

CD Color Printer Pro

User's Manual

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Read Me First!

Congratulations on the purchase of your new CD Color Printer. To begin printing with your new printer immediately, please refer to the following quick start instructions. For more complete information regarding all aspects of your printer's operation, please refer to the printer's main User's Manual.

HARDWARE SETUP

1. Unpackage your printer, and check that the following items are included:
 - Power Adapter
 - Separate Power Cord (220-240V units only)
 - Printer Software CD
 - Color Ink Cartridge
 - Black Ink Cartridge
 - Cardboard CD Templates (5)
 - Warranty Statement and Registration Card
 - Operator's Manual and Other Printed Information
2. Connect your printer's power.
3. Open the front cover and install the included color and black ink cartridges by pressing the  Ink Cartridge Button. The color cartridge must be installed in the left position and the black cartridge must be installed in the right position. Insert the cartridges copper-end first into the ink cartridge carrier. Then, push the top of the cartridge back until it snaps into place. When both cartridges are in place, press the  Ink Cartridge Button again to reset the cartridge carrier.
4. Press the  CD Tray Button, and install one of the cardboard CD templates into the CD Tray.
5. Run a self test according to the instructions in Section 2-D of the printer User's Manual. This will ensure that both the printer and the ink cartridges are functioning properly. **This procedure should also be done whenever you install a new ink cartridge or if your printer has sat for a few days without printing.** If some of the nozzles do not seem to be firing, perform a clean operation after the printer

driver has been installed. Refer to the cleaning procedure explained within the **Cartridge** button description of Section 3-D in the manual to clean the cartridge nozzles. Also, you must perform a bidirectional calibration prior to printing; see the description in Section 3-D after you have installed the printer driver.

6. Connect the printer to your computer using the proper interface cable. For best results, use a IEEE 1284-Compliant cable or USB to Parallel cable, no longer than 6 feet (2 meters) in length. Do not connect to an A/B switch box. Also, note that the printer will print fastest if your computer's parallel port is set to ECP mode (most new computers are set to ECP). Your computer's manual will have information on changing the parallel port mode if you need to switch it to ECP.

SOFTWARE INSTALLATION

Once you have set up your printer, you must then install all of the appropriate software required for printing. The included CD contains all of the necessary software. At a minimum, you must install the printer driver appropriate for your computer's specific operation system. Below is a description of the CD contents as well as installation instructions for each software component.

CD Contents:

- CD Color Printer Pro Driver for Windows 2000/XP
- 2 Sample CD Designs (TIFF format)

Installation Instructions:

Windows 2000/XP Printer Drivers:

1. Insert the included CD into your computer's CD-ROM drive.
2. Click on the **Start** button on the task bar, then click on **Printers and Fax** in WindowsXP, or **Printer** in Windows 2000.

3. Double-click on the **Add Printer** icon. This will launch the Add Printer Wizard. Click **Next**, then click **Next** again.
4. Click the **Have Disk** button.
5. Click **Browse**, select your CD-ROM drive.
6. For Windows Windows 2000/XP, open the **Win2000-XP** folder and select the file named **OEMSETUP.INF**.

Please Note

To fully utilize CD Color Printer Pro's high-speed printing, you must set your PC parallel printer port to the ECP setting. Otherwise, you may find that print speed is up to 50% slower than you might expect. Please refer to your computer system's documentation for instructions on enabling ECP. It is almost always found in the CMOS settings which are entered upon power-up. If you have questions on this, contact your PC's Technical Support Group.

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Section 1: Getting Started

THANK YOU...

...for choosing the CD Color Printer Pro. This printer is the perfect way for you to label all of your custom CDs quickly, easily, and with a touch of class. The CD Color Printer Pro lets you print razor-sharp text, vibrant spot colors, and even stunning photo-realistic photographs directly onto the surface of printable CDs. Operation is simple, quality is high, and printed images are durable and highly smudge-resistant.

To begin using the printer, please refer to the remainder of this manual. This User's Manual is your complete step-by-step guide to quickly and easily setting up and printing with your new CD Color Printer!

A. CHOOSING A GOOD LOCATION

- Place the printer in a location with adequate air circulation to prevent internal heat build up.
- Do not place the printer near heat sources such as radiators or air ducts, or in a place subject to direct sun-light, excessive dust, mechanical vibration or shock.
- Allow for adequate clearance in front of the printer to accommodate the length of the unit with its CD Tray open.

B. UNPACKING AND INSPECTION

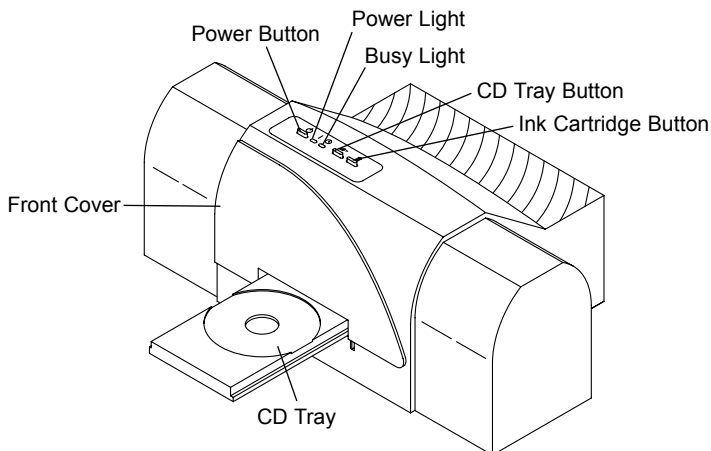
While unpacking your printer, inspect the carton to ensure that no damage has occurred during shipping. Make sure that all supplied accessories are included with your unit. The following items should be included:


