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## Color LaserWriter: Changing Communications Settings (8/96)

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TOPIC -----

How do I change the communications settings on my Color LaserWriter 12/600 PS?  
Is that the purpose of the toggle switch on the back of the printer?

DISCUSSION -----

You can adjust many of the Color LaserWriter 12/600 PS communication settings. Though the standard (factory default) communication settings work well for most environments, you might want to customize communication settings to turn off network interfaces you do not need. For example, if you know the printer will never receive a NetWare message over the network, you can turn off the interface and stop the printer from sending out unnecessary NetWare packets.

There is a small toggle switch on the back of the Color LaserWriter 12/600 PS. It is located on the right of the I/O board on the top rear of the printer, has a solid square box to the left of it and an outlined box to the right. Using this switch and the Apple Printer Utility, you can change the default communications settings of the printer.

When the switch is set to the right, the Apple Printer Utility can be used to change the default settings. However, when the switch is set to the left, settings cannot be changed. Settings for some of the options, such as the startup page for example, are not affected by the position of the switch.

If you attempt to change the settings while the switch is in the left position, you get a message stating that some settings will not be saved on the next power cycle.

To reset the printer to the default settings, use the Printer Utility and click on the Set Defaults option. If you do not have access to the Printer Utility, move the switch to the left, and restart the printer. Keep the switch in this position while the printer starts up. Then, move the switch back to the right to change the settings. Moving the switch while the printer is on does not harm the printer. Resetting the switch will not erase the IP number assigned through a printer utility.

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