



# VariQuest® Perfecta® Q36

## Poster Design System

### User's Guide

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The information in this manual is from the HP User Guide. Not all features are available with the **VariQuest® Perfecta® Q36 Poster Design System**.



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# 1 INTRODUCTION

Essential safety precautions and an overview of the printer's main features, components, software options and printing possibilities.

## Safety precautions

Ensure proper use of the printer to prevent it from being damaged.

Follow these precautions at all times:

- Use the power supply voltage specified on the label. Avoid overloading the printer's electrical outlet with multiple devices
- Do not disassemble or repair the printer yourself. Contact your Authorized VariQuest® Dealer or the VariQuest Technical Support Team
- Use only the electrical cord supplied by VariQuest with the printer. Do not damage, cut, or repair the power cord. A damaged power cord can cause fire or electric shock. Replace a damaged power cord with a VariQuest-approved power cord
- Do not operate the printer with covers bypassed
- Beware that a paper roll does not drop onto your feet or trap your hand and fingers during the paper roll load/unload process
- Do not allow metal or liquids (except those used in VariQuest Cleaning Kits) to touch the internal parts of the printer. Doing so may cause fire, electric shock, or other serious hazards
- Power off the printer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet in any of the following cases:
  - When placing your hands inside the printer
  - If there is smoke or an unusual smell coming from the printer
  - If the printer is making an unusual noise not heard during normal operation
  - A piece of metal or a liquid (not part of cleaning and maintenance routines) touches internal parts of the printer
  - During an electrical storm (thunder and lightning)
  - During a power failure
  - To avoid being pinched, keep your fingers away from the gap between the bottom of the printer and the stand while you're moving the printer with stand
  - Before servicing the printer

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### Using this guide

This guide can be downloaded from the VariQuest Resource Center.

### *Introduction*

This is a brief introduction to the printer and its documentation for new users.

### *Use & maintenance*

To help you carry out normal printer procedures.

Topics include the following:

- Connecting the printer on [page 18](#)
- Setting up the printer on [page 25](#)
- Paper handling on [page 31](#)
- Printing on [page 38](#)
- Mobile printing on [page 45](#)
- Practical printing examples on [page 71](#)
- Handling ink cartridges and printhead on [page 80](#)
- Maintaining the printer on [page 83](#)

### *Troubleshooting*

To help you solve problems that may occur while printing.

Included are the following topics:

- Troubleshooting paper issues on [page 96](#)
- Troubleshooting print-quality issues on [page 106](#)
- Troubleshooting ink cartridge and printhead issues on [page 140](#)
- Troubleshooting data communication issues on [page 141](#)
- Troubleshooting general printer issues on [page 147](#)
- Text messages and numerical error codes on [page 150](#)

### *Accessories, support & specification*

Reference information, including customer care, the printer specifications, and part numbers for paper types, ink supplies, and accessories. See [Accessories](#), [VariQuest® Customer Support](#), and [Printer specifications](#).



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### Glossary

The glossary contains definitions of printing and VariQuest terms used in this documentation.  
See [Glossary](#).

### Index

In addition to the table of contents, there is an alphabetical index to help you to find topics quickly.

### Warnings & cautions

Symbols are used in this manual to ensure the proper use of the printer and to prevent the printer from being damaged.

Follow the instructions marked with these symbols:



**WARNING!** Failure to follow the guidelines marked with this symbol could result in serious personal injury or death.



**CAUTION!** Failure to follow the guidelines marked with this symbol could result in minor personal injury or damage to the printer.



**NOTE:** The images appearing in this user guide may not look the same as the printer you have. In some regions, exact naming may vary.

### Main features

The VariQuest® Perfecta Q Series printers are four color inkjet printers, designed to deliver CAD / Construction drawings as well as high quality graphics.

- Paper up to 914 mm (36 in) wide can be used to print on. Some major features of the printer are shown below:
- Print resolution of up to 2400 × 1200 dpi using the Best print-quality option, the Maximum Detail option and photo paper
- The printer can be controlled from its control panel or from a remote computer using the Embedded Web Server.
- Handles roll and cut-sheet paper, with a multi-sheet tray which automatically switches between both
- Touch-sensitive control panel in color, with an intuitive graphical user interface
- Includes Web-connected features such as automatic firmware upgrades
- Supports remote printing from mobile devices
- Economode for printing economically

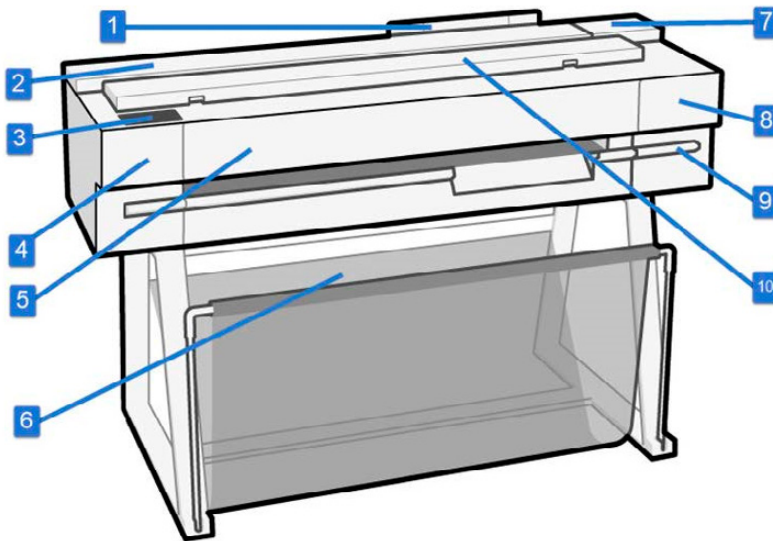
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### Main components

Hardware features of your printer.

#### Front view

Overview of the front of the printer's main hardware components.



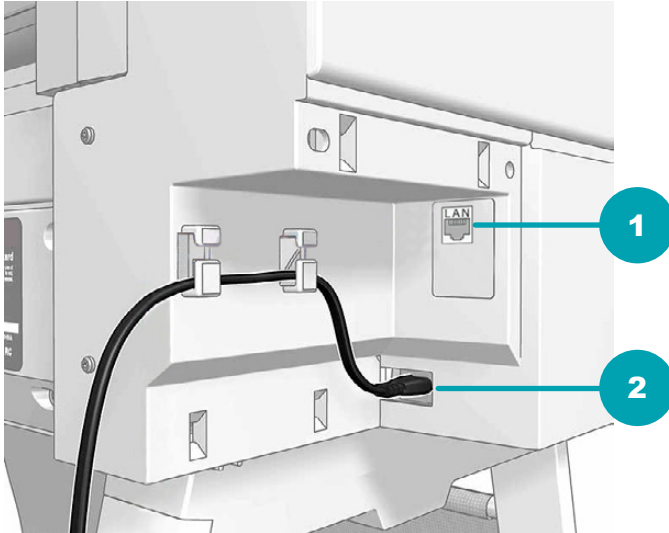
1. Multi-sheet tray
2. Roll
3. Front panel
4. Cutter
5. Main door
6. Stand and bin
7. Ink cartridges
8. Printhead access door
9. Printhead carriage
10. Scanner

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### Rear view

Overview of rear of the printer's main hardware components.



**11.** Ethernet port

**12.** Power cable

## Turn the printer on & off

The power key is located next to the front panel.

The power key is illuminated when the printer is on, or in sleep mode.

However, if you plan to store the printer for a long period or the power key does not seem to work, you are recommended to unplug the power cord.

To turn it back on, plug in the power cord.

When the printer is powered back on, it takes about three minutes to initialize and check and prepare the printhead.



**NOTE:** When the printer has not been used for a certain period of time (the default time is determined by Energy Star), it saves power by going into sleep mode. However, any interaction with the printer's front panel display, or sending a new job to print, returns it to active mode, and it can resume printing immediately. To change the sleep mode time, see [Set the Sleep Mode setting](#) in Chapter 3.

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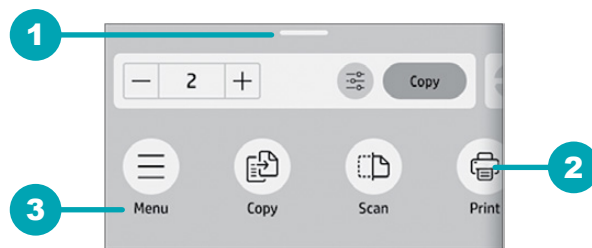
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### Front panel

The front panel is a touch-sensitive screen with a graphical user interface located on the front left of the printer.

The front panel gives you complete control of your printer. From it you can print, view information about the printer, change printer settings, perform calibrations and tests etc. It also displays alerts (warning and error messages) when necessary. The following sections with diagrams and lists provide a quick reference to the main features.

The front panel lets you access printer functionalities, check status, monitor and manage current and scheduled printer tasks. Swiping down on the tab at the top of the home screen reveals alerts and other important notifications.



#### 1. Notification Center

- The Notification Center displays any alerts and important notifications.

#### 2. Home Screen Icons

Icon		Icon	
	Menu		Supplies
	Scan		Paper
	Copy		Jobs

#### 3. Menu

APPS	
Icon	
	Copy
	Scan
	Print

UTILITIES			
Icon		Icon	
	Info		Paper
	Contacts		Settings
	Jobs		Tools
	Supplies		Help

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### Mobile printing

You can print straight from your phone or tablet in just a few simple steps wherever you are using your mobile device OS.

- Apple iOS printing is enabled through AirPrint, which comes pre-installed in iOS devices
- For ChromeOS printing
  - You can use the Chrome Native Print system, which comes pre-installed in ChromeOS devices
- For Android printing
  - You can print using the Android Default Print Service, which comes preinstalled in Android devices


### Reports

The internal prints give various kinds of information about your printer. They can be requested from the front panel.

Before requesting any internal print, check that the printer and the paper are ready for printing. The loaded paper should be at least A4 portrait—210 mm (8.27 in) wide—otherwise the print may be clipped.



**NOTE:** For U.S. and other countries that don't use ISO sizes; Letter is the required paper size for reports. Reports are generated in A4 or letter depending on the selected country.

To print any internal print, tap the **Menu** icon , then **Tools > Reports**, then select the internal print you want. These are some of the prints available:

- Demo Pages
- Status Reports
  - Connectivity, Printer Status Report, etc.
- Usage Report
  - This report is not printable and can only be viewed on the front panel
- Event Log



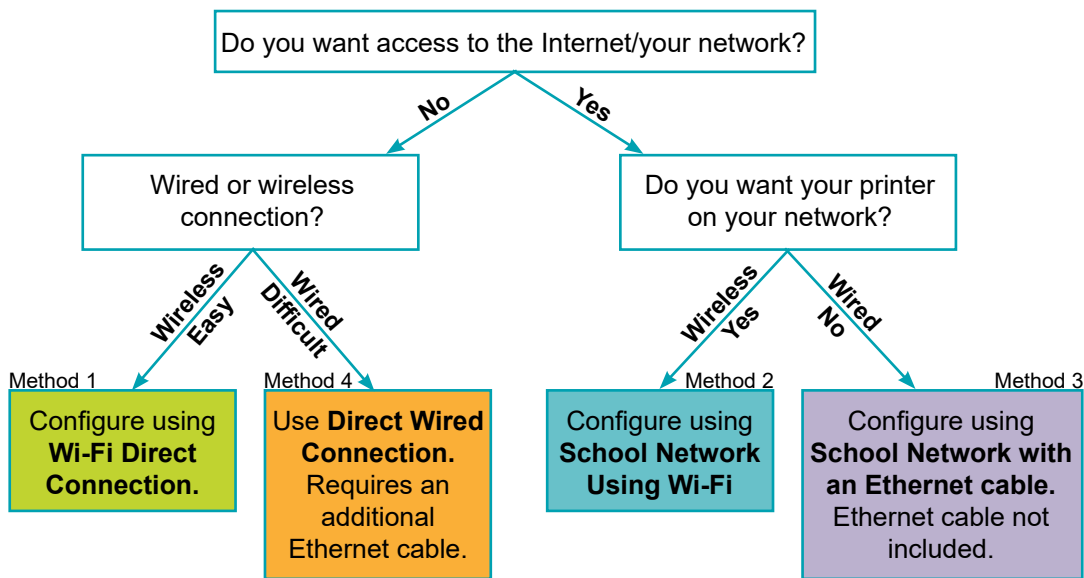
**NOTE:** Reports can also be printed from the Embedded Web Server or downloaded as a PDF; go to **Support Tools > Reports and Pages**.

## 2 CONNECTING THE PRINTER

Printing has never been easier, and your printer comes with various options for connecting to help you do so.

### Choose which connection method to Use

Follow the tree chart to help identify what connection method is best for you.



**NOTE:** The speed of any network connection depends on all components used in the network, which can include network interface cards, routers, switches and cables. If any one of these components cannot operate at high speed, you will have a low-speed connection. The speed of your network connection can also be affected by the total amount of traffic from other devices on the network.

Wireless connection can be affected by the location of the network router and the device. In order to improve the wireless connection:

1. Position the wireless access point in a more central position of the working place. Try place away from dense materials.



**NOTE:** Metal, concrete, double thick walls are the hardest to penetrate, wood and plasterboard are easier. Consider these when positioning the printer.

2. Change the wireless channel to one that's not being used, preferably 1, 6 or 11 as these are non-overlapping channels.
3. Extend the range of the wireless network by using a simple wireless extender or adding more wireless access points.

## Chapter 2: Connecting the Printer

Still not sure which connection is best for you or looking for more information on each connection method? Review the following charts for more details.

Method 1	
Wi-Fi Direct	
<i>Note: Easy to install - Wi-Fi Direct is a connection that allows for device-to-device communication, linking devices together without a network.</i>	
ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
No IT required	Unable to get access to the Internet or Google Drive™ online storage service without disconnecting from the printer
No additional cords required	
Printer and Design Center are off the network	Unable to print from multiple locations across the school

Method 2	
School Network Using Wi-Fi	
<i>Note: Medium difficulty to install</i>	
ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
Access to school network and Internet access with Google Drive™	IT involvement
	Printer may be discovered by others on the network

Method 3	
School Network Using Network (Ethernet) Cable	
<i>Note: Medium difficulty to install - Requires additional Ethernet cord (not included)</i>	
ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
Access to school network and Internet access with Google Drive™	IT involvement
Printer is off the network and not discoverable without a password	Requires an additional Ethernet cord

Method 4	
Direct Wired Connection	
<i>Note: Most difficult to install - Requires additional Ethernet cord (not included)</i>	
ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
No IT required	Spatial requirements due to a wired connection
Printer and Design Center are off the network	
This ensures connection if you are having difficulty keeping a strong connection between the Perfecta® Q Series Printer and Design Center	Requires an additional Ethernet cord

## Chapter 2: Connecting the Printer

### Connecting Design Center 2300 Software to the Perfecta® Q36

Before printing from the Design Center to the Perfecta Q36, you must first set up the Design Center software and the Perfecta Q36 printer.



**IMPORTANT:** VariQuest® Design Center Software version 10.0 is required to connect to the Perfecta Q36 printer. Earlier versions of the VariQuest Software are incompatible with the Perfecta Q Series printers. Upgrade to version 10.0 by visiting the [VariQuest Resource Center](#).

### Configure DC2300 & Perfecta Q36 via Wi-Fi Direct - Method 1



**NOTE:** This is a direct wireless connection and does not use any external networks.

1. On the Perfecta Q36 Printer, setup your Wi-Fi Direct connection.

#### Turn on Wi-Fi Direct:

- a. Touch **Menu** on the left and select **Settings**.
- b. In the *Network* menu, select *Wi-Fi Direct*.
- c. In the Wi-Fi Direct Settings menu, toggle *Wi-Fi- Direct* to **ON**.
- d. In the *Connection Method*, choose **Manual**, then touch to exit.

#### To Verify Wi-Fi Direct is Enabled:

- a. Touch **Menu** on the left and scroll down to the *Utilities* section.
- b. On the **Info** menu, select *Connectivity* and verify the printer's Wi-Fi Direct connection is enabled by scrolling up or down to find the correct printer (e.g., **Direct-xx HP DesignJet T850 MFP**). If Wi-Fi Direct is enabled, the Wi-Fi Direct network name and password will display.
2. Start the DC2300. The VariQuest® Software launches automatically.
3. Immediately connect the DC2300 to the Perfecta Q36 printer with Wi-Fi Direct Connection (i.e., DIRECT-xx HP DesignJet T850 MFP) using the *Windows Wireless Network utility* on the bottom right of your screen.



**NOTE:** Enter one of two passwords: Either the Security Key located on the Info menu of your printer's front panel or the PIN located on your router label. The router label is located on the back of the printer beneath the serial number.




**IMPORTANT:** You may need to minimize the VariQuest Software in order to see the utility.

4. Once connected, focus your attention back onto the VariQuest Software.
5. In the Welcome screen, touch **OK**, follow the setup options by going under **Workroom Assistant > Setup > Output Devices** - then select the Perfecta Q36 by checking the box and clicking **OK**.




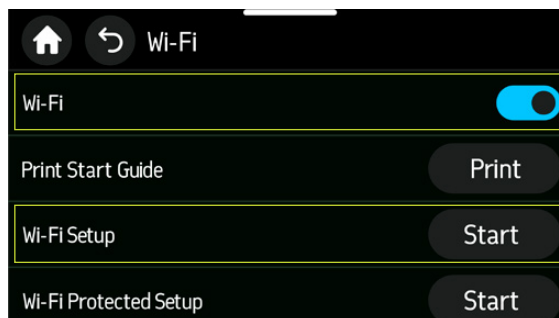
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4. You will then be prompted to enter your school mascot and name. Once you have completed entering this information, click **OK** and you will be taken back to the Menu screen where the Perfecta Q36 icon will be present.
  6. Now, go back into **Workroom Assistant > Setup > Network Connection**, then select the Perfecta Q36.
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-  **IMPORTANT:** In order to access the *Network Connection* section of the software, you will first need to close the VariQuest® Software and re-open the program as an administrator. To do this you will need to *right click* on the VariQuest Software icon and select **Run as Administrator**.
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7. On the right side under Network Printer Settings select **Wi-Fi Direct**. Select **OK**.
  8. You are now able to print from the DC2300 to the Perfecta Q36.

### Configure DC2300 & Perfecta® Q36 on School Network Using Wi-Fi - Method 2

Both the DC2300 and Perfecta Q36 printer must be connected to your local network before starting this process.

1. On the Perfecta Q36, touch **Menu**  on the left, go to **Settings**, then scroll down and touch **Network > Wi-Fi**.
2. Next to **Wi-Fi Setup**, select **Start**. The printer will search for wireless routers.



3. Choose a Network Name, then enter the Password. Touch **Apply** when done.
4. In the Connection Successful menu, touch **OK**.
5. Start the DC2300. The Design Center Software will launch automatically.
6. Close the Design Center Software, right click on the VariQuest desktop icon, and choose *Run as administrator*.
7. In the Welcome screen, touch **OK**, follow the setup options by going under **Workroom Assistant > Setup > Output Devices** - then select the Perfecta Q36 by checking the box and clicking **OK**.
8. You will then be prompted to enter your school mascot and name. Once you have completed entering this information, click **OK** and you will be taken back to the *Menu* screen where the Perfecta Q36 icon will be present.
9. Now, go back into **Workroom Assistant > Setup > Network Connection**, then select the printer you would like to connect with the DC2300.
10. On the right side under *Network Printer Settings* select **School Network** where it will then prompt you to enter your Perfecta® Q36 IP address. Once entered, select **OK** and **OK** again.

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**NOTE:** Find the printer's IP address by tapping **Menu**  on the front panel and navigating to **Info > Connectivity > Ethernet**.

11. Go back to the *Menu* screen and the Perfecta® Q36 icon should be present, so you are able to print from the DC2300 to the Perfecta Q36.

### Configure DC2300 & Perfecta® Q36 on School Network Using Network (Ethernet) Cable - Method 3

Both the DC2300 and Perfecta® Q Series printer must be connected to your local network before starting this process.

- On the Perfecta Q Series printer, connect the Ethernet from the backside of the printer into the wall.
1. Start the **DC2300**. The Design Center Software launches automatically.
  2. In the Welcome screen, touch **OK**, follow the setup options by going under **Workroom Assistant > Setup > Output Devices** - then select the *Perfecta Q Series* by checking the box and clicking **OK**.
  3. You will then be prompted to enter your school mascot and name. Once you have completed entering this information, click **OK** and you will be taken back to the Menu screen where the *Perfecta Q Series* icon will be present.
  4. Now, go back into **Workroom Assistant > Setup > Network Connection**, then select the printer you would like to connect with the DC2300.



**NOTE:** Make sure you are running the software as an administrator to access the **Network Connection Utility**.

5. On the right side under *Network Printer Settings* select **School Network** where it will then prompt you to enter your *Perfecta Q Series* IP address. Once entered, select **OK** and **OK** again.




**NOTE:** Find the printer's IP address by tapping **Menu**  on the front panel and navigating to **Info > Connectivity > Ethernet**.

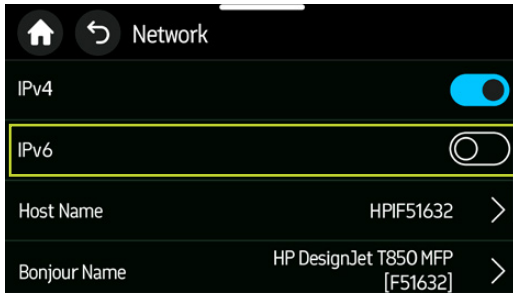
6. Go back to the *Menu* screen and the *Perfecta Q Series* icon should be present, so you are able to print from the DC2300 to the *Perfecta Q Series* printer.

### Connect DC2300 & Perfecta® Q36 without a Network via a Direct Wired Ethernet Connection - Method 4

#### Configuring Perfecta Q36 Printer

1. Touch **Menu**  on the left and select *Settings*.
2. In the *Network* menu, scroll down and toggle **IPv6** to **OFF**.

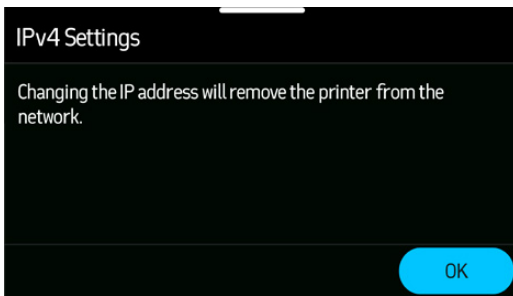
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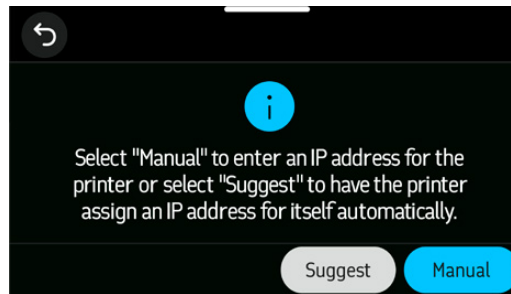
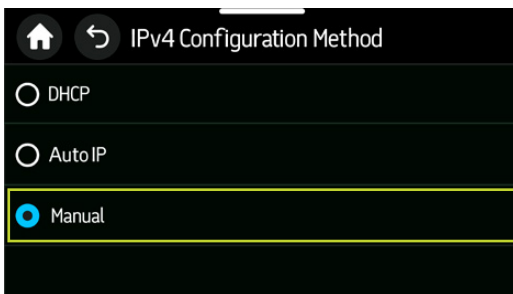
3. Scroll up and tap into *Ethernet* settings.
4. Tap **IPv4** and select *IPv4 Configuration Method*.



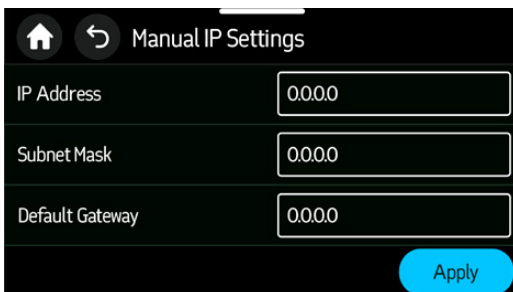
**NOTE:** Hit **OK** on the pop-up warning screen below.



5. Choose the *Manual* option and tap **Manual** on the following information screen.



6. Enter the following information in the *Manual IP Settings* screen:
  - **IP Address:** 192.168.001.005
  - **Subnet Mask:** 255.255.255.0

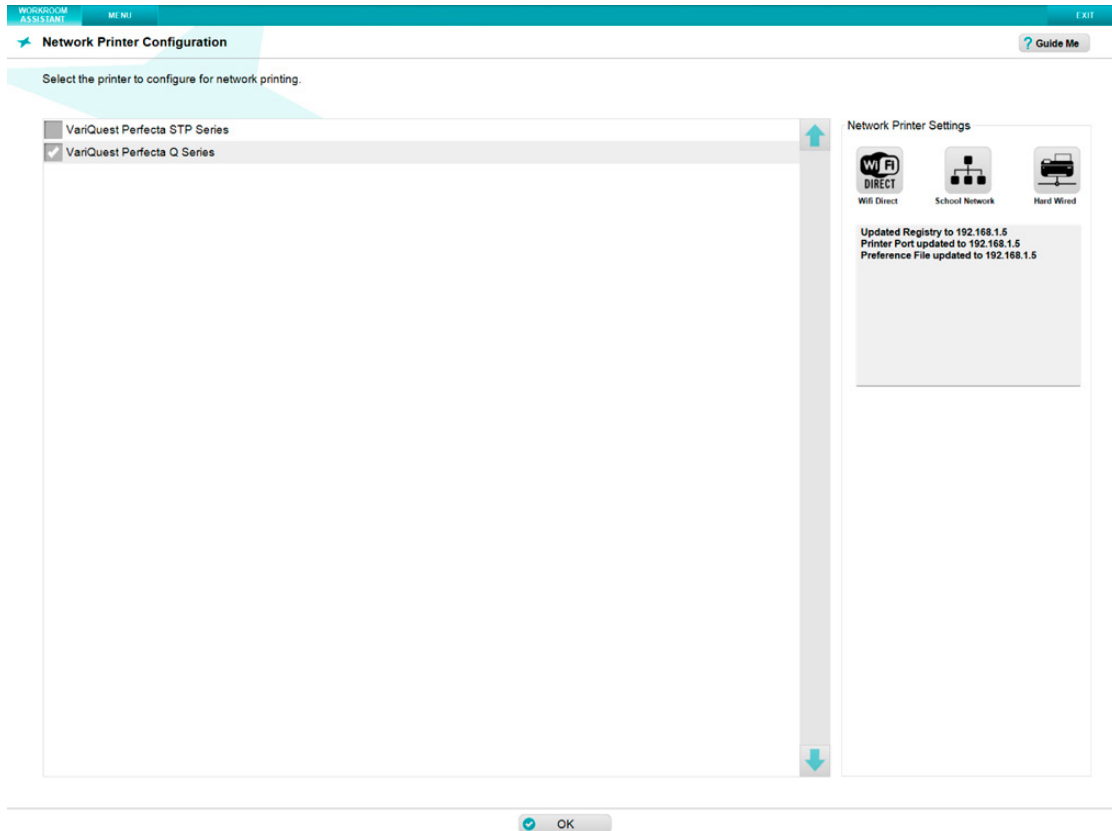


7. Tap **Apply**.

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### Configuring The VariQuest® Design Center Software

1. Connect one end of an Ethernet LAN cable to the Perfecta® Q36.
2. Connect other end of Ethernet LAN cable to the DC2300.
3. Open the VariQuest Design Center Software 10.0 by right clicking on software icon and selecting *Run as Administrator*.
4. Click on **Workroom Assistant** tab.
5. Navigate to **Setup > Network Connection**.
6. Place checkmark by *VariQuest Perfecta Q Series*.
7. Click on **Hard Wired** and answer **Yes** to the advisory pop-up window.
8. You will now be able to open the *Perfecta Q Series* module and print via Ethernet cable.



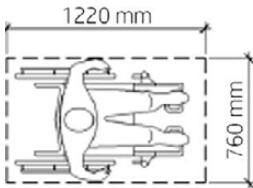
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### Introduction

There are various printer settings that the printer administrator may wish to control as soon as a new printer is assembled and ready for use.

### Accessibility



To ensure accessibility to the operating area, it is recommended to have an even-leveled clear space of minimum 760 mm (30 inches) by 1220 mm (48 inches).



### Change the language of the front panel display

Your printer includes many language options to choose from.

To change the language of the front-panel menus and messages:

If you can understand the current front panel display language, tap the **Menu** icon , then **Settings** , then **General > Display > Language**. Select your preferred language.

### Access the Embedded Web Server

Manage your printer remotely using an ordinary web browser running on any computer.

To access the Embedded Web Server on any computer, open your Web browser and type the IP address of your printer.

You can see your printer's IP address on the front panel when you open the **Notification Center**.

To access the Embedded Web Server, the printer requests your Admin PIN to prevent unauthorized users from remotely configuring the printer, or viewing printer settings. The PIN is required to change or view printer settings. By default the user is **admin**. The PIN is found behind the printer.

You can print the printer status report, go to **Menu > Tools > Reports > Status Reports**, then tap **Print**.



**NOTE:** The status report has the PIN. If you changed the initial PIN by default and forgot it, go to [Troubleshooting general printer issues](#) in Chapter 20.

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The following browsers are known to be compatible with the Embedded Web Server:

- Microsoft Edge (latest version)
- Apple Safari 15 or later for OS X 10.15 and later
- Mozilla Firefox (latest version)
- Google Chrome (latest version)

If you have followed these instructions but failed to get through to the Embedded Web Server, see [Cannot access the Embedded Web Server](#) in Chapter 20.

### Change the language of the Embedded Web Server

The default language is the same as your browser but if it is not supported, it will appear in English. You can change it to any supported one.

Embedded Web Server supported languages are English, Portuguese, Catalan, Spanish, French, Italian, German, Polish, Russian, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean, and Japanese. There is a tab at the bottom left of the window to select them from.

### Automatic firmware update

The printer can automatically check for a firmware update periodically.

### Set Windows driver preferences

You can change some default settings in your printer driver according to your own preferences, for instance to set color or paper-saving options.

To change default settings, click the **Start** or **Search** button on your computer's screen (depending on your version of Windows), then click **Devices and Settings**, **Devices and printers** or **Print Management**. Then right-click your printer's icon and click **Printing preferences** or **Set Printing Defaults**. Any settings you change in the Printing Preferences window will be saved as default values for the current user.

To set the default values for all the users of your system, right-click the printer's icon again, click **Printer Properties**, go to the Advanced tab, and click **Printing Defaults**. Any settings you change in the Printing Defaults window will be saved for all users.



### Energy-conservation settings

Learn about the energy-conservation settings that are available on your printer.

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### Set the Sleep Mode setting

Use the front panel menus to specify the amount of time the printer must be inactive before it goes into sleep mode.



1. From the home screen on the printer front panel, tap the **Menu** icon , then **Settings** .
2. Scroll to and open the following menus: **General > Energy > Sleep**.
3. Tap an option to specify the amount of time the printer must be inactive before it goes into sleep mode.
4. When you are finished, tap the **Back arrow** button to return to the **General settings** menu, or tap the **Home** button to return to the home screen.



**NOTE:** You can perform the same operation from the Embedded Web Server by going to **General > Power settings > Energy settings**.

### Set the Shutdown Mode setting

Use the front panel menus to specify the amount of time the printer must be inactive before it shuts down.



1. From the home screen on the printer front panel, tap the **Menu** icon , then the **Settings** icon .
2. Scroll to and open the following menus: **General > Energy > Inactivity Shutdown**.
3. Tap an option to specify the amount of time the printer must be inactive before it shuts down.
4. When you are finished, tap the **Back arrow** button to return to the **General settings** menu, or tap the **Home** button to return to the home screen.

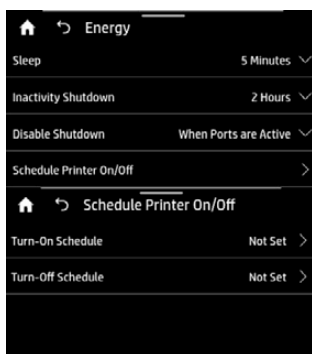


**NOTE:** You can perform the same operation from the Embedded Web Server by going to **General > Power settings > Energy settings**.

### Set scheduled on/off time

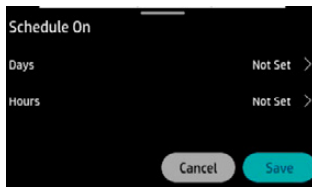
Use the front panel menus to specify when to automatically turn the printer on and off.

1. From the home screen on the printer front panel, tap the **Menu** icon , then **Settings** .
2. Scroll to and open the following menus: **General > Energy > Scheduled Printer On/Off**.



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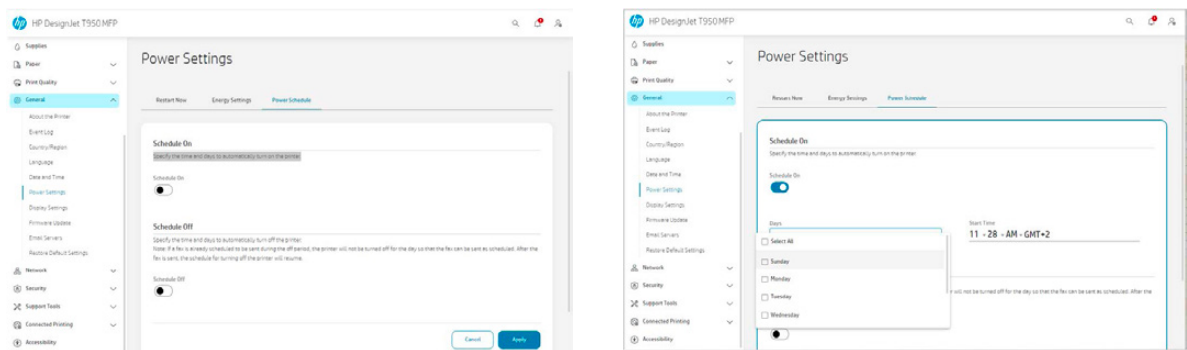
3. Tap an option to specify set the scheduled on or off time (on shown).



4. Set the day(s) and time.





**NOTE:** You can perform the same operation from the Embedded Web Server by going to **General > Power settings > Power schedule**.






## Change the front panel display brightness

The level of brightness displayed can be adjusted.

To change the brightness of the front panel, tap the **Menu** icon , then **Settings** , then **General > Display > Display Brightness** and slide to your desired level.

## Configure network settings

You can view and configure the network settings from the Embedded Web Server or the front panel.

- From the Embedded Web Server: Select the **Network** tab.
- From the front panel, tap the **Menu** icon , then **Info** , then **Connectivity**.
- From the front panel, tap **Settings** , then **Network**.

The following options are available:

- **Enable/Disable wireless** turns the wireless connection on or off.
- **Wireless setup wizard** provides an easy way to connect to a wireless network.
- **Wi-Fi protected setup** allows you to set up a connection with a wireless network using WPS (pushbutton or pin) encryption.
- **View wireless details** displays information about the wireless network.
- **IP settings** allows you to select the IP address -automatic or manual (Static).



