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LW Pro 810: Does it Support Full Bleed Printing? (2/94)

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TOPIC -----

Is the LaserWriter 810 Pro is a "full bleed" printer?

DISCUSSION -----

No, the LaserWriter Pro 810 as shipped from Apple does not support 'full bleed' printing. A full bleed printer prints to the edge of the paper and eliminates the unprinted border. Most laser printer manufacturers specify a maximum imageable area which is smaller than the actual page size to prevent excess toner from damaging the printer mechanism or affecting print quality.

The PPD file that ships with the LaserWriter Pro 810 defines the imageable area for each paper size. You can modify the imageable area can be modified if it falls within the maximum imageable area supported by the controller board and printer hardware. The LaserWriter Pro 810's engine manufacturer limits the printer's maximum printable area to 297 by 420mm, with a minimum four to five mm white border on each side of the paper.

Except when printing from the manual feed tray, the LaserWriter Pro 810's engine will always force the printer to leave a minimum four to five mm border using the paper size information provided by the four magnets mounted on the side of the cassette tray.

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