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Color StyleWriter 2400: Extending Ink Cartridge Life (2/95)

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TOPIC -----

Why can I only get approximately 25 pages of printing from my Color StyleWriter 2400 black ink cartridge when I print? I am trying to print some simple black and white PICT documents.

DISCUSSION -----

The number of pages that can be printed from an ink tank varies significantly depending on the type of document being printed, the mode of printing (Best, Normal, or Draft), and the type of material being printed on.

Select Best when printing requires significantly more ink than the Normal mode. Using the Best mode can cut the ink cartridge life almost in half depending on the documents being printed. When printing black and white documents it is more cost-effective and faster to print using the black-only ink cartridge (M3240G/A) because it contains a much larger supply of black ink.

Suggestions for Extending Ink Cartridges

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The Color StyleWriter 2400 User's Guide (page 66) contains several suggestions for extending the printing life of ink cartridges. The section reads as follows:

Ink tanks and cartridges run out of ink too quickly

To Extend the life of your ink cartridges, try the following:

- Select Draft print quality in the Print dialog box whenever you can.
- Do not clean the print head unless necessary.
- Do not print solid background colors unless necessary.
- Do not open the printer's cover unnecessarily. (After you shut the cover, the printer cleans the print head, which uses up ink.)
- Do not unplug the printer or otherwise discontinue power frequently.
- Do not print the test page unless necessary.

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