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- **Print Wireless test report** print information about the wireless network.
- **Print wireless network test** runs diagnostic tests of wireless connectivity.
- **Ethernet settings** view and print Ethernet details:
  - **Link speed** sets the speed at which data are transmitted over the network. The default is **Automatic**.
  - **IP settings** allows you to view or change the IP address, subnet mask, default gateway, and DNS address.
  - **Network settings**.
    - » **Hostname** allows you to change the hostname.
    - » **Proxy settings** allows you to change the proxy settings.
    - » **Bonjour name** allows you to change the Bonjour name.
- **Restore network defaults**.

## Configure firewall settings

Firewall features provide network-layer security on both IPv4 and IPv6 networks. The firewall provides simple control of IP addresses that are allowed access.



**NOTE:** In addition to firewall protection at the network layer, the printer also supports open secure sockets layer (SSL) standards at the transport layer for secure client-server applications, such as client-server authentication or HTTPS Web browsing.

For firewall operation on the printer, go to **Menu** > **Settings** > **Network** > **Security** > **Disable Firewall**. You must configure a firewall policy to apply to specified IP traffic. Firewall policy pages are accessed through the Embedded Web Server and displayed by your Web browser. After a policy is configured, it is not activated until you click **Apply** in the Embedded Web Server.

## Creating and using firewall rules

Enter up to ten rules, each rule specifying the host addresses, services, and the action to take for those addresses and services.

### Create a firewall rule

Set up a new rule from the Embedded Web Server.

1. Open the Embedded Web Server.
2. Tap the **Network** tab, then Network Security > **Firewall**.
3. Select **Enable Firewall**.
4. Tap the **Add** icon, and then follow the onscreen instructions.

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**NOTE:** After you tap **Apply**, the connection to the Embedded Web Server might be temporarily disrupted for a short period of time. If the IP address was unchanged, the Embedded Web Server connection will be enabled again. However, if the IP address was changed, use the new IP address to open the Embedded Web Server.

### Change the priority of firewall rules

You can move a rule up or down to select the priority from the Rule Precedence list.

1. Open the Embedded Web Server.
2. Tap the **Network** tab, then **Network Security > Firewall**.
3. Select the priority by selecting a rule and moving up and down using the arrows.
4. Tap **Apply**.

### Change firewall options

Options can always be edited at a later date.

1. Open the Embedded Web Server.
2. Tap the **Network** tab, then **Network Security > Firewall**.
3. Change whatever options you wish, then tap **Apply**.



**NOTE:** After you tap **Apply**, the connection to the Embedded Web Server might be temporarily disrupted for a short period of time. If the IP address was unchanged, the Embedded Web Server connection will be enabled again. However, if the IP address was changed, use the new IP address to open the Embedded Web Server.

### Reset firewall settings

Restore the printer's network settings to reset to factory defaults.

### Reset network settings

The network settings can be reset or restored to default.

Go to the front panel and tap the **Menu** icon , then **Settings** , then **Network**, then **Restore network settings**.

Alternatively, tap the **Menu** icon , then **Tools > Maintenance > Restore settings > Restore network settings**.



**NOTE:** Print the network configuration page and check that the network settings have been reset.



**NOTE:** Resetting the printer's network settings also resets the printer's firewall settings.

## 4 PAPER HANDLING

To print you can load rolls, single sheets, or use the multi-sheet tray.

### General paper-loading advice

You can load paper into the printer in three different ways: from a roll, as a single sheet, or as a stack of single sheets from the multi-sheet tray. Switching from one to another is automatic.

**CAUTION!** If your model has a stand, make sure the printer wheels are locked (the brake lever is pressed down) to prevent the printer from moving the automatic switch between the roll and multi-sheet tray.

**CAUTION!** All paper must be 368.3 mm (14.5 in) or wider. A4 and letter paper should not be loaded in landscape orientation.

**TIP:** For photo paper wear cotton gloves to avoid transferring oils onto the paper.

**CAUTION!** Keep the bin closed throughout the loading process.

### Load a roll onto the spindle

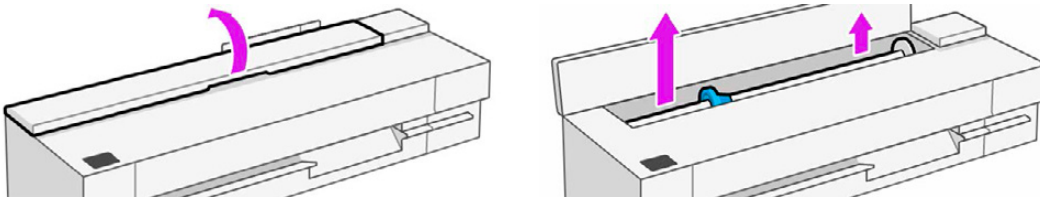
Rolls of different widths can be loaded onto the printer.

1. From the front panel, tap the **Paper** icon , then select the roll, then tap the **Load** button.

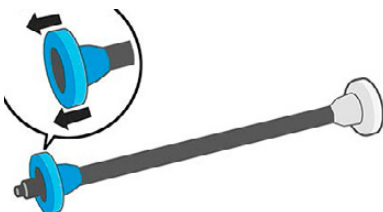
**NOTE:** This step is optional: when you start to feed roll paper into the printer, it automatically recognizes that you are loading a roll.

2. Remove the spindle from the printer.

**WARNING!** Do not insert your fingers into the spindle supports during the removal process.

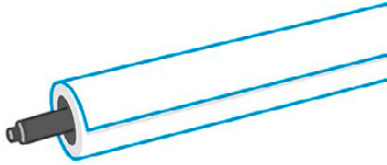


3. The spindle has a stop at each end to keep the roll in position. The blue stop can be removed to mount a new roll; it slides along the spindle to hold rolls of different widths. Remove the blue paper stop from the end of the spindle.

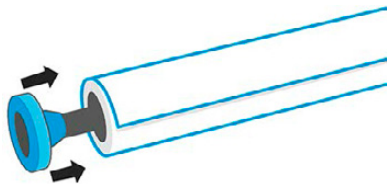


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4. If the roll is long, rest the spindle horizontally on a table and load the roll on the table.
5. Slide the new roll onto the spindle. Make sure the paper type is oriented as shown. If it is not, remove the roll, turn it 180 degrees and slide it back on to the spindle. There are labels on the spindle showing the correct orientation.



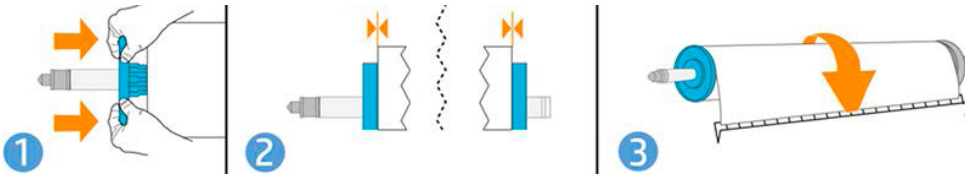
6. Looking from the front of the printer, put the blue paper stop on to the open end (left side) of the spindle, and push into the end of the roll.



7. Ensure the blue paper stop is pushed in as far as it goes.



**NOTE:** Check that there is no space between the roll and the stops at both ends.



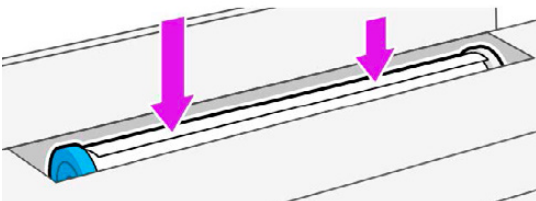
**TIP:** If you are a regular user of different paper types, you can change rolls more quickly if you preload rolls of different paper types on different spindles. Extra spindles are available for purchase, see [Accessories](#) in Chapter 12.

## Load a roll into the printer

Before you start this procedure, you must have a roll loaded on the spindle.

See [Load a roll onto the spindle](#).

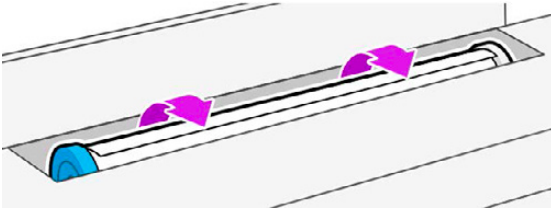
1. Insert the spindle into the printer, holding it by both ends. The blue hub should be on the left, as viewed from the control of the printer.



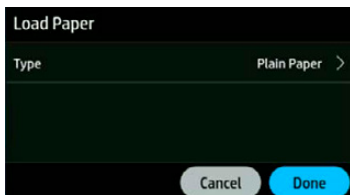
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2. If the edge of the roll is not straight or torn (sometimes due to tape used to hold end of the roll), pull the paper slightly and cut a straight edge.
3. Insert the edge of the paper into the printer.

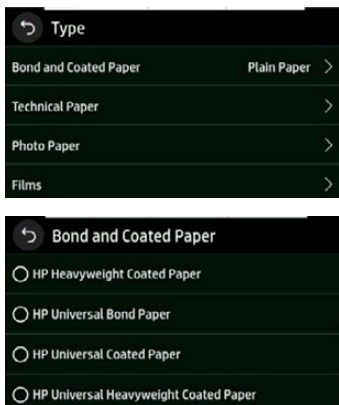
**⚠ WARNING!** Do not push your fingers inside the printer's paper path.



4. Roll the paper into the printer until you feel resistance and the paper flexes slightly. When the printer detects the paper, it beeps, and feeds in the paper automatically.
5. The front panel prompts you to select the paper category and type. To select the paper type, click on the type and the different paper categories are shown.



Plain paper was the last to be loaded.



If you do not see your paper type in the front panel, tap More paper types. If you still cannot find your paper type in the whole list, see [Paper type is not in the driver or front panel](#) in Chapter 13.

6. The printer checks the alignment and measures the width. If the roll is not correctly aligned, follow the instructions on the front panel display.




**NOTE:** If you have an unexpected issue at any stage of the paper loading process, see [Paper cannot be loaded successfully](#) in Chapter 13.

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### Unload a roll

If there is paper on the roll, you can unload it from the front panel.


1. From the front panel, tap the **Paper** icon , then select the roll, then tap the **Unload** button, then **Unload roll**. Afterwards, the multi-sheet tray will become the default active paper source.
2. If the end of the paper is no longer attached to the core, the front panel asks you to unload the roll manually.

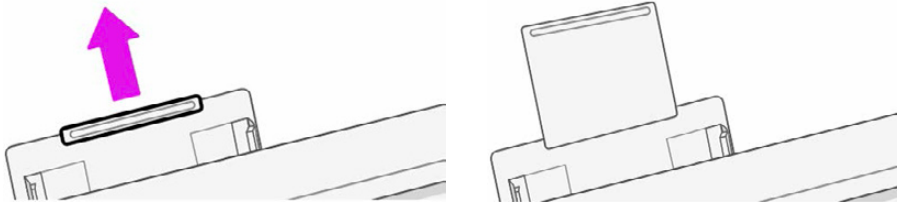


**NOTE:** If you don't load a new roll, or if a roll is unloaded; the multi-sheet tray is the default active paper source.

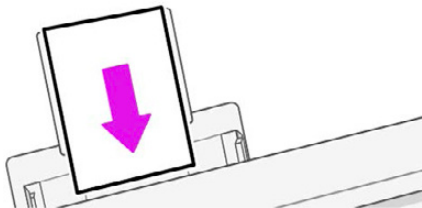
### Use the multi-sheet tray

Load multiple sheets and ease single sheet printing.

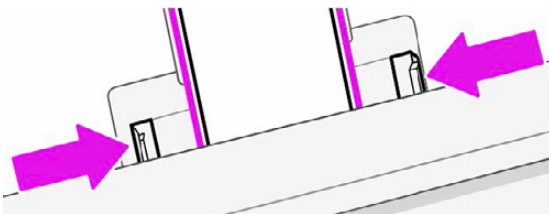
3. If no roll is loaded or the roll has run out of paper, the multi-sheet tray is active by default.  
Alternatively, from the front panel, tap the **Paper** icon , then select the **Multi-sheet tray**.
4. Adjust the input tray extensions depending on the length of the paper: the first extension for A4 and the second extension for A3 paper.



5. Load sheets of paper into the multi-sheet tray with the printed side facing outwards. Ensure that the sheets are all of the same size.



6. Adjust the multi-sheet tray to fit the width of the paper



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### Load a single sheet


Roll paper and single sheets use the same input slot in the printer.

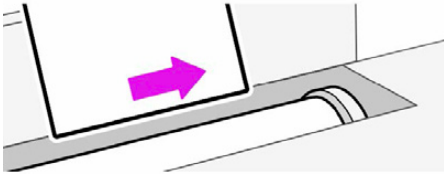


**NOTE:** See [Use the multi-sheet tray](#).



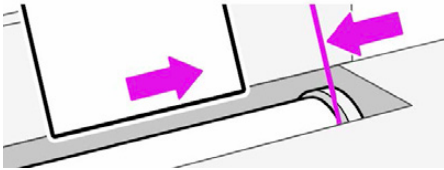
**NOTE:** Sheets of width 329 mm (12.95 in) or less should be loaded from the multi-sheet tray.

1. From the front panel, tap the **Paper** icon , then select **Sheet**, then tap the **Load** button.
2. If a roll is already loaded, you have to wait while it is automatically unloaded.
3. Open the roll cover.
4. Select your paper category and type. If you do not see your paper type in the front panel, tap **More paper types**. If you still cannot find your paper type in the whole list, see [Paper type is not in the driver or front panel](#) in Chapter 13.
5. When prompted by the front panel, insert the sheet into the right-hand side of the input slot.

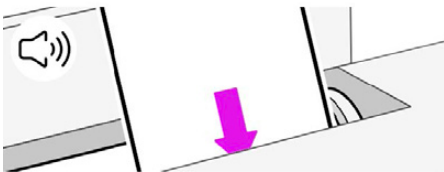


**WARNING!** Do not push your fingers inside the printer's paper path.

6. Align the sheet with the line.



7. Guide the sheet into the printer; this is especially important with thicker papers.



8. The printer checks the alignment and measures the sheet.



**NOTE:** Depending on the width of the sheet, it feeds out the front of the printer.

9. If the sheet is not correctly aligned, you may be asked to reload it.




**NOTE:** If you have an unexpected problem at any stage of the paper loading process, see [Paper cannot be loaded successfully](#) in Chapter 13.

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### Unload a single sheet

Sheets are unloaded from the front of the printer.

1. To unload a sheet, go to the front panel and tap the **Paper** icon , then **Sheet loaded > Unload**.
2. Either catch the sheet manually or allow it to fall into the bin.



**NOTE:** If you don't load a new sheet, the multi-sheet tray is the default active paper source.

### View information about the paper

Tap the icon of the active paper source.

The following information is displayed on the front panel:

- Paper type you have selected
- Roll or sheet status
- Width of the paper

If no tray, roll, or single-sheet paper is loaded, the message **Out of paper** is displayed.

### Maintain paper

Always protect your paper and sheets to print at the highest quality.



- Store rolls covered by another piece of paper or cloth
- Store cut sheets covered and clean or brush them before loading them in the printer
- Clean input and output platens
- Always keep the top cover of your printer closed



**NOTE:** Photo and coated paper requires careful handling, see [Print is scuffed or scratched](#) in Chapter 14.

### Change the drying time

You may wish to change the drying time setting to suit special printing conditions such as multiple prints where time is of higher importance or when you need to be sure ink is dry before handling.

Tap the **Menu** icon , then **Settings** , then **General > Extra Dry Time**. You can select:

- **Extended**, to set a longer than recommended time to ensure ink is completely dry
- **Optimal**, to set the default and recommended time for your selected paper (this is the default setting)
- **Off**, to disable the drying time and remove your print as soon as it finishes printing



**CAUTION!** If the ink is not dry when the print is removed it could leave ink in the output tray and marks on the print.





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**NOTE:** If you cancel the drying time during a print, the printer may not feed and cut the paper right away due to the printhead maintenance, which runs in parallel. If the dry time is zero, the printer cuts the paper and then performs the printhead maintenance. However, if the dry time is greater than zero, the printer does not cut the paper until after the printhead maintenance has completed.

### Turn the automatic cutter on and off

You can change the cutter option to suit your requirements for each print job.

To turn the printer's paper cutter on or off, go to the front panel and tap the **Menu** icon , then **Settings** , then **Output destination** > **Horizontal cutter**.

The default setting is **On**.




**NOTE:** If the cutter is turned off, it will not cut the paper between jobs, but it will continue to cut the paper on loading and unloading rolls.



**TIP:** To cut roll paper while the automatic cutter is disabled, see [Advance button and cut button](#).

### Advance button and cut button

You can advance the paper with, or without cutting it.

From the front panel, tap **Paper** > **Roll**, then tap the **Advance and Cut** icon .

The **Advance** option advances the paper without cutting it. **Cut** advances the paper and makes a straight cut across the front edge. There are at least two possible reasons why you might want to do this:

- To trim the leading edge of the paper if it is damaged or not straight.
- To advance and cut the paper when the automatic cutter has been disabled.



**CAUTION!** Remove the cut piece from the output platen. If strips or short prints are left on the output platen, the printer could jam. Check also that there are no pieces of paper in the cutter guide.



**NOTE:** Photo and coated paper requires careful handling, see [Print is scuffed or scratched](#) in Chapter 14.

## 5 PRINTING

Printing has never been easier or more flexible. Print from computers and mobile devices with the use of a variety of software, customizable options and advanced settings.

### Printing from an application using a printer driver

This is the traditional way of printing from an application.

The correct printer driver must be installed on the computer, and the computer must be connected to the printer by network.

When the printer driver has been installed and the computer is connected to the printer, you can print from a software application by using the application's own **Print** command and selecting the correct printer.

### Advanced print settings

Advanced print settings can be used when the defaults do not meet your requirements.

The rest of this chapter explains the various print settings that you can use. These methods offer a relatively large number of settings in order to satisfy all requirements.



**TIP:** In general you are recommended to use the default settings unless you know that they do not meet your requirements.



**TIP:** If you intend to reuse a particular group of settings repeatedly, you can save those settings under a name of your own choice and recall them later. A saved group of settings is known as a 'quick set' in the Windows printer driver.

### Select print quality

The printer has various print-quality options because best-quality printing requires some loss of speed, while fast printing implies some reduction in print quality.

You can select the options: **Best**, **Normal** and **Fast**. If you select **Fast**, you can also select **Economode**, which consumes less ink, increases printing speed even further, but reduces print quality. **Economode** can only be selected from the advanced options.

There are supplementary custom options that may have an effect on print quality: **Maximum detail**. See [High-quality printing](#).

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You can select print-quality options in the following ways:

- **In the Windows drivers dialog:** Go to **Basic > Print quality**.
- **In the Mac OS X Print dialog:** go to the **Paper/Quality** panel and look at the **Quality Options** section. If you select **Standard** quality options, you will see a simple slider with which you can select speed or quality. If you select **Custom** quality options, you will see the more specific options described above.



**NOTE:** If the print quality is set from your computer, it overrides the print-quality setting in the front panel.



**NOTE:** You cannot change the print quality of pages that the printer is already receiving or has already received (even if they have not started to print yet).

### Select paper size

The paper size can be specified and the document can be rescaled if necessary.



**NOTE:** The paper size specified should be the paper size the document was created at. It is possible to rescale the document to a different size for printing. See [Rescale a print](#).

- **In the Windows driver dialog:** Go to **Basic > Document size** and select the paper size from the list.
- **In the Mac OS X Print dialog:** Select your printer from the **Printer** list, then select your paper size from the **Paper Size** list.



**NOTE:** If your application offers no **Page Setup** dialog, use the **Print** dialog.



**NOTE:** If the paper size is set from your computer, it overrides the paper size setting in the front panel.

### Custom paper sizes

If you want to choose a paper size that is not included in the list of standard paper sizes, there are various different ways to specify it.

#### Use the Windows printer driver

You can create and save custom paper sizes to suit your requirements.

1. Go to **Basic > Document size**.
2. Open the drop-down list and scroll down to the **(+)Create** section.
3. Enter the name, units, and size of the new paper custom size.
4. Tap the **Ok** button.

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Custom paper sizes created with the printer driver have the following characteristics:

- The paper size is permanent and does not disappear if the driver is closed or the computer is turned off.
- The paper size is local to the printer queue and not seen from other printer queues in the same computer.
- In Domain server networks, the paper size is local to the computer and not seen from other computers sharing the printer queue.
- In Workgroup networks, the paper size is shared among all the computers that share the printer queue.
- If the printer queue is deleted, the paper size is deleted with it.

### Use Windows forms

Unrestricted users can create a new Windows form.

1. From the **Start** menu or the front panel, tap **Printers > File**, and select **Server Properties**.
2. In the **Forms** tab, check the **Create a new form** box.
3. Enter the name and dimensions of the new paper size. Leave the margins as 0.00.
4. Tap the **Save** form button.
5. Go to the printer driver and select the document size..
6. Select your new paper size from the group of **Custom sizes**.

Paper sizes created with Windows forms have the following characteristics:

- The paper size is permanent and does not disappear if the driver is closed or the computer is turned off.
- Restricted users cannot create paper forms. The **manage documents** role in the Windows Active Directory is the minimum required.
- The paper size is local to the computer and is seen in all the printer queues created on the computer that support paper that size.
- If a printer queue is shared, this paper size appears in all the client's computers.
- If a printer queue is shared from another computer, this paper size **doesn't** appear on the driver's document size list. A Windows form in a shared queue must be created in the server.
- If the printer queue is deleted, the paper size does not disappear.

### Use Mac OS X printer driver

You can manage paper customs sizes from the driver.

1. Go to the **Print** dialog.
2. Select **Paper Size > Manage Custom Sizes**.

### Select margins options

By default, the printer leaves a 5 mm margin between the edges of your image and the edges of the paper.

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However, you can change this behavior in the following way:

- **In the Windows driver dialog:** Go to **Basic > Margin Layout**.
- **In the Mac OS X Print dialog:** Select the **Margins/Layout** panel.

At least some of the following options appear:

- **Standard or Use application** settings. Your image will be printed on a page of the size you have selected, with the default margin between the edges of the image and the edges of the paper. The image should be small enough to fit between the margins.
- **Oversize**. You should load paper that is larger than the size you selected in the application or driver. If you cut off the margins after printing, you will be left with a page of the size you selected, with no margins remaining between your image and the edges of the paper. This is useful when you want your image to cover the whole area of the paper.
- **Clip Contents By Margins**. Your image will be printed on a page of the size you have selected, with the default margin between the edges of the image and the edges of the paper. In this case, if the image is the same size as the page, the printer assumes that the extreme edges of the image are either white or unimportant, and do not need to be printed. This may be useful when your image already contains a border.

### Print on loaded paper

You can print a job on whichever substrate is loaded in the printer.

- **In the Windows driver dialog:** Select **Use printer settings** in the **Paper Type** option of your printer driver.
- **In the Mac OS X Print dialog:** Select the **Paper/Quality** panel, then in the **Paper Type** drop-down list, select **Any**.



**NOTE:** Use printer settings is the default **Paper Type** selection.

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### Rescale a print

You can send an image to the printer at a certain size but tell the printer to rescale it to a different size (normally larger). This may be useful:

- If your software does not support large formats
- If your file is too large for the printer's memory; in which case you can reduce the paper size in your software and then scale it up again using the front panel option

You can rescale an image in the following ways:

- You can rescale an image from the **Windows driver dialog:** Go to the **Advanced > Scale**.
  - By selecting a paper size, the image size is adjusted to the paper size you have selected. For example, if you have selected ISO A2 and you print an A3-sized image, it is enlarged to fit the A2 paper. If the ISO A4 size is selected, the printer reduces a larger image to fit the A4 size.
  - The percentage of actual size option enlarges the printable area of the original paper size by the percentage indicated, and then adds the margins to create the output paper size.

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- **In the Mac OS X Print dialog:** Select the **Paper Handling** panel, then **Scale to fit paper size**, and select the paper size to which you want to scale the image. If you want to increase the size of the image, make sure that the **Scale down only** box is unchecked.

If you are printing to a single sheet, you must ensure that the image fits onto the sheet, if not the image will be clipped.

### Print a draft

You can specify this to save time and cost.

- **In the Windows driver dialog:** Go to **Print quality** and select **Fast**.

You can specify even faster draft-quality printing by using Economode, as follows. This is intended mainly for documents containing only text and line drawings:

- **In the Windows driver dialog:** Go to **Advanced > Color and quality** and check **Economode**.
- **In the Mac OS X Print dialog:** Go to the **Paper/Quality** panel and move the print-quality slider to the extreme left (**Speed**).

### High-quality printing

For unrivaled image quality.

- **In the Windows driver dialog:** Go to **Print quality** and select **Best**.
- **In the Mac OS X Print dialog:** Go to the **Paper/Quality** panel and move the print-quality slider to the extreme right (**Quality**).

### *If you have a high-resolution image*

You can improve print sharpness when using glossy paper.

If your image has a resolution greater than the rendering resolution (which you can see in the **Custom Print Quality Options**), print sharpness may be improved by selecting the **Maximum Detail** option.

This option is available only if you are printing on photo paper.



**NOTE:** The **Maximum Detail** option results in slower printing with photo papers, but it does not increase the amount of ink used.

### Use paper economically

You may be able to save some of your roll paper by removing blank areas and/or by image rotation.

- **In the Windows driver dialog:** Go to **Advanced > Output > Remove blank areas** and enable the setting. You can also select one of the **Rotation** options.
- **In the Mac OS X Print dialog:** Go to **Finishing panel > Remove Blank Areas**.

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### Use ink economically

There are some recommendations you can follow to save ink.

- For draft prints use plain paper, set **Print quality** to **Economode**.
- Clean the printhead only when needed. Cleaning the printhead can be useful, but it uses a small amount of ink.
- Leave the printer permanently turned on so that it can maintain the printhead in good condition automatically. This regular printhead maintenance uses a small amount of ink. However, if it is not done, the printer may need to use much more ink later to maintain the printhead.
- Wide prints make more efficient use of ink than narrow prints, because printhead maintenance uses some ink, and its frequency is related to the number of passes made by the printhead.


### Printing in grayscale or black-and-white

There are a number of ways to convert all the colors in your image to shades of gray.

- **In your application program:** Many applications provide this option.
- **In the Windows driver dialog:** Go to **Basic > Color mode** and tap **Grayscale**. Only black ink is used to print, except if the paper loaded is glossy, in which case colored inks are used to compose the gray shades. You can also select **Pure black and white** for black and white output only, with no gray shades. In this case only black ink is used to print. The **Pure black and white** option is not supported when you print on glossy paper.
- **In the Mac OS X Print dialog:** Go to the **Color Options** panel and from the **Mode** drop-down list, select **Grayscale**. Only black ink is used for printing, unless the paper loaded is glossy, in which case the other inks are used to compose gray shades. You can also select **Pure black and white** for black and white output only, with no gray shades. In this case, only black ink is used for printing. The **Print in pure black and white** option is not supported when printing on glossy paper.

### Print from USB flash drive

Print an image on a USB flash drive directly to the printer using the front panel.

1. Insert the USB flash drive containing the image or images that you want to print into the printer's USB port.
2. From the front panel home screen, tap the **Print** icon .
3. Tap **Print from USB**.
4. Tap **USB settings** at the bottom right to select the print settings for the job. To adjust the number of copies, select the number of copies field. Use the keypad to enter the number of copies to print. Select color options, quality, paper source, output scale and margins.
5. Tap **Print** to print the job.

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### Print using Wi-Fi Direct

With Wi-Fi Direct, you can print wirelessly from a computer, smart phone, tablet, or other wireless-capable device—without connecting to an existing wireless network

#### Guidelines for using Wi-Fi Direct

There are essential prerequisites to using Wi-Fi Direct.

- Make sure your computer or mobile device has the necessary software.
- If you are using a mobile device, make sure you have installed a compatible printing app. For more information, <http://www.hp.com/go/mobileprinting>.
- Make sure Wi-Fi Direct for your printer is turned on.
- Up to five computers and mobile devices can use the same Wi-Fi Direct connection.
- Wi-Fi Direct can be used while the printer is also connected to a network using a wireless connection.
- Wi-Fi Direct cannot be used to connect a computer, mobile device, or printer to the Internet.

#### Turn on Wi-Fi Direct

You can turn on Wi-Fi Direct directly from the front panel, or alternatively from the EWS.

1. From the printer front panel, tap **Menu > Settings > Network > Wi-Fi Direct**.
2. If the display shows that Wi-Fi Direct is **Off**, tap **Wi-Fi Direct** and then switch it on.
3. You can also turn on Wi-Fi Direct from the Embedded Web Server. For more information about using the Embedded Web Server, see [Access the Embedded Web Server](#) in Chapter 3

#### Change connection method

You can change the Wi-Fi Direct connection method, and choose between automatic and manual.

1. From the printer front panel, tap **Menu > Settings > Network > Wi-Fi Direct**.
2. Tap **Connection Method** and then select **Automatic** or **Manual**:
  - a. If **Automatic** was selected during Wi-Fi Direct setup on the printer, the mobile device automatically connects to the printer.
  - b. If **Manual** was selected during the Wi-Fi Direct setup on the printer, acknowledge the connection on the printer display or enter the printer PIN on your mobile device. The PIN is provided by the printer when a connection attempt is made.



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### *Print from a wireless-capable mobile device that supports Wi-Fi Direct*

Make sure you have installed the latest version of HP Print Service Plugin on your mobile device.



**NOTE:** If your mobile device does not support Wi-Fi, you are not able to use Wi-Fi Direct.

1. Make sure you have turned on Wi-Fi Direct on the printer.
2. Turn on Wi-Fi Direct on your mobile device. For more information, see the documentation provided with the mobile device.
3. From your mobile device, select a document from a print enabled application, and then select the option to print the document.  
The list of available printers appears.
4. From the list of available printers, choose the Wi-Fi Direct name shown such as **DIRECT-\*\*-HP DesignJet T850 Printer series** (where \*\* are the unique characters to identify your printer), and then follow the onscreen instructions on the printer and your mobile device.
5. Print your document.

### *Print from a wireless-capable mobile device that does not support Wi-Fi Direct*

Make sure you have installed a compatible printing app on your mobile device.

1. Make sure you have turned on Wi-Fi Direct on the printer.
2. Turn on the Wi-Fi connection on your mobile device. For more information, see the documentation provided with the mobile device.



**NOTE:** If your mobile device does not support Wi-Fi, you are not able to use Wi-Fi Direct.

3. From the mobile device, connect to a new network. Use the process you normally use to connect to a new wireless network or hotspot. Choose the Wi-Fi Direct name from the list of wireless networks shown such as **DIRECT-\*\*-HP DesignJet T850 Printer series** (where \*\* are the unique characters to identify your printer).
4. Enter the Wi-Fi Direct password when prompted.
5. Print your document.

## Mobile printing

### *Introduction*

You can print to your printer from many mobile devices and from almost any location.

The main method of Mobile Printing is: Direct printing by connection to the same network.

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**IMPORTANT:** The printer must be connected to a network with Internet access: connect an Ethernet cable.



**IMPORTANT:** In order to print/scan from mobile devices, **Bonjour**, **IPP/IPPS** and **Remote scan** protocols must be enabled in the Embedded Web Server (**Network > Advanced Settings**).

### Print from Android

You can add and manage your device's print services from your Android Settings: **Settings > Connected Devices > Connection Preferences > Printing** (exact location may vary depending on Android OS version).



**NOTE:** Printing is only available from applications that offer printing or sharing.

### Print using the HP Print Service plugin

You must have Android 6.0 or later.

If it is not already installed on your device, download, install, and enable the HP Print Service plugin from the Google Play store at <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.hp.android.printservice>.

To use the plugin, follow the steps below:

1. Open the document or photo you want to print, tap the **Menu** icon, then tap **Print**.
2. Choose your printer from the list. Printers discovered by the HP Print Service plugin will appear with the HP logo.
3. Check the print settings, then tap **Print**.

Alternatively, for document types PDF, JPEG, and PNG, you can use the Android Share button and select the HP Print Service plugin from the list of options.


### Print using the Android default print service

You must have Android 12.0 or later.

The Android default print service comes pre-installed on Android devices, but is enabled only if no other compatible print service is installed, such as the HP Print Service plugin.



**IMPORTANT:** In order to print from an Android mobile device using default services, the Wi-Fi Direct connection method on your printer needs to be set to **Automatic**. To change this setting:

- Tap the **Menu** icon  on the front panel, then navigate to **Settings > Network > Wi-Fi Direct**.
- Make sure *Wi-Fi Direct* is turned **ON**.
- Scroll down to *Connection Method* and change selection from **Manual** to **Automatic**.

You will find the *Wi-Fi Direct* password by navigating to **Menu > Info > Connectivity > Wi-Fi Direct**.

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To use the default service, follow the steps below:

1. Open the document or photo you want to print, tap the **Menu** icon, then tap **Print**.
2. Choose your printer from the list. Printers discovered by the default print service will appear with a generic printer logo.
3. Check the print settings, then tap **Print**.

### Print from Apple iOS



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**NOTE:** Printing is only available from applications that offer printing or sharing.

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#### Print using AirPrint

iOS printing is enabled through AirPrint. You must have iOS 7.0 or later.

1. Open the document or photo you want to print and press the **Share** button.
2. Swipe the screen to reveal the **Print** button and press it.
3. Check the print settings, then press **Print**.

### Print from Chrome OS

Printing is only available from applications that offer printing or sharing.

#### Print using Chrome OS Native Print

With the latest ChromeOS versions, you can use native printing capabilities for basic printing without having to install additional software.

1. Choose your content. Open the document or photo you want to print, tap the **menu icon** and select **Print**.
2. Choose your printer. Select from the list of printers that appears. Printers discovered by ChromeOS Native Print will appear with a generic printer logo.
3. Confirm that the correct printer and print settings are selected. Tap **Print** and collect your printed documents.

For more information, visit the Google website at the following link: <https://support.google.com/chrome/a/topic/9045842>.

### Mobile specifications

Print and scan functionalities require that the mobile device and printer be on the same network.



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**NOTE:** OS versions supported may vary in the future.

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# 6 SCANNING

The Perfecta® Q36 has an integrated color scanner capable of scanning images of the same width that the printer can print. Scan resolution is up to 600 dpi in RGB color with 24 bits per pixel, or grayscale with 8 bits per pixel, or black and white with 1 bit per pixel.

## Quick Sets

A Quick Set is a named group of settings with defined default values that help you to be more efficient.

Quick Sets are convenient for inexperienced users, and can be used to scan, copy, and print jobs.

## Factory Quick Sets

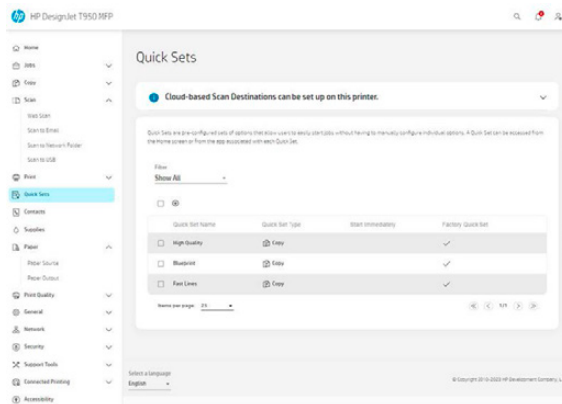
The printer comes with some factory Quick Sets already defined, designed to support typical user requirements.

