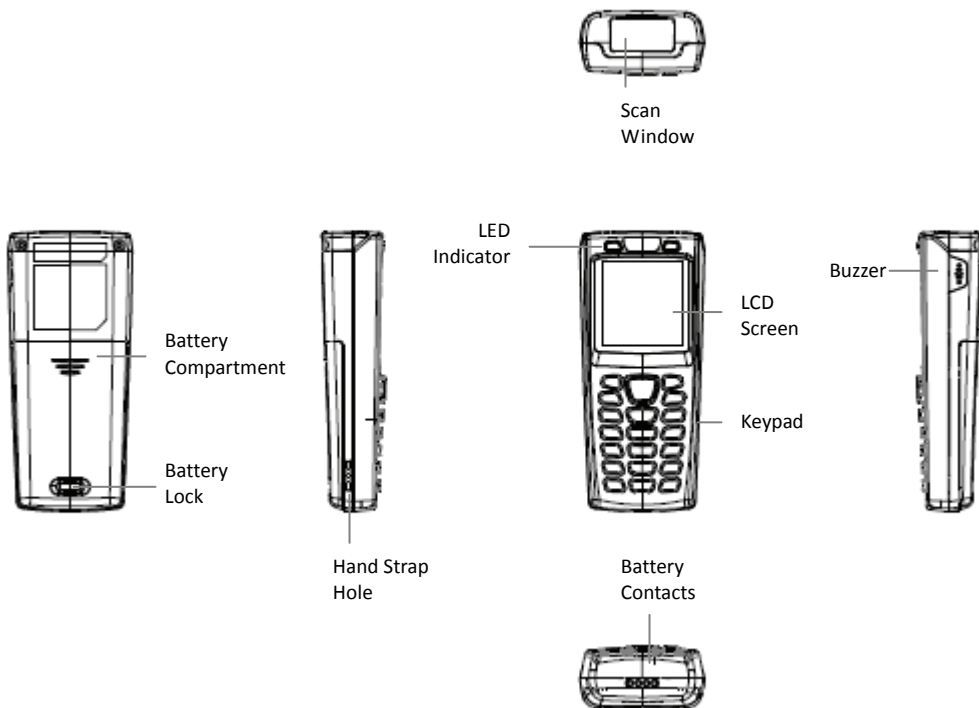
Power Adapter



Hand Strap

Overview

Refer to the following illustrations to familiarize yourself with the data collector.



Description	Function
Scan Window	Emits a red beam for barcode reading
Battery Compartment	Batteries are stored here
Battery Lock	Secures the battery compartment
Hand Strap Hole	Used to attach hand straps
LED Indicator	Indicates reading status: Red for scanning error such as wrong data type or no data match and green for good read
LCD Screen	Display various data when a program is being run
Keypad	A total of 21 keys are provided to the power and other function keys
Battery Contacts	For charging battery
Buzzer	Emits audible indication sounds

Device Information

Battery

Main Battery: Li-ion battery pack 3.7V 1150mA

Battery Life: 150 hrs (Laser/CCD version, based on one scan per 5 secs)

Backup battery: Lithium battery 3.0V 15mAh

Charging current: 500mA (MAX)

Auto charger off timer: 6.2 hrs

Memory

8MB FLASH ROM

4MB SRAM (with ability to data retentions)

Keypad

21 keys alpha / numeric (include Power and SCAN key) with white back light

LCD Screen

LCD type: 128 x 128 graphic mono FSTN LCD

LCD backlight: LED White

View Area: 43.0 x 42.8mm

Font size: 8 * 15 pixels

Characters by lines: 16 characters by 8 lines

LED Status

1 green color LED and 1 red color LED for indications.

Data Capture

This table gives the default settings of the symbologies.

