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N1181, UF101, and the 390x CCD scanners are contact scanners, they must be physically touched to the barcode you are scanning. The Wasp CCD LR (890x) (long range) scanner is an exception - it can be held 12 to 15 inches away from the barcode, depending on the barcode's density and size.