## User Quick Sets

Quick Sets can be defined by a user and created or modified with the Embedded Web Server.

For information about the Embedded Web Server, see [Access the Embedded Web Server](#) in Chapter 3


To create or modify a user Quick Set, tap **Quick Sets** in the menu at the left side of the Embedded Web Server window.

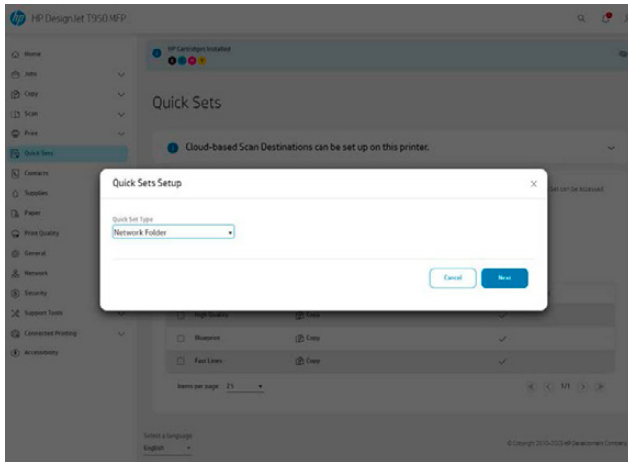


Your own Quick Sets can be duplicated, edited temporarily or permanently, and deleted. Factory Quick Sets can only be duplicated.

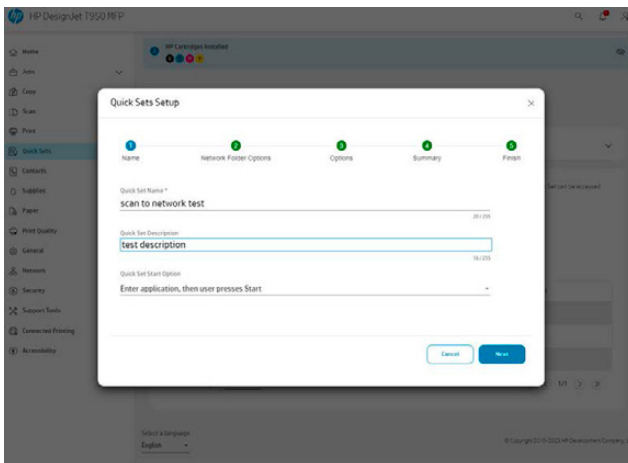
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To add a new Quick Set:

1. Tap the **Add** icon . A window opens to create a new Quick Set to scan, copy, or print jobs.
2. Select from the drop-down list where the new Quick Set will appear. Choose from: **Copy**, **Network folder**, **USB drive**, or **Print from network folder**, then tap **Next**.

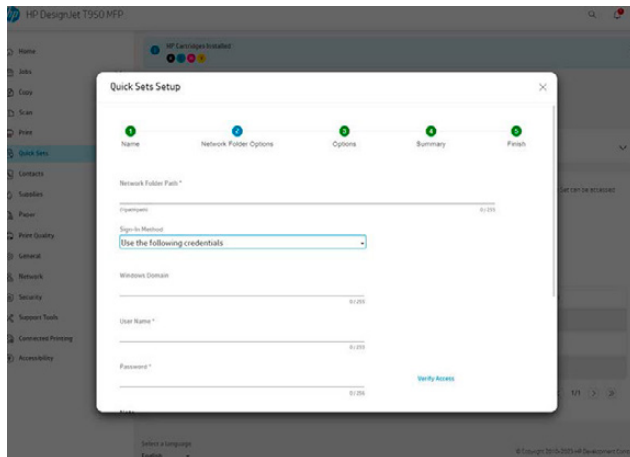


3. Give the new Quick Set a **Name**, a **Description**, and choose the **Start Option** from the drop-down list. When ready, tap **Next**.

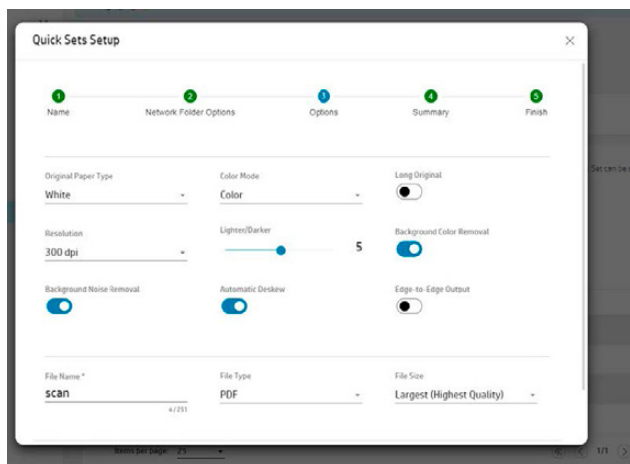


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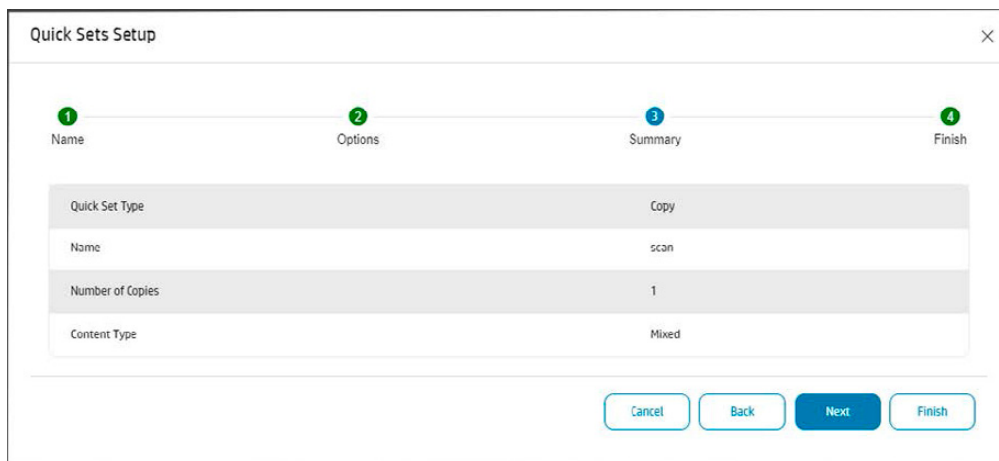
4. Select **Use the following credentials**, then tap **Next**.



5. Select the **Input options** you require, then tap **Next**.

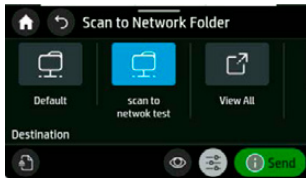


6. A summary of the Quick Set appears. Tap **Next** to save the Quick Set and continue.



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7. The Quick Set is added and now available to use. Tap **OK** to finish.



## Paper types suitable for scanning

Paper categories supported for your Perfecta® scanner.

VariQuest recommends:

- White paper: Any matte original printed with inkjet technology. For instance, anything printed with this printer on any of these paper types: Universal Bond Paper, Coated Paper, Heavyweight Coated Paper, plain paper.
- Translucent paper: Semi-transparent tracing papers (> 65 g/m²), including Natural Tracing, Vellum, and Translucent Bond.
- Blueprints: For scanning blueprint originals with optimum results, in grayscale only. This option greatly enhances the contrast of the resulting image.

The following paper types are not supported by the scanner:

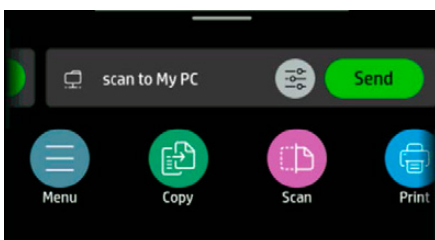
- Film
- Backlit material
- Cling material
- Translucent paper (< 65 g/m²)

**! WARNING!** Do not use documents with staples or rough surfaces/materials that can damage the scanner glass.

## Scan widget

The scan widget allows you to quickly start scanning with predefined settings and send your scan to a network folder.

It can be found on front panel's home screen by sliding the copy widget to the left.



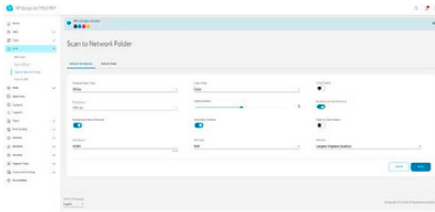
To start the scanning process, click the send button. See [Scan to network setup process](#) for more information on the complete process.

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Tap the Settings icon  to edit defined settings. See [Scan settings](#) for more information.



**NOTE:** The scan widget settings used to scan and the folder where the job is sent to can be changed in the Embedded Web Server: **Scan > Scan to network folder**.



**NOTE:** Before using the scan widget, a network folder needs to be configured. See [Scan to network setup process](#).

## Scan destinations

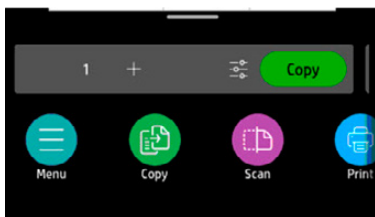
The scanner is capable of scanning directly to different destinations.

You can scan to the following:

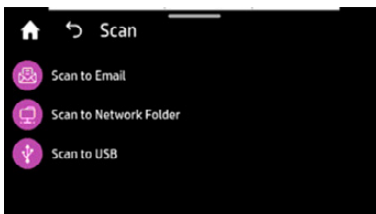
- To network folder
- To email address
- To USB flash drive

You can start a scanning process in two ways:

- **At the front panel:** select 1.



Then select where you would like to store the scanned image.

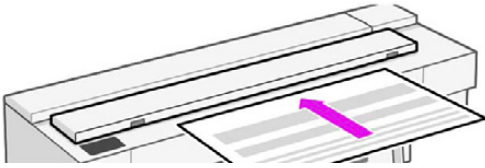


- **Feed the document directly:** Load the sheet with the printed side facing upwards (you can also load the sheet before step 1, if you prefer).

Align the center of the sheet approximately with the center of the scanner. Use the standard size markings to help you.



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**NOTE:** The maximum length of paper that the scanner can scan depends on the paper width, among other options such as scan resolution. An alert is displayed if the maximum length is exceeded.

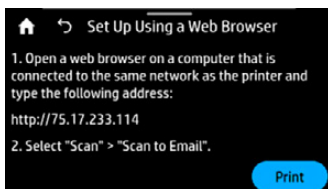
Push the sheet into the insertion slot until you feel it contact the rollers. The scanner will automatically grab the sheet and move it into position for scanning. If you feel that the sheet has loaded badly and you want to try again, you can pull it out manually.



**IMPORTANT:** Do not try to feed the scanner while the printer is printing, as only one action can be done at a time. Paper will not be accepted by the scanner during printing.

At the front panel, go to the home screen and select **Scan**, then select where you would like to store the scanned image:

- **Into an email:** Before using this option, make sure the setup process has been completed. See [Scan to email setup process](#). If the setup process has not been done, the following message appears on the front panel:



If you have already configured the email server in the Embedded Web Server, you must provide the email address(es) to which the scanned job will be sent.

Scan to email user interface options:

- Sender
- Send to:
  - » Contact
  - » Group
  - » Addresses

Tap **Start Scan** to start the scanning process.



**NOTE:** Before starting the process, make sure you have followed the **Scan to email setup** process. The **scan to email setup** has to be done from the Embedded Web Server. For more information, go to **Scan to email setup process** on [Scan to email setup process](#).



**NOTE:** If the scanned image is larger than the maximum permitted, the printer will ask you if you want to try to send it anyway. If you want to change this option, go to the Embedded Web Server and select **Scan to email setup > Maximum size of email**.

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- **To a network folder:** In this case, you must choose a folder accessible through the network.

To create and/or change the folder options, go to the Embedded Web Server, then **Scan > Scan to network folder > Default folder**, or you can create a network folder quick set.

A security PIN can be associated with each folder; check Network folder setup on [Scan to network setup process](#).

Scan to network folder user interface options:

- Save As
- File name
- Resolution

Tap the **Settings** icon  to change scan to network folder settings. For further information on settings go to [Scan to network setup process](#).

Tap **Start Scan** to start the scanning process.



**NOTE:** Before starting the process, make sure you have followed the Scan to Network folder setup process. The scan to Network folder setup has to be done from the Embedded Web Server. For more information, go to Scan to Network folder setup process on [Scan to network setup process](#).

- **To USB:** When scanning to USB, a folder named HPSCANS is created on the USB drive. The file is saved in the folder. The file is saved in PDF, JPEG, or TIFF format using an automatically generated file name if you have not given it one.

Scan to USB user interface options:


- Save As (format file)
- File name
- Resolution

Go to **Menu > Scan** to change scan to USB settings. For further information on settings go to [Scan settings](#).

Tap **Start Scan** to start the scanning process.

- **Scanning from a mobile device:** You can also scan from your smartphone or tablet: See [Mobile printing](#) for more information.

## Scan settings

Some of the default scan settings are displayed. Tap **Settings**  to see the complete list of settings, and check in particular that the original type setting corresponds to the paper type that you intend to scan.

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- **Original paper type:**
  - **White**
  - **Blueprint:** for scanning blueprint originals with optimum results. This option converts to grayscale and inverts the colors, if needed, producing a white background with black lines.
  - **Translucent paper:** is a mode specifically for scanning NTP, vellum, and other translucent papers.
- **Color options:** allows you to choose color, grayscale, or black and white scanning.
- **Resolutions:** allows you to specify the scan resolution (200, 300, 600 dpi).
- **Long original:** allows you to scan up to 8 meters (26.25 feet) long originals.
- **Lighter/Darker:** allows you to modify the lightness of the scan using a slider.
- **Background color removal:** cleans the color in the original background.
- **Background noise removal:** clears the noise on the original background.
- **Scan edge-to-edge output:** do not crop the scan to the original edges. It is **Off** by default.
- **Automatic deskew:** corrects the skew automatically. It is **On** by default.
- **File type:** Format allows you to specify the format of the file in which the scanned image will be saved: TIFF, JPEG, or PDF.
- **File name**
- **File size:** allows you to specify the level of compression: High (the default level), Medium, or Low. This option is available if the format is JPEG or PDF.

To configure default scan settings, go to the EWS, then **Scan**, **Scan to email**, **Scan to network folder**, or **Scan to USB**.



**NOTE:** The 'Scan to network' widget uses the settings defined in the EWS under **Scan to network folder**.

## Scan options setup process

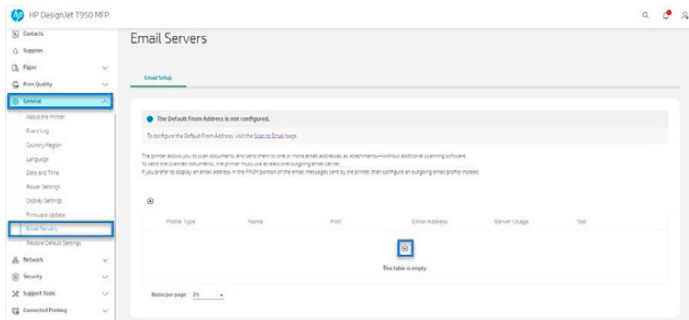
A scanned image may be saved to a USB flash drive, a network folder, or an email message. The USB flash drive options require no preparation, but the other options will not work until they have been set up.

To set up the different scan options, go to the Embedded Web Server in your computer. Access the Embedded Web Server by typing the printer's IP address into your browser. Find your printer's IP address on your printer's Home screen, on the dashboard. Once in the Embedded Web Server, look for the option you would like to set up.

### Scan to email setup process

To set up **Scan to email**, follow the process in the Embedded Web Server. Go to **General > Email Servers**.

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### Outgoing email settings

- **To:** select the default address destination
- **From:** define the default email address for the sender
- **Default from:** specify the default email name
- **Default display name:** specify the default name for the email sender
- **SMTP Server:** the IP address of the outgoing mail server (SMTP) that will process all email messages from the printer. If the mail server requires authentication, email notifications will not work.
- **SMTP Port:** set the default SMTP port number of your outgoing email server
- **Maximum size of email:** defined by your email server
- **Server Authentication:** depends on your email server settings

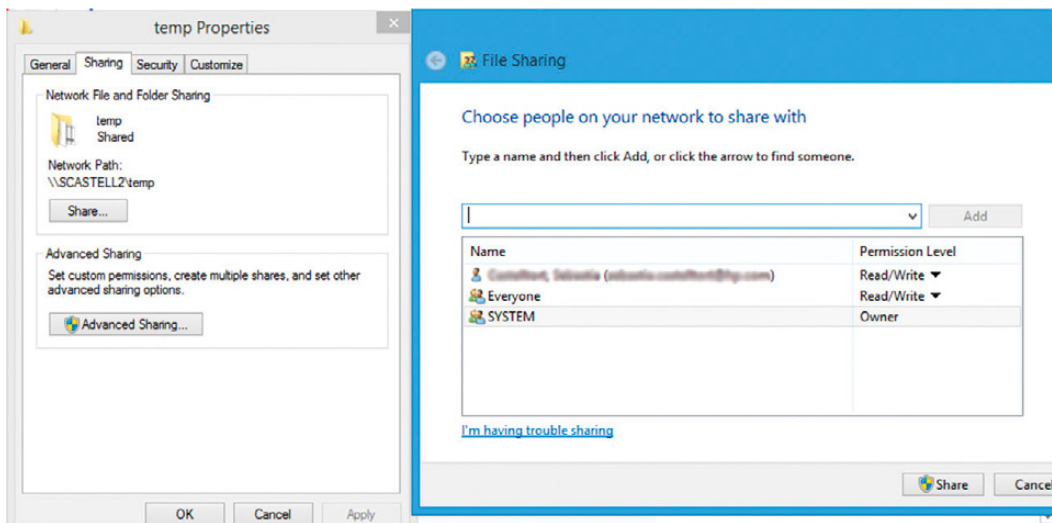
### Scan to network setup process

A scanned image may be saved in a network folder. The USB flash drive option requires no preparation, but the other options will not work until they have been set up. To set up the **Scan to network folder**, first you have to create a folder on your computer.

1. Create a folder on a computer that the scanner can access through the network. See [Example: Create a scan-to-network folder under Windows](#) or [Example: Create a scan-to-network folder under Mac OS X](#).
2. Create a user account on the same computer for the printer.
3. Change the sharing options of the folder so that it is shared with the 'scanner user', and assign full control of the folder to that user.

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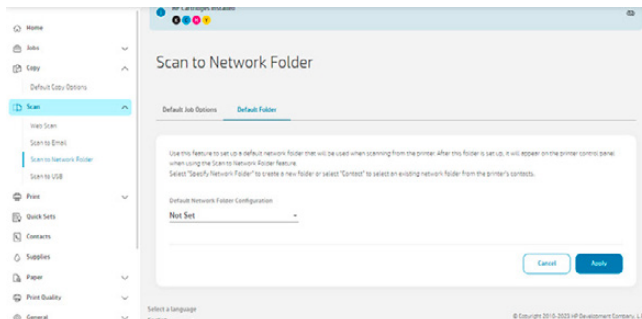
### 4. Create a share name for the folder.



Once the shared folder is created, go to the Embedded Web Server and follow the instructions under the Scan to network folder setup process.

### 5. In the printer's Embedded Web Server, select the **Jobs** tab and then **Network folder**.

### 6. Select an existing profile or to create a new network folder profile.



### 7. Write a name for the folder and type the network path.

- **Display Name** is displayed in the front panel when you are choosing the scan destination. It may be different from the network or FTP folder name.
- **Network Path** should contain the network name of the remote computer.

The server and folder names are used to connect to the shared folder by building a network folder path as follows: *\\server name\folder name*

For a **Network Path**, enter the name or IP address of the remote computer and the name of the shared folder.

Select **Next** to continue.

### 8. Define **Log-in Authentication** settings.

- **User name** should contain the name of the 'scanner user'.
- **Password** should contain the password of the 'scanner user'.

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Type the user name and password of the 'scanner user' that you have already created on the remote computer. Leave the user domain field empty unless the user is a member of a Windows domain. If the user is only a local user of the remote computer, leave the field empty. You can use the name (instead of the IP address) in the server name field only if the shared folder is on a Windows computer in the same local network. This must be a simple name (up to 16 characters long) without a domain suffix (without any dots in the name). Fully qualified DNS domain names are not supported. If the product and the network folder are in different networks, or if the remote computer is not running Windows, then you must use the IPv4 address instead of the name of the remote computer. On IPv6 networks the IPv6 address is also supported.

Select **Next** to continue.

9. Define the **Setup Configuration** for files scanned to the network folder.



**NOTE:** The scan settings defined for a folder, are exclusive for the setup folder.

10. Click **Add** to save the configuration.



**NOTE:** If the product has already been configured for scanning to the network and you now want to use a different shared folder, click **Edit**.

### *From server/from printer*

To be able to scan from server/from printer, you have to follow the Windows setup process defined for adding a device.

Look for **Devices and printers > Add a device** and follow the instructions.

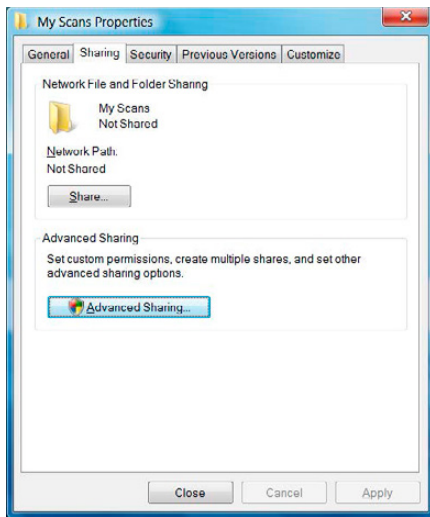
### *Example: Create a scan-to-network folder under Windows*

The printer has a feature that enables it to scan a document and save it to a network folder. You need an new account and dedicated folder set up on the remote computer.

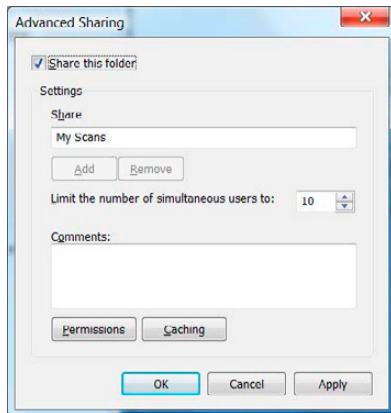
1. Create a new user account for the 'scanner user' on the remote computer. You can use an existing user account for this purpose, but it is not recommended.
2. Create a new folder on the remote computer, unless you want to use an existing folder.
3. Right-click the folder and select **Properties**.

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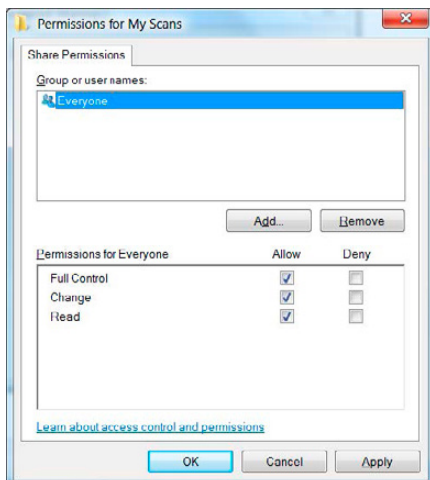
4. In the **Sharing** tab, click the **Advanced Sharing** button.



5. Check the **Share this folder** box.

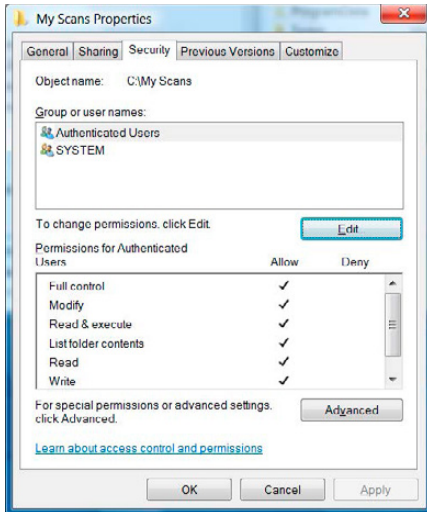


6. You need to ensure that the 'scanner user' has full read/write control over the shared folder. To do this, click **Permissions** and grant **Full Control** to the user (or to any suitable group that includes that user).



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7. If there is a **Security** tab in the Properties window for your folder, then you must also grant the same user **Full Control** over the folder in the **Security** tab. Only some file systems such as NTFS require this.

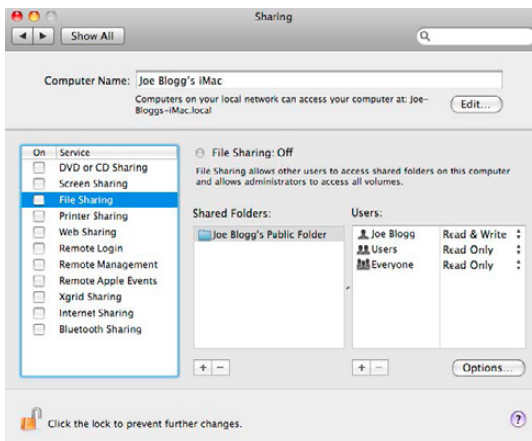


The 'scanner user' can now access the folder and write files to it. Next, you must configure the printer to send scans to the folder.

### Example: Create a scan-to-network folder under Mac OS X

The printer has a feature that enables it to scan a document and save it to a network folder. You need a new account and dedicated folder set up on the remote computer.

1. Create a new user account for the 'scanner user' on the remote computer. You can use an existing user account for this purpose, but it is not recommended.
2. Create or choose a folder on the remote computer. By default, Mac OS X users have a **Public** folder that can easily be used for this purpose.



3. Open the **System Preferences** application and select the **Sharing** icon.
4. Make sure the 'scanner user' has **Read & Write** access to the folder.
5. Click **Options**.






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### Scanning to the network folder using the widget

The scan-to-network-folder widget is a fast way to start a scan and send the document to a network folder.

With a document loaded in the scanner, tap the **Send** button  to start scanning it.



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**NOTE:** If you need to change a setting before the scan starts, tap the **Options** icon.

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The widget settings used to scan and the folder to which the job is sent can be changed in the Embedded Web Server. See [Access the Embedded Web Server](#) in Chapter 3. However, you will then need to restart the printer to see the settings updated in the widget.

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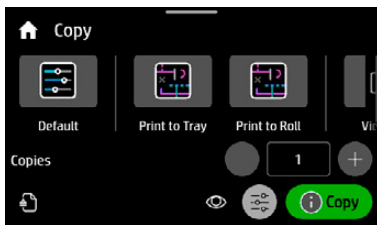
# 7 COPYING

Copy settings offer you a range of options to adjust, enhance, and alter (color), to ensure that the image is scanned and printed for optimum results. You can scan to fill the whole sheet by remove any cropping, correct skew, and even resize the copy to print at a desired size.

## Copy

The function is easy to use and controlled from the front panel.

1. On the front panel, tap the **Copy** menu.



2. You can select a factory Quick Set or one you have created, or if needed, select each specific setting.
3. Select the suitable option for your document. The options are the following:
  - **Lines**
  - **Image**
  - **Mixed** (a document that has both images and lines, such as a map)
4. Select the number of copies that you want to make. You can choose a number ranging from 1 to 99. You can enter the number manually or select it from a slider.
5. Select the paper source you are going to copy to:
  - **Roll**
  - **Tray**
  - **Single sheet**
6. Select the quality of your copy. There are 3 different quality options: **Best**, **Normal**, **Draft**.
7. Tap **Copy**. The printer will prompt you to load the original document if you haven't already.



**NOTE:** The maximum length of paper that the scanner can scan depends on the paper length and the scan resolution. An alert is displayed if the maximum memory is exceeded.

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Push the sheet into the insertion slot until you feel it contact the rollers. The scanner will automatically grab the sheet and move it into position for scanning. If you feel that the sheet has loaded badly and you want to try again, you can pull it out manually.

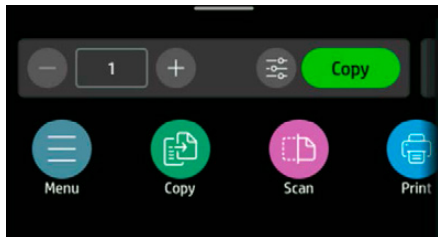


**IMPORTANT:** Do not try to feed the scanner while the printer is printing, as only one action can be done at a time.

### Copy widget


The copy widget allows you to quickly start copying with predefined settings.

It can be found at the top of the front panel's home screen. See [Copy](#) in Chapter 7.



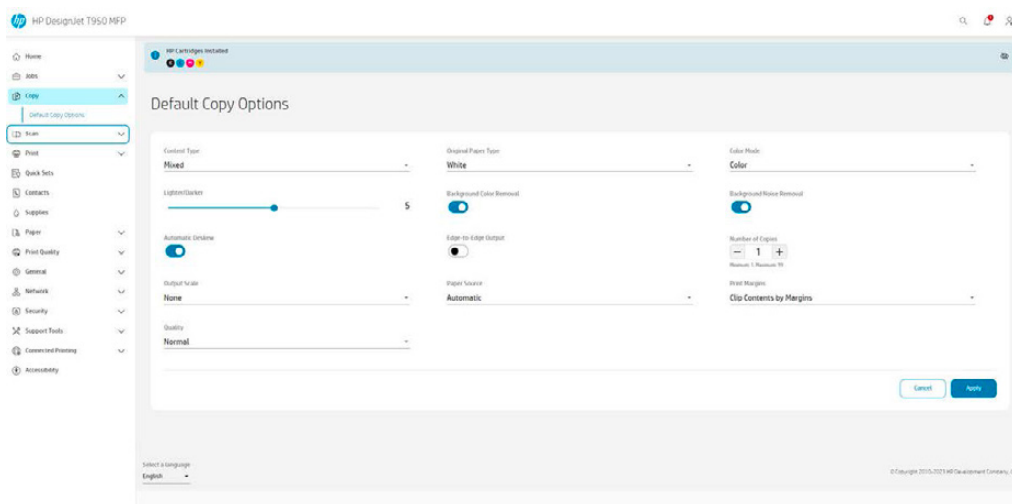
Tap on the (-) icon or (+) icon to edit the number of copies.

Click the **Copy** button to start the copying process. See [Copy](#) in Chapter 7 for more information on the complete process.

Tap the Settings icon  to edit defined settings. See [Copy settings](#) in Chapter 7.



**NOTE:** The copy widget settings used to copy can be changed in the Embedded Web Server: **Copy** > **Default copy options**.



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### Copy settings

Some of the default copy settings are displayed. Tap **Settings** to see the complete list of settings.

#### Original settings

- **Content type**
- **Lighter/darker** allows you to adjust the lightness of the copy.
- **Background noise removal** reduces image defects such as wrinkles.
- **Background color removal** reduces color defects in the original background.
- **Original Paper Type**: White, Blueprint, and Translucent

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- **Color mode** allows you to specify the colors for your copy (color, grayscale, black and white).
- **Automatic Deskew** automatically corrects skew. It is **On** by default.
- **Edge-to-Edge Output** ensures the copy is not cropped to the edge of the original image. It is **Off** by default.

#### Printing settings

- **Output Scale** allows you to resize the print. There are four options:
  - **None**: The original size is not scaled ( default)
  - **Custom**: To resize the copy to a specific percentage
  - **Standard Sizes**: Resize to a specific standard size
  - **Loaded papers**: Resize to the size of one of the loaded papers
- **Paper Source** allows you to choose between Automatic (default), Roll, Tray or Single Sheet when printing.
- **Copy Margins** allows you to decide how to manage the printer margins. You can print the scanned image as is and add the margins or you can clip the image with the printing margins (Add to Contents, Clip to Contents).
- **Quality** defines the copy resolution and print quality.

#### Defaults

To define default copy settings, go to the EWS > Copy > Default Copy Options.



**NOTE:** Default copy options are used by the copy widget.

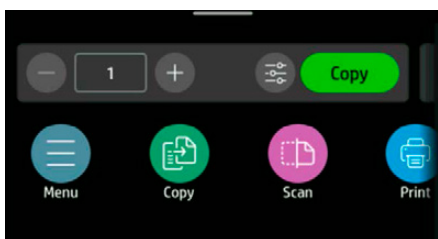
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### Copy from the widget

The copy widget is a fast way to start a copy.

With a document loaded in the scanner, tap on the **Copy** button to quickly start copying. The number of copies can be defined for the copy widget.



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# 8 QUICK SETS

A Quick Set is a named group of settings with defined default values.

Quick Sets help you be more efficient and are convenient for less experienced users. They offer a 'one click' action to scan, copy, and print jobs.

## Factory Quick Sets

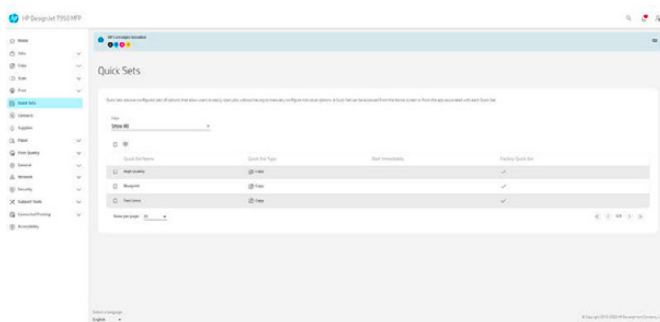
The printer comes with some pre-defined factory Quick Sets, designed to support typical user requirements.

See [Launching Quick Sets](#) for more information.

## Managing Quick Sets

Quick Sets can be managed from the Embedded Web Server.

Look for the **Quick Sets** option on the menu. See [Access the Embedded Web Server](#) in Chapter 3 for more information.



Depending on the permissions your printer has set, you can create, delete, edit, or view a Quick Set.

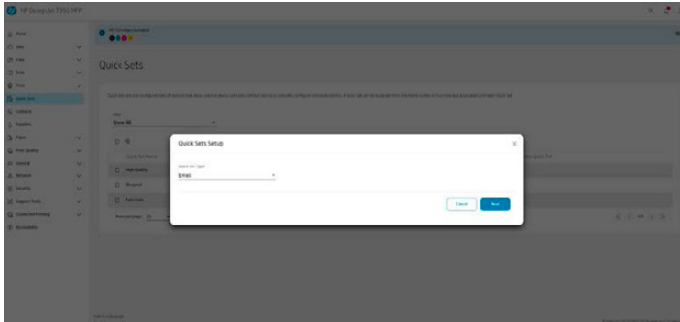
## Creating a new Quick Set

Quick Sets can be created from the Embedded Web Server.

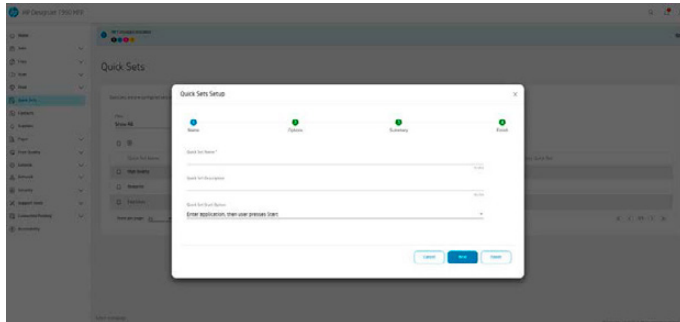
1. Tap the Add icon (+). A window opens to create a new Quick Set to scan, copy, or print jobs.