- Printer
- PowerAdapter
- Separate Power Cord (220-240 VAC units only)
- Printer Software CD
- Color Ink Cartridge, Reorder #53321
- Black Ink Cartridge, Reorder #53319
- Cardboard CD Templates (5)
- Warranty Statement and Registration Card
- This manual and other printed information

Save the carton and packing materials. They will come in handy when transporting the printer.


C. IDENTIFYING THE PARTS



This illustration shows the extended CD Tray and all of the control buttons and LED indicator lights found on the printer.



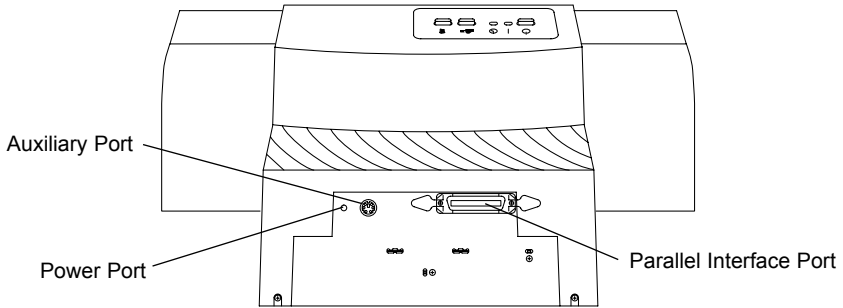
The  **Power Button** turns the printer's power ON and OFF. This button also serves to cancel the current print job if a print error occurs and to reset the printer for the next print job.

The  **CD Tray Button** opens or closes the **CD Tray** for loading and ejecting CDs.

The  **Ink Cartridge Button** positions the Cartridge Carrier for easy ink cartridge replacement.

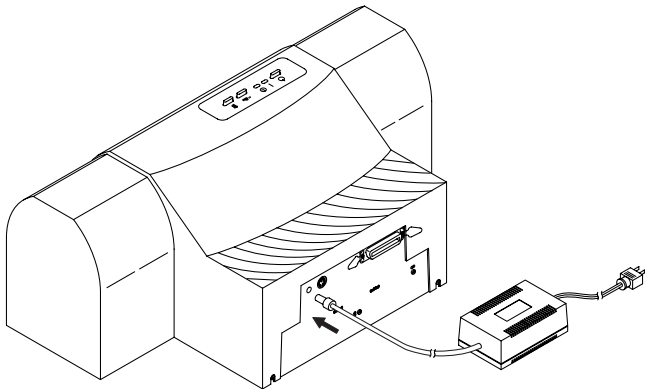
The  **Power Light** indicates that power is ON. The  **Busy Light** indicates that the printer is printing, processing, or is in some way busy. Both of these lights can also indicate several other printer conditions. For complete information on these lights, please refer to Section 6.

This illustration shows the input ports found on the rear panel of the printer. Both a parallel and a serial interface port are provided. If using the printer with Windows, you will use its **Parallel Interface Port**. Note that the printer's **auxiliary port** is for use with auto loaders and automatic duplicators only, which are sold separately. For more information on each of the interface ports, please refer to Appendix A.



D. APPLYING POWER

1. Locate the power adapter supplied with your printer.
2. Place one end of the adapter cord into the power port on the rear panel of the printer.



3. Plug the power cord of the adapter into an available wall outlet. Once the power cord is connected, the printer will automatically turn ON.

Section 2: Ink Cartridges and Printable CDs

A. ABOUT INK CARTRIDGES AND PRINTABLE CDS

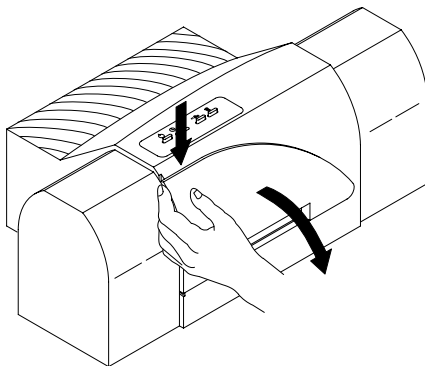
For full-color printing, a 3-color **ink cartridge** is available. This cartridge contains the three process-color inks of yellow, magenta, and cyan, which combine to produce up to 16.7 million printable colors. A monochrome ink cartridge is also available for fast, inexpensive black-and-white printing or can be used with the 3-color cartridge for 4-color CMYK printing.

With both of these ink cartridges, you can print directly onto virtually any brand of **printable-surface CD** media. Since different brands of **CDs** have different printable coatings, however, you may need to adjust the printer driver settings to accommodate your specific brand of CD media. Refer to Section 3 for further printer driver information.

