

Installation Guide

Who should be following this document?

This guide is intended for use by "first timers".

This by no means an all encompassing technical guide, nor is it meant to be so.

It is designed for the use of beginners, and hence is very simple, with few technical terms.

The objective is to provide you with a short checklist which will act as guide to improve the chances of everything working correctly first time.

Due to the vast range of ink jet printers on the market today it would be a mammoth task to cover every detail of the specific printer software provided with each printer. As such this document is only intended to address the most common errors and issues associated with most printers.

Let's start:

Removal of the seal

Remove the seal which enables the ink to be stored. The seal is usually a small plastic clip to be snapped off, or a piece of sticky tape (usually yellow) which needs to be removed. Done incorrectly and it can restrict the ink supply or not work at all. Place the ink cartridge gently into the holder. Check to ensure that the cartridge cradle cover clamps are securely fastened and locked in place.

This may seem an obvious point, but it is easily omitted or done incorrectly, and is critical to a successful installation.

Checking the alignment of the Heads

This requires the use of the printer's software utilities. These can typically be found by going to the Start button, selecting Settings, Control Panel, Printers.

While this usually automatically occurs, you can manually start the process from the print utilities menu.

Cleaning the Heads

Following the print head alignment process, it is recommended that you clean the print heads. Like the print head alignment, this usually happens automatically. The option for this is also found within your print utilities menu. During this process the print head moves and begins charging the ink delivery system. This process usually takes about a minute to complete and may need to be done more than once.

If this is not done the print may appear to be missing lines or even missing entire colours, in order to stop this waste of ink and time please check the test page printed by your computer is satisfactory.

Last of all

It is recommended that you print something colourful on to a plain piece of paper, and also some plain black text, just to check that everything is in working order before possibly ruining an expensive piece of paper. Many printer software applications include test page printing to test all aspect of the printer.

If you complete these tests with no problems then you have successfully installed your new Ink Jet cartridge(s). However should there be any problems with either of these test pages simply repeat the above steps, in particular step 3

As a general rule, ink jet cartridges should be used within the recommended 24 months from the date of purchase, and 6 months from the time the cartridge is installed into the printer.