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LaserWriter Select 310: PageMaker 5.0 (10/93)

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TOPIC -----

A PPD is unnecessary to use PageMaker on the LaserWriter Select 310, and it isn't possible to use LaserWriter 8.0 on the LaserWriter Select 310. An explanation follows.

DISCUSSION -----

Printer Drivers

With PageMaker 5.0, if you select a QuickDraw printer driver (LocalTalk or serial), PageMaker comes up with a print dialog. Likewise, if you want to print with a PostScript printer and have LaserWriter 8.0 (which ships with PageMaker 5.0) selected in the Chooser, a print dialog comes up. If you choose an earlier LaserWriter driver, however, a message will tell you to cancel and choose the LaserWriter driver 8.0. You can ignore the message and print anyway, but the message states that the 8.0 driver should be used for full compatibility.

A problem comes up with the LaserWriter Select 310 (NOT the 300). Because the Select 310 is a PostScript printer, PageMaker 5.0 tells you to use LaserWriter Driver 8.0 instead of the LaserWriter Select 310 driver. However, you can't do this because LaserWriter 8.0 prints ONLY to AppleTalk printers, and the Select 310 is a serial device.

NOTE: You can install a PPD for the LaserWriter Select 310 for use with the LaserWriter 8.0 driver, but the driver still won't print to it.

Solution

Ignore the message and opt to print anyway with the LaserWriter Select 310 driver selected in the Chooser. Or, if the message is annoying, use the option-print function of PageMaker, and the message will go away. The end result functionally appears to be the same. You DON'T need a PPD of any sort, nor will it help to have one.

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