Due to the wide variety of printable-surface CD media, you may find that certain brands of CDs provide higher print quality than others. For maximum print quality, use CD media authorized by the printer manufacturer. Contact your local CD Color Printer reseller or contact the printer manufacturer directly for selection and pricing on all printer supplies and accessories.

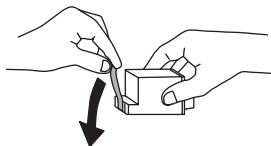
B. INSTALLING THE INK CARTRIDGES

1. With the CD Tray closed, open the printer's front cover by pulling down on its top-left corner.

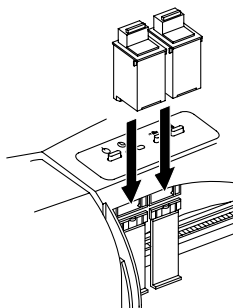


2. Remove the color **ink cartridge** from its packaging.
3. Slowly remove the tape covering the cartridge's printhead, being careful to avoid damaging or removing the barcode label on the underside of the cartridge.

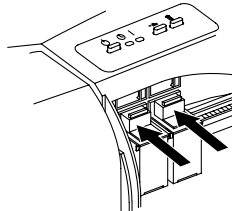
DO NOT TOUCH THE COPPER AREA!



4. Press and release the **Ink Cartridge** button to move the carrier to the load position.
5. Insert the color ink cartridge into the left cartridge carrier position, copper end first.



6. Push the cartridge back until it snaps into place.



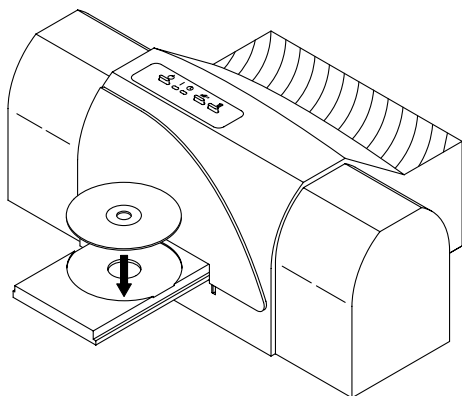
7. Repeat steps 2 through 6 for the black cartridge, placing it in the right cartridge carrier position.
8. Close the printer's front cover. If you leave the door open, ambient light can interfere with proper cartridge initialization.
9. Press and release the **Ink Cartridge** button again to reset the cartridge carrier.



NOTE: When changing to subsequent new cartridges, refer to Section E.

C. LOADING BLANK CD MEDIA

The CD Color Printer Pro is capable of printing onto a variety of CD related media including printable CDs and DVDs, and cardboard CD templates. Each of these items is loaded one at a time, before the start of each print job.

Loading a Blank CD





1. With the printer's front cover shut, press and release the  CD Tray button.
2. Once the CD Tray is fully extended, place the blank CD onto the tray with the printable side facing upward. Handle the CD only along its edges and **DO NOT** touch its printable surface.
3. Press and release the  CD Tray button to close the CD Tray. If you wish, you may also leave the CD Tray open and it will automatically close at the start of the print job. Once the CD has been printed, the CD Tray will automatically re-open so the next blank CD can be loaded (if Manual Load is selected in the printer driver then you must press the CD Tray button to manually open and close the tray).

NOTE: Blank Cardboard CD templates are available for printing inexpensive test prints and can be printed on both sides. Load in the exact same fashion as an actual CD. Make sure the template is flat to avoid the cartridges from rubbing on the surface; flatten the template if necessary.

D. PRINTING A SELF TEST

Now that the printer is set up and print supplies are loaded, a self test should be performed to check for proper operation of the printer. A sample of the self test print is shown below.

Refer to the following steps to run a self test:

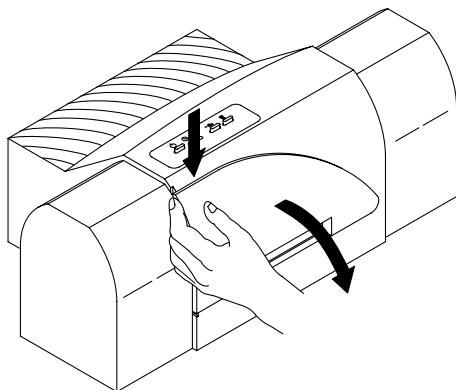
1. If power is ON, turn it OFF now using the Power button. The Power light should be OFF. Verify that print supplies are installed and that the CD Tray is closed.
2. With the printer's front cover shut, press and hold the  CD Tray button as you turn the printer power ON.
3. Continue to hold the  CD Tray button down for a few seconds, until you hear the self test begin to print.



