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StyleWriter: Ink Cartridge Compatibility (9/95)

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TOPIC -----

This article will briefly explain the history, differences and compatibility between the StyleWriter and StyleWriter II ink cartridges.

DISCUSSION -----

Previously, StyleWriter and StyleWriter II printers used separate ink cartridges that were labeled with their names to distinguish them. Current cartridges are labeled "Apple StyleWriter Ink Cartridge" (PN M8041G/C). These ink cartridges are compatible with the StyleWriter, StyleWriter II, StyleWriter 1200, and the Portable StyleWriter printers.

The StyleWriter II ink cartridge (M8041G/A) is NOT compatible with the original StyleWriter, which used the M8052G/A cartridge, although their ink cartridges look very similar. The StyleWriter II ink cartridge will print lighter text and images when used with an original StyleWriter.

The original StyleWriter ink cartridge (PN M8052G/A) is also not compatible with the StyleWriter II. It will print slower than normal when used with a StyleWriter II.

The visible difference between original cartridges and current ones are the colors on the label of the cartridge itself. The original label has a vertical blue stripe on the right side of the cartridge and a black Apple logo above the word "StyleWriter". There are two current versions of the black and white StyleWriter series ink cartridges.

Version 1

One of the new cartridges does not have the vertical blue stripe, however it has two arrows that point in the direction the cartridge should be installed. This cartridge has the Apple logo above the words Apple StyleWriter. The word Apple and the Apple logo are red on this version of the cartridge.

Version 2

The other new cartridge retains the blue vertical stripe, but contains the printers it is compatible with on the cartridge itself. Below the words

StyleWriter, StyleWriter II, and Portable StyleWriter it says Black Ink Cartridge.

If you wish to determine which cartridge you have, check the color on the cartridge to see if it is red or blue. If there is a vertical blue line, it will list the printers it is compatible with. Do not attempt to use the cartridge on any printer that is not listed on the blue striped cartridge. If there is the red Apple logo on the cartridge without a blue vertical stripe, it is compatible with all three StyleWriter printers.

Summary of Ink Cartridge Part Numbers

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- Original StyleWriter Ink Cartridge (M8052G/A)* (discontinued)
 - Original StyleWriter II Ink Cartridge (M8041G/A) (discontinued)
 - Old universal StyleWriter Ink Cartridge (StyleWriter, StyleWriter II, and Portable StyleWriter) (M8041G/B) (discontinued)
 - New universal StyleWriter Ink Cartridge (StyleWriter, StyleWriter II, StyleWriter 1200, and Portable StyleWriter) (M8041G/C)

* Note: This cartridge is also used by the Portable StyleWriter.

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