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ImageWriter LQ: Things To Be Aware Of

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There are several things one should be aware of when using an ImageWriter LQ.

- Paper Handling Concerns -

Refer Chapter 2 pages 16 and 17 of the ImageWriter LQ Owner's Guide for proper paper loading techniques. For complete information on paper handling refer to Chapter 7: Working With Paper.

Paper Loading - The paper must be loaded correctly or there may be paper jams.

Don't use paper with staples or paper clips attached.

Do not move the paper bail manually. This will interrupt a form feed and proper paper placement. The ImageWriter LQ is designed to manipulate the paper bail automatically. Refer to Chapter 7 of the ImageWriter LQ Owners Manual for more information.

Do not back paper or labels out of the printer.

The push/pull tractors can cause many problems if not used correctly. Be sure to refer to the push/pull tractor sections in the manual for correct paper loading techniques.

Paper thickness - Never use a form, label, or envelope that is thicker than 4 sheets of 16 pound bond paper. Too much paper may cause lines to register incorrectly or may jam the printer.

Do not try to print closer than 1/4 inch to the edges of the paper. It is possible to damage the print head or the printer.

- Cut Sheet Feeder -

Refer to Appendix A on installing the Cut Sheet Feeder for complete instructions.

Do not use 4 part carbonless forms thicker than .55 mm. Thicker forms may cause the print head to lose position and lead to possible damage to the printer.

The Cut Sheet Feeder works best with 20-pound paper and up to 100 sheets loaded. For optimal results, use uncoated paper like Antique, Laid, English, Linen, Cockle, Woven, Policy, Vellum, or Smooth.

The Cut Sheet Feeder and two expansion bins won't work unless the configuration plug is removed from the third bin. See page 163 of the ImageWriter LQ Owners Manual for complete information.

- Cut Sheet Feeder and Envelopes -

See pages 173 to 176 of the ImageWriter LQ Owners Manual for complete information on loading and using envelopes.

When loading envelopes the edge of the envelope must align with the cut sheet icon on bin 1 behind the forward collator and with the vertical red mark on the paper bail so that printing will begin no further to the left edge than the black mark on the paper bail, at least 1/4 inch in from the edge. Proper alignment prevents print head damage.

It is very important that no attempt is made to print on the top line in the envelope's upper left corner or on the first 1/4 inch in from the envelope's left edge. Serious print head daamage can result, and the paper feed mechanism may jam. Printing one line down from the top, and in line with the black mark on the paper bail is fine and causes no problems.

- Miscellaneous Concerns -

When connecting an ImageWriter LQ to a Macintosh be sure to read Chapter 3 on connecting the printer to a Macintosh. Pay special attention to the adding of the fonts to you disks.

If using pin feed paper make sure the paper is properly aligned in the tractors.

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