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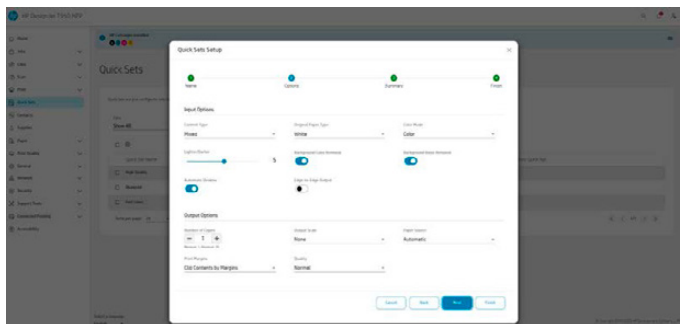
2. Select the new type of Quick Set from the drop-down list. Choose from **Copy**, **Email**, **Network Folder**, **USB Drive**, or **Print from USB**, then tap **Next**.



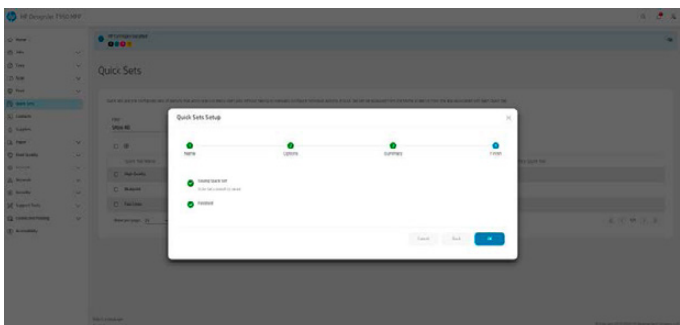
3. Give the new Quick Set a name, description, and choose the start option from the drop-down list, then tap **Next**.



4. Select the input options you require, then tap **Next**.



5. A summary of the Quick Set appears. Tap **Next** to save the Quick Set and continue.
6. The Quick Set is added and now available to use. Tap **OK** to finish.



7. The new Quick Set will now appear in the list.



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### Editing a Quick Set

Quick Sets can be edited from the Embedded Web Server.



**NOTE:** Factory Quick Sets cannot be edited.

1. Select the Quick Set to edit by clicking on the checkbox near the Quick Set name.
2. Tap the **Edit** icon. A window will open with information on the Quick Set.
3. Edit the information and follow the steps. Tap **OK** to finish.

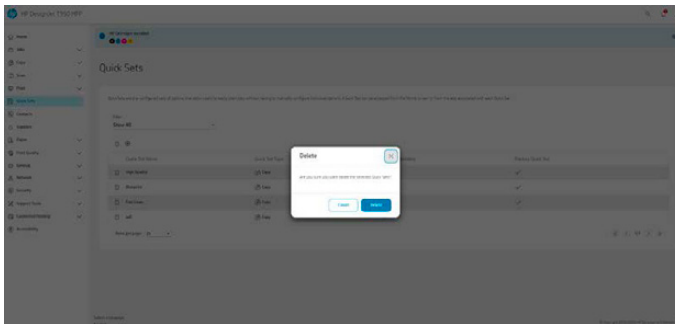
### Deleting a Quick Set

Quick Sets can be deleted from the Embedded Web Server.

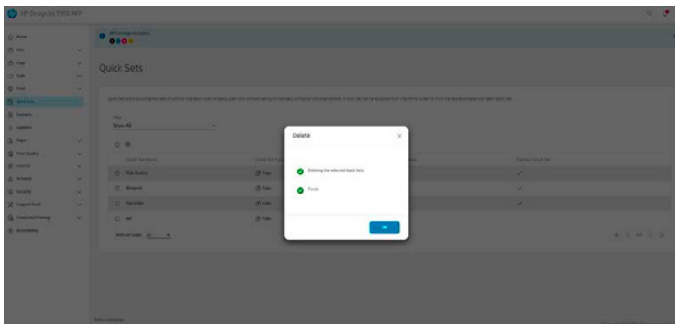


**NOTE:** Factory Quick Sets cannot be deleted.

1. Select the Quick Set you want to delete by clicking on the checkbox by the Quick Set's name.
2. Tap the **Delete** icon. A confirmation window will open.



3. The Quick Set will be deleted. Tap **OK** to finish.



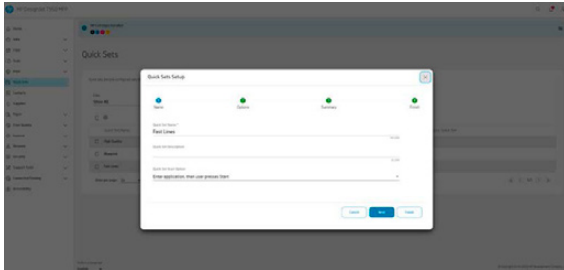
### Copying a Quick Set

Quick Sets can be copied from the Embedded Web Server.

1. Select the Quick Set you want to copy by clicking on the checkbox by the Quick Set's name.

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2. Tap the **Copy** icon. A window will open with information on the Quick Set.



3. Give the Quick Set a new name, add a description, and make any other changes to settings.
4. Follow the steps until you have saved the Quick Set. Tap **OK** to finish.
5. The duplicated Quick Set will now appear in the list.

## Viewing a Quick Set

Quick Sets can be viewed from the Embedded Web Server.



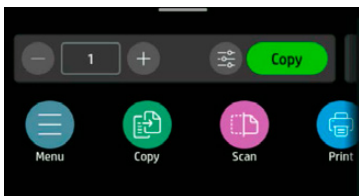
**NOTE:** Only factory Quick Sets can be viewed.

1. Select the Quick Set you want to view by clicking on the checkbox by the Quick Set's name.
2. Tap the **View** icon. A window will open with information on the Quick Set.
3. Check any information you want to check and follow the steps. Tap **OK** to finish.

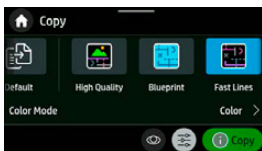
## Launching Quick Sets

Quick Sets can be launched from the Embedded Web Server.

1. From the front panel, tap on the **Scan** or **Copy** menu.



2. Select an appropriate Quick Set for your copy or scan job. Quick Sets can be temporarily modified by changing a setting.



**NOTE:** Created Quick Sets will appear here along with factory Quick Sets.

3. Click on **Copy** or **Send** to start the process.
4. Follow the instructions on the front panel to finish.

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# 9 PRACTICAL PRINTING EXAMPLES

Step by step examples to print drafts, projects, presentations etc. to help you follow correct procedure with your jobs.

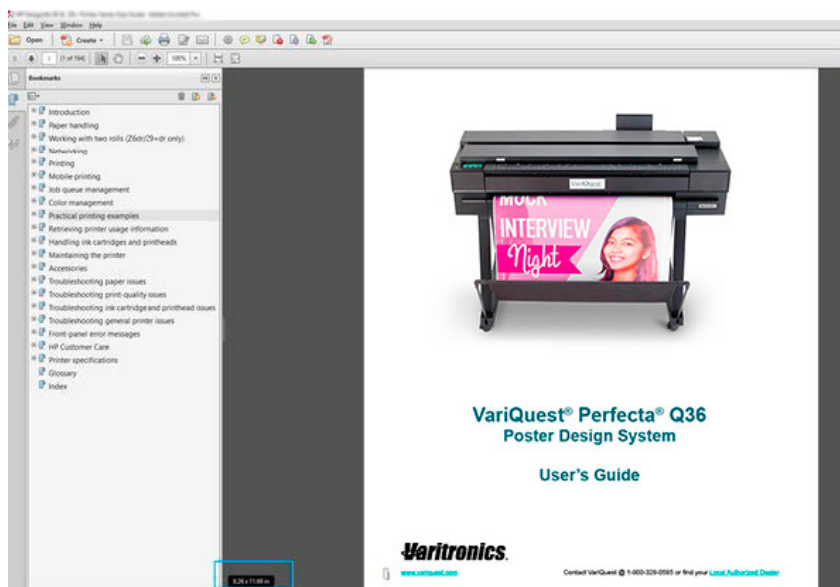
## Print a draft for revision with the correct scale

Page size and orientation may not always be set as you require. This can be altered.

### Using Adobe Acrobat

Print a revision draft with the correct scale.

1. In the Acrobat window, bring the mouse cursor to the bottom left corner of the document pane to check the page size.



2. Select **File > Print** and ensure that **Page Sizing & Handling** is set to **Actual size**.



**NOTE:** The page size will **not** be automatically selected according to the drawing size.

3. Click the **Properties** button.
4. Choose whatever **Document Size** and **Print Quality** you want to use. If you want to define a new custom paper size, follow the instructions in [Custom paper sizes](#).
5. Select **Rotation**, then **Autorotate**.
6. Click **OK**, and check that the print preview in the **Print** dialog box seems correct.

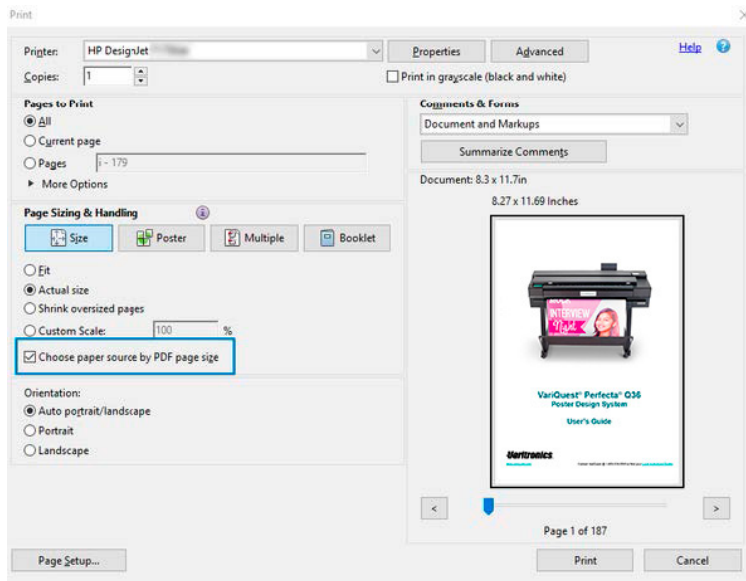
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### Print a PDF multipage job from Adobe Acrobat Reader or Adobe Acrobat Pro

Set up for a multipage job is a quick and simple process.

You can print a multipage job from Adobe Acrobat.

1. Open a multipage job in Adobe Acrobat Reader or Adobe Acrobat Pro (VariQuest recommends always using the latest version).
2. Click **File > Print**.
3. Select the printer and driver.
4. Check the **Choose paper source by PDF page size box**.



5. Adjust other properties in the driver properties window, as required.
6. Click the **Print** button.

### Print a document with the correct colors

Print a document from Adobe Acrobat and Adobe Photoshop, with the emphasis on color management.

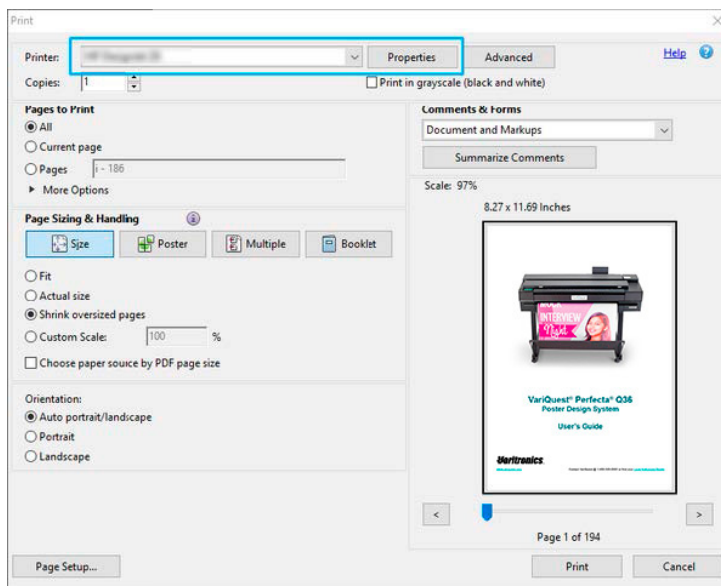
#### Using Adobe Acrobat Reader

The print process is very simple. Acrobat Reader is the most basic application for PDF files; several color management tools common in more sophisticated applications are not explicitly present, and work by default with presets that cannot be changed.

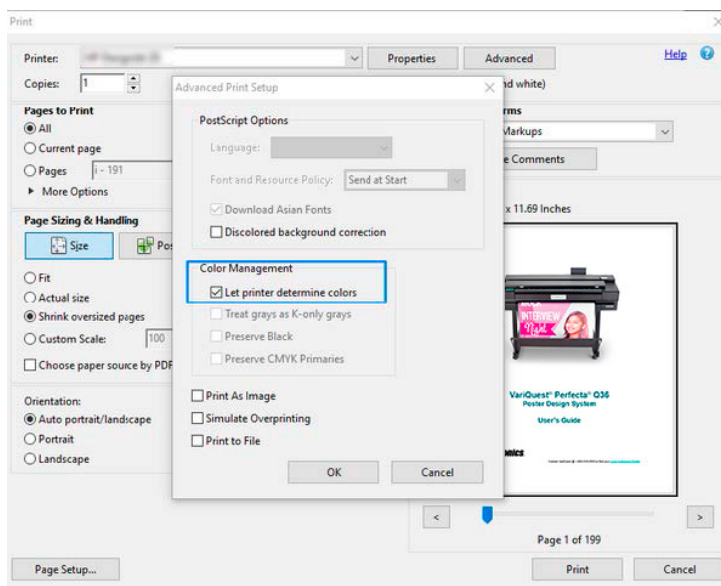
For example, there is no way to select a working color space; a default color space, most likely sRGB, is applied. This color space is used for screen display, for example. Also, as an alternative color profile when no other is specified by a file, as will be explained later.

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1. Click **File > Print**.
2. Select the printer and driver from the **Printer** drop-down menu in the **Print** dialog box. Driver settings can be adjusted by clicking the **Properties** button.



3. Adjust the color settings in the driver properties window. Click the **Properties** button in the **Print** dialog and set the **Color** option in the **Color mode** section. Click **OK**.
4. Click the **Advanced** button in the **Print** dialog box to set color management options. Check the box **Let printer determine colors**.



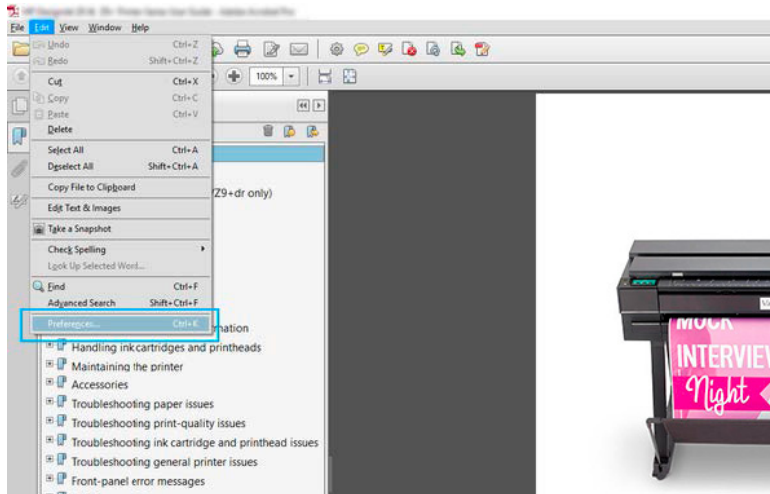
5. If the document contains several color profiles and you are not sure what the result will be, you can flatten the document first and print it as seen on the screen. To do this, check the box **Print As Image** in the Advanced Print Setup dialog box. In this case, the rasterization is performed by Acrobat Reader before calling the driver; whereas, if you do not check this box, the rasterization is performed by the driver. So checking the box may have a visible effect on the look of the printed document.

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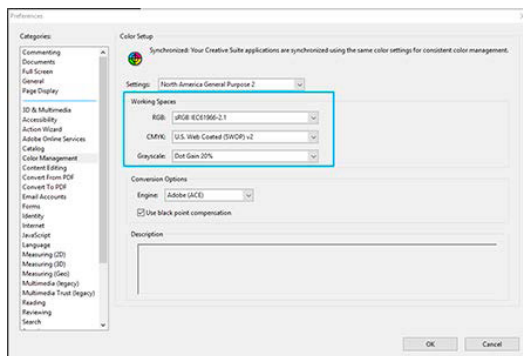
### Using Adobe Acrobat Pro

This is a professional application that allows full color management. See briefly described, the options to select a working color space, convert images to a desired color space, and print.

1. PDF files may not contain a color profile. In the absence of a color profile, Acrobat uses a working color space by default. To choose a working color space, first click **Edit > Preferences**.

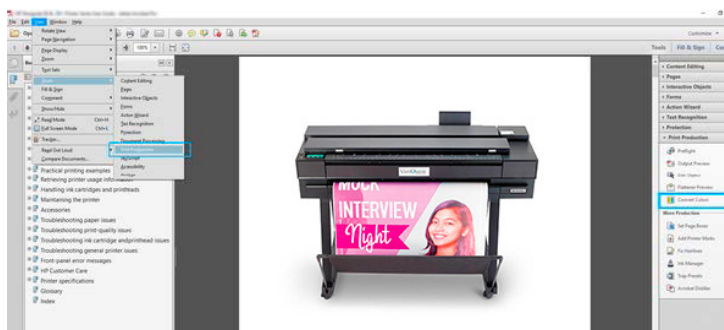


2. In the Preferences dialog box, you can choose RGB, CMYK, and grayscale working color spaces.



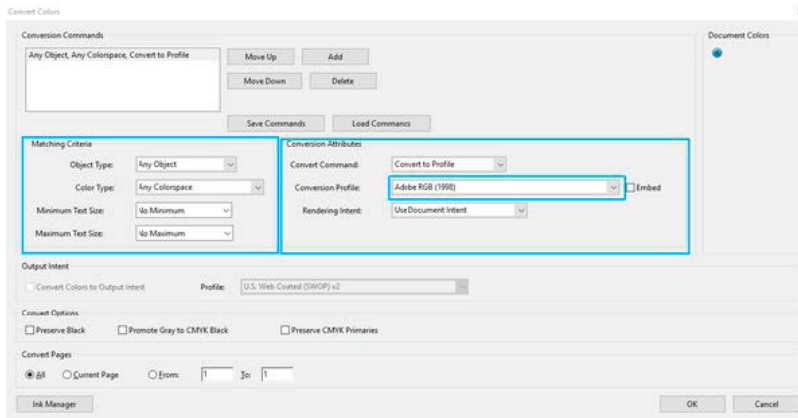
3. PDF files can contain elements with different color profiles. Some may have color profiles, some may not. The working color space will affect only those without a color profile. If you want to attach a specific color profile to the document, you must convert the contents of the document as follows.

First, select **Convert Colors** from **View > Tools > Print Production** or by clicking the icon in the status bar.



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4. Select the elements you want to convert by specifying matching criteria (object type and/or color type) and then the conversion attributes. If you want to change the embedded color profile, you can select **Any Object** and **Any Colorspace** in the Matching Criteria section. In the Conversion Attributes section you can choose, for example, to embed an Adobe RGB (1998) profile by selecting it as the **Conversion Profile**, checking the **Embed** box, clicking the **OK** button, and saving the file to keep the changes. The saved file will have an embedded Adobe RGB color profile.



5. To print the document, choose a printer from the Print dialog box, click the **Properties** button, and in the **Color mode** section, set the color options.



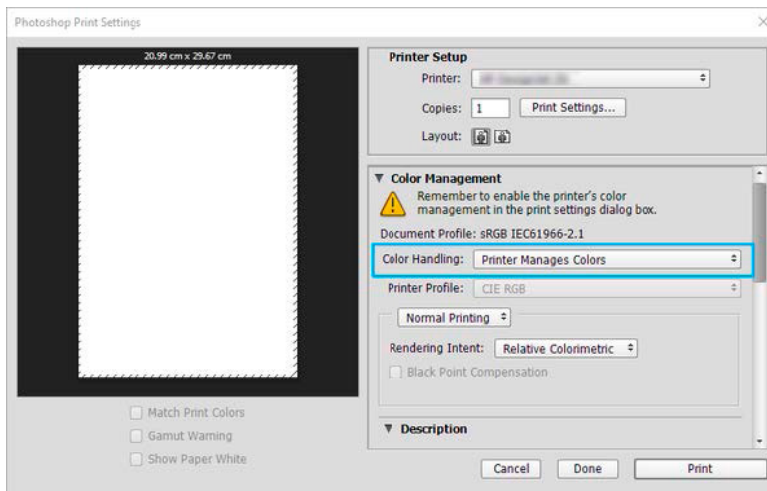
**IMPORTANT:** Select **Print in color** and **Printer managed colors**.

6. In the Print dialog box, click the Print button to print the document.

## Using Adobe Photoshop

The printer can manage colors directly.

1. In Photoshop, click **File > Print**, then select your printer
2. In the Color Management section, set the Color Handling option to **Printer Manages Colors**.





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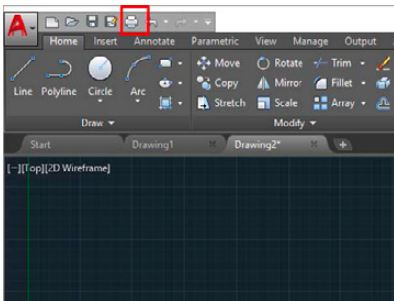
### Print a project using Autodesk AutoCAD

Set up a plot to print from a model or a layout.

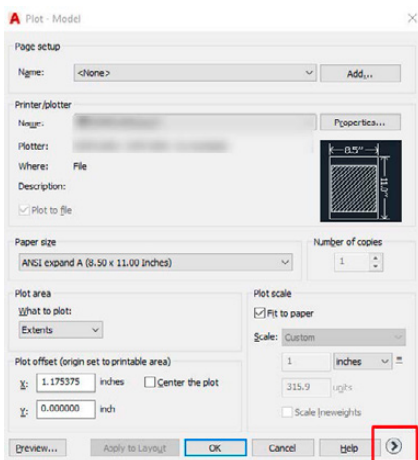
1. The AutoCAD window can show a model or layout. Normally a layout is printed rather than the model.



2. Click the **Plot** icon at the top of the window.



3. The **Plot** window opens.
4. You can see further options by clicking the circular button in the lower right corner of the window.



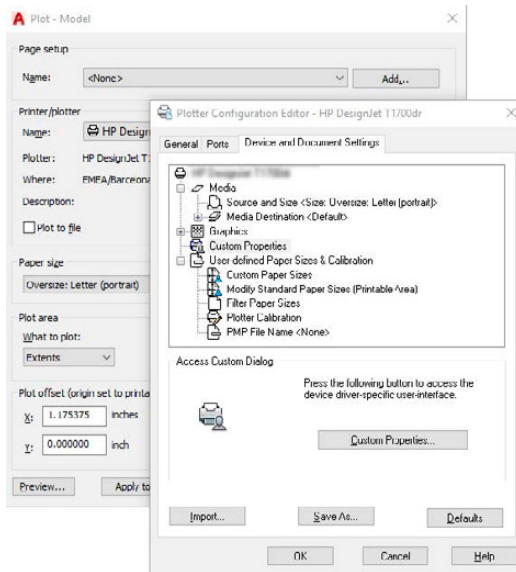
**NOTE:** The Quality option here does not refer to the final print quality but to the quality of AutoCAD viewport objects that are sent for printing.

5. Select your printer and click the **Properties** button.



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6. Select the **Device and Document Settings** tab, and click the **Custom Properties** button.



7. In the **Driver**, select the paper type that you intend to use.
8. Select the print quality.
9. If you intend to print on roll paper, you must decide where the printer should cut the paper.
  - With the Windows driver: **Select Document > Margin layout > Clip content by margins.**
10. Select the **Rotation** option **Autorotate**. Autorotation can help to avoid wasting paper.
11. Click the **OK** button and save your configuration changes to a PC3 file.
12. When you have clicked the **OK** button in the Plot window, the printer will construct a print preview.

## Print a presentation

Setup AutoCAD or Photoshop presentations.

### Using Autodesk AutoCAD

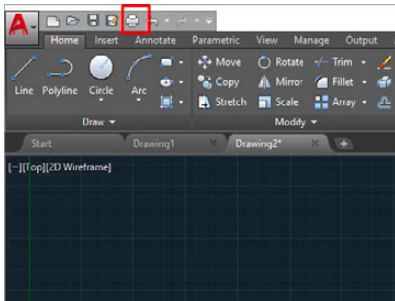
Print a presentation with Autodesk AutoCAD.

1. Open the AutoCAD file and select a layout.

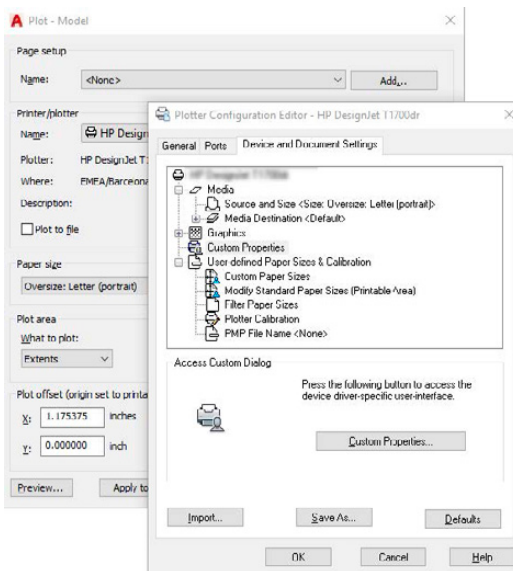


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2. Click the **Plot** icon at the top of the window.



3. Ensure that the correct printer is selected, then click the **Properties** button.
4. Select the **Device and Document Settings** tab, and click the **Custom Properties** button.



5. In the Driver, select the paper type that you intend to use.



**NOTE:** If you select neither the paper source nor the paper type, the printer will not print on any protected roll.

6. Select the print quality.
7. If you intend to print on roll paper, you must decide where the printer should cut the paper.
  - With the Windows driver: Select **Document > Margin layout > Clip content by margins**.
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### Using Adobe Photoshop

Print a presentation with Adobe Photoshop.

1. In Photoshop, click **File > Print** and then select your printer.
2. Click **Print settings**, then select the **Document size** option.
3. Choose from the available paper sizes.
4. If you don't find your desired paper size, create it by following the instructions in [Custom paper sizes](#) in Chapter 5.
5. Select **Show preview before printing**. You may also wish to change the default paper source, paper type and print quality.
6. In the **Color** section, the default color management option is **Printer managed colors**, which is the correct option as you have already selected **Printer Manages Colors** in Photoshop.

## 10 HANDLING INK CARTRIDGES AND PRINTHEAD

There are four replaceable ink cartridges that supply the printhead. You can check status information, and easily change an ink cartridge when required.

### About the ink cartridges

Ink cartridges store the ink and are connected to the printhead, which distributes the ink on the paper.

To purchase additional cartridges, see [Accessories](#) in Chapter 12.

 **CAUTION!** Observe precautions when handling ink cartridges because they are ESD-sensitive devices. Avoid touching pins, leads and circuitry.

### Store supply usage data

Each ink cartridge used with this printer contains a memory chip that assists in the operation of the printer.

The memory chip stores a limited set of anonymous information about the usage of the printer, which can include the following: the date when the cartridge was first installed, the date when the cartridge was last used, the number of pages printed using the cartridge, the page coverage, the printing modes used, any printing errors that may have occurred, and the printer model. This information helps HP to design future products to meet our customers' printing needs.

The information collected by the memory chip does not include information that could be used to identify a customer or user of the cartridge or printer.

HP collects a sample of the memory chips from ink cartridges returned to HP's free return and recycling program. The sampled memory chips are read and studied in order to improve future HP products.

Any third party possessing the printer cartridge might have access to the information on the memory chip. If you prefer if you prefer to not allow access to this information, you can render the chip inoperable.

However, after you render the memory chip inoperable, the memory chip cannot be used in an HP printer.

If you are concerned about providing this anonymous information, you can turn off the memory chip's ability to collect printer usage information. To do so, access the EWS and tap **Security > Security Settings**, then in the **Printer Settings** section, toggle to **Anonymous usage information**. This does not prevent the cartridge from working normally in other respects. However, if you change your mind later, you can restore the factory defaults to resume collecting printer usage information.

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### Check ink cartridge status

Information about the evolution of the ink cartridges.

To view the ink levels of your ink cartridges, tap the **Supplies** icon , then **Ink Cartridges** on the front panel. For more information, tap the specific cartridge.

In the Embedded Web Server go to **Home > Estimated Cartridges Levels or Supplies > Cartridges**.

For an explanation of the ink cartridge status messages, see [ink cartridge status messages](#) in Chapter 18.

### Replace an ink cartridge


There are two occasions when you need to replace an ink cartridge.

- The ink cartridge is very low and you want to replace it with a full cartridge for unattended printing (you can use up the remaining ink in the first cartridge at a more convenient time).
- The ink cartridge is empty or faulty, and you must replace it to continue printing.

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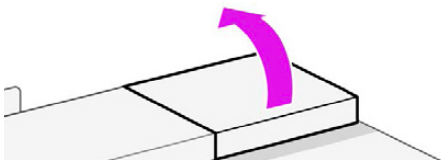
 **CAUTION!** Do not try to remove an ink cartridge while printing.

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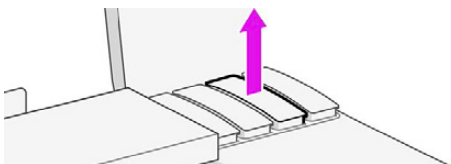
 **CAUTION!** Remove an ink cartridge only if you are ready to insert another one.

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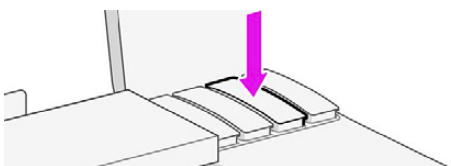
1. Make sure the printer is turned on.
2. Open the ink cartridge cover on the rear right-hand side of the printer.



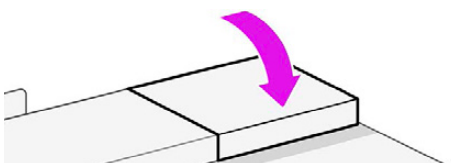
3. Remove the ink cartridge.



4. Insert the new ink cartridge. Make sure that you insert the ink cartridge into the slot that has the same colored letter as the cartridge you are installing.



5. Close the ink cartridge cover.




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### About the printhead

The printhead, which is supplied installed in the printer, is connected to the ink cartridges and jets ink onto the paper.

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 **CAUTION!** Observe precautions when handling the printhead, because it is an ESD-sensitive device. Avoid touching pins, leads, and circuitry.

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For information on replacing printheads, see [Replace the printhead](#) in Chapter 11.


### Safe mode


Under certain conditions, including printer operation outside of environmental specifications, and when a used, refilled, or counterfeit ink cartridge has been detected, the printer will operate in safe mode.


VariQuest® is unable to warrant the performance of the printing system when operated outside of environmental specifications or when a used, refilled, or counterfeit ink cartridge is installed. Safe mode is designed to protect the printer and the printheads from damage due to unexpected conditions, and is in operation when the icon is displayed on the printer's front panel and by the Embedded Web.

For optimal performance, use original VariQuest ink cartridges. VariQuest Perfecta® Poster Design Systems, including original VariQuest inks and printheads, are designed and engineered together to provide uncompromising print quality, consistency, performance, durability, and value—with every print.

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 **NOTE:** This printer is not designed to use continuous ink systems. To resume printing, remove the continuous ink system and install genuine VariQuest cartridges.

 **NOTE:** This printer is designed for ink cartridges to be used until they are empty. Refilling cartridges prior to depletion might cause your printer to fail. If this happens, insert a new cartridge (genuine VariQuest) to continue printing.

 **NOTE:** This printer is intended to work only with cartridges that have a new or reused VariQuest chip, and it uses dynamic security measures to block cartridges using a non-VariQuest chip. Periodic firmware updates will maintain the effectiveness of these measures.

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## 11 MAINTAINING THE PRINTER

Checking printer status and maintenance are essential to keep your equipment in prime condition. Keep your printer clean, diagnose issues, calibrate, replace the printhead when required, and keep your software up to date.

### Check printer status

There are various ways you can check the current printer status.

1. From the front panel, you can get information about the loaded paper and the ink levels.
2. If you access the Embedded Web Server, you see information about the general status of the printer.

### Take care of the printer

The printer is not designed for any purpose other than printing.


It is not recommended to use the printer as a table, for two reasons:


- The surface can easily be damaged.
- Anything that falls into the printer can cause more serious damage.

### Clean the exterior of the printer

Clean the outside of the printer and all other parts of the printer that you regularly touch as part of normal operation with a soft cloth and a mild household cleaner such as non-abrasive liquid soap.

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 **WARNING!** To avoid an electric shock, make sure that the printer is turned off and unplugged before you clean it. Do not let water get inside the printer.

 **CAUTION!** Do not use abrasive cleaners on the printer.

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### Print Quality Diagnostic Report

There are two test patterns designed to highlight printhead reliability problems.

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### To print the Print Quality Diagnostic Report

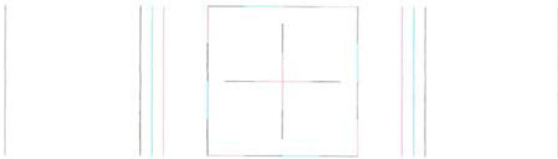
Check the performance of the printhead that is currently installed in your printer, and whether it suffers from clogging or alignment problems.

1. Use the same paper type that you were using when you detected a problem. The test patterns are easiest to evaluate on plain white paper.
2. Check that the selected paper type is the same as the paper type loaded into the printer. See [View information about the paper](#) in Chapter 4.
3. From the printer's front panel, tap the **Menu** icon , then **Tools > Reports > Status Reports > Print Quality Diagnostic Report**.



**NOTE:** The report can also be requested from the Embedded Web Server.

**Test pattern 1:** If the lines are not straight and connected, align the printhead. See [Align the printhead](#).



**Test pattern 2:** If you see thin white lines across and of the colored blocks, clean the printhead. See [Paper handling](#) in Chapter 4.



### Corrective actions

If you have an issue with the diagnostic page, there are steps you can take, depending on the problem.

1. If the lines in Test Pattern 1 are not straight and connected, align the printhead (see [Align the printhead](#)).
2. If any of the colored blocks in Test Pattern 2 show white lines, are faded or completely missing, clean the printhead (see [Clean the printhead](#)). Follow the front panel prompts and perform all three levels of cleaning if necessary.
3. If the problem remains, clean the printhead again.
4. If the problem remains, replace the printhead (see [Replace the printhead](#)). If the printhead is still in warranty, contact VariQuest Support (see [Contact Customer Support](#)).

### Clean the printhead

If your print is streaked or has incorrect or missing colors, the printhead may need to be cleaned.