Symbology	Default
Codabar	Enable
Code 39	Enable
Code 93	Enable
Code 128	Enable
Code 11	Disable
Italian Pharmacode	Disable
Chinese Post Code	Disable
Interleaved 2 of 5	Enable
EAN / UPC	Enable
MSI	Disable
Telepen Parameter	Disable
Industrial 2 of 5	Disable
Standard 2 of 5	Disable
Matrix 2 of 5	Disable
GS1 Databar	Disable

Symbology	Code ID Default
Codabar	N
Code 39	M
Code 93	L
Code 128	K
Code 11	O
Chinese Post Code	H
Interleaved 2 of 5	I
EAN-13	F
UPC-A	A
UPC-E	E
EAN-8	FF
MSI	P
Industrial 2 of 5	D
Standard 2 of 5	S
Matrix 2 of 5	G
GS1 Databar	RS
GS1 Databar Expanded	RX
GS1 Databar Limited	RL

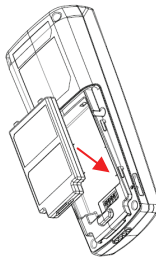
Symbology	Barcode Length
Codabar Code 11 Industrial 2 of 5 Standard 2 of 5 Matrix 2 of 5	Maximum:32 Minimim:6
Code 39 Code 93 Code 128	Maximum:62 Minimim:3
	Maximum:62 Minimim:3
	Maximum:62 Minimim:3
Chinese Post Code	Maximum:16 Minimim:10
Interleaved 2 of 5 MSI	Maximum:32 Minimim:4
	Maximum:32 Minimim:4
GS1 Databar GS1 Databar Limited	Maximum:14 Minimim:14
GS1 Databar Expanded	Maximum:48 Minimim:6

Getting Started

Refer to the following illustrations to learn the basics of the data collector in this section.

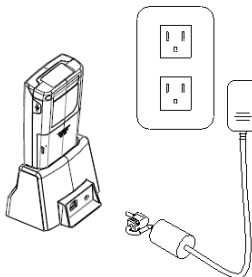
Inserting Battery

1. Push the lock lever to unlock the battery lock.
2. Remove the battery cover from the data collector.
3. Insert the battery with the top side in first then the side with battery contact. The battery is held in place by a small lock on the bottom of the compartment. Push the battery in until it clicks into place.
4. Slide the battery cover back on to secure the battery.



Charging the Battery

1. Place Z-9000 on the cradle.
2. Connect the power adapter to the cradle and to a wall outlet.
3. Battery status on the LCD screen indicates that your battery is charging.



Installation

Follow the instructions below to install ZAC driver on your computer.

1. Connect the device to your computer via USB cradle.
2. A window appears in the bottom right-hand corner of Windows that says "Found new hardware". In a few seconds a "Found New Hardware Wizard" window opens up. Double click the found new hardware icon to pull up the window if it does not appear automatically. Select "No, not this time" to continue.
3. Click "Next" to continue installation.
4. Click "Install from a list or specific location (Advanced)" and click "Next".
5. Check the "Include this location" option and use "Browse" to locate the driver in your computer. Click "Next" to go to the next step.
6. Click "Next" and "Finish" when the installation is done.

Power on the Device

Press and hold the power button to turn the power on or off.



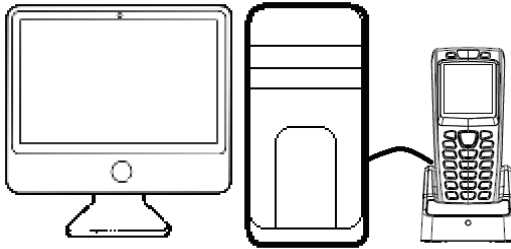
Connecting to PC

To use the software supplied with the data collector, it must be connected to a PC.

Connecting via Cradle

To connect the data collector to a PC via cradle:

1. Place the data collector on the cradle and connect the cradle to PC using the USB cable.



2. The PC should auto-detect the device as a COM device and ask for the driver when connecting the first time.
3. Please download and install the driver from ZEBEX website. The system should assign a COM port to the device after the driver installation.
 - Connect the power adapter to the cradle when necessary.
 - Make sure the unit is turned on after the cable is connected.
 - Check the COM and LPT section in the device manager for the assigned COM port. The data collector should appear as a virtual com device.

Running the Device on PC

1. Install and run ZAC on your PC.
2. Make sure the virtual COM port driver is installed.
3. Run any connection program on ZAC. For more details please see the ZAC User's Manual.
4. Check the device manager on your PC for the COM port and set the same value in ZAC Setting to connect the device.