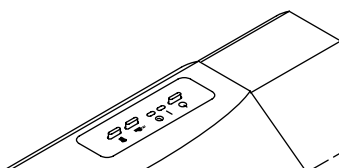
E. REPLACING OR SWITCHING INK CARTRIDGES

Once you begin using your CD Color Printer Pro on a regular basis, you will eventually need to replace an empty ink cartridge. Please refer to the following steps:

1. With the CD Tray closed, open the printer's front cover by pulling down on its top-left corner.



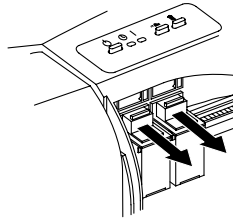
2. If installing a new, replacement ink cartridge, slowly remove the tape covering the cartridge's printhead, being careful to avoid damaging or removing the barcode label on the underside of the cartridge. **DO NOT TOUCH THE COPPER AREA!**



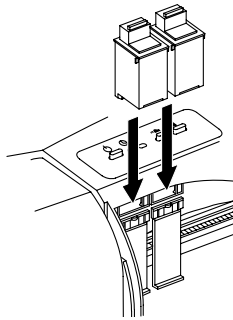
3. From within the printer driver setup window, click on the **Cartridge** button and then on the **Change** button to move the carrier to the load position. Note that the printer driver must be installed and that the printer must be connected to your computer (see Section 3) in order to complete this step.

If you prefer, you may instead press the Ink Cartridge button on the top of the printer.

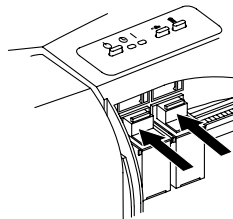
4. Remove the installed ink cartridge by grasping the top of the cartridge and firmly pulling it straight toward you. You will hear the cartridge snap out of position. Remove it from the printer.



5. Insert the replacement or alternate ink cartridge into the cartridge carrier, copper-end first.



6. Push the cartridge back until it snaps into place.



7. Close the printer's front cover.
8. Go back to the printer driver setup window and click on either the **New Color Cartridge**, **New Black Cartridge**, or **Used Cartridge** button to indicate whether you installed a fresh, new cartridge or simply switched between a previously used cartridge. The cartridge carrier will return to its home position. See Section 3-D for more information on these buttons.

Alternately, you may use the Ink Cartridge button; to indicate a previously used cartridge simply press the button and release quickly. If you have installed a fresh new cartridge, press and hold the button until the cartridge returns to its home position.

The two LED's will then blink on and off simultaneously. If you've installed a new color cartridge, press the Power button; if you've installed a new black cartridge press the Ink Cartridge button again.

NOTE: *When you choose New Cartridge, the ink levels are cleared and the ink level counter will go back to full capacity (for either color or monochrome).*

If you use the Ink Cartridge button, the ink levels are cleared by pressing and holding the button until the two green LED's flash and the cartridge returns to its home position (you must then press the Power button to clear the color ink levels or press the Ink Cartridge button to clear the black ink levels).

NOTE: *The ink cartridges you use with your printer may require periodic general maintenance to ensure optimal print quality. If your prints show banding or lines through the image, left to right on the printed disc, you should clean the ink cartridge as described in your User's Manual. Please note that it may take more than one cleaning to unclog the tiny nozzles that make up the ink cartridge's print head. If the cleaning process as described in the manual does not improve print quality, moisten a cloth with isopropyl alcohol and gently dab the brass colored tip of the cartridge until clean of any dried ink until you get smooth ink flow from all three colors. The moisture helps to draw the ink out of the cartridge. It is very important to blot the cartridge very gently; wiping or scrubbing the print head could easily damage the cartridge.*

Section 3: Using the CD Color Printer Pro with Windows

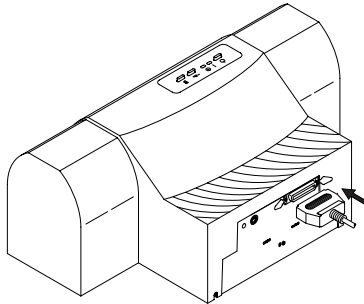
A. CONNECTING THE PRINTER TO YOUR COMPUTER

The CD Color Printer Pro is designed to be used with nearly any IBM-PC® or compatible running Windows 2000/XP.

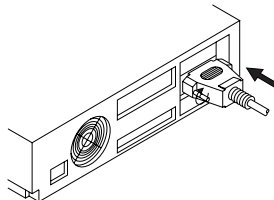
The printer is equipped with a standard 8-bit Centronics-type **parallel port**. This port is the means through which it receives data from your computer. To connect the printer to your computer, obtain a shielded, bi-directional parallel cable, and refer to the following steps:


NOTE: *It is highly recommended you use a fully shielded IEEE 1284 compliant parallel cable under 10 feet in length. For faster printing, your computer's parallel port mode should be set to ECP. If you experience problems with this setting or if your computer's parallel port is not ECP compatible, set your computer's parallel port to the standard output only "Printer Port" setting. Refer to your computer's system documentation for instructions on checking and/or changing the parallel port mode.*

1. Connect the Centronics-type parallel side of the cable to the printer. Snap the fastening clips into place.



2. Connect the other side to the back of your computer at LPT1, LPT2, or the PARALLEL connector.



The printer must have its Power light illuminated to receive data. If the light is not on, press the  Power button.