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There are three stages of cleaning (Express, Basic and Advance). Each stage lasts about two minutes, uses one sheet of paper, and uses an increasing amount of ink. After each stage, review the quality of the printed page. You should initiate the next phase of cleaning only if the print quality is poor.

If print quality still seems poor after you complete all stages of cleaning, try aligning the printhead.




**NOTE:** Cleaning uses ink, so clean the printhead only when necessary.



**NOTE:** Failing to turn off the printer correctly can cause print-quality problems.

### Clean the printhead from the front panel

When your print quality seems poor, and you are next to the printer, this is a simple method to address the issue.

1. Make sure there is paper in the multi-sheet tray or a roll loaded.
2. Go to the front panel and tap the **Menu** icon , then **Tools > Troubleshooting > Printhead Cleaning**.

## Align the printhead

Precise printhead alignment is essential for good area fill, line quality, and sharp edges in graphical elements.

Your printer has an automatic printhead alignment process which runs whenever a printhead has been accessed or replaced. You may need to align the printhead after a paper jam or if you are experiencing print-quality problems.




**IMPORTANT:** Load minimum A4 and latter size paper. Do not load them in landscape.

1. Load the paper you wish to use, see [Paper handling](#) in Chapter 4. You can use a roll or a cut sheet; plain white paper is recommended.



**CAUTION!** Do not use transparent or semi-transparent paper to align the printhead.

2. Ensure that the window is closed, as a strong light source near the printer during printhead realignment can affect alignment.
3. From the front panel, tap the **Menu** icon , then **Tools > Troubleshooting > Printhead Alignment**.



**NOTE:** Printhead alignment can also be started from the Embedded Web Server (**Print Quality > Tools > Printhead Alignment**).

4. If the loaded paper is satisfactory, the printer runs the realignment and prints a realignment pattern.
5. The process takes about five minutes. Wait until the front panel display shows the process complete before using the printer.

If the printer cannot complete the printhead alignment successfully, you may be asked to clean the printhead and try again.



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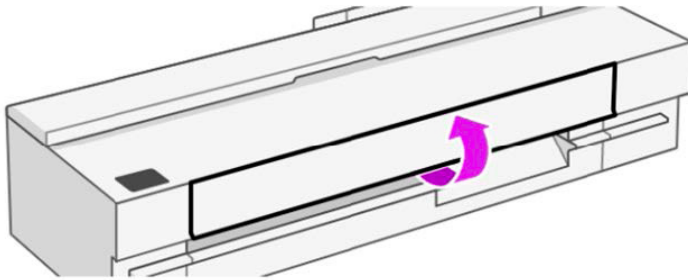
### Replace the printhead

When the printhead is out of ink or has an issue that cannot be fixed, you must replace it. After replacement, the printer will automatically perform a printhead alignment on the loaded paper.

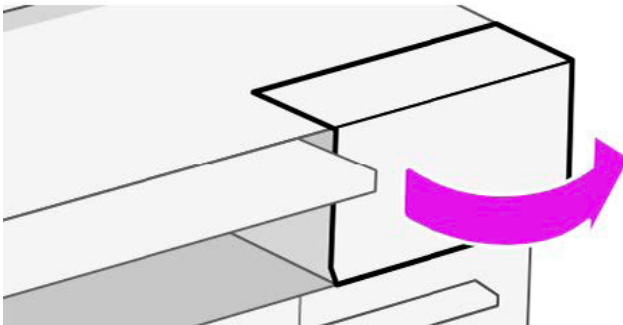


**TIP:** If you would like to perform the printhead alignment on a different paper (perhaps from the multi-sheet tray), you could change the paper before starting this procedure. Plain white paper is recommended. A4 and letter paper should not be loaded in landscape orientation.

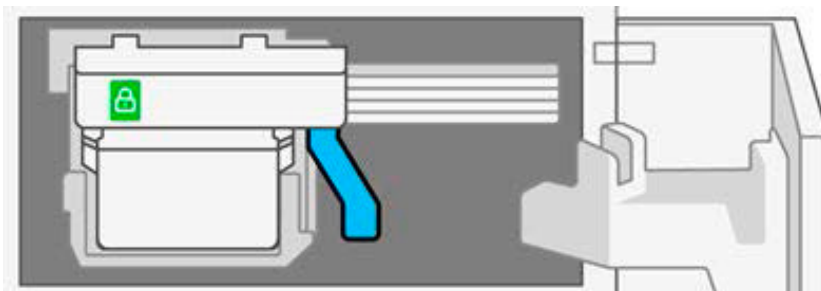
1. Make sure the printer is turned on.
2. Make sure the printer wheels are locked (the brake lever is pressed down) to prevent the printer from moving.
3. From the front panel, tap the **Menu** icon , then the **Supplies** icon , then **Printheads > Replace Printhead**. Follow the instructions on the front panel.
4. Open the main door.



5. Open the printhead door on the right-hand side of the printer.

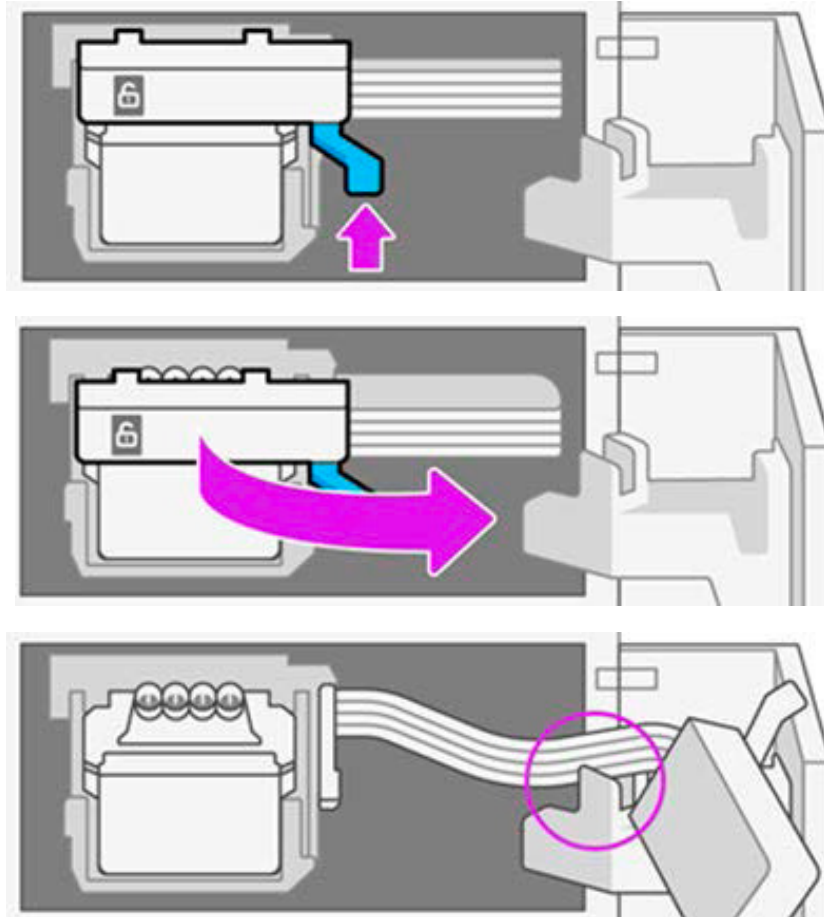


6. Locate the tubes connector-lever to release the ink tubes.

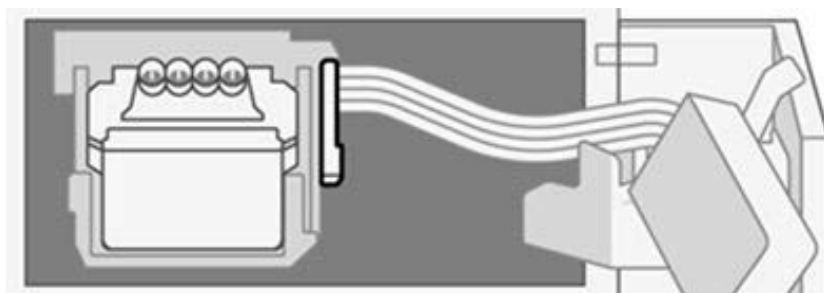


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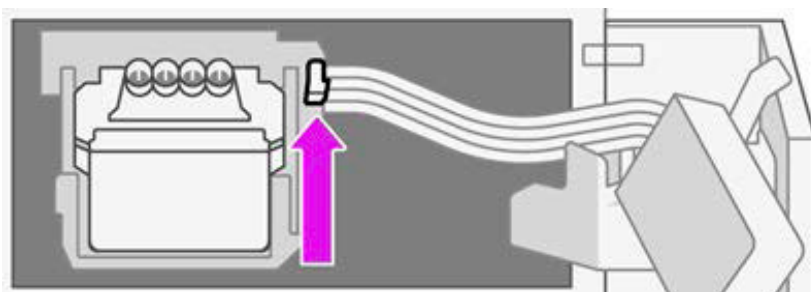
7. Raise the lever to release the tube connector and store the tubes connector on the tubes connector-holder in the printer door.



8. Locate the printhead lever.

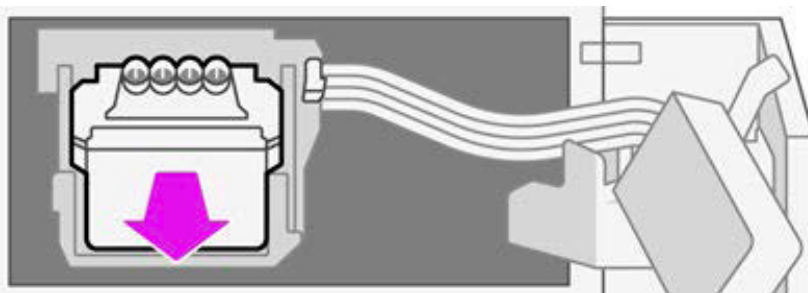


9. Raise the lever to release the printhead.

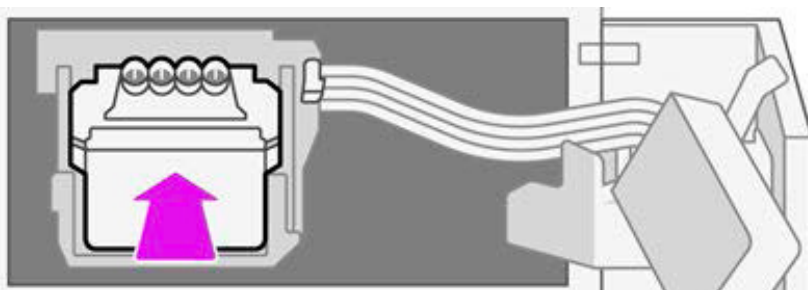


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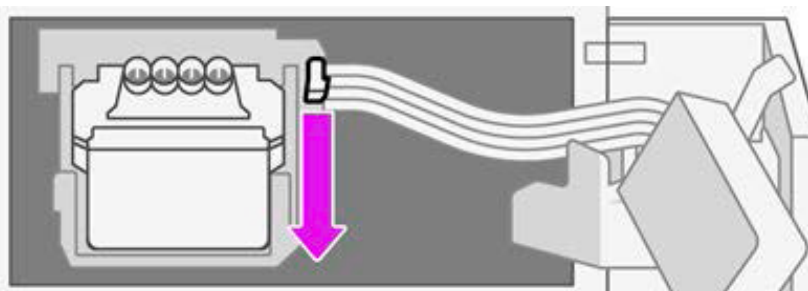
- 10.** Remove the printhead, handling it with care to avoid getting ink on the connections.



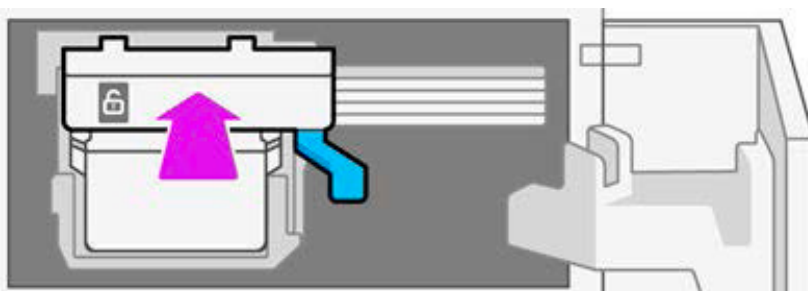
- 11.** Insert the new printhead.



- 12.** Lower the printhead lever (white).

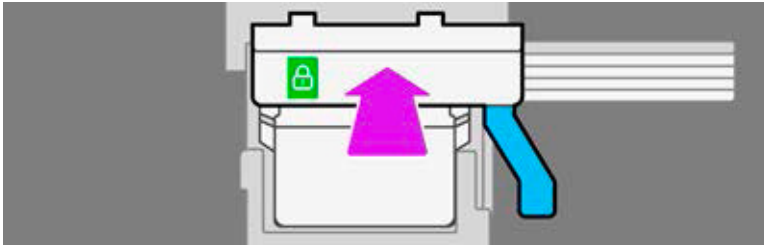


- 13.** Insert the tubes connector into the printhead.

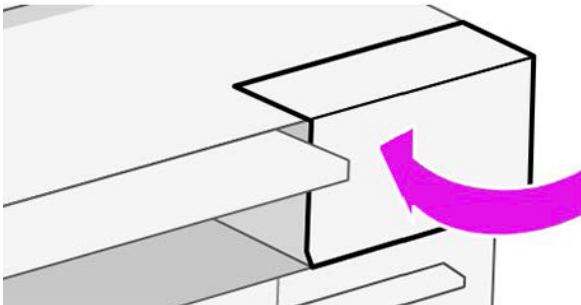


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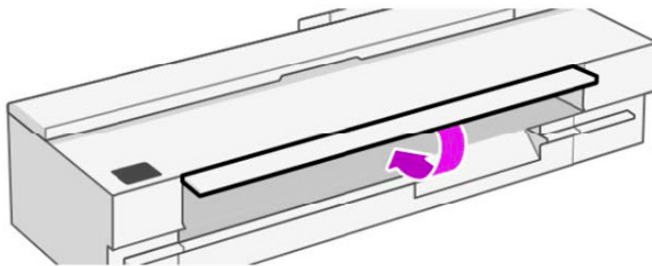
14. Make sure that the tubes connector locks shut.



15. Close the printhead door.



16. Close the main door and follow the instructions on the front panel.



The front panel now recommends a printhead alignment.

The printer prepares the printhead for use.

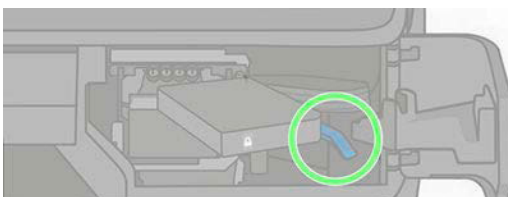


**NOTE:** Do not open any covers during this process.

## Cannot connect the tubes to the printhead

It is important that you are using the correct type of printhead, and that it is well placed in its slot.

1. Check that the printhead is correctly inserted. See [Cannot insert the printhead](#) in Chapter 18.
2. Check that the tubes connector lever (blue) is up before connecting the tubes connector.



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### Clean the encoder strip

You can use a small damp cloth to remove unwanted residue.

1. Turn off the printer: Press the power key and unplug the power cable.
2. Using tap water and a small cloth that will not leave fibers in the printer, dampen the cloth and remove any excess water, so that the cloth is damp but not wet.
3. Open the main door.
4. Hold the cloth in an inverted U shape around the encoder strip and carefully wipe until no further ink residue appears on the cloth. Be very careful not to scratch the encoder strip with your fingernails or any other object. Make sure that you are holding the cloth correctly.



**NOTE:** Do not move the carriage away from the service station.

5. Close the main door.
6. Turn the printer on.

### Recalibrate the paper advance

Accurate paper advance is important to image quality because it is part of controlling the proper placement of dots on the paper. If the paper is not advanced the proper distance between printhead passes, light or dark bands appear in the print and image grain may increase.


The printer is calibrated to advance correctly with all the papers appearing in the front panel. When you select the type of loaded paper, the printer adjusts the rate at which to advance the paper while printing. However, if you are not satisfied with the default calibration of your paper, you may need to recalibrate the rate at which the paper advances. See [Troubleshooting print-quality issues](#) in Chapter 14 to determine whether paper advance calibration will solve your issue.

#### Recalibrating the paper advance procedure

The recalibration procedure takes approximately three minutes.



**TIP:** It is recommended to only have the paper loaded that you want to calibrate.


1. From the front panel, tap the **Menu** icon , then **Tools > Troubleshooting > Automatic Paper-Advance Calibration**. When prompted by the front panel, confirm the paper source and type. The printer automatically recalibrates the paper advance and prints a paper advance calibration image.
2. Wait until the front panel displays the status screen and re-print your print.



**NOTE:** Do not worry about the paper advance calibration image.


If you are satisfied with your print, continue using this calibration for your paper type. If you see improvement in your print, continue with the next step. If you are dissatisfied with the recalibration, return to the default calibration, see [Return to default calibration](#).

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3. If you would like to fine tune the calibration, or are using a transparent paper, swipe down the dashboard and tap the **Menu** icon , then **Tools > Troubleshooting > Adjust Paper Advance**.
4. Select the percentage of change from -99% to +99%. To correct light banding decrease the percentage. To correct dark banding increase the percentage.
5. To save the value, tap **OK** on the front panel.
6. Wait until the front panel displays the status screen and reprint your print.

### Return to default calibration

This sets all the corrections made by the paper advance calibration to zero. To return to the default paper advance calibration value, you must reset the calibration.

1. From the front panel, tap the **Menu** icon , then **Tools > Troubleshooting > Reseat Ready paper**.
2. Wait until the front panel displays the operation has completed successfully.

## Clean the scanner scanbars

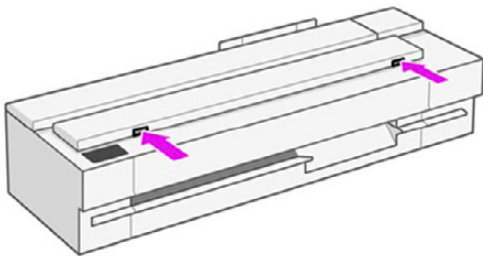
You are recommended to clean the scanbars periodically, depending on how often you use the scanner.

1. Turn off the printer using the power key, turn off the power switch and disconnect the power cable.



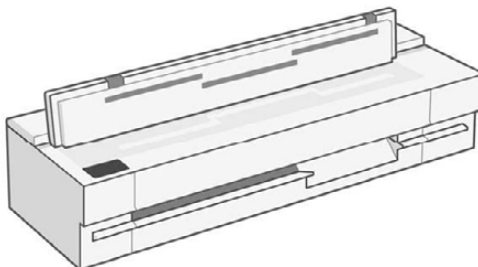
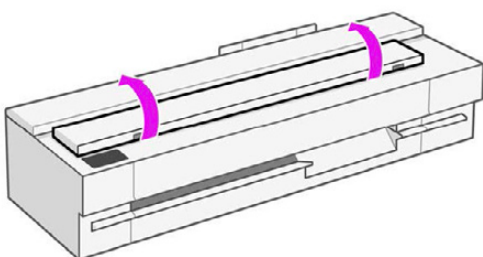
**IMPORTANT:** Make sure to turn off the printer before cleaning. It is important to allow the printer to restart after cleaning to solve any issues.

2. There are two small indented buttons at the front of the scanner. Press them to open the scanner cover.



**WARNING!** Be careful while the scanner lid is open. Your fingers or hand may be trapped or crushed.

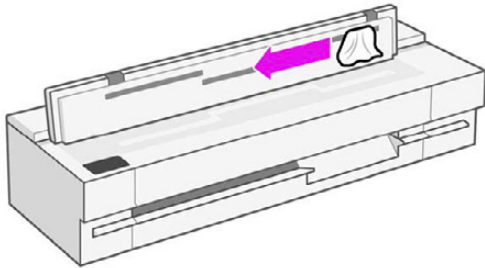
3. Lift the scanner cover.



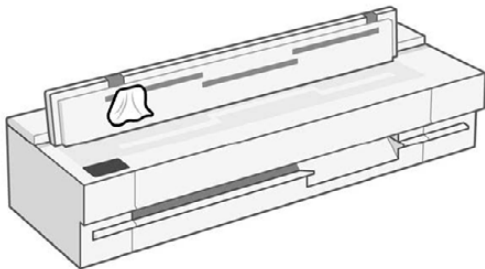


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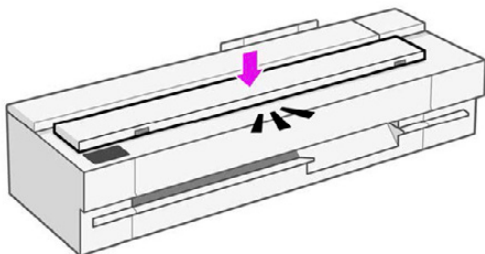
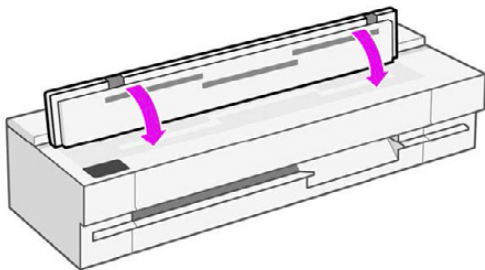
4. Clean the scanner scanbars and the surrounding area with a lint-free cloth.



5. For more thorough cleaning, clean the calibration surfaces and the feed rollers.



6. Close the scanner cover and gently push it down to lock it into place.



7. Clean the area immediately in front of the scanner, where the scanned sheet rests before scanning.
8. Reconnect the printer's power cable, turn on the power switch at the rear, and turn on the printer using the power key.



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### Calibrate the scanner

Your scanner has been calibrated at the factory, and theoretically CIS scanners do not need to be recalibrated during their lifetimes.

Nevertheless, because of environmental changes, your scanner may start showing image defects that can be easily corrected by recalibrating the scanner.

If you perform calibration successfully and still have concerns about the image quality, read [Troubleshooting copy and scan quality issues](#) in Chapter 16 to decide whether you are facing a product limitation, and may want to consider buying a CCD scanner.

#### *To calibrate the scanner*

The whole procedure takes less than 10 minutes, and you are recommended to recalibrate the scanner whenever you see some undesired artifact or a lack of quality in scanned files or copies, bearing in mind the limitations of CIS technology already explained in this guide.

1. Clean the scanner. See [Clean the scanner scanbars](#).
2. Go to the front panel, swipe down the dashboard and from the **Menu**, tap **Tools**, then **Troubleshooting**, **Scan Quality**, and then **Scanner Calibration**.
3. Follow the instructions in the front panel.

#### *If calibration fails*

Ensure that the printer is turned on and ready for normal operation.

1. Ensure that the scanner is working correctly. To test it, scan a small document to file.
2. Ensure that the scanner is clean before calibration. If in doubt, clean the scanner and restart the calibration process.
3. Eject and reload the calibration sheet, checking that it is clean, in good condition, face up and perfectly centered in the scanner.
4. If the above steps do not help, eject the sheet and restart the printer (turn off and on). When the system has restarted, repeat the calibration.
5. If you cannot perform the calibration successfully in three consecutive attempts, call VariQuest® support and report the error code that appears in the front panel. See [Contact Customer Support](#).

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### Move or store the printer

If you need to move the printer, take care to prepare it correctly to avoid possible damage.

To prepare the printer:

1. Do not remove the ink cartridges or printhead.
2. Make sure that no paper is loaded.
3. Turn off the printer using the **Power** key at the back.
4. Unplug the printer's power cord.
5. Disconnect any cables connecting the printer to a network or a computer.


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 **CAUTION!** If you turn the printer upside down, ink could escape into the printer and cause serious damage.

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When the printer is turned back on, it takes about three minutes to initialize itself and to check and prepare the printhead. Preparing the printhead normally takes just over a minute. However, if the printer has been off for a eight weeks or more, preparing the printhead could take up to a few minutes.

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 **CAUTION!** If the printer remains off for a long period of time, the printhead may become unusable. In this case, you need to replace the printhead with a new one.


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### Firmware update

The printer's various functions are controlled by firmware that resides in the printer. When available, firmware updates will improve the printer's functionality, enhance its features, and may correct minor problems.

Automatic firmware updates are available for printers connected to the Web. Your printer can automatically download the latest firmware release and install it for you.

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 **IMPORTANT:** Your printer must be connected to the Internet and the firmware update setting must be set to "Install updates automatically".

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To configure automatic firmware updates:

- From the front panel: **Menu > Settings > Firmware Update.**
- From the EWS: **General > Firmware Update > Firmware update tap.**

Once the printer detects that there is a new firmware available, follow the instructions on the front panel.

Contact [Varitronics Technical Support](#) if you have questions regarding supported firmware versions.

### Software update

Updates of printer drivers and other software are available for your printer. Please contact Varitronics Technical Support if you have questions regarding driver and software updates.

## 12 ACCESSORIES

Supplies and accessories can be ordered for your printer.

### How to order supplies and accessories

There are two ways to order supplies or accessories for your printer.

- Call VariQuest Customer Service at 1-800-328-0585.
- Call your Local Authorized VariQuest Dealer or visit the VariQuest Resource Center at <https://resources.variquest.com/>

The rest of this chapter lists the available supplies and accessories, and their part numbers.

### Order ink supplies

Ink cartridges can be ordered singularly or in packs of 3. There is also a printhead replacement kit you can order for your printer.

INK CARTRIDGES	PART NUMBER
Perfecta® Q Series Ink Cyan, 56ml	QCY-56
Perfecta® Q Series Ink Magenta, 56ml	QMG-56
Perfecta® Q Series Ink Yellow, 56ml	QYE-56
Perfecta® Q Series Ink Matte Black, 56ml	QMK-56
PRINthead	PART NUMBER
Perfecta® Q Series Printhead Replacement Kit	Q-PHD

### Order paper

VariQuest® printers can use a wide range of paper. To check the latest information related to papers supported by your printer, either call your Local [Authorized VariQuest Dealer](#) or visit the [VariQuest Resource Center](#).

## 13 TROUBLESHOOTING PAPER ISSUES

When the printer detects a jam, it tries to resolve the issue automatically. If it cannot, it stops, and you must fix the problem manually.

### Paper cannot be loaded successfully

There are various reasons why you may have issues loading the paper.

- Ensure that no paper is already loaded.
- Ensure that the paper is far enough inside the printer, you should feel the printer grab the paper.
- Do not attempt to straighten the paper during the aligning process, unless instructed to do so by the front panel display. The printer automatically attempts to straighten the paper.
- The paper may be crumpled, or warped, or may have irregular edges.

### Unsuccessful roll load

There are checks to make and steps to correct any problems.

- Check that the roll is at least 370 mm (14.5 in) wide: narrower rolls are not supported.
- Check the leading edge of the paper: if it is not straight or clean, it should be trimmed. Remove the initial 20 mm (1 in) from the roll and try again. This may be necessary even with a new roll of paper.
- Check that the roll ends are tight against the spindle ends.
- Check that the spindle is correctly inserted.
- Check that the paper is correctly loaded on the spindle, and that it loads over the roll towards you.
- Check that all roll tapes have been removed.
- Check that the paper is wound tightly on the roll.
- Do not touch the roll or paper at during the final steps of the loading process.

If the paper has not been inserted straight, follow the instructions on the front panel.

If you would like to start the load process again, cancel the process on the front panel and rewind the roll from the end of the spindle until the edge is removed from the printer.



**NOTE:** If the roll has become loose around the core, the printer cannot load the paper.

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### Unsuccessful sheet load

There are checks to make and steps to correct any problems.

- Check that the sheet is more than 210 mm (8.3 in) wide (A4).
- Guide the sheet, especially thick papers, when the printer initially feeds the sheet.
- Ensure that the sheet is aligned with the reference line on the roll cover.
- Do not attempt to straighten the sheet during the loading process, unless instructed to by the front panel display.
- Do not use hand-cut sheets, which may be of irregular shapes. Use only purchased sheets.

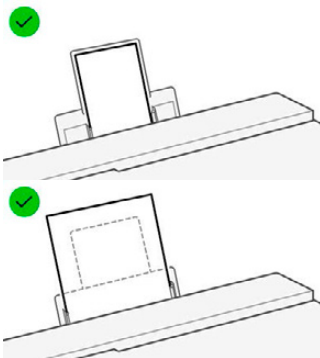
In case of any problem, follow the instructions given on the front panel display.

If you would like to start the load process again, cancel the process on the front panel; the printer ejects the sheet from the front of the printer.

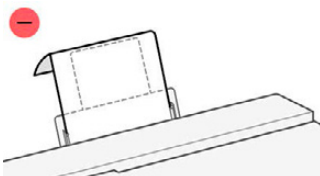
### Unsuccessful load from the multi-sheet tray

There are checks to make and steps to correct any problems.

- Check that you have not loaded too many sheets into the multi-sheet tray. The maximum number of sheets depends on the paper thickness: around 50 sheets of plain, standard paper.
- Check that the sheets are correctly loaded into the multi-sheet tray.
- Check that the sheets are correctly adjusted and centered in the tray.
- Check that you have extended the input tray correctly: the first extension for A4, the second for A3 paper.



If the paper is hanging over the back of the input tray as shown, it may fail to load.





**NOTE:** Try to avoid leaving sheets of paper loaded in the printer for a significant length of time, because they will deform.

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### Paper loading error messages

There is a list of front panel messages related to paper loading, with the suggested corrective action.

ERROR MESSAGES	
FRONT PANEL MESSAGE	SUGGESTED ACTION
Paper loaded with too much skew	During the paper load process the printer detected that the paper had too much skew. Tap <b>OK</b> to unload the roll automatically, then restart the process.
Paper not detected	During the paper load process the printer did not detect any paper. Ensure the paper is inserted fully and is not transparent.
Paper too far from lateral edge	Reload the cut sheet, aligning the right edge against the black stop on the spindle.
Paper load failed. Paper width is smaller than the minimum size supported by the selected paper source.	Cut sheets smaller than ISO A4 must be loaded using the multi-sheet tray.
Sheet too big	During the load process the printer has detected that the sheet of paper is either too wide or too long to be loaded correctly. Tap the cancel icon  to stop the load process. See <a href="#">Functional specifications</a> .
Sheet too small	During the load process the printer detected that the sheet of paper is too narrow or too short to be loaded in the printer. Tap the cancel icon  to stop the load process. See <a href="#">Functional specifications</a> .

### Paper type is not in the driver or front panel

To work with a paper type not present in the driver menu, you can identify the paper type as one of the presets already available in the driver, however, you must identify whether your paper is transparent or translucent, photo or bond, coated or technical.



**NOTE:** For glossy paper, it is important to select a glossy paper type, as the printer adjusts its use of ink for glossy paper.

#### Transparent or translucent film

You may use clear or matte film.

If your paper is a transparent film (for example, a transparency), select paper type **Film > Transparent/Clear film**.

If your paper is a translucent paper or film (for example, technical paper), select paper type **Film > Matte film**.

#### Photo paper

If your paper is a photo paper, use the **Photo Paper** category. For glossy or high-gloss paper select paper type **Photo Gloss Paper**. For Semi-gloss, Satin, Pearl, or Luster finishes, select paper type **Photo Semi-gloss/Satin Paper**.

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### *Bond and coated or technical paper*

Your paper type selection for generic paper depends on the paper's ink absorption capacity.

- For natural tracing papers, select paper type **Natural Tracing Paper < 65 g/m2** or **Natural Tracing Paper > 65 g/m2**, depending on the weight of the paper.
- For thin papers (< 90 g/m2) or uncoated papers (for example plain paper or bright white paper), select paper type **Bond and Coated Paper > Plain Paper**.
- For light coated papers (< 110 g/m2), select paper type **Bond and Coated Paper > Coated Paper**.
- For heavyweight coated papers (< 200 g/m2), select paper type **Bond and Coated Paper > Heavyweight Coated Paper**.
- For matte paper, select paper type **Polypropylene Matte** or **Adhesive Paper**. For a gloss or satin paper, select paper type **Adhesive Polypropylene Gloss**.

### *Black ink is easily removed when touched*

This happens when your paper is incompatible with matte black ink.

To use an optimized ink combination, select paper type **Photo Paper > Photo Gloss Paper**.

### *After printing, the paper has wrinkles or there is too much ink*

This happens when too much ink is used.

To use less ink, select a thinner category. Matte paper categories from thinnest to thickest are:

- Plain Paper
- Coated Paper
- Heavyweight Coated Paper

For other print-quality problems, see [Troubleshooting print-quality issues](#) in Chapter 14.

## Printer printed on the wrong paper type

This happens when the printer prints your job before you were able to load your desired paper.

You may have **Use printer settings** selected for the **Paper Type** in the printer driver.

When **Use printer settings** is selected the printer will print immediately on whichever paper is loaded. Load your desired paper, see [Paper handling](#) in Chapter 4, and select your paper type specifically in the driver.

- **In the Windows driver dialog:** Select your paper type from the **Paper Type** list.
- **In the Mac OS X Print dialog:** Select the **Paper/Quality** panel, then from the **Paper Type** list, select your paper type.



**NOTE:** Use printer settings is the driver default.

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### Paper mismatch

If the paper currently loaded in the printer is not suitable for a particular job, the printer stops and waits for you to decide what to do. There are several ways in which the loaded paper may be considered unsuitable.

- The paper type is not as specified for the job.
- The paper source (roll, multi-sheet tray, or manual feed) is not as specified for the job.
- The paper size is smaller than specified for the job.

If you do not specify these things for a particular job, the printer will print on whatever paper is loaded.

If the printer stops for a paper mismatch, you can decide among the following alternatives:

- Load the correct paper and resume printing.
- Print the job on the already-loaded paper. The print may be clipped if the paper is not large enough.
- Cancel the job.

### Cut-sheet doesn't enter or drops out of the sheet organizer

Ensure the correct paper-type settings are selected in the front panel in the tray tab. Ensure the paper guides in the multi-sheet tray are in the position that matches the paper size.

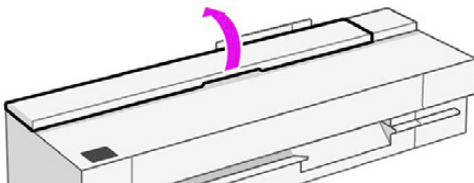
It is recommended to use long-grain orientation paper on a high ink volume document, as short-grain orientation paper has a tendency to curl and block the pocket's entrance, which causes documents to fall to the floor.

It is not recommended to use non-plain stiff paper as it can stop the paper from entering the sheet organizer, causing it to drop to the floor.

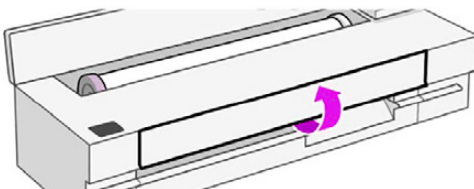
### Roll has jammed

When a paper jam occurs, you normally see a message about it in the front panel display.

1. Open the roll cover.



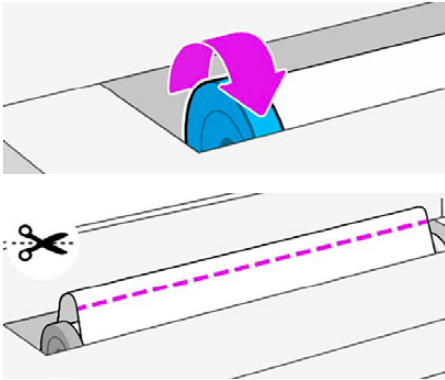
2. Open the main door.



