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LaserWriter Pro 810: Testing the Print Engine W/O I/O Board 9/94

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TOPIC -----

How can I test the LaserWriter Pro print engine if I do not have a working I/O controller board?

DISCUSSION -----

The DC controller controls the LCD display on the LaserWriter Pro 810. The DC controller provides basic diagnostic capabilities that can be accessed even if the I/O controller is damaged or not installed in the printer. If the DC controller doesn't detect a functioning I/O controller then it displays the 'READY TO PRINT' message immediately upon startup. Powering on the printer with the down-arrow key held will place the printer into the diagnostic mode. More detailed information on the diagnostics can be found in the Service Source LaserWriter Pro 810 troubleshooting section.

The printer diagnostics provide the capability to print test pages, and activate individual printer functions such as motors, solenoids, clutches, scanner, and laser. These tests are helpful in determining whether the print engine or the I/O controller is at fault.

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