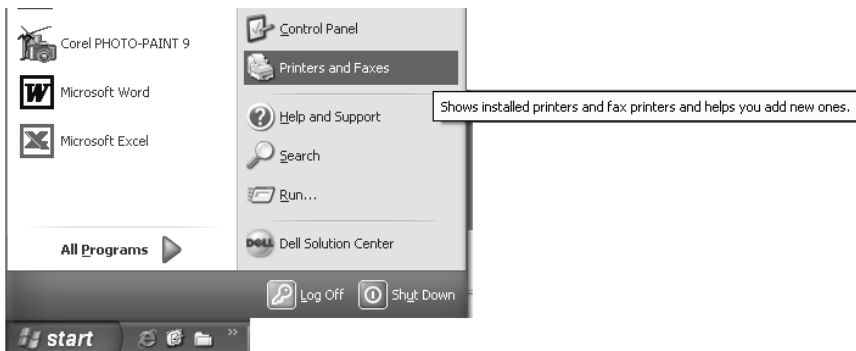
B. INSTALLING THE **PRINTER DRIVER**

The CD Color Printer Pro can be used with virtually any Windows application program. This is accomplished by installing in Windows what is called a “printer driver.” The printer driver is simply software which gives the printer all the information needed for printing. Use the following steps to install the printer driver.

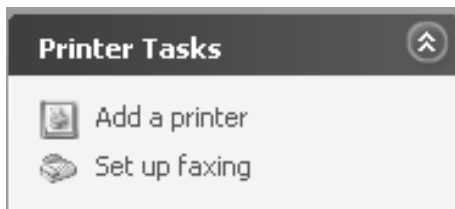
NOTE: *This section of the Operator’s Manual assumes that you are already familiar with Windows and know how it operates. If you are not yet familiar with Windows, consult the appropriate Microsoft documentation to become familiar with the basics of Windows before proceeding.*

To install the printer driver into Windows 2000/XP, refer to the following:

1. Insert the included CD into your computer’s CD-ROM drive.
2. Click the **Start** button, point to **Settings**, and select **Printers**.



3. Double-click on the **Add Printer** icon. This will launch the Add Printer Wizard. Click **Next**, then click **Next** again.



4. Click the **Have Disk** button.
5. Click **Browse**, select your CD-ROM drive.
6. For Windows XP and Windows 2000, open the Win2000-XP folder and select the file named **OEMSETUP.INF**. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete installation.
7. When installing on Windows 2000 or XP, you will be prompted with a dialog box like the one shown here:



Color CD Printers do not have a Microsoft digital signature; you can simply click Continue Anyway to complete the installation. If your system will not allow you to continue, it is possible your network administrator has configured the system in a way that does not allow you to install devices that do not have a Microsoft digital signature. In this case, consult your system administrator.

8. Once installed, the “CD Color Printer Pro” icon will appear in the Printer’s folder:



CD Color Printer PRO

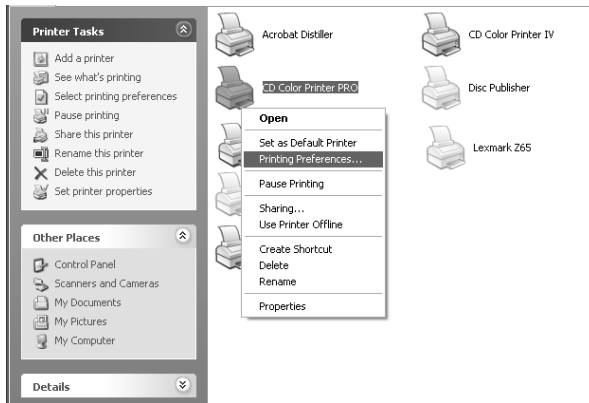
IMPORTANT! *During installation of the Windows 2000/XP driver you must de-select (uncheck) the check box “Automatically detect and install my plug and play printer”.*

NOTE: *Before installing updated printer driver versions, always delete the existing printer driver version from your system. To do this, simply select the printer driver icon from within the Printers folder, and press the Delete key. After installing the new printer driver you will need to re-boot if you are using Windows XP.*

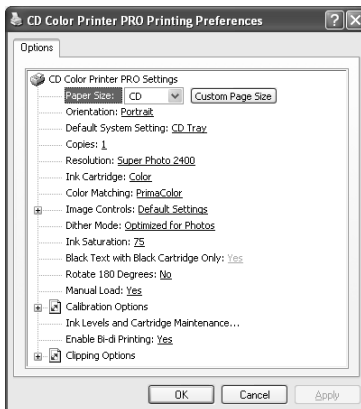
C. SETTING UP THE PRINTER DRIVER

Once the printer driver has been successfully installed, you will need to set the driver up with the appropriate print options. Refer to the following steps to change or verify your printer driver options:

1. Click the **Start** button, then click **Printers and Faxes**. Right click on the CD Color Printer PRO Icon and select Printing Preferences.



2. In Windows 98/Me, you will see several tabs from which printer settings can be changed including **Media**, **Device Options**, **Cartridge**, and **Calibrate**. In Windows 2000/XP click on the **Advanced** button for more driver settings.



NOTE: Most applications allow you to change these same printer driver options from their “Print” and/or “Printer Setup” screens. This means that you don’t have to go back to the main printer setup window each time you want to change a setting or option in the printer driver. These applications will usually give you the same choices and options, but in a slightly altered format. Most applications do not save your printer driver option changes, but instead only use your changes for the current image.

3. In Windows 2000/XP the Layout and Paper/Quality tabs appear; the Advanced button contains more printer driver settings. Although each printer driver displays the print options in a slightly different format, the basic options are the same. Refer to the remainder of this section for a description of each printer driver option.