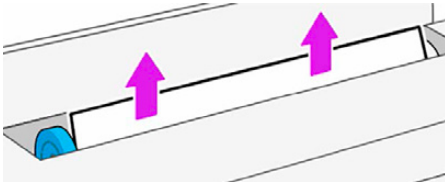


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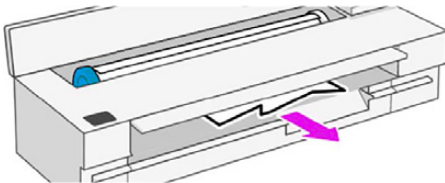
3. Rewind the roll to create a loop. Cut the paper, if needed.



4. Carefully remove any of the jammed paper that you can from the top of the printer.



5. Carefully remove any of the jammed paper from the front window.



6. Reload the roll, or load a new sheet; see [Paper handling](#) in Chapter 4.



**NOTE:** If you find that there is still some paper causing an obstruction within the printer, restart the procedure and carefully remove all pieces of paper. You may need to remove the tray (see [Multi-sheet tray has jammed](#)).

## Multi-sheet tray has jammed

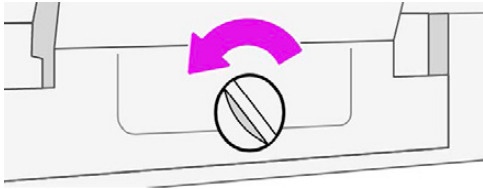
Paper can jam in the multi-sheet tray for a variety of reasons and there are steps to follow to correct an issue.

Proceed as follows:

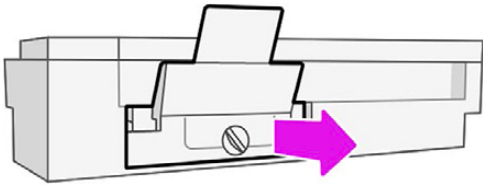
1. Remove as much paper as you can from the tray.
2. Push down the tray extensions, which will make the tray easier to handle.

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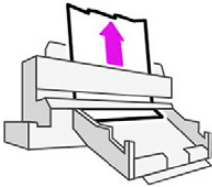
3. Unlock the multi-sheet tray, using the rotary switch behind it.



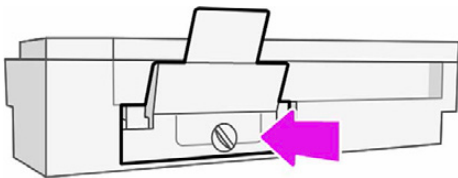
4. Pull out the tray.



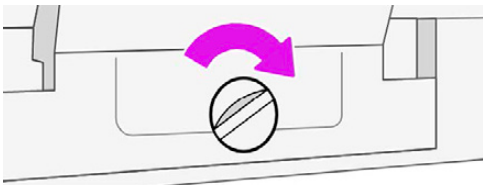
5. Remove all paper from the tray.



6. Put the multi-sheet tray in again.



7. Lock the multi-sheet tray.



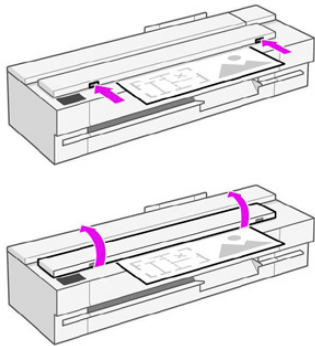
## The paper has jammed in the scanner

The following steps provide the complete procedure for this topic.

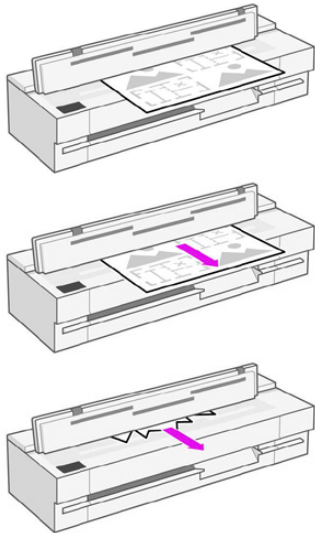
When a paper jam occurs, a message about it appears in the front-panel display.

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1. Open the scanner cover.



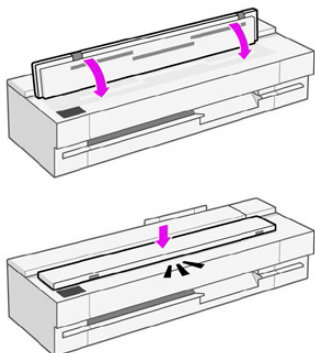
2. At the back, pull the media out from the top rear area.  
Or pull it from the front bottom area between the scanner platen and front window.



**CAUTION!** Do not move the paper sideways; it could damage the scanner!

Or pull it from the front bottom area between the scanner platen and front window.

3. Turn the rubber wheels with a finger in order to get better access to the paper, and remove any debris.
4. Close the scanner lid.



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### A strip stays on the output area and generates jams

If a small piece of paper has been cut, such as before printing a new roll, or after the **Move and Cut** front panel option has been used, the cut strip may remain in the output area. Make sure that the printer is not printing, then reach into the area and remove the strip.

### Printer displays out of paper when paper is available

If the roll has become loose from its core, it will not feed correctly and the printer will not load the paper. If possible, tighten the paper to its core or load a new roll.

### Prints do not fall neatly into the bin

There are steps you can follow if there is an issue with the bin.

- Ensure the bin is correctly installed.
- Ensure the bin is open.
- Ensure the bin is not full.
- Paper often tends to curl near the end of a roll, which can cause output problems. Load a new roll, or remove prints manually as they are completed.

### Sheet stays in the printer when the print has been completed

The printer holds the paper to allow the print to dry after printing.

See [Change the drying time](#) in Chapter 4. If the paper is only partially ejected after the drying time, gently pull the sheet out of the printer. If the automatic cutter is disabled, use the **Form feed and cut** option in the front panel, see [Advance button and cut button](#) in Chapter 4.

### Paper is cut when the print has been completed

By default the printer cuts the paper after the drying time has been completed. You can disable the cutter.

See [Change the drying time](#) in Chapter 4. You can disable the cutter, see [Turn the automatic cutter on and off](#) in Chapter 4.

### Cutter does not cut well

By default, the printer is set to cut the paper automatically after the drying time has been completed.

If the cutter is turned on but not cutting correctly, check that the cutter rail is clean and clear of any obstacles, and check that there are no pieces of paper in the cutter groove.

If using the driver, make sure that the cutter is not disabled in the print options.

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### Scanner does not load original

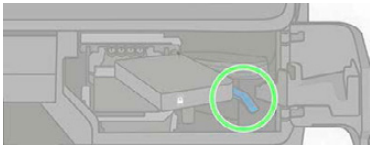
If you have difficulty loading, first check that the scanner is on, and then follow the steps in order to check and fix any issue.

1. Wait until the scanner has started up completely and is idle.
2. Check for messages on the front panel.
3. If you completed the above steps, check that the original meets the scanner specifications.
4. Make sure you are loading the original far enough into the scanner so that it can be detected.
5. Make sure the leading edge of the original is flat and the leading edge is even when loading it. If not, trim the leading edge so that the paper enters the scanner smoothly.
6. Try using a different paper type to exclude that the problem is caused by a scanner hardware issue.

### Cannot connect the tubes to the printhead

It is important that you are using the correct type of printhead, and that it is well placed in its slot.

1. Check that the printhead is correctly inserted. See [Cannot insert the printhead](#) in Chapter 18.
2. Check that the tubes connector lever (blue) is up before connecting the tubes connector.



## 14 TROUBLESHOOTING PRINT-QUALITY ISSUES

Step by step instructions are provided for you to identify and resolve your issue.

### General printing advice

To achieve the best performance from your printer, use only genuine manufacturer's supplies and accessories.

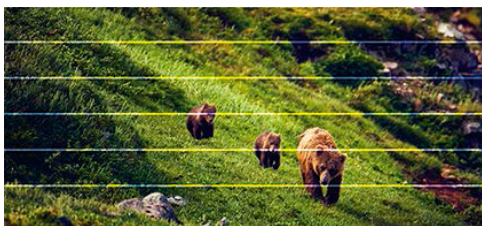
- Genuine manufacturer's supplies and accessories have been thoroughly tested to give trouble-free performance and best-quality prints. For details of recommended papers, see [Order paper](#) in Chapter 12.
- Make sure that the paper type selected in the front panel is the same as the paper type loaded into the printer (see [View information about the paper](#) in Chapter 4). Also make sure that the paper type selected in your software is the same as the paper type loaded into the printer. See [Paper type is not in the driver or front panel](#) in Chapter 13 if you have doubts about the paper selection.

**! CAUTION!** If you have the wrong paper type selected, you could experience poor print quality and incorrect colors, and perhaps even damage to the printhead.

- Check that you are using the most appropriate print-quality settings for your purposes (see [Printing](#) in Chapter 4). You are likely to see lower print quality if you have set the quality level to **Fast**.
- Check that your environmental conditions (temperature, humidity) are in the recommended range. See [Environmental specifications](#) in Chapter 22.

### Horizontal lines across the image (banding)

If your printed image suffers from added horizontal lines as shown (the color may vary).



1. Check that the paper type you have loaded corresponds to the paper type selected in the front panel and in your software. If you have doubts about the paper selection, see [Paper type is not in the driver or front panel](#) in Chapter 13.

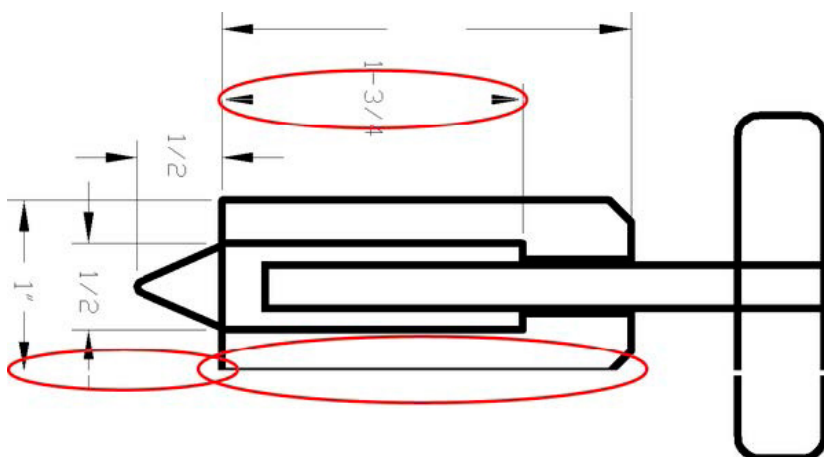
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2. Check that you are using appropriate print-quality settings for your purposes (see [Printing](#) in Chapter 4). In some cases, you can overcome a print-quality problem merely by selecting a higher print-quality level. For instance, if you have set the Print Quality level to **Fast**, try setting it to **Best**.
3. Print the Print Quality Diagnostic Report. See [To print the Print Quality Diagnostic Report](#) in Chapter 11.
4. If no issues were found in the Print Quality Diagnostic Report, but you still see white horizontal lines or white streaks in your image, clean the printhead, making sure you complete all phases of the cleaning process right until the end (see [Clean the printhead](#) in Chapter 11).
5. If the printhead is working correctly, perform paper advance calibration: see [Recalibrate the paper advance](#) in Chapter 11.

If the problem persists despite all the above actions, contact your customer service representative for further support.

### Lines are too thick, too thin, or missing

Check the paper type and settings, and run a report.



1. Check that the paper type you have loaded corresponds to the paper type selected in the front panel and in your software. If you have doubts about the paper selection, see [Paper type is not in the driver or front panel](#) in Chapter 11.
2. Check that you are using appropriate print-quality settings for your purposes (see [Printing](#) in Chapter 4). If available for your paper, try turning on the **Maximum detail** option (under the **Print quality** setting).
3. If lines are too thin or missing, print the Print Quality Diagnostic Report. See [To print the Print Quality Diagnostic Report](#) in Chapter 11.
4. If the problem remains, perform a paper advance calibration: see [Recalibrate the paper advance](#) in Chapter 11.

If the problem persists despite all the above actions, contact your customer service representative for further support.

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### Lines appear stepped or jagged

Check your original image, and print-quality settings.

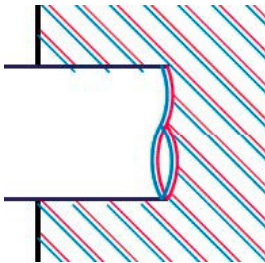


1. The problem may be inherent in the image. Try to improve the image with the application you are using to edit it.
2. Check that you are using appropriate print-quality settings. See [Printing](#) in Chapter 4.
3. Turn on the **Maximum detail** option (under the **Print quality** setting).

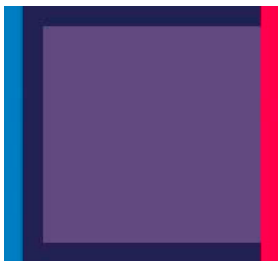
### Lines print double or in the wrong colors

This problem can have various visible symptoms.

- Colored lines are printed double, in different colors.



- The borders of colored blocks are wrongly colored.



To correct this kind of problem, print the Print Quality Diagnostic Report, and align the printhead if recommended in the report. See [To print the Print Quality Diagnostic Report](#) in Chapter 11.

### Lines are discontinuous

Check your print-quality settings and print a Print Quality Diagnostic Report.



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1. Check that you are using appropriate print-quality settings. See [Printing](#) in Chapter 4.
2. Print the Print Quality Diagnostic Report, and align the printhead if recommended in the report. See [To print the Print Quality Diagnostic Report](#) in Chapter 11.

### Lines are blurred

Humidity can cause ink to soak into the paper, making the lines blurred and fuzzy.

Try the following:



1. Check that your environmental conditions (temperature, humidity) are suitable for high-quality printing. See [Environmental specifications](#) in Chapter 22.
2. Check that the paper type selected in the front panel is the same as the paper type you are using. See [View information about the paper](#) in Chapter 4.
3. Try changing to a heavier paper type, such as Heavyweight Coated Paper.
4. Select a higher print quality (such as **Normal** or **Best**), the printer will then use more time to dry ink.
5. Select a paper type that is slightly thinner than the paper you have loaded; this will persuade the printer to use less ink. Here are some example paper types in ascending order of thickness: Plain Paper, Coated Paper, Heavyweight Coated Paper.
6. Print the Print Quality Diagnostic Report, and align the printhead if recommended in the report. See [To print the Print Quality Diagnostic Report](#) in Chapter 11.

### Line lengths are inaccurate

If you have measured your printed lines and find that the lengths are not sufficiently accurate for your purposes, you can try to improve line length accuracy.

Try the following:

1. Print on Matte Film, for which your printer's line length accuracy is specified. See [Functional specifications](#) in Chapter 22.

Polyester film is about ten times more dimensionally stable than paper. However, using film that is thinner or thicker than Matte Film will reduce line length accuracy.

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2. Set Print Quality to **Best**.
3. Maintain the room at a steady temperature between 10 and 30°C (50 and 86°F).
4. Load the roll of film and let it rest for five minutes before printing.
5. If you are still not satisfied, try recalibrating the paper advance. See [Recalibrate the paper advance](#) in Chapter 11.

### Whole image is blurry or grainy

There are a series of steps and checks you can make to deal with this issue. Check the paper, settings, run reports to find the issue etc.



1. Check that the paper type you have loaded corresponds to the paper type selected in the front panel and in your software. If you have doubts about the paper selection, see [Paper type is not in the driver or front panel](#) in Chapter 13.
2. Check that you are printing on the correct side of the paper.
3. Check that you are using appropriate print-quality settings (see [Printing](#) in Chapter 4). In some cases, you can overcome a print-quality problem merely by selecting a higher print-quality level. For instance, if you have set the Print Quality to **Fast**, try using **Best**.
4. Print the Print Quality Diagnostic Report, and align the printhead if recommended in the report. See [To print the Print Quality Diagnostic Report](#) in Chapter 11.
5. If the problem remains, perform a paper advance calibration: see [Recalibrate the paper advance](#) in Chapter 11.

If the problem persists despite all the above actions, contact your customer service representative for further support.

### Paper is not flat

If the paper does not lie flat when it comes out of the printer, but has shallow waves in it, you are likely to see defects in the printed image, such as vertical stripes. This can happen when you use thin paper that becomes saturated with ink.

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1. Check that the paper type you have loaded corresponds to the paper type selected in the front panel and in your software. If you have doubts about the paper selection, see [Paper type is not in the driver or front panel](#) in Chapter 13.
2. Try changing to a thicker paper type, such as Heavyweight Coated Paper.
3. Select a lower print quality (such as **Fast**); the printer will then use less ink.
4. Select a paper type that is slightly thinner than the paper you have loaded; this will persuade the printer to use less ink. Here are some example paper types in ascending order of thickness: Plain Paper, Coated Paper, Heavyweight Coated Paper.

### Print is scuffed or scratched

Pigmented ink can be scuffed or scratched when touched by a finger, a pen or some other object. This is particularly noticeable on coated paper.

Glossy paper may be extremely sensitive to the bin or to anything else that it contacts soon after printing, depending on the amount of ink used and the environmental conditions at the time of printing.

To reduce the risk of scuffs and scratches:

- Handle prints carefully.
- Avoid stacking prints on top of each other.
- Increase the drying time. At the front panel, tap the **Menu** icon, then **Settings**  > **General** > **Extra Dry Time**.

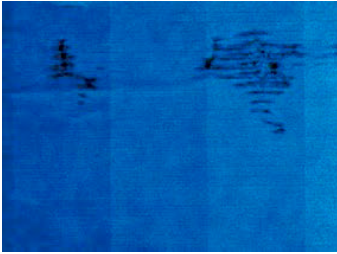
### Ink marks on the paper

This problem can occur for several different reasons.

#### *Horizontal smears on the front of coated paper*

If a lot of ink is used on plain or coated paper, the paper absorbs the ink quickly and expands. As the printhead moves over the paper, the printhead may come into contact with the paper and smear the printed image.

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Whenever you notice this problem, cancel the printing job immediately. Soaked paper can damage the printhead.

If you notice poor print quality after this has happened, clean the printhead. [Clean the printhead](#) in Chapter 11.

1. Check that the paper type you have loaded corresponds to the paper type selected in the front panel and in your software. If you have doubts about the paper selection, see [Paper type is not in the driver or front panel](#) in Chapter 13.
2. Use a recommended paper type (see [Order paper](#) in Chapter 12) and the correct print settings.
3. If you see that the paper wrinkles, it is most likely because the paper is too thin. Try changing to a thicker paper type such as Heavyweight Coated Paper.
4. Select a paper type that is slightly thinner than the paper you have loaded; this will cause the printer to use less ink. Here are some example paper types in ascending order of thickness: Plain Paper, Coated Paper, Heavyweight Coated Paper.
5. Try to increase the margins by relocating the image to the center of the page using your software application.

### *Ink marks on the back of the paper*

Clean the platen with a soft cloth. Clean each rib separately.

### **Black ink comes off when you touch the print**

This problem may be caused by printing with matte black ink on glossy paper. The printer will not use matte black ink if it knows that the paper will not retain it.

To be sure of avoiding matte black ink, you can select **Photo Glossy Paper** as the paper type (in the **Photo Paper** category).

### **Edges of objects are stepped or not sharp**

If edges of objects or lines appear to be poorly defined or lighter in density, and you have already set the print-quality slider to **Best**, try setting print quality to **Normal**.



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Check that you are using appropriate print-quality settings. See [Printing](#) in Chapter 4 for more information.

If the problem still persists, try rotating the image.

### Edges of objects are darker than expected

You might see darker edges in some areas of the plot that cause local color variations. Try setting print quality to **Best**.



See [Printing](#) in Chapter 4 for more information.

If the problem still persists, try rotating the image.

### Vertical lines of different colors

If your print has vertical bands of different colors along it try changing the paper and/or adjusting the print-quality settings.

1. Try using thicker paper, choosing from the recommended paper types such as Heavyweight Coated Paper. See [Order paper](#) in Chapter 12.
2. Try using higher print-quality settings (see [Printing](#) in Chapter 4). For instance, if you have set the Print Quality to **Fast**, try setting it to **Best**.

### White spots on the print

You may notice white spots on the print. This is probably due to paper fibers, dust or loose coating material.

To avoid this problem:

1. Try cleaning the paper manually with a brush before printing, to remove any loose fibers or particles.
2. Always keep the cover of your printer closed.
3. Protect your paper rolls and sheets by storing them in bags or boxes.

### Colors are inaccurate

If the colors of your print do not match your expectations, there are steps you can take.

Try the following:

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1. Check that the paper type you have loaded corresponds to the paper type selected.
2. Check that you are printing on the correct side of the paper.
3. Check that you are using appropriate print-quality settings. For the most accurate colors, select **Normal** or **Best** quality.
4. If using glossy paper, check that you are using the supported paper type. See [Order paper](#) in Chapter 12 and ensure the glossy paper is compatible with pigment inks.
5. Print the Print Quality Diagnostic Report. See [To print the Print Quality Diagnostic Report](#) in Chapter 11.

### Colors are fading

Lamination will increase the life of prints (depending on the type of lamination) with all paper types.

Check you are using a recommended paper type (see [Order paper](#) in Chapter 12). For more information about lamination, consult your VariQuest® representative about the [VariQuest Cold Laminator 2500](#).

### Image is incomplete (clipped at the bottom)

If the image is incomplete you may have cut the data being received, or there could be a communication issue.

- Did you tap Cancel before all the data were received by the printer? If so, you have ended the data transmission and will have to print the page again.
- There may be a communications problem between your computer and the printer. Check your network cable, or your Wi-Fi connection.
- Check to make sure that your software settings are correct for your current page size (for example, long-axis prints).
- If you are using network software, make sure it has not timed out.

### Image is clipped

Clipping normally indicates a discrepancy between the actual printable area on the loaded paper and the printable area as understood by your software.

- Check the actual printable area for the paper size you have loaded.  
printable area = paper size – margins (5×5×5×5 mm 0.2×0.2×0.2×0.2 in)
- Check what your software understands to be the printable area (which it may call “printing area” or “imageable area”). For example, some software applications assume standard printable areas that are larger than those used in this printer.
- If you have defined a custom page size with very narrow margins, the printer may impose its own minimal margins, clipping your image slightly. You may want to consider using a larger paper size.
- If your image contains its own margins, you may be able to print it successfully by using the **Clip Contents by Margins** option (see [Select margins options](#) in Chapter 5).

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- If you are trying to print a very long image on a roll, check that your software is capable of printing an image of that size.
- You may have asked to rotate the page from portrait to landscape on a paper size that is not wide enough.
- If necessary, reduce the size of the image or document in your software application, so it fits between the margins.

### Some objects are missing from the printed image

Large quantities of data may be necessary to print a high-quality large-format print job, and in some specific workflows there may be issues that can lead to some objects missing from the output.

Here are some suggestions to help you to avoid this problem:

- Select a smaller page size and scale to the desired final page size in the driver or in the front panel.
- Save the file in another format, such as TIFF or EPS, and open it with another application.
- Reduce the resolution of bitmap images in your application software.



**NOTE:** If you're using Adobe applications, ensure that you have installed the latest version.

These options are suggested for troubleshooting purposes and may adversely affect the final output quality or the time necessary to generate the print job. Therefore, they should be canceled if they do not help to solve the problem.

### How to avoid further issues

There are things you can do to help avoid future issues, or to try if you still haven't found a solution to an problem you are experiencing.

- Try using a higher print-quality option. See [Printing](#) in Chapter 4.
- Check the driver you are using to print with.
- Regularly update the firmware in your printer.
- Always check that you have the correct settings in your software application.

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### Cannot access the network folder

Make sure your computer is using the same network as the printer. If it is, then follow the suggested checks to correct any issue.

If you have set up a network folder (see [Scan to network setup process](#) in Chapter 6), but the printer cannot access it, try the following suggestions:

- Check that you have filled in each field correctly.
- Check that the printer is connected to the network.
- Check that the remote computer is switched on, working normally and connected to the network.
- Check that the folder is shared.
- Check that you can put files into the same folder from a different computer on the network, using the printer's logon credentials.
- Check that the printer and the remote computer are in the same network subnet; if they are not, check that the network routers are configured to forward the CIFS protocol traffic (also known as Samba).

### Scanning to file is slow

Scanning large formats creates large files. This means that scanning to file can take time even under optimal system configurations and conditions.

This issue is especially true when scanning across a network. However, if you think scanning to file with your system is unreasonably slow, the following steps may help you to locate and solve the problem:

1. Use the front panel to check the status of your scan job. If it is taking an intolerably long time, you can cancel it.
2. Check that the Resolution setting is right for the job. Not all scanning tasks require high resolutions. If you lower the resolution, you will speed up the scanning process. For JPEG and PDF scan jobs, you can also change the Quality setting. Lower quality values produce smaller files.
3. Check your network configuration. Your network should be a Gigabit Ethernet or one of a higher transfer rate in order to achieve optimal scanning speeds. If your network is a 10/100 Ethernet configuration, you can expect slower transfer of the scan data and thus slower scanning speeds.



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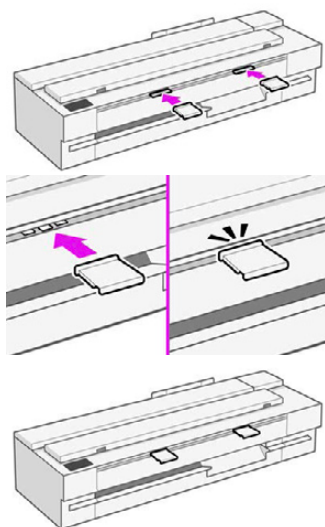
4. Contact your network administrator for information about your network configuration, transfer rates, scan-to-file destinations on the network and possible solutions for increasing the speeds.
5. If scanning to files on the network is too slow and the network configuration cannot be amended to correct this, improved speeds can be achieved by scanning to a USB flash drive.
6. If scanning to a USB flash drive seems slow, check your USB flash drive interface compatibility. Your system supports a Hi-Speed USB interface. Your USB flash drive should be compatible with Hi-Speed USB (sometimes known as USB 2). Also check that your USB flash drive contains enough storage space for scanned large-format images.

### Original document is reloaded while scanning

It may happen that, while scanning, the original document is accidentally loaded back into the scanner, causing a loop.

If this happens:

1. Open the scanner lid.
2. Carefully remove the original document.
3. Close the lid.
4. Check that the refeed preventers are correctly installed.



The refeed preventers are designed to prevent this situation from occurring. Make sure that they are always installed.

## 16 TROUBLESHOOTING COPY AND SCAN QUALITY ISSUES

A defect is a common image artifact that usually appears when using any CIS scanner. These are due to incorrect settings, product limitations, or easily solvable mistakes. A failure mode is due to malfunctions of some of the scanner components.

In this chapter the most common defects and failure modes are shown, sorted by relevance and frequency of appearance.

Scanner cleanliness is paramount to ensure good image quality. Before proceeding with any troubleshooting, make sure the glass scanbars are clean and in good condition and the pressure sliders (wide, white plastic parts) are also in good and clean condition. See [Clean the scanner scanbars](#) in Chapter 11.

Some of the corrective actions proposed here require the use of the scanner diagnostic plot, which you can print and scan as indicated in [The scanner diagnostic plot](#) in Chapter 17. When copying, to be sure that the defect does not come from the printing function, use this diagnostic plot to detect any scanning issue. Do not use any printed version of this guide to test the scanner, as the resolution of the images included here is insufficient. Use the diagnostic plot when recommended in response to any of the errors described in this chapter.

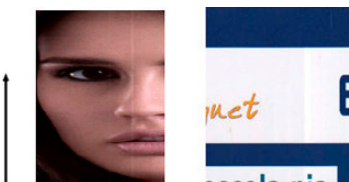
### Random vertical lines

This is one of the most common issues in sheet-fed scanners. Usually, the vertical streaks are caused by dust particles inside the scanner, or miscalibration of the scanner (in these cases, the problem can be solved).

Here are some examples of images suffering from vertical lines or streaks:



**NOTE:** The black arrow indicates the scanning direction.



1. Clean the scanner's glass scanbars and the original to be scanned as described in [Clean the scanner scanbars](#) in Chapter 11. Restart the printer and re-scan your original afterwards.

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2. If the streaks remain, recalibrate the scanner as indicated in [Calibrate the scanner](#) in Chapter 11. Restart the scanner and re-scan your original after the calibration is completed.
3. If the streaks still remain, check the scanner's glass scanbars and sliders visually. If they are damaged (scratched or broken), call [VariQuest® Customer Support](#).



**NOTE:** The problem of vertical streaks cannot always be solved, due to the technological limitations of CIS technology. If the streaks remain after the corrective actions explained above, then no further action can be taken to improve the image quality, except to buy a more expensive CCD scanner.

## Wrinkles or folds

Scanners based on CIS technology have a high optical resolution within their focus plane, at the price of a very limited depth of field. Hence, the images are sharp and detailed when the scanned original is perfectly flat against the glass plate.

However, whenever the original contains wrinkles or folds, these defects are clearly visible in the scanned image (as shown in the following example):

1. Re-scan the original and set the background color and noise removal to **Off**. If copying, set the content type to **IMAGE**.
2. If the problem persists, re-scan the original at a lower scanner resolution (300 dpi or lower resolution if scanning, Fast or Normal if copying). It may also help to flatten the original manually as much as possible before scanning it again.



**NOTE:** The problem of wrinkles cannot always be solved, due to the technological limitations of CIS technology. If the wrinkles remain after the corrective actions explained above, then no further action can be taken to improve the image quality, except to buy a more expensive CCD scanner.

## Line discontinuities

When scanning or copying large originals, you may sometimes find issues such as that shown in the following image, where a straight line (it does not necessarily have to be horizontal) appears with discontinuities or small steps.



**NOTE:** The black arrow indicates the scanning direction.

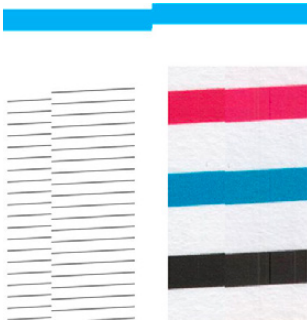


1. Repeat the scan, making sure that the product is correctly positioned: it is flat on the floor and it does not move. Turning the original 90 or 180 degrees and scanning it again may also solve the problem.

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2. If the problem persists, check that the original to be scanned is not skewed, and that it does not become skewed during the scan. If so, see [Incorrect paper advance, skew during scanning, or horizontal wrinkles](#). You might also want to deactivate the automatic de-skew algorithm as indicated in [A copied or scanned image is very skewed](#).
3. If there is no skew but the problem persists, clean and calibrate the scanner as indicated in [Clean the scanner scanbars](#) and [Calibrate the scanner](#) in Chapter 11. Take care not to move the printer during the calibration, and check that the maintenance sheet is correctly positioned before starting the calibration. Also check that the maintenance sheet is not damaged before calibrating the scanner (an old or damaged maintenance sheet may cause this problem); if it is damaged, reprint it as explained in [Calibrate the scanner](#) (see [Calibrate the scanner](#)).
4. If the problem persists, proceed to analyze the following areas of the diagnostic plot:
  - D, H and L (for three modules, 0-Left, 1-Middle, and 2-Right and its intersection)

If you see any of these defects in the studied areas, call VariQuest® support and report a “line discontinuities” error after calibration.

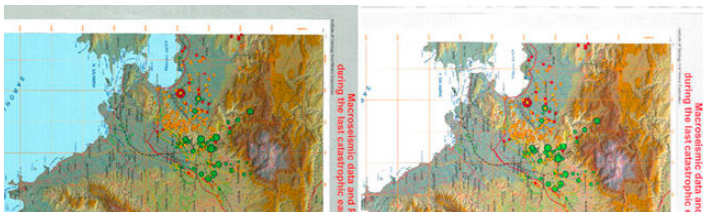


The four vertical thin black lines at the beginning and the end of the diagnostic plot show, approximately, the position of the intersection between scanbars, where this kind of error usually appears. If the error appears outside these areas, call [Varitronics Technical Support](#), and report “line discontinuities within a scanbar”.

## Light-colored area fills are missing in the scan or copy

When scanning or copying a map with a light area at the top, the **Background color removal** setting could interpret it as a background color, therefore removing it and other similar areas.

In the example below the original is on the left, the scanned image on the right:



1. Repeat the scan or copy with **Background color removal** set to **Off**, or, in the case of copying, you can select **Image** as the content type. See [Scan settings](#) in Chapter 6 and [Copy settings](#) in Chapter 7.
2. If the problem persists, clean and calibrate the scanner as indicated in [Clean the scanner scanbars](#) and [Calibrate the scanner](#) in Chapter 11. Repeat it again with **Background color removal** set to **Off**.

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### Grain in area fills when scanning plain paper

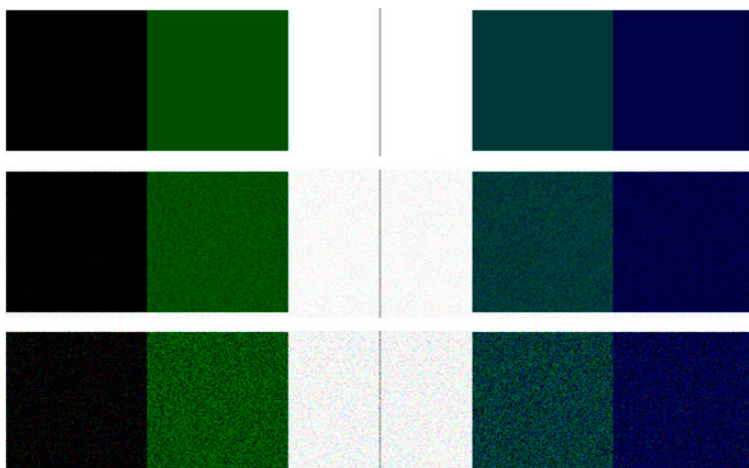
When making copies of an original containing area fills, if the paper used in the printer is plain paper (for instance, Universal Bond or Bright White Inkjet Bond), some grain may appear in the image.

This error may also appear in scanned files of originals that were printed on textured paper.

In the example below the original is on the left, the scanned image on the right:



1. Look at the original and check whether it is dirty, has fingerprints on it, or has grain already present in the print. If not, then proceed to step 2.
2. If it is a copy, repeat it, setting the content type to **Image**.
3. If the problem persists:
  - If the problem appears when copying, use **Best** quality. We also recommend using coated or glossy paper in order to avoid grain in copies.
  - If the problem appears in a scanned file, scan at a lower resolution (300 dpi or lower resolution).
4. If the problem persists, clean and calibrate the scanner as indicated in [Clean the scanner scanbars](#) and [Calibrate the scanner](#) in Chapter 11. Check that the maintenance sheet is also clean, and that it is not damaged before calibrating the scanner (an old or damaged maintenance sheet may cause this problem); if it is damaged, reprint it as explained in [Calibrate the scanner](#) (see [Calibrate the scanner](#)).
5. If the problem persists, proceed to analyze areas I and J of the diagnostic plot across modules =, 1 and 3. In the three examples below, the top example is ideal, the middle example can be regarded as acceptable; but, if you see something similar to the bottom example (or worse), call [Varitronics Technical Support](#) and report “grain in area fills”.