Loading Application from PC

1. Follow the previous instructions to connect the data collector.
2. Select "3.Utilities/6.Application" on the data collector.
3. Select "Send Application" in ZAC.

Loading Lookup table from PC

1. Follow the previous instructions to connect the data collector.
2. Select "3.Utilities" and "9.Load Lookup" on the data collector.
3. Select "Send Lookup" in ZAC.

Resetting the Device

1. Press and hold the ▼ and ▲ buttons then press the Power button.
2. Release the Power button when you see the reset message on the screen.
3. All settings will reset to the default values.

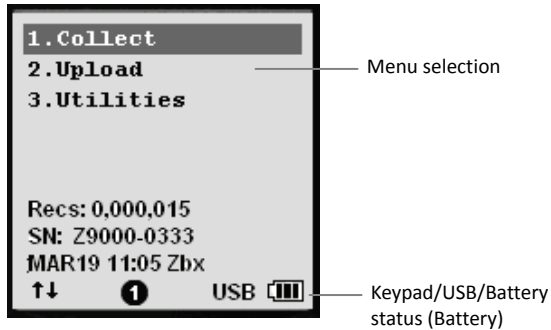


Uploading Data

1. Follow the previous instructions to connect the data collector.
2. Select "2. Upload" from the menu screen to start uploading data.
3. Select the data to be uploaded in the next screen and press enter or press ESC to exit.
4. Select Transfer/Direct-Link Data Transfer in Zac to start upload.

Working with Menus

- Press the ▼ or ▲ buttons or the number keys to move the cursor to the desired option.
- Press the Enter key to enter the menu option.
- Press ESC to go to the previous screen.



Menu Screen

Menu Description

Menu	Description
Collect	Select this option to start recording data. You can scan barcodes or enter the data manually.
Upload	Select this option to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upload Data file ● Upload lookup file ● Upload all files 1 by 1 ● Upload all files as append

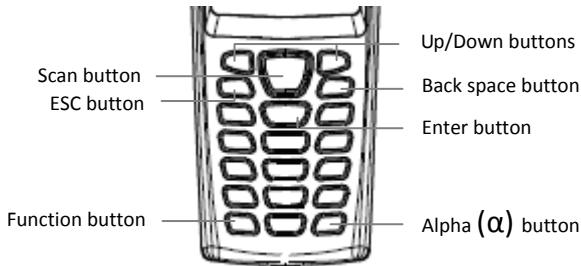
<p>Task Utility</p>	<p>Select this option for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Settings 2. Browse Data 3. Delete Data 4. Reader Test 5. Set Date/Time 6. Load Application 7. Memory & Power 8. Calculator 9. Load Lookup (when lookup is available this option becomes option 8 and calculator becomes option 9)
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Using the Data Collector

Refer to the following section to learn how to use the data collector.

Scanning and Keying in Data

The keypad includes alphanumeric, assorted characters, navigation and function buttons.



Scanning the Barcode Data

1. Power on the device and select "1.Collect" to enter scanner mode. Press and hold the yellow SCAN button. A light beam will be activated and shoot out from the window at the lower front end of the data collector. Please see the Run Task section in the User's Manual for more details.



2. Aim the beam at the barcode to be scanned. A beep will be given and the beam will disappear if the data scanned has been successfully decoded by the data collector. The decoded message will then be displayed in the LCD.
3. The scanned data will be stored as soon as the SCAN button is released, and the next barcode is ready to be scanned.

Keying in Data via keypad

Inputting Numerical Data

- To input numerical data, press the corresponding keys.
- To save the input data, press Enter after the data is input.
- To delete the data, press the Back space button.

Inputting an alphabetical character

- To input an alphabetical character, first find the appropriate key. The following table displays the numerical keys and their corresponding alphabetical characters.
- Press the key, and the numerical character corresponding to the key will be displayed. Pressing the α key to switch between alphabetical and numeric entry. A "1" or "A" or "a" appears on the screen indicating the current mode.
- When in the alphabetical entry modes "A" or "a", press the keys repeatedly until the desired character is approached.

