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Daisy Wheel Printer: Problem with random marks in printed output

When random ticks, accents and so on show up in the printed output of a daisy wheel printer, there are two probable causes:

1. The printwheel is bad. If the spokes of a printwheel were either poorly manufactured or subsequently bent, then the hammer may strike two spokes at a time. If the same letters are always printing poorly, then it is likely that the printwheel is at fault.
2. The stepper motor and the hub where the printwheel mounts are out of sync. To check this, print vertical lines using the vertical bar character and horizontal lines using the underscore character. If the characters are not vertical or horizontal and the lines are broken, then the alignment is off.

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