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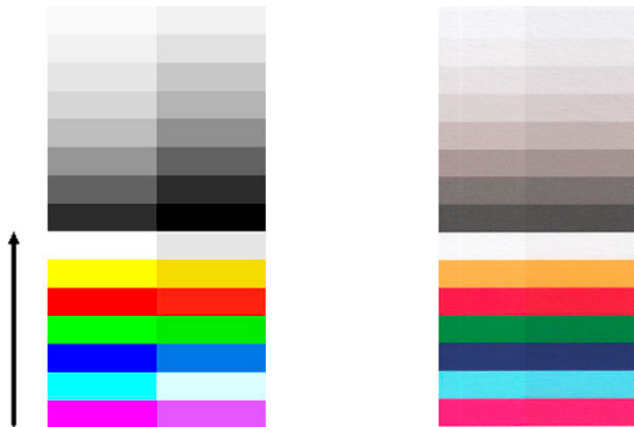
### Small color differences between adjacent scanbars

When scanning wide plots, sometimes slightly different colors can be seen at both sides of the junction between two scanbars. This issue, if present, can be easily seen by analyzing patterns A and G of the diagnostic plot at the intersection between scanbars.

Here are some examples:



**NOTE:** The black arrow indicates the scanning direction.



Sometimes the color mismatch between adjacent modules can be enormous, showing a serious scanner malfunction, as in the following example. If this occurs, see [Completely wrong colors](#) in Chapter 16.



1. Restart the scanner and repeat the scan or copy. If the problem persists, repeat the scan or copy, toggle the **Background color removal** to **Off** or turning the original 90 degrees before scanning it again.
2. If the problem persists, clean and calibrate the scanner as indicated in [Clean the scanner scanbars](#) and [Calibrate the scanner](#) in Chapter 11. If calibration ended without errors, try to scan or copy again.
3. If the problem persists, proceed to analyze patterns A and G in the diagnostic plot, if you see some color differences between left and right sides of the bars for neutral and vivid colors, call [Varitronics Technical Support](#) and report “small color differences between adjacent”. Otherwise, if you see color differences for vivid colors but not for neutral colors, see [Clipping in dark or light areas](#). If necessary, see also [Grain in area fills when scanning plain paper](#) in Chapter 11.



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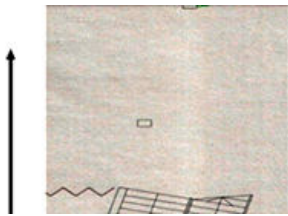
### Vertical light lines at the intersection between scanner scanbars

This problem can be found when scanning large uniform area fills which are made of some light color. You sometimes find light vertical bands (around 0.5 cm wide) at the intersection between two scanbars.

Example:



**NOTE:** The black arrow indicates the scanning direction.



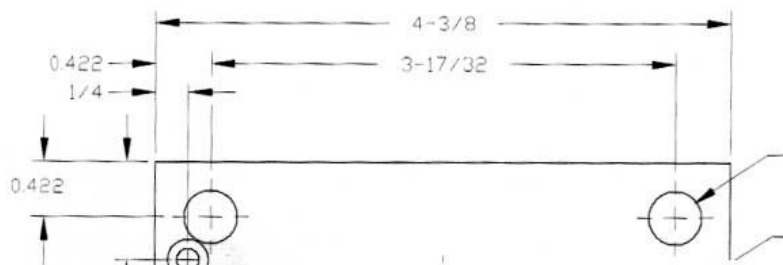
1. Repeat the scan or copy, restarting the printer and setting the background color removal to Off or turning the original 90 degrees before scanning it again.
2. If the problem persists, clean and calibrate the scanner as indicated in [Clean the scanner scanbars](#) and [Calibrate the scanner](#) in Chapter 11. Then proceed to analyze pattern number B of the diagnostic plot at the intersections between scanbars. The example below shows a good result on the left and a bad result on the right: the latter has light vertical banding 0.5 cm wide at the intersection between two scanbars.



If you see the kind of result shown on the right, call [Varitronics Technical Support](#) and report “vertical light bands in area fills at the intersection between scanbars, after calibrating the scanner”.

### Variable line thickness or missing lines

When scanning some CAD plots at low resolution, mostly when working with grayscale or black-and-white prints that contain very thin lines, you may see a variation in line thickness, or even some missing lines, in some places.



1. Repeat the scan or copy using a higher resolution (600 dpi). You should also toggle **Background color removal** to **Off**, or, for copying, set **Content type** to **Mixed**. You might also deactivate the automatic de-skew as explained in [A copied or scanned image is very skewed](#). In case you were working in black-and-white mode, we recommend using grayscale instead.

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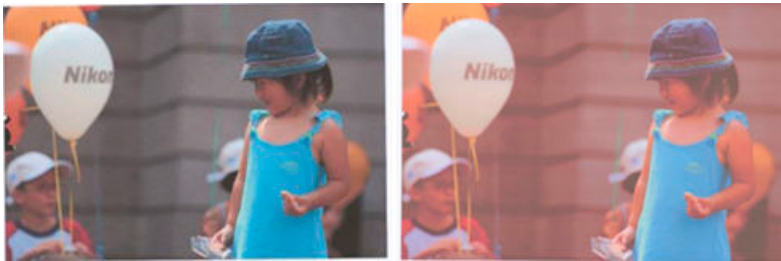
2. If the problem persists, turn the original plot 90 degrees before scanning it again.
3. If the problem persists, clean and calibrate the scanner as indicated in [Clean the scanner scanbars](#) and [Calibrate the scanner](#) in Chapter 11.
4. If the problem persists, see [Defocus, blurring and fading colors](#).

### Inaccurately reproduced colors

You have to deal with several variables if you want perfect color matching between the original you are scanning and the copy or scanned file you obtain as a result.

If you find undesired colors in cases, you can follow these guidelines.

In the example below the original is on the left, the scanned image on the right:



1. When dealing with copies, you must take into account that good color matching between a given original and its copy can be achieved only if both are printed on the same type of paper. In the case of scanned files, good color matching can be achieved only if your monitor is color-calibrated or compliant with sRGB or AdobeRGB standards.
2. Restart the printer and scan or copy again.
3. If the above conditions are met, you should also take into account that various scanner settings can affect the final color result, such as lighter/darker, background color, noise removal, content type, and paper type. To obtain the best possible colors, set **Darker/Lighter** to **Normal**, **Background color removal** and **Noise removal** to **Off**, and **Content type** to **Image** (only if copying); and do not select **Translucent paper**. See [Scan settings](#) in Chapter 6 and [Copy settings](#) in Chapter 7.
4. For optimum color results, clean the scanbars (see [Clean the scanner scanbars](#)) and calibrate the scanner as indicated in [Calibrate the scanner](#) in Chapter 11.
5. Avoid placing the scanner in direct sunlight or near sources of heat or cold.

### Color fringing

The problem called “color fringing” occurs when the scanner is affected by incorrect paper advance and/or miscalibration. Nevertheless, some amount of color fringing is unavoidable, especially at high scanning speeds.

Color fringing can be seen at the borders of sharp black text over a white background.

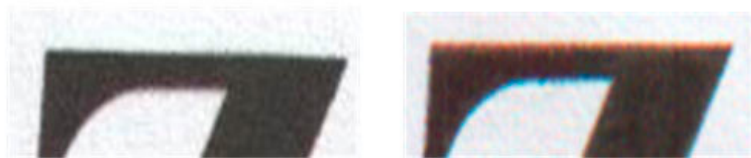


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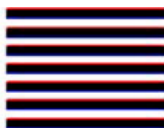
In the example below the original is on the left, the scanned image on the right:



**NOTE:** The black arrow indicates the scanning direction.



1. Repeat the scan after increasing the scanner's resolution (choose 300dpi or higher quality if scanning, Best if copying). Turn your original 90 degrees, if possible, before scanning it again.
2. If the problem persists, clean and calibrate the scanner as indicated in [Clean the scanner scanbars](#) and [Calibrate the scanner](#) in Chapter 11.
3. If the problem still persists, you can diagnose this issue by analyzing the E patterns of the diagnostic plot. The black horizontal lines appear slightly colored at the top and bottom of each end (in the example on the right, below). Normally, they look red at the top and blue or green at the bottom, but it could be the other way around.



If you see this effect, call [Varitronics Technical Support](#) and report "color fringing problem after calibration".

## Clipping in dark or light areas

Sometimes you may see that the scanned file or copy of one of your plots has lost detail in light or dark areas (or both).

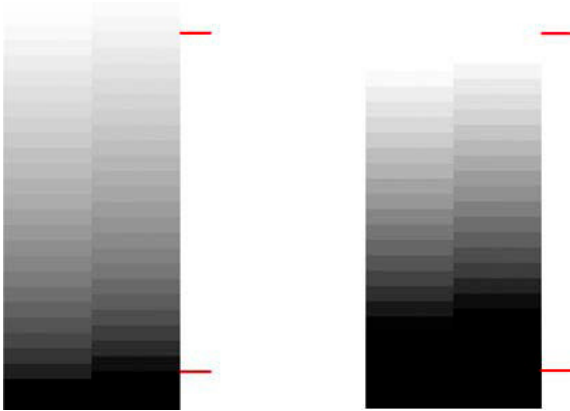
In the example below the original is on the left, the scanned image on the right:



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1. If you are making copies, and the original is printed on photographic paper, while you are copying it onto matte paper, this problem is to be expected. However, you can try to restart the printer and set the background color and noise removal to Off and also change the Lighter/Darker settings; this also applies if you see this problem in scanned files.
2. If the problem persists, repeat the scan or copy using a higher resolution (300 dpi or higher if scanning, Normal or Best if copying). Set the content type to **Image** (if copying).
3. If the problem persists, recalibrate the scanner as indicated in [Calibrate the scanner](#) in Chapter 11. Make sure you clean the maintenance sheet before calibrating the scanner, and check that the maintenance sheet is not damaged (if so, reprint it as explained in [The scanner diagnostic plot](#) in Chapter 17. Re-scan your original after the calibration is completed.
4. If the problem persists, analyze patterns M (0, 1 and 2 modules) of the diagnostic plot. If you can distinguish lightness steps beyond the upper and lower specified thresholds, then the scanner is fine. Here you can see some examples of correct and incorrect functioning.



If your scanned pattern looks like the incorrect one on the right, whether the clipping is in dark and/or light areas, call [Varitronics Technical Support](#) and report “Clipping in dark/light areas”.

## Flare in the image when scanning glossy originals

If the scanner is miscalibrated, or if the original plot you are trying to scan is very glossy or reflective, you can sometimes find flare in the scanned image.

In the example below the original is on the left, the scanned image on the right:



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1. Clean the original and the scanner's glass plate, then scan again. [See Clean the scanner scanbar](#) in Chapter 11.
2. If the problem persists, recalibrate the scanner as indicated in [Calibrate the scanner](#) in Chapter 11. Re-scan your original after the calibration is completed.
3. If the problem persists, see [Clipping in dark or light areas](#) in Chapter 16.

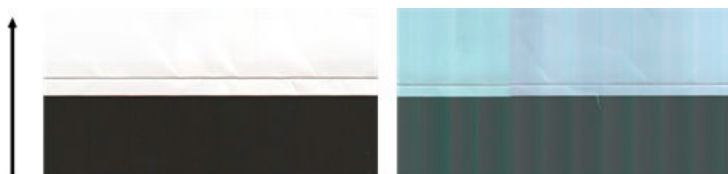
### Vertical red and green bands over white or black background

If the scanner has not been calibrated for a long period of time, or if the last calibration failed, you can sometimes see defects.

Example:



**NOTE:** The black arrow indicates the scanning direction. The original is on the left, the scanned image on the right.



1. First, restart the printer and re-scan or copy. Clean and calibrate the scanner as indicated in [Clean the scanner scanbars](#) and [Calibrate the scanner](#) in Chapter 11. If the calibration failed, proceed as stated in [Calibrate the scanner](#). However, if the calibration ended correctly, scan your original again and check that the colored vertical bands have disappeared.
2. If the problem persists, call [Varitronics Technical Support](#) and report "vertical red/green bands after calibration".

### Vibration

If your printer is not properly placed on a flat surface, or if the scanner lid does not close correctly, you may sometimes find that the scanned image suffers from vibration.

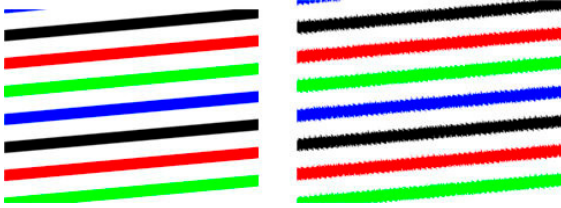


In the example below the original is on the left, the scanned image on the right:

1. Make sure that the scanner is placed on a flat surface and the scanner lid is correctly closed. Scan your original again.
2. If the problem persists, change (increase or decrease) the scanning resolution and re-scan your original. We also recommend turning the original 90 degrees before scanning it again.

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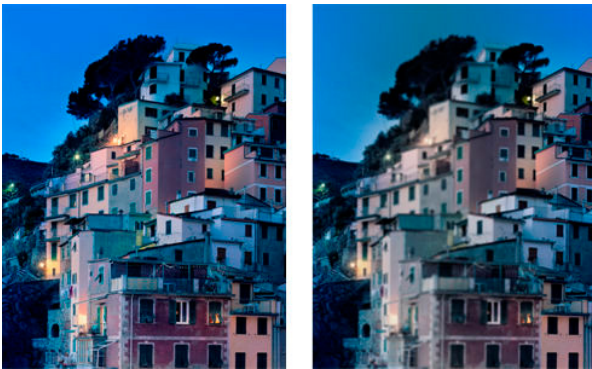
3. If the problem persists, analyze pattern D of the diagnostic plot. If you see the problem shown on the right, call [Varitronics Technical Support](#) and report a “vibration problem”.



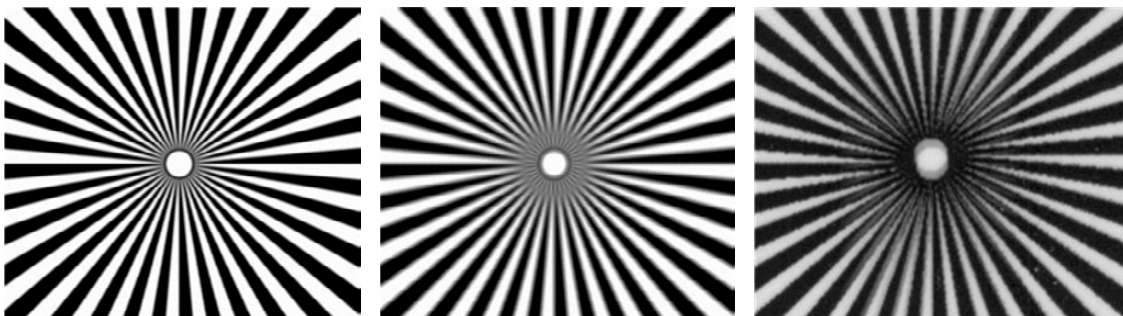
### Defocus, blurring and fading colors

CIS technology scanners are tuned to work at a fixed focal distance, and they are very sensitive to small variations in the position of the original with respect to the scanner glass plate.

If the scanner lid is not properly closed, or if the original has deep wrinkles or texture, you may sometimes find problems as in the following example (on the right), where the scanned image is blurred and colors are faded:



1. Check that the scanner lid is properly closed. Open and close the scanner lid by pushing it down until you hear a click. Calibrate the scanner as indicated in [Calibrate the scanner](#) in Chapter 11, then restart and repeat your scan.
2. If the problem persists, repeat the scan or copy using a higher resolution (300dpi or more if scanning, **Normal** or **Best** if copying). You should also set **Background color removal** to **Off**, or set the content type to **Mixed**, if copying.
3. If the problem persists, analyze pattern F in modules 0, 1 and 2 of the diagnostic plot. A correct example is given below, followed by two incorrect examples. Note that there is a black ring near the center of pattern F. In this step, you must look at the region near the black ring. If you can see discontinuities in the black and white lines, call [Varitronics Technical Support](#) and report a “defocus or blurring” error.



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### Incorrect paper advance, skew during scanning, or horizontal wrinkles

You may encounter problems with some thick glossy originals being moved through the scanner's paper path. In some cases, the original may become skewed during the scanning process.

If some of the paper rollers are not working correctly, you may find small horizontal wrinkles in the scanned image, due to the paper being stuck in some regions while not in others.

1. Turn your original 90 degrees and repeat your scan.
2. If the problem persists, open the scanner lid. Clean the feed wheels (small black rubber) and the pressure sliders (wide white plastic). If you find dust particles or objects that obstruct the movement of the pressure sliders, try to remove them, then close the scanner lid and repeat your scan.
3. If the problem persists, restart the scanner by turning it off and on again. If you find an error message on the front panel during this operation, call [Varitronics Technical Support](#) and report the error message. If no error message appears, try repeating your scan.
4. If the problem persists, analyze patterns D, K and L of the diagnostic plot. The plot should look like this:



If you see an image resembling the incorrect examples below, call VariQuest Customer Support and report an "incorrect paper advance" problem.



### Vertical black band 30 cm wide

Your scanner contains various scanner scanbars, each of which covers an area 30 cm (12 in) wide.

If one of the modules fails, and the scanner hardware check does not detect the failure, you may see a black vertical band, corresponding to the area covered by a single scanbar, in your scanned image or copy. Here is an example (on the right):



**NOTE:** The black arrow indicates the scanning direction.



Original Scan affected by a failing scanbar



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1. Restart the scanner by turning it off and on again. If you find an error message on the front panel during this operation, call [Varitronics Technical Support](#) and report the error message. If no error message appears, try repeating your scan.
2. If the problem persists, try to calibrate the scanner as indicated in [Calibrate the scanner](#) in Chapter 11. If this operation fails, call VariQuest Customer Support with the error code given on the front panel. If no error code appears, try to repeat your scan.
3. If the problem persists, call VariQuest Customer Support and report a “vertical black band 30 cm wide”.

### The scanner damages some originals

This scanner may cause vertical scratches on thick glossy paper printed on by inkjet printers.

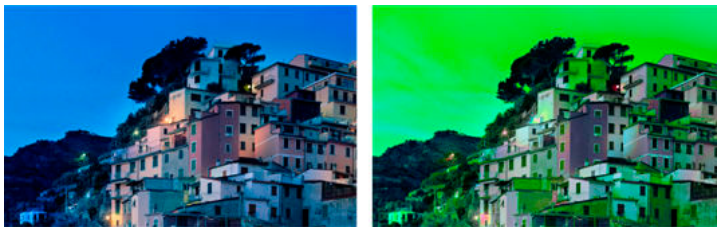
Old prints or very thin tracing paper may also be damaged. This is because CIS technology requires the original to be held down with high pressure to obtain accurate results and avoid blurring and defocus problems.

If the original you intend to scan is valuable, and if it belongs to one of the types described above (inkjet-printed, thick, glossy original or old/thin/tracing paper original), VariQuest recommends using a CCD scanner.

### Completely wrong colors

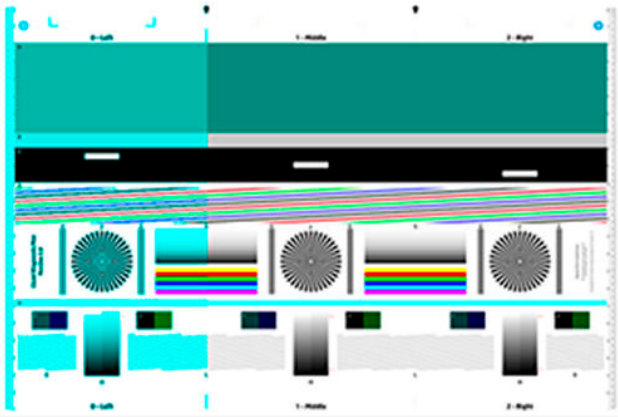
If some of the LEDs used for illumination in the scanner scanbars are failing, or the last calibration did not work correctly, although no error message was given on the front panel, you may experience some completely wrong colors in your scanned images.

In the example below the original is on the left, the scanned image on the right:



1. Restart the scanner by turning it off and on again. If you find an error message on the front panel during this operation, call VariQuest support and report the error message.
2. If no error message appears on the front panel during the restart process, try to calibrate your scanner, as indicated in [Calibrate the scanner](#) in Chapter 11, once it is fully functional. If some error message appears on the front panel, call VariQuest support and report the error, adding that you found it after seeing “completely wrong colors in the scanned image”.
3. If calibration succeeded, restart and repeat your scan, and check the colors.
4. If the colors are still wrong, analyze the whole diagnostic sheet. Check that you find completely wrong colors in the area corresponding to just one of the scanbars, as in the following figure. If so, call [Varitronics Technical Support](#) and report “completely wrong colors after calibration”, and report the letter of the scanbar that is failing (module A in the example).

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If all the modules are failing, call [VariQuest® Customer Support](#) and report that.

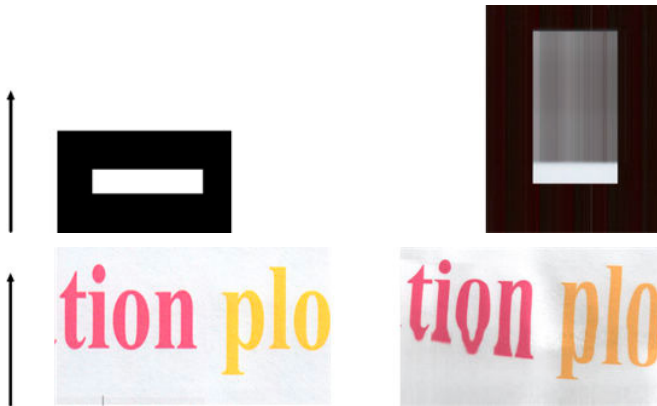
### Vertical distortion

If the lid sensor of the scanner fails, the scanner cannot detect when the lid is open. Hence, you can start a scan, and at some point find that the pressure sliders do not move the original through the scanner paper path.

In the example below the original is on the left, the scanned image on the right:



**NOTE:** The black arrow indicates the scanning direction.



- Open and close the scanner lid by pushing it down until you hear a click. Then repeat your scan and visually check that the original advances correctly through the scanner path. If not, call [Varitronics Technical Support](#) and report an “incorrect paper advance” error. Remember that your scanner is not intended to work with originals thicker than 0.75 mm (29 mil).

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### Object replication (ghosting)

This error very rarely appears in CIS scanners. However, you can occasionally find image defects.

In the example below the original is on the left, the scanned image on the right:



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1. Restart your printer. Then calibrate the scanner, as indicated in [Calibrate the scanner](#) in Chapter 11, and repeat your scan. Turn the original 90 degrees if possible before re-scanning. You can also try modifying the Lighter/Darker setting.
2. If the problem persists, analyze pattern C, modules 0, 1 and 2, of the diagnostic plot. Call [Varitronics Technical Support](#) and report an “object replication” issue if you see the kind of error shown on the right.



### Clipping or incorrect scale factor when down-scaling in copies and prints

When doing copies or prints (from USB, Embedded Web Server, or printer driver), the scaling setting is available with various possible options.

If you are experiencing problems related to border clipping, or it seems that your print has lost the scale-factor adjustment, read this section carefully in order to select the best value for the scaling setting in future jobs.

- **Output scale: Custom (Precise scaling):** In this case, the content of the original image is scaled by the percentage factor that you have selected. For example, in an original CAD image with a 1:100 scale, if user selects scale to 50%, the printed plot will have an accurate scale of 1:200. Nevertheless, in the case of down-scalings when selecting a fixed percentage, some clipping of the marginal content of the plot may occur, as it is impossible for the printer to print up to the borders of the paper.
- **Output scale: Standard sizes (Scale to fit into page size):** In this case, the content of the original image is scaled by the percentage necessary to make sure that all the content is correctly printed and no clipping occurs. Nevertheless, in the case of down-scalings when selecting fit to page, the scale-factor adjustment may not be an integer divisor of the original. For example, in an original CAD plot with a 1:100 scale on A2 paper size, if user selects scale to fit on A3 paper size, the scaling factor will not be exactly 50% and the scale of the printed plot will not be 1:200 exactly. However, the plot will be printed completely without clipping any content.



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### Incorrect edge detection, mostly when scanning tracing paper

Tracing or translucent papers can be scanned with good results, although totally transparent papers are not supported.


Nevertheless, the resulting image may have extra margins or some clipping of the content in some situations when detection of the edge of the paper is not accurate, which may also happen when scanning plain paper if the glass plate is dirty. In order to avoid these undesired effects, follow these recommendations.


1. Carefully clean the scanner's glass plate and the original to be scanned with a cloth. Turn the original 90 degrees if possible and re-scan it afterwards. Remember to select **Translucent** as the paper type at the scanner if your original is translucent.
2. If the problem persists, calibrate your scanner, and re-scan your original again afterwards.
3. If the problem persists in the case of translucent paper, attach a sheet of white paper to the back of the original to be scanned.

### A copied or scanned image is very skewed

Originals are often loaded into the scanner with some degree of skew. In order to correct for this unavoidable problem, the scanner has a built-in automatic de-skew algorithm, which measures the skew in the original and rotates the scanned image so that the result is perfectly straight.

However, in some cases the de-skew algorithm may increase the skew rather than correcting it. In other cases, the skew is so bad that it cannot be automatically corrected.

To load the original with minimum skew, grasp the original with the image facing up and your hands at left and right edges. You are recommended to avoid resting your hands or the original on the scanner's input tray. Push the original into the scanner insertion slot until you feel the whole top border of the original pressing against the scanner rubber rolls, which will load the original after a delay of 0.5 seconds. Now you can take your hands off the original. If you are not happy with the way the scanner has grabbed your original, you can touch the **Eject** icon  and try again.

The action of the automatic de-skew algorithm can be deactivated by touching the **Settings** icon , then **Scan preferences** or **Copy preferences** (you might want to deactivate it in one case but not in the other). You can also deactivate the automatic de-skew from the **Settings** button at every new scanner job.

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You can print the plot onto a roll or a single sheet but do not use recycled or tracing paper.

### Prepare the printer and the paper to print the diagnostic sheet


Turn on your printer and wait until it is functioning. Then select the paper on which the diagnostic plot is going to be printed (you can reuse the diagnostic plot at any time in the future, if it is saved carefully).



**NOTE:** Ideally, the diagnostic plot should be printed on Heavyweight Coated Paper; do not use recycled or tracing paper.

The size of the diagnostic plot is: 914 mm (36 in).

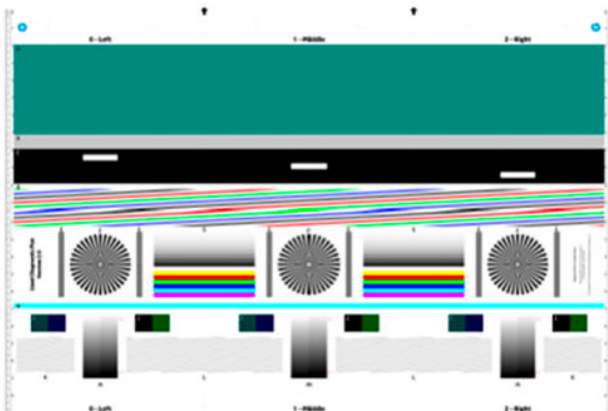
You can print on a roll or a single sheet, which should be of the maximum width accepted by the printer.

You can print the diagnostic plot from the front panel: tap the **Menu** icon , then **Tools > Troubleshooting > Scanner Calibration > Start > Print**.

### Visual check for errors while printing the diagnostic sheet

Once the diagnostic plot is printed, the first step is to check that all the patterns included in it are correctly printed.

The diagnostic plot, if printed correctly, should look like this:



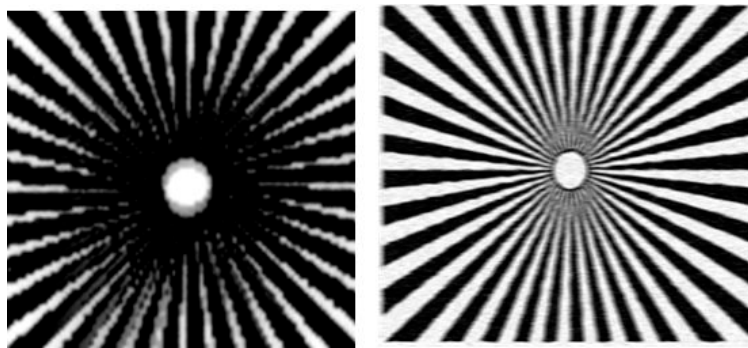
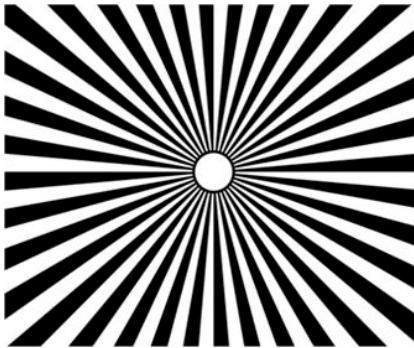
Some of the most common defects that may appear in a printed diagnostic plot are described below. If you find any of these problems, you should follow the recommended recovery procedure. See the [Troubleshooting print-quality issues](#) in Chapter 14. Once the printer has been diagnosed and it is working correctly, you can reprint the diagnostic sheet as described in [Prepare the printer and the paper to print the diagnostic sheet](#) in Chapter 17.

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### Resolution

By looking at pattern F you may find problems with the printer's resolution for the loaded paper. Usually, this test does not reveal a printer problem, but a defect in the paper, which may not be suitable for printing the diagnostic sheet with the required quality.

Here is what you should see if all is well, followed by two defective examples.



### Alignment

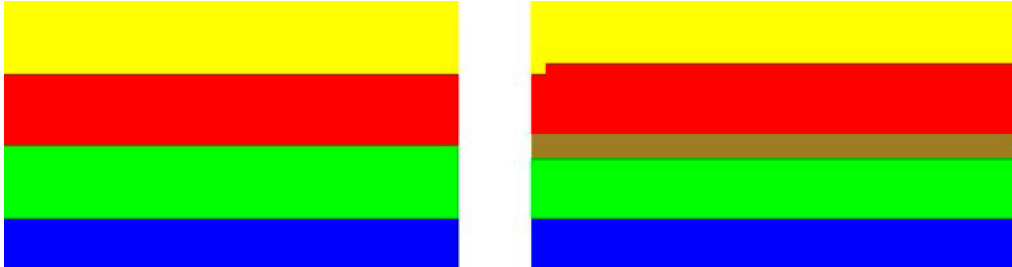
Looking at patterns D, K, and L, you may find problems with the printer's printhead alignment.

This can cause defects such as the following:



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Additionally, misalignment problems can be seen in patterns D and G in the form of color fringing (which is exaggerated below, on the right). That is, the limits between two strong colors are not well defined or a third color appears between them.



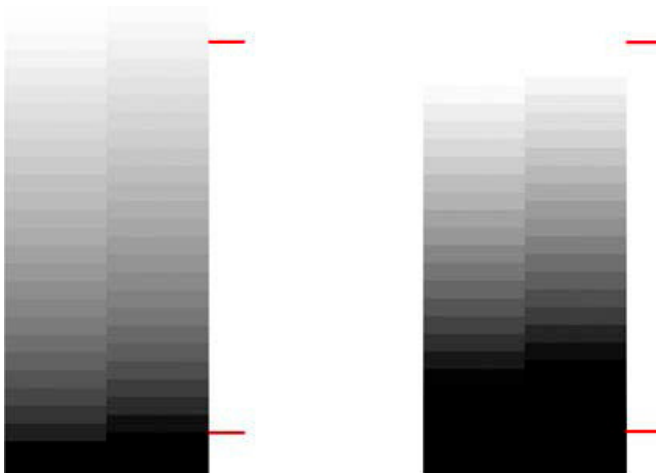
Finally, a special pattern for checking the printer's printhead alignment can be found at the top left of the diagnostic sheet. This pattern has no number as it is not used for scanner checking. It is made of three colored crosses that may be used to identify the problem in question. The correct pattern is shown on the left, an example of misalignment on the right.



### *Loss of shadow or highlight details*

Looking at pattern H, you may find a problem with the printer or the paper. If you can distinguish lightness steps beyond the upper and lower specified thresholds, then the printer is fine.

Here you can see examples of correct functioning on the left, incorrect on the right:



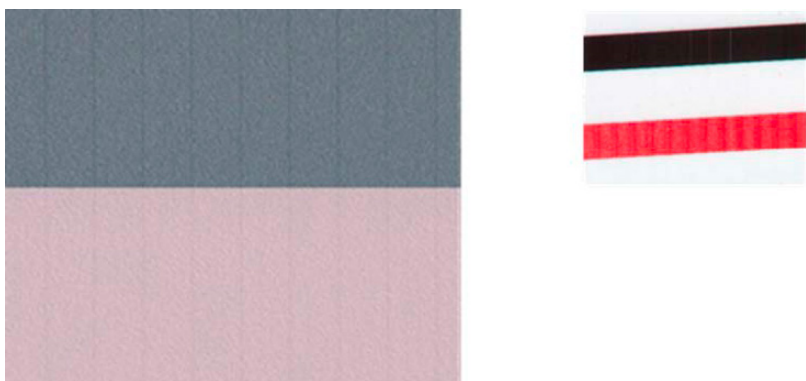
If the printer does not pass this test, you should check that you have correctly selected the paper type and the **Best** quality.

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### Printer banding

Looking at patterns A, B, and C, you may see vertical banding problems.

Example:



See [Horizontal lines across the image \(banding\)](#) in Chapter 11 for the troubleshooting steps to follow in this case.

### Streaks

Looking at patterns A, B, C, G and H, you may find vertical streaks if the printer's printheads are not working correctly. Replacing the printhead for the color showing the streaks may solve the problem.

Example:



### Grain

Looking at patterns A, B, and C, you may find problems in the printer's paper advance or the printheads that cause visible grain in area fills.

The following examples show this defect, the original is on the left, the printed image on the right:



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### Scan or copy the diagnostic plot

There are two options for evaluating the diagnostic plot: scanning into a JPEG file, or copying onto paper. We recommend using the scan option, so that the generated file can be analyzed more easily by a remote support engineer if necessary.

If you decide to scan the plot, first adjust your computer's monitor as described in [Monitor calibration](#) in Chapter 17. Once you have scanned the diagnostic plot, remember to open the scanned file in any image viewer software and select a zoom of 100% for correct visual evaluation of patterns.

If you decide to copy, make sure that paper is loaded in the printer; the paper should be of the maximum width accepted by the printer. Ideally, the same type of paper used to print the diagnostic plot should be used for copying it.

These are the settings that you should select:

#### Scan

- Resolution: 600 dpi
- File type: JPG
- File size: medium
- Paper type: photo or matte, according to the paper used to print the diagnostic plot. Use photo if in doubt.

#### Copy

- Content type: Image

Load the diagnostic plot into the scanner input tray, making sure that the printed side of the plot is facing up. The black arrows on the diagnostic plot indicate the direction of loading. Make sure that the diagnostic plot is loaded without skew, and it is centered (that is, it covers the whole scanner area).