Keypad	Corresponding Characters							
2	A	B	C	a	b	c		
3	D	E	F	d	e	f		
4	G	H	I	g	h	i		
5	J	K	L	j	k	l		
6	M	N	O	m	n	o		
7	P	Q	R	S	p	q	r	s
8	T	U	V	t	u	v		
9	W	X	Y	Z	w	x	y	z
0	/	*						
1	Space							
-	+	\$						
.	%	#						

Working with Utilities

Select "3.Utilities" from the menu screen to begin working with included utilities. The utilities menu includes the following options:

Settings

Settings allow you to manage and view the system parameters. Use the ▼ or ▲ buttons to move the cursor and press enter to select the value.

Setting	Value	Function
Upload Port	Cradle-USB IrDA Modem Ethernet	View the communication setting for uploading
Download Port	Cradle-USB IrDA Modem	View the communication setting for downloading
Baud Rate	9600 19200 38400 57600 115200	View the baud rate for connection
Backlight	Turn B/L off, Turn B/L on	Turn the backlight on or off
Data Deletion	Manual Automatic No	Decide data deletion mode
Entry Option	No Prompt Show Count Show Data	Decide what to show after an entry. You can also set the prompt time by entering a number
Buzzer	Key Click Barcode Read Warning Beep	In Key Click, select tone1~5 or mute for the key sound and select one to three beeps or mute for the Barcode Read and Warning Beep
View Settings	System parameters	All the system parameters set are displayed here
Cursor Mode	Disable Cursor Fixed Cursor Blink Cursor	Decide the cursor mode for data input

Browse Data

Inputted data and the data in lookup can be viewed here.

1. Select "3.Utilities" and "2.Browse Data" from the menu.
2. Select "Date File" or a "Lookup" to view the information.
3. In "Date File", press the function key + "8" to edit data and press the function key + "9" to delete data.

Delete Data

Use this option to delete inputted data.

1. Select "3.Utilities" and "3.Delete Data" from the menu.
2. Select "Date File" or a "Lookup" to delete data.
3. Select "All data" to delete all inputted data or "Last one" to delete the last inputted data.
4. Select "Cancel" to exit.

Reader Test

Use this option to identify the type of the barcode scanned.

1. Select "3.Utilities" and "4.Reader Test" from the menu.
2. Press the scan button to scan a barcode.
3. The barcode information displays on the screen.

Set Date/Time

Use this option to set the date and time for the device.

1. Select "3.Utilities" and "5.Set Date/Time" from the menu.
2. Press "1" to enter the calendar screen or "2" to enter the time screen.
3. Use the numeric keys or the ▼ or ▲ keys to set the correct date and time.

Load Application

This option enables you to load the settings you configured on ZAC to the device.

1. Follow the previous instructions to connect the data collector.
2. Select "3.Utilities" and "6.Load Application" on the data collector.
3. Select "Send Application" in ZAC.

Memory & Power

Use this option to display the memory and battery information.

1. Select "3.Utilities" and "7.Memory & Power" from the menu.
2. The memory and battery information displays on the screen.

Calculator

Use this option to use the data collector as a calculator.

1. Select "3.Utilities" and "8.Calculator" (or when lookup is available, select 9.Calculator).
2. Use the numeric keys to enter numbers, - key to toggle between +,-,x,÷, enter key for =, BS for back space, and ESC to exit.

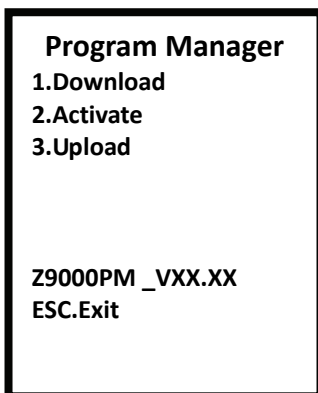
Load Lookup

Use this option enables you to load lookup table to the device from ZAC

1. Follow the previous instructions to connect the data collector.
2. Select "3.Utilities" and "9.Load Lookup" on the data collector.
3. Select "Send Lookup" in ZAC.

Program Manager

Press the numeric key "8" and power button at the same time to enter Program Manager.



