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Macintosh: Third-Party Serial-to-Parallel Solution

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TOPIC -----

Is there any way to connect a parallel printer to the serial port of my Macintosh?

DISCUSSION -----

There are two solutions, both from Orange Micro:

The Grappler 9-pin (formerly called Grappler C/Macintosh/IIGS) provides a parallel interface system. The Grappler device plugs into the serial port on the Macintosh. It does a serial-to-parallel conversion using the ImageWriter II driver. It works with Epson, Okidata, Panasonic, and other Epson-compatible printers. (A special adapter cable from Orange Micro is required for both versions of the Macintosh 512K.)

The Grappler LX (formerly called Grappler LQ) is similar and does the serial-to-parallel conversation for third-party printers with 24-pin printheads. The device lets Hewlett-Packard-compatible laser printers, the HP DeskJet, and Epson or Toshiba 24-pin dot matrix printers, to work like the ImageWriter LQ printer. It does not work with the Macintosh 512K and Macintosh 512Ke.

To locate a vendor's address and phone numbers, use the vendor name as a search string.

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