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Personal LaserWriter: Why No Page Counter

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TOPIC -----

Is there any way to find out how many sides of paper a Personal LaserWriter SC has printed in its lifetime?

DISCUSSION -----

There is nothing built into the Personal LaserWriter engine that counts printed pages. A mechanical counter would add cost and be vulnerable to tampering. An electronic counter would require additional logic that may not otherwise be present.

About the only laser printers with a page counter are those with a built-in PostScript interpreter. Implementing one on a PostScript controller is relatively trivial, because the requisite logic is already in place. The count is usually used to determine mechanism wear.

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