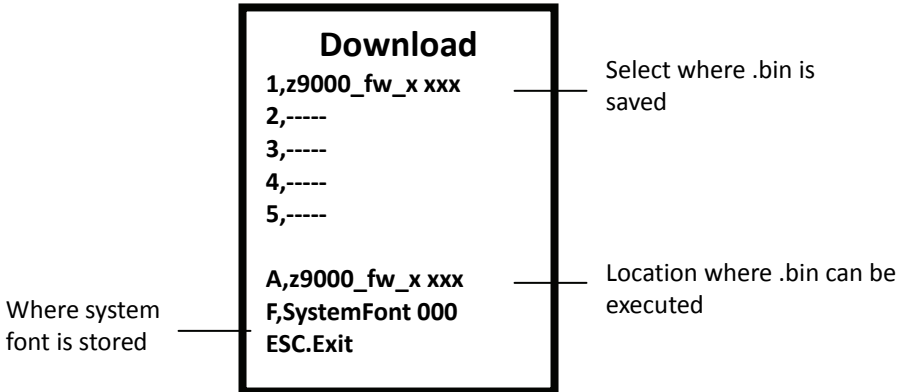
Menu Description

Menu	Description
Download	Download ZEBEX OS / Customer Program to the device
Activate	Activate ZEBEX OS / Customer Program
Upload	Upload ZEBEX OS / Customer Program to PC

Download

Use this option to download ZEBEX OS / Customer Program to the device.

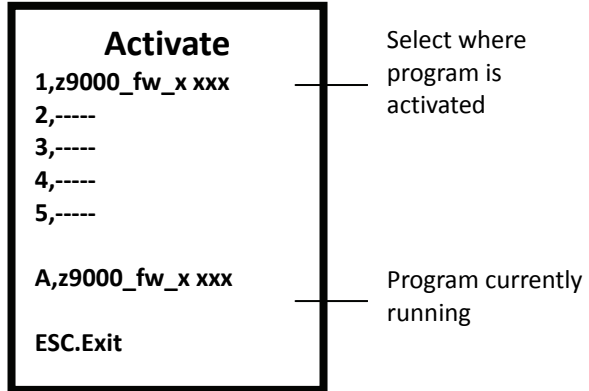
Must be used along with "Boot Load Utility Rev x.xx.exe".



1. Execute "Boot Load Utility Rev x.xx.exe" and set the appropriate settings. Press "Start Boot Load" to begin download.
2. When downloading the .bin file, select 1~5 or A to store the file. After the selection, connection can only be made when you place the device on the cradle.
3. If you selected 1~5 in step 2, you must also select "2.Activate" to begin the download procedure.
4. If you selected A in step 2, the download procedure begins right away. It is not necessary to select "2.Activate" to begin the download procedure. The procedure can not be undone once it begins.

Activate

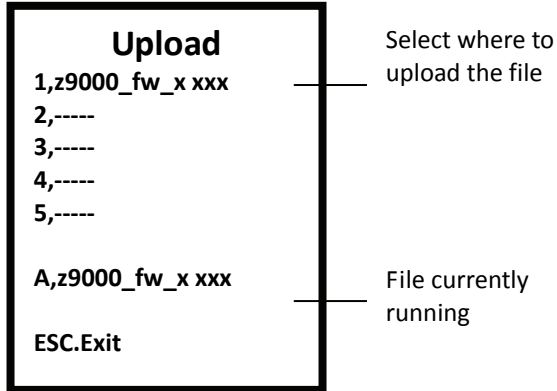
Use this option to activate ZEBEX OS / Customer Program to the device.



1. Select an available option from 1-5 and press Enter for detailed information.
2. Press F3 to activate once in the detailed information screen.
3. Press ESC to exit Program Manager after activation to begin using ZEBEX OS / Customer Program.

Upload

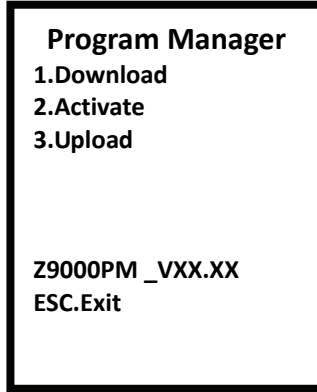
Use this option to upload ZEBEX OS / Customer Program to PC..



