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## LaserWriter 600: Minimum Margins (2/93)

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### TOPIC -----

The margins on the LaserWriter 600 are listed as being less than 1/4 inch. On some software packages, like ClarisWorks and MacWrite II, I can't set the margins less than 1/2 inch. The program informs me that the margins are set too small for the selected printer, and some data will be cropped. Why is this happening? This problem is also occurring on the HP LaserJet 4 printer.

### DISCUSSION -----

To be exact, the minimum margins for the LaserWriter Pro series are as follows:

|                        | Inches |
|------------------------|--------|
|                        | -----  |
| Minimum Left Margin:   | .138   |
| Minimum Right Margin:  | .138   |
| Minimum Top Margin:    | .114   |
| Minimum Bottom Margin: | .197   |

These values are what the print engine can accommodate. Margins, however, are also controlled at the application level. So these minimum margins may not be attainable from just any application. It really depends on what the application sets as its default limits. Applications that use PPD files (which provide printer-specific details such as imageable area) are more likely to be able to achieve the minimum margins.

In your case, it's the application-specific margin limits that prevent use of the minimum margins. You might select Larger Print Area in the Page Setup Options dialog. This should increase the printable area somewhat. If you really need to use the minimum margins, then we suggest using an application that uses PPD files.

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