

Domino V230i Ribbon Breakage Solution Guide

Introduction

The Domino V230i is a high-performance thermal transfer overprinter (TTO) widely used for labeling flexible packaging in industries such as food, beverage, and pharmaceuticals. Ribbon breakage is a common issue in TTO printers, potentially causing production downtime and increased costs. This guide, based on the official YouTube video (https://youtu.be/Et_iMDIijzM), details the causes of ribbon breakage, resolution steps, preventive measures, and troubleshooting for the V230i, helping users quickly restore production and optimize equipment performance.

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1. Causes of Ribbon Breakage

Ribbon breakage is typically caused by the following factors:

- **Improper Tension Settings**: Excessive or insufficient ribbon tension can lead to overstretching or slack, causing breakage.
- **Excessive Printhead Pressure or Temperature**: High pressure or temperature can overheat the ribbon, reducing its strength.
- **Ribbon Quality Issues**: Non-original or low-quality ribbons may break easily due to inferior materials.
- **Mechanical Issues**: Sharp edges, dirt, or worn components in the ribbon path may scratch or tear the ribbon.



2. Preparation for Resolving Ribbon Breakage

Before addressing ribbon breakage, make the following preparations:

- **Tools**: V230i-provided adjustment tools (e.g., screwdriver, hex wrench), lint-free cloth, isopropyl alcohol ($\geq 99\%$), original Domino ribbon.
- **Safety Measures**: Power off the equipment and allow the printhead to cool to room temperature (about 5-10 minutes) for safe operation.
- **Environmental Requirements**: Operate in a dust-free, well-ventilated area to avoid dust or debris affecting ribbon installation.

3. Steps to Resolve Ribbon Breakage

Follow these steps to inspect and resolve ribbon breakage:

- **Step 1: Inspect Ribbon Path**: Open the V230i ribbon compartment, check the ribbon path for sharp edges, dirt, or stuck debris; clean the path with a lint-free cloth and isopropyl alcohol.
- **Step 2: Replace Ribbon**: Remove the broken ribbon and install a new Domino original ribbon, ensuring it is flat, wrinkle-free, and properly threaded through guide rollers and the printhead.
- **Step 3: Adjust Tension**: Access “Ribbon Settings” in the V230i menu, adjust ribbon tension to the recommended value (typically 2-3N, depending on ribbon type); ensure even tension.
- **Step 4: Calibrate Printhead**: Check printhead pressure and temperature settings, adjusting to the recommended range (pressure 2-3 bar, temperature 40-50° C); run a test print to confirm smooth ribbon operation.
- **Precautions**: Avoid non-original ribbons; adjust tension gradually to prevent over-tightening or slack; ensure the ribbon path is clear to avoid friction.

4. Testing and Validation

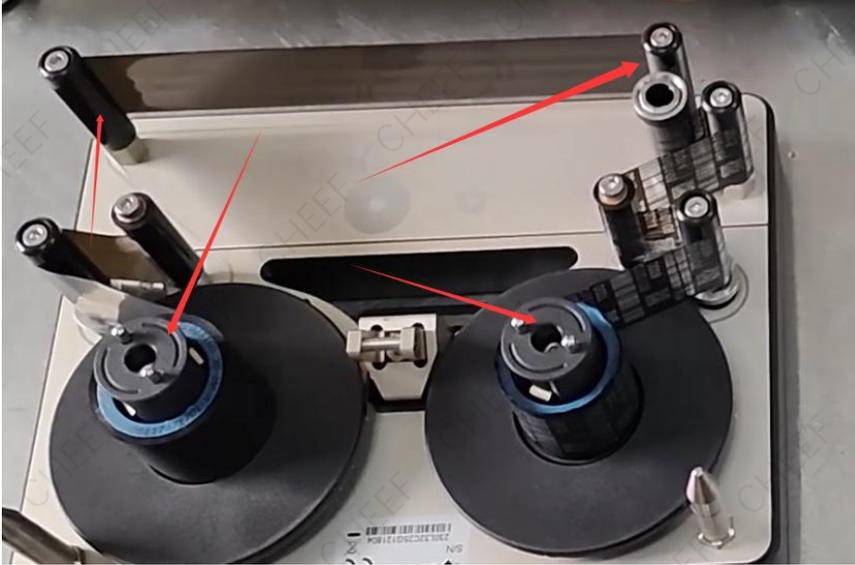
After resolving the breakage issue, perform the following tests:

- **Test Print**: Run 10-20 test prints to observe if the ribbon runs smoothly and the print content is clear without breakage.
- **Tension Stability Check**: Confirm the ribbon remains stable without slack or excessive tightness during continuous printing.
- **Printhead Condition Check**: Inspect the printhead surface for damage or residue, cleaning or replacing if necessary.

5. Common Issues and Solutions

Common ribbon breakage issues and their solutions:

- **Issue 1: Repeated Ribbon Breakage**: Check if tension settings are too high, reduce to recommended values; confirm use of original Domino ribbons.
- **Issue 2: Ribbon Wrinkling**: Verify ribbon path alignment, adjust guide roller positions; ensure even printhead pressure.
- **Issue 3: Overheated Printhead Causing Breakage**: Lower printhead temperature (recommended 40–50° C); check if the cooling system is functioning properly.



6. Preventive Measures for Ribbon Breakage

To reduce the occurrence of ribbon breakage, follow these preventive measures:

- **Use Original Ribbons**: Always choose Domino original ribbons to ensure material quality and compatibility.
- **Regular Maintenance**: Inspect the ribbon path and printhead weekly, cleaning stains and ensuring component integrity.
- **Optimize Parameter Settings**: Regularly calibrate tension, pressure, and temperature settings, recording adjustment data.
- **Environmental Control**: Maintain a clean production line environment to reduce dust and oil contamination of the ribbon.
- **Professional Support**: For persistent issues, contact Domino technical support or the supplier for in-depth inspection.

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