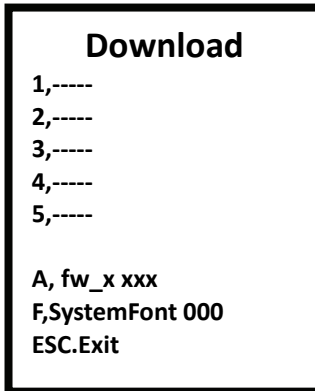
- When uploading the .bin file, select 1~5 or A to store the file. After the selection, connection can only be made when you place the device on the cradle.

Updating Firmware

1. Power off the unit.
2. Press 8 and the Power key at the same time to enter Program Manager.

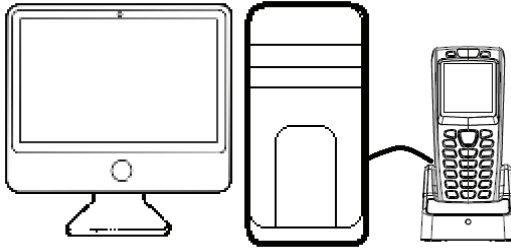


3. Select "1. Download " and press Enter to enter the Download screen.

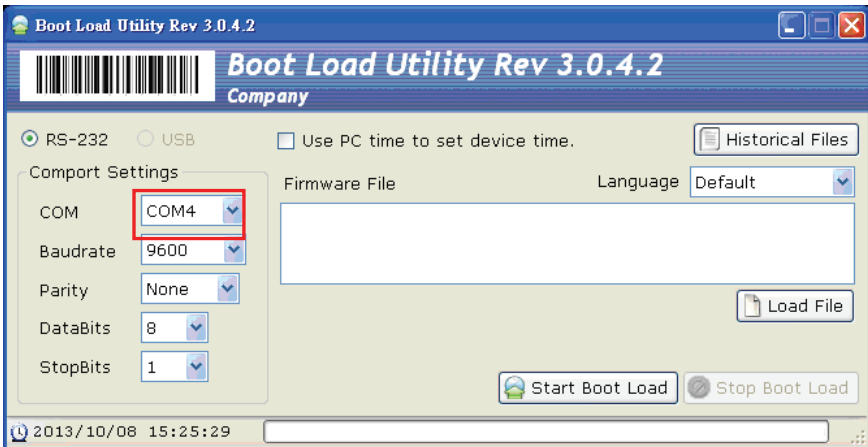


4. Select an empty slot to store the file and press Enter. Please remember the slot number you selected for later use.

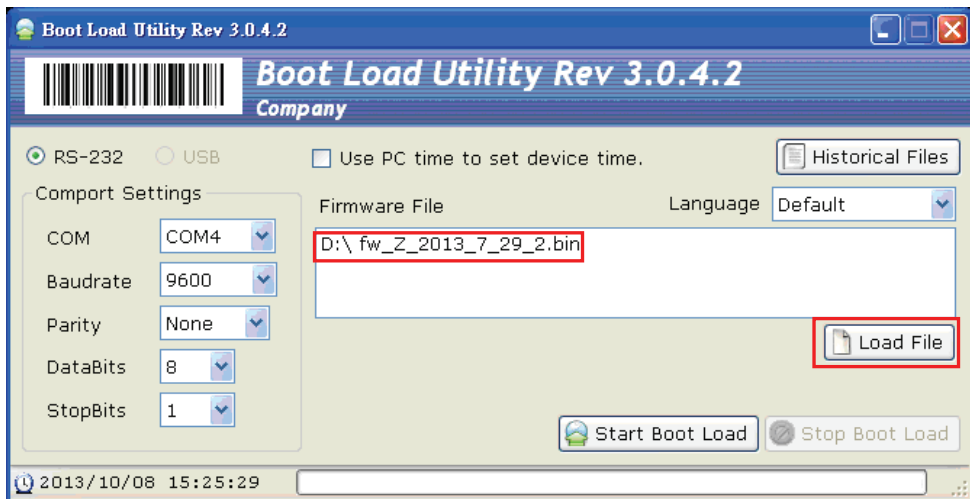
- The “Please Plug The USB Cable” screen appears. Connect the cradle to the computer and plug in the power adapter; place the unit in the cradle when ready. Please install the Z-9000 driver if necessary.