Media

The media option will be set to CD for printing onto printable surface CDs, DVDs, and cardboard template CDs. When sizing your images for printing, keep in mind that CD media has the following maximum printable area: 4.567” round (116mm). In the drop down Media Type menu you can also select **Custom**, which allows you to increase or decrease your imaging area with maximum CD diameter of 4.724” (120 mm).

Ink Cartridge

Select **Monochrome Black** for black and white prints using the black cartridge only. Select **Color** for the fastest full color prints. Select **Color + Black** for 4-color CMYK prints.

Print Quality

Select the appropriate print quality option for your image. Keep in mind that **Fast 600** provides the lowest quality but fastest print, and that **Super Photo 2400** provides the highest quality but slowest print. You may wish to experiment with these options to see which one is best for your particular CD media and print quality parameters.

Dither Mode

Select this option to choose the appropriate dither mode for your image. Select **Optimize for photos** if printing a design primarily composed of photographic images. Select **Optimize for graphics** if mainly printing text, lines, and graphics.

Color Matching

Click on the Color Matching down arrow and choose the color matching option that's right for you. Select **None** if you are more interested in processing speed rather than color accuracy, if you have already color corrected your image for printing, or if you are using some other third party color matching software.


Select **Algebraic** if you would like the printer driver to make very simple color balance adjustments based on an RGB color model. This option gives you more natural looking images without actually utilizing any specific color matching software.

Select **PrimaColor** to enable color matching profiles written specifically for the CD Color Printer Pro. The PrimaColor by Candela Color Management System automatically adjusts the color of your image according to preconfigured printer profiles and default system profiles. This results in a very precise color match compliant with ICC standards. Note that the color of the CD surface can affect the outcome of the colors and PrimaColor is optimized for white TuffCoat CD's.

Ink Saturation

This option controls the ink saturation of the printed image. When printing onto the printer manufacturer's TuffCoat CD media, this option can be left at its default setting of 50%. When printing onto other brands of printable CD media, you may need to adjust this control in order to optimize the ink saturation for the printable surface of your specific CD media. Click and drag on the slide's box, or click on the left and right arrows to change the ink saturation setting. Moving the slide's box to the left reduces the overall ink saturation, while moving it to the right increases it.

Manual Load

Select this option when you are printing multiple copies of a single design or if using an auto-loader. If you do not select this option when printing multiple copies, the printer has no way of knowing whether or not you have loaded a blank CD and will print each of the selected number of copies onto the same CD. When this option is selected, you must press the  CD Tray button after each new CD blank is loaded

(unless using an autoloader). This will close the CD Tray and let the printer know that a fresh CD is installed and ready to be printed.

Black Text With Black Cartridge Only

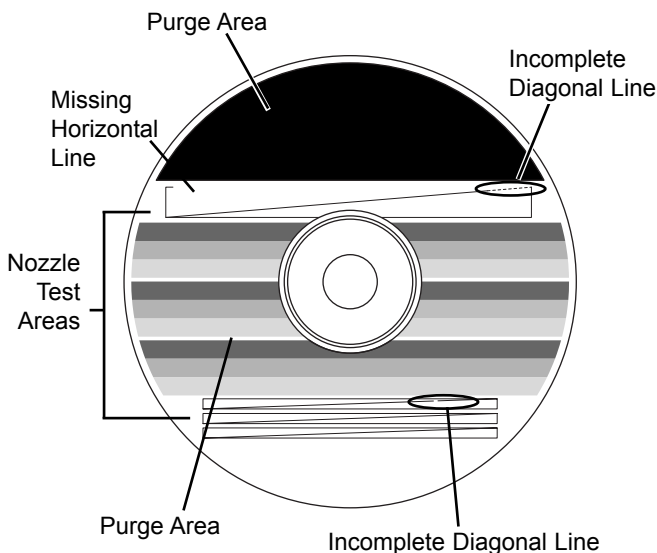
Select this option to print black text using the black cartridge only. This option only is used for CMYK printing to force black text to print with black only instead of CMYK.

Cartridge

Select this button to display the ink cartridges currently installed, their current ink levels, as well as options for cleaning and changing a cartridge.

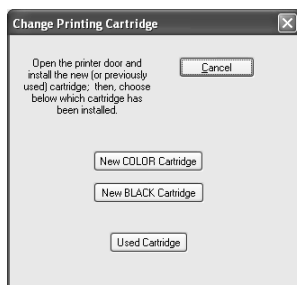


Select the **Clean** button to send a simple test print pattern to the printer. Be sure to have a CD or CD template installed. This test print pattern purges the ink cartridge nozzles and lets you know if any one of the Yellow, Magenta, Cyan, or Black nozzles is clogged. If one of these colors does not have both top and bottom horizontal lines or has an incomplected diagonal line on the test print, repeat the cleaning procedure. If nozzles still appear to be clogged, remove the cartridge and gently wipe the nozzle area sideways with a clean water-dampened cloth. If after several cleanings a color still does not appear on the test print, the cartridge may be damaged or empty and may need to be replaced.