Once you have scanned the diagnostic plot (in case you selected the scan option), remember to open the scanned file in any image viewer software and select a zoom of 100% for correct visual evaluation of patterns.

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### Monitor calibration

The monitor on which the plot is going to be evaluated should ideally be calibrated. As this is not always feasible, we propose here to follow an easy procedure for adjusting the brightness and contrast of the monitor in order to see the patterns correctly.

Adjust the brightness and contrast of your monitor until you can see a difference in lightness between these two squares:



Now you are ready to check each pattern individually.

### Save the diagnostic plot for future use

We recommend saving the diagnostic plot for future use.

## 18 TROUBLESHOOTING INK CARTRIDGE AND PRINTHEAD ISSUES

Step by step instructions are provided for you to identify and resolve your issue.

### Cannot insert an ink cartridge

It is important that you are using the correct type of cartridge, and that it is well placed in its slot.

1. Check that you have the correct type of cartridge (model number).
2. Check that the colored label on the cartridge is the same color as the label on the slot.
3. Check that the cartridge is correctly oriented, with the letter or letters marking the cartridge label right-side up and readable.



**CAUTION!** Never clean inside the ink cartridge slots.

### Ink cartridge status messages

There are ink cartridge status messages to alert you to an issue.

- **OK:** The cartridge is working normally, with no known problems.
- **Missing or Damaged:** There is no cartridge present, or it is not correctly connected to the printer (shown with an X on the status screen).
- **Low:** The ink level is low.
- **Out of ink:** The cartridge is empty.
- **Not genuine VariQuest®:** The cartridge is not a genuine VariQuest® cartridge
- **Wrong slot:** The cartridge has been inserted into the wrong slot.
- **Incompatible:** The cartridge is incompatible with this printer.

### Cannot insert the printhead

It is important that you are using the correct type of printhead, and that it is well placed in its slot.

1. Check that you have the correct type of printhead (model number).
2. Check that you have removed the orange protective cap from the printhead.
3. Check that the printhead is correctly oriented.
4. Check that you have correctly latched the printhead, see [Replace the printhead](#) in Chapter 11.



# 19 TROUBLESHOOTING DATA COMMUNICATION ISSUES

Step by step instructions are provided for you to identify and resolve your issue.


## Communication failures between computer and printer

It is important that the printer is communicating properly to the computer to be able to print.

Symptoms of a communication failure can be:


- The front panel display does not show the **Printing** message when you have sent a document to the printer.
- Your computer displays an error message when you are trying to print.
- Your computer or printer hangs (stays idle), while communication is taking place.
- Your printed output shows random or inexplicable errors (misplaced lines, partial graphics etc.)

How to proceed:

- Ensure that you have selected the correct printer in your application, see [Printing](#) in Chapter 4.
- Ensure that the printer works correctly when printing from other applications.
- Remember that very large prints may take some time to receive, process and print.
- If the printer is connected to a network, check the printer connectivity status: the printer should have an IP address and it should match the IP address specified in the printing computer. If the addresses do not match, then configure it correctly; if the issue persists, check your network configuration.
- Try another Ethernet cable.
- If the printer is connected to a wireless network, you can request a diagnostic report from the front panel: tap the **Menu** icon , then **Settings > Network > WiFi > WiFi Test Report**. Alternatively, try moving the printer closer to the wireless router, or try connecting the printer by wired network.

## Fixed IP


Set a fixed IP address for the printer from the front panel.

1. Go to the front panel and tap the **Menu** icon , then **Settings > Network > WiFi or Ethernet**.
2. At the bottom of the screen, tap **IPv4 / IPv6 > Manual**, and enter the IP address, the subnet mask, and the gateway (those settings should be provided by your network administrator).

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### Hostname

You can use the hostname instead of the numeric IP address.

1. Go to the front panel and tap the **Menu** icon , then **Settings > Network > WiFi/Ethernet details**.
2. Take a note of the IP address and the hostname (HPXXXXXX format).
3. If your computer is running Windows, tap the **Start** button, then the **Configuration** button, then tap **Devices > Printers and Scanners**, then tap the printer, then **Administer > Properties > Ports > Configure Port**, and in the **Printer name or IP address** field enter the hostname.

### Wired network issues

If you are unable to install the VariQuest® software for your printer, then you need to perform some checks to solve the issue.

Check that:

- All cable connections to the computer and the printer are secure.
- The network is operational and the network equipment is turned on.
- All applications, including virus protection programs, spyware protection programs, and firewalls, are not blocking the connections to the printer.
- The printer is installed on the same subnet as the computers that use the printer.

If the installation program cannot discover the printer, print the network configuration page, and enter the IP address manually in the installation program. For more information, see [Network configuration page](#) in Chapter 11.

Though it is not recommended that you assign a static IP address to the printer, you might resolve some installation problems (such as a conflict with a personal firewall) by doing so. See [Communication failures between computer and printer](#).

### Network port created does not match printer IP address (Windows)

If you are using a computer running Windows, make sure that the network ports created in the printer driver match the printer's IP address.

1. Print the printer's network configuration page.
2. Click **Start**, point to **Settings**, then click **Printers** or **Printers and Faxes**.  
– OR – Click **Start**, click **Front panel**, then double-click **Printers**.
3. Right-click the **Printer** icon, click **Properties**, and then click the **Ports** tab.
4. Select the TCP/IP port for the printer, and then click **Configure Port**.
5. Compare the IP address listed in the dialog box and make sure it matches the IP address listed on the network configuration page. If the IP addresses are different, change the IP address in the dialog box to match the address on the network configuration page.
6. Click **OK** twice to save the settings and close the dialog boxes.


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### Wireless network issues

Step by step instructions are provided for you to identify and resolve your issue.


#### Wireless network troubleshooting

Check that the wireless is on, then follow the troubleshooting steps.

1. To turn on wireless, tap the **Menu** icon , then **Settings > Network > Wi-Fi** > toggle Wi-Fi to **ON**.
2. Make sure that an Ethernet cable has not been connected to the printer. Connecting an Ethernet cable turns off the printer's wireless capabilities.
3. Restart components of the wireless network.

Turn off the router and the printer, and then turn them back on in this order: router first and then the printer. If you still are unable to connect, turn off the router, printer, and your computer. Sometimes, turning off the power and then turning it back on can solve a network communication issue.

4. Run the Wireless Network Test.

For wireless networking issues, run the Wireless Network Test. To print a Wireless Network Test page, tap the **Menu** icon , then **Settings > Network > Wi-Fi > Wi-Fi Test Report**. If a problem is detected, the printed test report includes recommendations that could help to solve the problem.

#### Advanced wireless network troubleshooting

If you have tried to fix the problem and are still unable to connect to your printer to the wireless network, then there are steps you can take.

Try the following:

1. Make sure that your computer's wireless networking has been turned on. For more information, see the documentation that came with your computer.
2. If you are not using a unique network name (SSID), then it is possible that your computer could be connected to a nearby network that is not yours. The following steps can help you to determine whether your computer is connected to your network.

##### Windows:

- a. Click **Start**, click **Front panel**, point to **Network Connections**, then click **View Network Status and Tasks**

– OR – Click **Start**, then **Settings**, click **Front panel**, double-click **Network Connections**, click the **View** menu, then select **Details**.

Leave the network dialog box open while you continue to the next step.

- b. Disconnect the power cord from the wireless router. The connection status of your computer should change to **Not Connected**.
- c. Reconnect the power cord to the wireless router. The connection status should change to **Connected**.

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### Mac OS X:

- Click the Wi-Fi icon in the menu bar at the top of the screen. From the menu that appears, you can determine if the Wi-Fi is turned on and which wireless network your computer is connected to.



**TIP:** For more detailed information about your Wi-Fi connection, click **System Preferences** in the Dock. If the wireless connection is working correctly, a green dot appears next to the list of connections. For more information, click the **Help** button in the window.

If you are unable to get your computer connected to your network, contact the person/company that set up your network or the router manufacturer as there may be a hardware issue with your router or computer.

3. Print the printer's Wireless Configuration page (see [Network configuration page](#)). After the page has been printed, check the Network Status and URL. The Network Status is **Ready** if the printer is actively connected to a network, or **Offline** if it is not (in the latter case, run the Wireless Network Test). The URL is the network address assigned to the printer by your router; you need it to connect to the printer's Embedded Web Server.
4. If you have established that the computer and the printer both have active connections to a network, you can check whether they are on the same network by trying to access the printer's Embedded Web Server (see [Access the Embedded Web Server](#) in Chapter 3).
5. If you cannot access the Embedded Web Server and are sure that both the computer and printer have active connections to the same network, the firewall security software could be blocking communication. Temporarily turn off any firewall security software running on your computer, and try to access the Embedded Web Server again. If you can access it, try using the printer for printing.

If you are able to access the Embedded Web Server and use your printer with the firewall turned off, you need to reconfigure your firewall settings to allow the computer and printer to communicate with each other over the network.

If you are able to access the Embedded Web Server, but are still unable to use the printer even with the firewall turned off, try enabling the firewall software to recognize the printer.

If you are able to use the printer over the network, your network setup was successful.

If you still cannot use the printer over the network, or if you have periodic problems in doing so, your firewall may be interfering, or there may be a problem with your network configuration or router. Contact the person who set up your network or the router manufacturer for help.

### Add hardware addresses to a wireless access point (WAP)

MAC filtering is a security feature in which a WAP is configured with a list of MAC addresses (also called "hardware addresses") of devices that are allowed to gain access to the network through the WAP.

If the WAP does not have the hardware address of a device attempting to access the network, the WAP denies the device access to the network. If the WAP filters MAC addresses, then the printer's MAC address must be added to the WAP's list of accepted MAC addresses.

1. Print the network configuration page. For more information, see [Network configuration page](#).
2. Open the WAP's configuration utility, and add the printer's hardware address to the list of accepted MAC addresses.


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### Mobile Printing issues

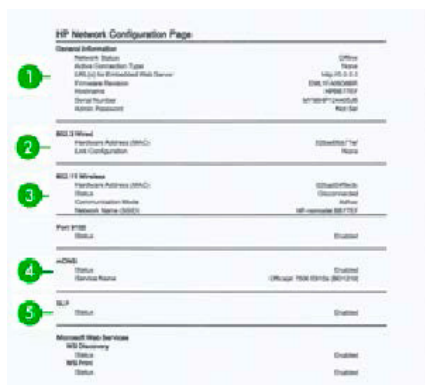
For issues, call your Authorized [VariQuest® Dealer](#) or [Varitronics Technical Support Team](#).

### Network configuration page

If the printer is connected to a network, you can print a network configuration page to view the network settings for the printer.

You can use the network configuration page to help troubleshoot network connectivity problems. If you need to call VariQuest, it is often useful to print this page before calling. To print the network configuration page from the front panel: tap the **Menu** icon , then > **Tools** > **Reports** > **Status Reports** > **Network Configuration Report**.

**1. General Information:** Shows information about the current status and active connection type of the



network, and other information, such as the URL of the Embedded Web Server.

- 2. 802.3 Wired:** Shows information about the active wired network connection, such as the IP address, subnet mask, default gateway, and hardware address of the printer.
- 3. 802.11 Wireless:** Shows information about your wireless network connection, such as the hostname, IP address, subnet mask, default gateway, and server.
- 4. Miscellaneous:** Shows information about more advanced network settings.
  - **Port 9100:** The printer supports raw IP printing through TCP Port 9100. This TCP/IP port on the printer is the default port for printing. It is accessed by the VariQuest® software (for example, the Standard Port).
  - **LPD:** Line Printer Daemon (LPD) refers to the protocol and programs associated with line-printer spooling services that may be installed on various TCP/IP systems.



**NOTE:** The LPD functionality can be used with any host implementation of LPD that complies with the RFC 1179 document. The process for configuring printer spoolers, however, might differ. See your system documentation for information about configuring these systems.

- **Bonjour:** Bonjour services (which use mDNS, or Multicast Domain Name System) are typically used on small networks for IP address and name resolution (through UDP port 5353), where a conventional DNS server is not used.

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- **SLP:** Service Location Protocol (SLP) is an Internet standard network protocol that provides a framework to allow networking applications to discover the existence, location, and configuration of networked services in enterprise networks. This protocol simplifies discovery and use of network resources such as printers, Web servers, fax machines, video cameras, file systems, backup devices (tape drives), databases, directories, mail servers, and calendars.
- **Microsoft Web Services:** Enable or disable the Microsoft Web Services Dynamic Discovery (WS Discovery) protocols or Microsoft Web Services for Devices (WSD) Print services supported on the printer. Disable unused print services to prevent access through those services.



**NOTE:** For more information about WS Discovery and WSD Print, visit the Microsoft website at the following link: <http://www.microsoft.com/>.

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- **SNMP:** SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol) is used by network management applications for device management. The printer supports SNMPv1 protocol on IP networks.
  - **WINS:** If you have a Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) server on your network, the printer automatically obtains its IP address from that server and registers its name with any RFC 1001 and 1002-compliant dynamic name services as long as a WINS server IP address has been specified.
- 5. Connected PC(s):** Lists the computers connected to this printer, as well as the last time these computers accessed the printer.

## 20 TROUBLESHOOTING GENERAL PRINTER ISSUES

Step by step instructions are provided for you to identify and resolve your issue.

### Printer does not start

You may have an electrical power problem. If there is no activity at all from the printer and the front panel does not respond, check that the power cord is connected correctly and that there is power available at the socket.

- If the printer does not start (the front panel is blank), hold down the **Power** key for a few seconds and check whether the power LED turns orange while the key is held down.
- If you see no orange light, no power is reaching the printer; check that the power cord is correctly plugged in. If the problem persists, call your [Local Authorized VariQuest® Dealer](#) or the [Varitronics Technical Support Team](#) and explain that you have a problem with the power supply.
- If you see the orange light, wait for the printer to check if it makes a beeping sound:
  - Three beeps means an electronic problem; call Varitronics Support Team and explain.

### Printer does not print

If all is in order (paper loaded, all ink components installed and no file errors), there are still reasons why a file you have sent from your computer may not start printing when expected:

- You may not have installed in your computer the correct driver for your printer.
- If you are printing on a sheet, you must specify **Automatic or Sheet** as the paper source in your printer driver.
- Check the complexity of the job, very large prints may take some time to receive, process and print.
- You may be experiencing unusual electromagnetic phenomena, such as strong electromagnetic fields or severe electrical disturbances, which can cause the printer to behave strangely or even stop working. In this case, turn off the printer using the **Power** key at the back and unplug the power cord, wait until the electromagnetic environment has returned to normal, then turn it on again. If you still experience problems, contact your [Varitronics Technical Support](#) representative.

### Printer seems slow

Here are some possible explanations:

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- Did you set the print-quality to **Best** or **Maximum** detail? Best-quality and maximum detail prints take longer.
- Did you specify the correct paper type when loading the paper? Some paper types require more time for printing; for example, photo and coated papers require more drying time between passes. To find out the printer's current paper type setting, see [View information about the paper](#) in Chapter 4.
- If your printer is connected by network, check that all components used in the network (network interface cards, hubs, routers, switches, cables) are capable of high-speed operation. Is there a lot of traffic from other devices on the network?
- Did you specify **Extended** drying time in the front panel? Try changing the drying time to **Optimal**.
- If your printer is connected by Wi-Fi, switch to a wired network.

### Front panel is frozen

If the front panel displays a fixed image and you are unable to use it, power cycle your printer.

- Turn off the printer and unplug the power cord from it.
- Wait 30 seconds.
- Plug the power cord into the printer again and turn the printer on.
- Check the functionality of the printer.

If the problem persists, call the [Varitronics Technical Support Team](#).

### Cannot access the Embedded Web Server

If you are using a proxy server, try bypassing the server and accessing the Embedded Web Server directly.

Before proceeding, if you have not done so already, please read: [Access the Embedded Web Server](#) in Chapter 3.

- In Microsoft Edge for Windows, go to **Tools > Internet Options > Connections > LAN Settings**, and check the **Bypass proxy server for local addresses** box. Alternatively, for more precise control, click the **Advanced** button and add the printer's IP address to the list of exceptions, for which the proxy server is not used.
- In Safari for Mac OS X, go to **Safari > Preferences > Advanced** and click the **Proxies: Change Settings** button. Add the printer's IP address or its domain name to the list of exceptions, for which the proxy server is not used, in the bypass proxy settings for the **Hosts & Domains** field.

If you still cannot connect, switch the printer off and back on with the **Power** key on the front panel.

### Restore factory defaults and settings

If you disabled any functions or changed some settings and want to change them back, you can restore the printer to the original factory settings or network settings.



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### Defaults

Restore the printer to the original factory defaults.

1. From the front panel, tap **Menu > Tools > Maintenance > Restore Settings**, then select the appropriate reset option: **Restore Network Settings**, **Restore User Settings**, **Restore User Data**, or **Restore All Factory Defaults**.
2. From the Embedded Web Server, open the **General** tab, then **Restore Default Settings**, then select the appropriate reset option: **Restore Network Settings** or **Restore All Factory Defaults**.
3. Restore All Factory Defaults. Tap **Restore** to reset all printer settings. All configured settings in the printer will be deleted and the original factory settings will be restored, including all administrator passwords for the printer, network configurations, any stored jobs (if available), contact entries (for scan and fax), and web services account information.

### Alerts

Your printer can report errors or alerts in different ways.

- **Errors:** Mainly alerting you to the fact that the printer is unable to work normally. However, in the printer driver, errors can also alert you to conditions that could ruin the print, such as clipping, even if the printer is able to print.
- **Warnings:** Alert you when the printer needs attention either for an adjustment, such as a calibration or for a possible unprintable situation, such as a preventive maintenance or low ink.

There are four different alerts communicators within your printer's system:

- **Front panel display:** The front panel shows only the most relevant alert at a time. In the case of a warning, it disappears after a timeout. There are permanent alerts, such as "ink cartridge low on ink", that reappear when the printer becomes idle and there is not another more severe alert.
- **Embedded Web Server:** The upper-right corner of the Embedded Web Server window shows the printer status. If there is an alert in the printer, the status shows the alert text.
- **Print queue:** The print queue shows alerts. The driver warns about job configuration settings that may produce a problem in the final output. If the printer is not ready to print, it displays a warning.

By default, error alerts (critical alerts) are always displayed and warning alerts (non-critical alerts) as displayed only when you are printing. If alerts are enabled and there is a problem that prevents a job from completing, you see a pop-up window, which explains the reason for the problem. Follow the instructions to achieve your required result.



**NOTE:** There are environments that do not support bidirectional communication. In those cases, alerts do not reach the job owner.

## Chapter 21: Front Panel Error Messages

# 21 FRONT PANEL ERROR MESSAGES

Printer issues appear in the front panel automatically along with the recommendation of how to fix them.

## Text messages and numerical error codes

Error messages indicate that there is a printer error that needs attention. When they appear, follow the advice in the Recommendation column.

If you see an error message that does not appear here, and you feel in doubt about the correct response, or if the recommended action does not seem to solve the problem, contact your [Local Authorized VariQuest® Dealer](#) or the [Varitronics Technical Support Team](#).

### Text Messages

MESSAGE	RECOMMENDATION
Cartridge low	The indicated cartridges are low. You do not have to replace the cartridge(s) now. VariQuest recommends you have a replacement available for when the cartridge is depleted and will need to be replaced.
Cartridge very low	The indicated cartridges are very low and will be depleted soon. While you do not have to replace the cartridges now, VariQuest recommends you have a replacement available for when cartridges are depleted and will need to be replaced.
Cartridges depleted	The indicated cartridges are depleted. Replace these cartridges.
Maintenance kit 1 required	Contact your Local Authorized VariQuest Dealer or the Varitronics Technical Support Team
Maintenance kit 2 required	Contact your Local Authorized VariQuest Dealer or the Varitronics Technical Support Team
Cartridge Problem	Insert cartridges of the correct color as needed. See <a href="#">Replace an ink cartridge</a> .
Carriage jam	See <a href="#">Roll has jammed</a> or <a href="#">Multi-sheet tray has jammed</a> .
The width of the paper is smaller than the minimum size supported by the selected media source. Loading canceled.	Remove the paper and load paper of the correct size.
Loaded paper is too wide. Manual unload required.	Remove the paper manually and load paper of the correct size.
The paper is too far from the lateral load line. Try loading the paper again.	Remove and reload the paper.
Please manually unload roll paper and try again.	Rewind the roll manually.
The currently loaded paper has too much skew and cannot be corrected automatically. Tap <b>Remove</b> , and then load the paper again.	Remove and reload the paper.
The roll is out of paper, and the current job has been canceled. Load another roll, and then send the job again.	Load a new roll.

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### Text Messages (continued)

MESSAGE	RECOMMENDATION
You are printing a multipage job. Load another sheet to continue printing or cancel the job.	Load another single sheet.
Multi-sheet tray is out of paper. Load paper in multi-sheet tray and press OK to continue printing or cancel the job.	Load paper into the multi-sheet tray.
End of roll has been reached. It is not possible to load the roll.	Load a new roll.
Missing or failed printhead.	Remove and reinsert the same printhead, or try cleaning the electrical connections. If necessary, insert a new printhead. See <a href="#">Replace the printhead</a> . <b>NOTE:</b> The error message does not permit returning to the home screen to start the printhead replacement. Instead, press <b>Show more</b> .
Refilled or depleted cartridge detected	Check the cartridge.
Used cartridges might not have enough ink to complete start-up. Open ink door to replace the cartridges.	A new printhead has been inserted without a new set of ink cartridges. Replace the cartridges not marked as new. See <a href="#">Replace an ink cartridge</a> .

### Reading a system error code

System error codes explain what action should be taken to resolve the problem. They are defined in two ways: D0XX-YYZZ, which explains which component or system is failing, or xx.xx.xx.xx. Both formats indicate the course of action to be taken.

The first format is explained in the following table. The second format (xx.xx.xx.xx) occurs in response to internal firmware failures. In this case, you should restart the printer, then ensure that you have the latest firmware version: updating it may solve the problem. If the problem persists, contact your service representative. Some examples of these errors are F0.01.01.02, F0.01.04.07, F0.01.01.04 or F0.01.01.01.

For System Errors in format D0XX-YYZZ, the different parts of the code have the following meanings:

- D: Device information in which the failure has been detected.
- XX: Subsystem in which the failure has been detected (see the subsystem error codes table)
- YY: Service part in which the failure has been detected.
- ZZ: Indicates the cause of error as identified by self-diagnostics; see the next section for more details.

Values of D (Device)

Value Subsystem

0 Printer

1 Accessories

8 Internal printer firmware error\*

\*Errors starting with 8 (D=8) are internal firmware issues (for example, 86B0-1A7E-0000). If an error of this kind appears, there is probably an issue in the firmware that will be solved in a future release. These errors are not documented for this reason. If one of these errors appears, check whether the latest firmware is installed and install it if needed.

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### Values of XX (subsystem)

VALUE	SUBSYSTEM
01	Main PCA
04	Print Bundle PCA
09	Scanner
21	Service Station
26	Ink supply station
27	Printhead
41	Carriage PCA
42	Carriage Motor
43	Pick Motor
44	Feed Motor
45	Rewinder Motor
59	NVM
85	Feed Index PCA
87	Encoder

For system errors in the XX.YY.XX.XX format, YY indicates the subsystem.

VALUE	YY
01	System
02	Security
03	Connectivity
04	Front panel firmware
31	Job management

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### Numerical Error Codes

ERROR CODE	RECOMMENDATION
0009-0101	Scanner issue. To continue using the scanner, restart the printer. If the problem persists, call your support representative.
0009-0301	Scanner issue. To continue using the scanner, restart the printer. If the problem persists, call your support representative.
0009-0401	Scanner issue. To continue using the scanner, restart the printer. If the problem persists, call your support representative.
0009-0501	Scanner issue. To continue using the scanner, restart the printer. If the problem persists, call your support representative.
0009-0259	Scanner Motor error. There may be a paper or carriage jam. Check and clear the paper path if necessary and restart the printer.
0021-0060	Service station error. There may be a paper or carriage jam. Check and clear the paper path if necessary and restart the printer.
0026-0061	ISS Pump error. Call your support representative.
0042-0059	Carriage Motor error. There may be a paper or carriage jam. Check and clear the paper path if necessary and restart the printer.
0042-0060	Carriage Motor error. There may be a paper or carriage jam. Check and clear the paper path if necessary and restart the printer.
0043-0059	Pick motor error. There may be a paper or carriage jam. Check and clear the paper path if necessary and restart the printer.
0043-0060	Pick motor error. There may be a paper or carriage jam. Check and clear the paper path if necessary and restart the printer.
0044-0059	Feed motor error. There may be a paper or carriage jam. Check and clear the paper path if necessary and restart the printer.
0044-0060	Feed motor error. There may be a paper or carriage jam. Check and clear the paper path if necessary and restart the printer.
0045-0060	Rewinder motor error. There may be a paper or carriage jam. Check and clear the paper path if necessary and restart the printer.
0721-0078	PMK maintenance needed. Call your support representative.
0955-0050	Line sensor error. Call your support representative.
F0.01.01.01	Internal FW error. Make sure that the printer firmware version is up to date and restart the printer.
F0.01.01.02	Internal FW error. Make sure that the printer firmware version is up to date and restart the printer.
F0.01.01.04	Internal FW error. Make sure that the printer firmware version is up to date and restart the printer.
F0.01.04.07	Internal FW error. Make sure that the printer firmware version is up to date and restart the printer.
F0.01.01.06	Make sure that the printer firmware version is up to date and restart the printer.
F0.01.04.03	Make sure that the printer firmware version is up to date and restart the printer.
F0.01.03.01	Make sure that the printer firmware version is up to date and restart the printer.
F0.01.03.04	Make sure that the printer firmware version is up to date and restart the printer.
8XXX-XXXX	Internal FW error. Make sure that the printer firmware version is up to date and restart the printer.

## 22 PRINTER SPECIFICATIONS

Reference lists of physical, technical, ecological, etc. specifications for your printer.

### Functional specifications

Your printer is designed to deliver CAD / construction drawings as well as high quality graphics.

#### VariQuest ink supplies

DESCRIPTION	SPECIFICATION
Printhead	One printhead
Ink cartridges	Cartridges containing 56 ml of ink: black, yellow, magenta, and cyan
	Cartridges containing 130 ml of ink: black, yellow, magenta, and cyan
	Cartridges containing 300 ml of ink: black, yellow, magenta, and cyan

#### Paper sizes

DESCRIPTION	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Roll width	368 mm (14.5 in)	914 mm (36 in)
Roll length	N/A	46 m (150 feet)
Roll diameter	N/A	100 mm (3.9 in)
Roll weight	N/A	6 kg (13.2 lb)
Sheet width	210 mm (8.27 in)	914 mm (36 in)
Sheet length	279 mm (11 in)	1676 mm (66 in)
Paper thickness	N/A	0.3 mm (0.01 in)
Paper weight – roll/manual sheet	60 g/m <sup>2</sup>	280 g/m <sup>2</sup>
Paper weight – multi-sheet tray	60 g/m <sup>2</sup>	220 g/m <sup>2</sup>

#### Printing resolutions

PRINT QUALITY	MAXIMUM DETAIL	RENDERING RESOLUTION (PPI)	PRINTING RESOLUTION (DPI)
Best (glossy paper*)	On	1200 × 1200	2400 × 1200
	Off	600 × 600	1200 × 1200
Best (other papers)	Off	600 × 600	1200 × 1200
Normal	Off	600 × 600	1200 × 1200
Fast	Off	600 × 600	1200 × 1200
Econofast	Off	600 × 600	1200 × 1200

\* For a list of supported glossy papers, see [Order paper on page 95](#).

## Chapter 22: Printer Specifications

### Margins

DESCRIPTION	SPECIFICATION
Top left and right margins	5 mm (0.2 in)
Bottom margin	17 mm (0.67 in) (manual sheet)

### Mechanical accuracy

#### SPECIFICATIONS

±0.1% of the specified vector length or ±0.2 mm (whichever is greater) at 23°C (73°F), 50-60% relative humidity, on E/A0 printing material in Best or Normal mode with Heavyweight Coated Paper roll feed.

### Graphic languages supported

PERFECTA <sup>®</sup> Q SERIES PRINTER	LANGUAGES
Perfecta <sup>®</sup> Q36	HP PCL3GUI, HP-GL/2, PDF

## Physical specifications

Printer models have both common and distinct specifications.

### Printer physical specifications

SPECIFICATION	PERFECTA <sup>®</sup> Q36
Weight	60 kg (130.1 lb) (w/o paper roll)
Width	1407 mm (55.4 in)
Depth	914 mm (36 in) (output bin extended)
	701 mm (27.6) (output bin closed)
Height	967 mm (38.1 in)

## Memory specifications

Your printer has 1 GB of memory.

### Memory specifications

PRINTER	MEMORY
Perfecta <sup>®</sup> Q36	1 GB

## Chapter 22: Printer Specifications

### Power specifications

Use the electrical cord supplied with the printer and the power supply voltage specified on the label. Avoid overloading the printer's electrical outlet with multiple devices.

#### *Printer power specifications*

TYPE	VALUES
Source	100–240 V ac $\pm$ 10%, auto-ranging
Frequency	50/60 Hz
Depth Maximum current	1200 mA
Average consumption	35 W

### Ecological specifications

This product complies with the WEEE Directive 2012/19/EU and RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU.

Printer models made with a minimum of 35% post-consumer recycled plastic by total plastic weight.

The new scheduler feature enables to significantly save energy when the printer is idle.

### Environmental specifications

Recommended operating and storage temperature and humidity.

#### *Printer environmental specifications*

TYPE	VALUES
Operating temperature	5 to 40 degree Celsius (41 to 104 degree Fahrenheit)
Recommended operating temperature	15 to 35 degree Celsius (59 to 95 degree Fahrenheit), depending on paper type
Storage temperature	–25 to 55 degree Celsius (–13 to 131 degree Fahrenheit)
Recommended operating humidity	20 to 80% RH, depending on paper type
Storage humidity	0 to 95% RH
Maximum altitude when printing	3000 m (9843 ft)



## Chapter 22: Printer Specifications

### Acoustic specifications

Declared noise emission levels for the VariQuest® Perfecta® Q36 Poster Design System. Sound pressure levels at bystander positions and sound power levels measured per ISO 7779.

#### *Printer acoustic specifications*

DESCRIPTION	SPECIFICATION
Idle sound power	< 3.4 B (A)
Operating sound power	5.8 B (A)
Idle sound pressure	< 16 dB (A)
Operating sound pressure	42 dB (A)

## GLOSSARY

### **AirPrint**

Apple technology that helps you create full-quality printed output without the need to download or install drivers.

### **Bonjour**

Apple Computer's trade name for its implementation of the IETF Zeroconf specification framework, a computer network technology used in Apple's Mac OS X from version 10.2 onwards. It is used to discover services available on a local area network. It was originally known as Rendezvous.

### **Color accuracy**

The ability to print colors that match the original image as closely as possible, bearing in mind that all devices have a limited color gamut and may not be physically capable of matching certain colors precisely.

### **Color consistency**

The ability to print the same colors from a particular print job from print to print and from printer to printer.

### **Color model**

A system of representing colors by numbers, such as RGB or CMYK.

### **Color space**

A color model in which each color is represented by a specific set of numbers. Many different color spaces can use the same color model: for instance, monitors generally use the RGB color model, but they have different color spaces, because a particular set of RGB numbers results in different colors on different monitors.

### **Cutter**

A printer component that slides back and forth across the platen to cut the paper.

### **ESD**

ElectroStatic Discharge. Static electricity is common in daily life. It is the spark when touching the car door, or the cling of clothing. Although controlled static electricity has some useful applications, uncontrolled electrostatic discharges are one of the main hazards to electronic products. Therefore, to prevent damage some precautions are needed when setting up the printer, or handling ESD sensitive devices. This type of damage may reduce the life expectancy of the device. One way to minimize uncontrolled ESDs, and therefore reduce this type of damage is by touching any exposed grounded part of the printer (mainly metal parts) before handling ESD sensitive devices (such as the printhead or ink cartridges). Additionally, to reduce the generation of electrostatic charge in your body try to avoid working in a carpeted area, and keep your body movements to a minimum when handling ESD sensitive devices. Also, avoid working in low humidity environments.

### **Ethernet**

A popular computer networking technology for local area networks.

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### **Fast Ethernet**

An Ethernet network capable of transferring data at up to 100,000,000 bits/second. Fast Ethernet interfaces are capable of negotiating slower speeds when required for compatibility with older Ethernet devices.

### **Firmware**

Software that controls your printer's functionality and is stored semi-permanently in the printer (it can be updated).

### **Gamut**

The range of colors and density values reproducible on an output device, such as a printer or monitor.

### **HP RTL**

HP Raster Transfer Language: a language defined by HP to describe raster (bitmap) graphics.

### **HP-GL/2**

HP Graphics Language 2: a language defined by HP to describe vector graphics.

### **I/O**

Input/Output: this term describes the passing of data between one device and another.

### **ICC**

The International Color Consortium, a group of companies that have agreed on a common standard for color profiles.

### **Ink cartridge**

A removable printer component that stores ink of a particular color and provides it to the printhead.

### **IP address**

May mean an IPv4 address (most likely) or an IPv6 address.

### **IPv4 address**

A unique identifier that identifies a particular node on an IPv4 network. An IPv4 address consists of four integers separated by full stops. Most networks in the world use IPv4 addresses.

### **IPv6 address**

A unique identifier that identifies a particular node on an IPv6 network. An IPv6 address consists of up to 8 groups of hexadecimal digits separated by colons. Each group contains up to 4 hexadecimal digits. Only a few new networks in the world use IPv6 addresses.

### **LED**

Light-Emitting Diode: a semiconductor device that emits light when electrically stimulated.

### **MAC address**

Media Access Control address: a unique identifier used to identify a particular device on a network. It is a lower-level identifier than the IP address. Thus, a device may have both a MAC address and an IP address.

## Glossary

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### **Network**

A network is a set of connections that pass data between computers and devices. Every device is able to communicate with every other device in the same network. This allows data to be moved between computers and devices, and allows devices such as printers to be shared between many computers.

### **Nozzle**

One of many tiny holes in a printhead through which ink is deposited onto the paper.

### **Paper**

A thin, flat material made to be written or printed on; most commonly made from fibers of some kind which are pulped, dried and pressed.

### **Platen**

The flat surface within the printer over which the paper passes while it is being printed on.

### **Printer driver**

Software that converts a print job in a generalized format into data suitable for a particular printer.

### **Printhead**

A removable printer component that takes ink of one or more colors from the corresponding ink cartridge(s) and deposits it on the paper, through a cluster of nozzles.

### **Spindle**

A rod that supports a roll of paper while it is being used for printing.

### **TCP/IP**

Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol: the communications protocols on which the Internet is based.

### **USB**

Universal Serial Bus: a standard serial bus designed to connect devices to computers. Your printer supports Hi-Speed USB (sometimes called USB 2.0).

### **USB host port**

A rectangular USB socket such as those found on computers. A printer can control USB devices that are connected to such a port.

### **WiFi**

This term is used for any wireless local area network products that are based on the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' (IEEE) 802.11 standards.

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