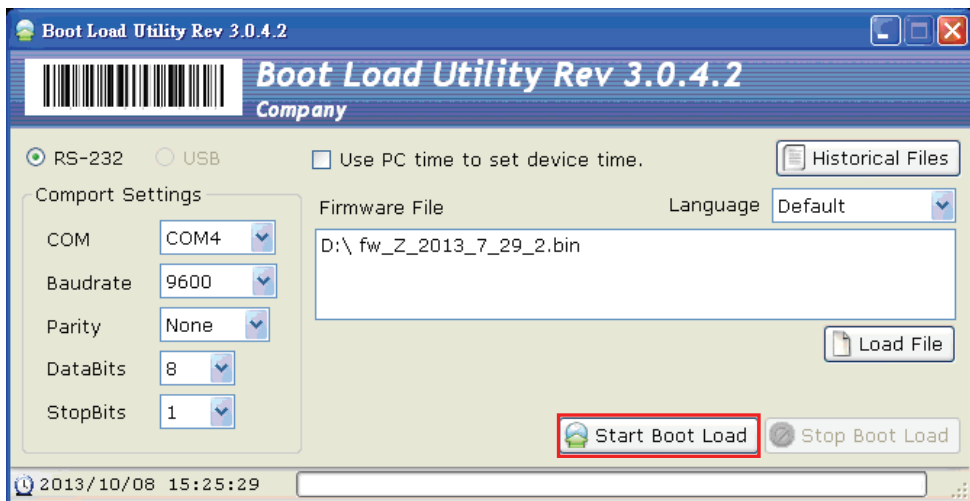
- On your computer, please open the Boot Load Utility (default path: Start>All Programs>ZEBEX>ZAC>Boot Load Utility).
- Check the Device Manager on your computer for the COM port your data collector is using.
- Select the same COM port in Boot Load Utility.



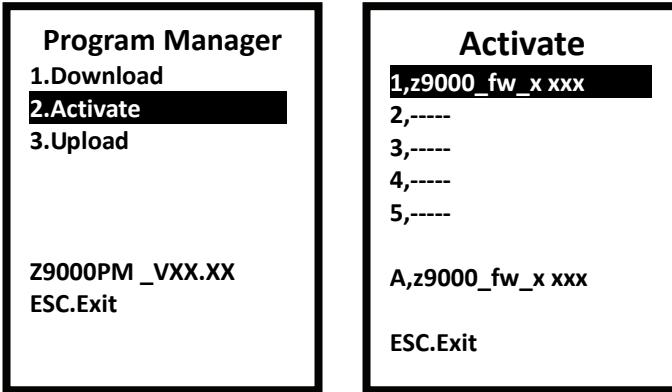
9. Select "Load File" then select the firmware file stored on your computer.



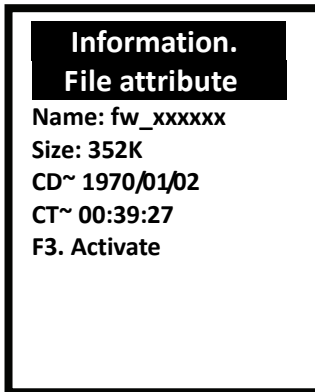
10. Select "Start Boot Load" to transfer the file to Z-9000. You will hear a beep sound when the transfer is done. The Download screen appears on the Z-9000 screen. Press ESC to exit the screen when ready.



11. Select "2. Activate" then select the file slot you selected in step 4 and press enter.



12. Press FN and 3 at the same time to activate the file.



13. A message appears on the screen "Are you sure to activate file?" Use the up/down arrow keys to select "YES" then press enter to begin update.

14. The screen will return to the Activate screen when the update is done.

Upgrade Warning

- Incorrect operation may cause dysfunction or damage to the unit.
- Please choose the correct firmware file.
- Do not remove power or reboot the system until the firmware upgrade procedure is complete to avoid possible damage to the unit.