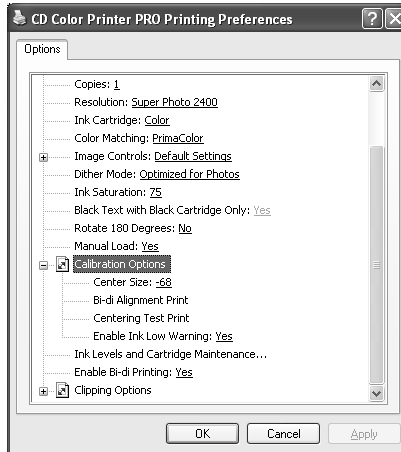
Each color should have two horizontal lines and should have a continuous diagonal line between. Notice in the example shown, the black nozzle test area has a missing top horizontal line and the diagonal line is not continuous; the cyan nozzle test area does not have a continuous diagonal line.

Select the **Change** button to install a fresh, new ink cartridge or to switch back and forth between a previously used cartridge. After the cartridge has been replaced according to the instructions in Section 2-E, select either the **New Color Cartridge** or **New Black Cartridge** button or the **Used Cartridge** button accordingly. These selections are necessary for the printer to accurately keep track of ink cartridge ink levels.



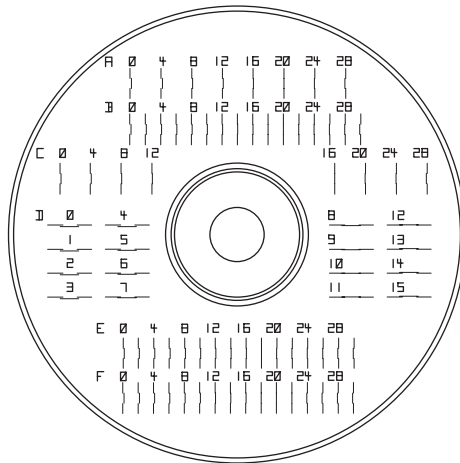
Calibrate

This section displays options for fine-tuning the position of your printed image, changing the size of a CD's nonprintable center, and also performing a bi-directional calibration. The following gives a complete description of each of the Calibration options.



The **Center Size** adjustment enlarges the non-printable center if a positive number is entered and reduces its size if a negative number is entered. As a rule, an adjustment of 12 pixels is equivalent to approximately 1 millimeter. For printing on CD's you should always keep the Clip Outer Circle and Clip Inner Circle checked or enabled.

The **Bi-di Calibration Print** button will perform a test print to calibrate the bi-directional printing and also the color-to-black offset values. Place a CD in the printer tray before clicking on this button. Your print should look something like this:




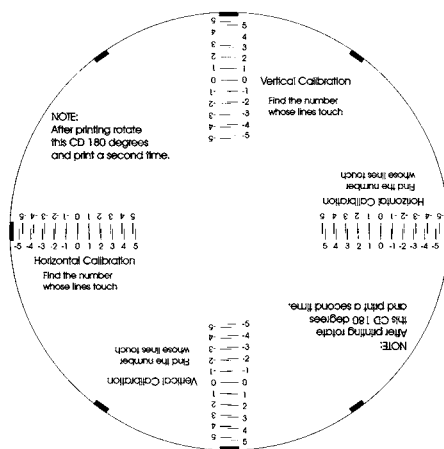
After the test print completes enter the numbers which match best to complete the calibration.

The **Enable bi-di printing** check box enables bi-directional printing for the fastest throughput. When checked (enabled) it is important to perform a Bi-di Calibration every time a new cartridge is installed. For slower uni-directional printing uncheck (disable) the Enable bi-di printing check box; in this case a Bi-di Calibration is not necessary.

Note that your printer comes from the factory pre-calibrated to print the image in the center of the CD. You can use the **Centering Test Print** option if you need to fine-tune this location.

To do this, refer to the following steps:

1. Verify that a CD tray is installed in the printer. Also, verify that the printer is powered ON and that it is connected to your computer. (Do not use a cardboard CD template for best accuracy).
2. Click on the **Centering Test Print** button of the Image Placement box within the Calibration window. The printer will begin printing the calibration test print. 
3. When the print is complete, rotate the CD 180° in the CD Tray and repeat step 2 using the same CD.
4. When the second run of the print is complete, you should have a test print that looks like the following:



5. Along the Vertical axis of the printed CD template, find the number whose lines touch. For example, in the above illustration, the number would be 0. Enter that number into the Vertical box of the Calibration window. Repeat this same step for the Horizontal axis. In the above illustration this number would be 0.
6. Select the **OK** button. The numbers you entered will be sent and stored inside the printer's memory. Your images should now reflect any changes you made. Note that the numbers always are shown as 0,0 initially and these values sent are added to or subtracted from the currently stored offsets.

