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## LaserWriter Toner Cartridges May Be Reconditioned (2/95)

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TOPIC -----

The latest LaserWriter toner cartridges have a sticker that says the cartridge may contain recycled parts. Are these "new" toner cartridges actually refurbished?

DISCUSSION -----

Beginning in March 1992, Apple started shipping toner cartridges with some recycled parts. This was an environmentally motivated decision to reduce landfill waste and use resources effectively.

The toner cartridges themselves are not recycled or just refilled. They are completely disassembled and some parts are reused or are melted down and recast.

Before implementing this program, Apple conducted extensive testing which compared new toner cartridges to reconditioned ones. Based on the test results, Imaging Engineering determined that the reconditioned toner cartridges have equal or better performance than new toner cartridges.

During Canon's manufacturing process, every toner cartridge receives the label that the toner cartridge "may contain reconditioned parts and remolded materials."

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