D. PRINTING A CD

Now that you have hooked up the printer, loaded the print supplies, and installed the printer driver, you are ready to print your first CD. Follow these steps to print your first image:

1. Go to your favorite graphics application program. Or, install and open the Windows CD creation software included with your printer.
2. Open or create the image file you wish to print. If using a program other than the included Windows CD creation software, you will need to create a custom page or canvas size in your program according to the type of label you intend to create. The following tips will help you do this:
 - If creating a label for a **CD**, set your page size to 4.567" x 4.567" (116 x 116mm). Although your image will appear square on screen, the printer driver will automatically crop your image to the round shape of a CD for printing. The driver will also automatically crop out the center 1.73" (44mm) of your image to accommodate a CD's non-printable center hub (more or less if you change the center size in the Calibration tab). If you would like to better visualize where the round outside edge and the round non-printable center of a CD will fall in relation to your image, simply draw one circle with a 4.567" (116mm) diameter and another with a 1.73" (44mm) diameter. Then, center both circles within your active page or canvas area. These circles will serve as a guide while designing your image. Be sure to delete these circles before printing.
3. Once you have created your image and are ready to print, select **Print Setup** (or the equivalent) from the program's File menu to verify that the printer driver settings are correct for your image. Be sure the proper Ink Cartridge options are selected according to the supplies you have installed in the printer. Once the driver is set, select **Print** from the program's File menu.
4. The printer driver will then begin to process the image. Depending upon the size of the image and the processing speed of your computer, processing time can take from several seconds to a minute or so.

5. Once processing is complete, the printer will begin to print. Print time will vary depending on whether you are printing with color or monochrome cartridges and on which Print Quality setting you selected. When printing is complete, the CD Tray will automatically open and remain fully extended until the next print job is received.

E. CREATING A PRINT FILE (*.PRN)

If you are using the CD Color Printer with a duplication system, it may be necessary to print your image to a *.PRN file on your hard drive. This is also useful for a print job that doesn't change and has to be printed often. This is because a print (*.PRN) file contains the bit-for-bit information that is to be printed to the disc surface.

A print file is created in most applications by selecting a **Print to File** option in the Print Dialog Window. If your application does not have a Print to File option, you must change the printing port under the printer properties to set it to File rather than a LPT or USB port. This is done as follows:

1. Click the **Start** button, point to Settings, and select Printers.
2. Right-click the CD Color Printer icon from the Printers Folder and select properties.
3. Select the ports tab and select the "File" option.

You are now ready to create a print file. First, make certain you have your driver properties (i.e. cartridge type, print resolution, color matching, etc) set the way you want them. Please note that a print file has all driver settings built into that file at the time of creation. Once this file is created it cannot be changed. For example, if a print file was created with the cartridge type set to color, you can only print using a color cartridge. If you change to a monochrome cartridge, the print file will not work. You would have to recreate the print file with the driver properties set to monochrome in order for it to work properly. Also, you will need to disable the **32 Print Spooler** and **Write Direct to Port** options in order to create a print file; these are options to control data flow through a parallel port and do not apply to saving files to a hard drive.

Once you are confident of your driver settings, simply click **Print**. When using Windows 2000 or XP you will be prompted for the name, but not the destination path. The file destination is determined by your operating system. To find the file after it is created, simply search for that file using the Find File feature found on the Start Menu. Each time a file is created it should be saved in this location. It does not matter where you save the file to, but you will want to name the file with the PRN file extension or it may not work properly.

F. CREATING PRN FILES IN SURETHING CD LABELER

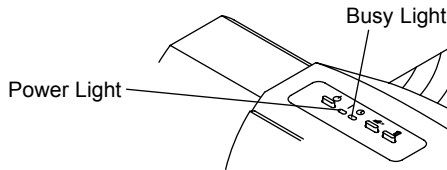
Printing to a file is a good way to spool a print file for use with automated duplication.

- a. Open up SureThing CD Labeler
- b. Create or Open up an already created file.
- c. Go to **File** on the menu bar.
- d. Select **Print**.
- e. Select the **Advanced** button at the bottom left corner of the print window.
- f. Check the **Print to File** check box and select **OK**
- g. Select **OK** to print.
- h. When prompted to provide an Output Filename, type in a name that you want to give the PRN file (ex. test.prn). Make sure to type in the extension .prn when creating the output file. If you want to directly specify where you want to save the PRN file, you may directly specify it at this time (ex. C:\My Documents\test.prn). If you do not provide a path, the file will most likely be copied to the, **My Documents** folder. If not, you may search for it using the Search feature from your Start menu.


Please Note: *If you wish to print directly from SureThing, you will need to disable Print to File in the Advanced options.*

Section 4: Interpreting the Printer's Indicator Lights

The **Power and Busy LED indicator lights** located on the top of the printer can tell you a lot about what is happening inside the printer. To accurately interpret what it means when these lights are on, off, or flashing, please refer to the following:



| Power Light ☉ Busy Light Printer

on solid	off	Is ready to receive a print job.
on solid	on solid	Is processing and printing an image.
on solid	blinking slowly	Has received a print job and is waiting for you to load CD media or has a print media jam. If media loading is required, simply load media into the CD Tray according to Section 2-C and press the  CD Tray button to resume printing. If print media is jammed, clear the media from the printer and turn the printer OFF and ON to reset for the next print job.
both lights are blinking alternately with each other		Waiting for a cartridge to be installed and the Ink Cartridge button to be pressed. See Section 2-B or 2-E for more information on changing or replacing ink cartridges.
on solid	flashing rapidly	The tray or the carrier has stalled. Turn the unit OFF and ON again. You may need to clear an obstruction such as a jammed disc.

| Power Light ☉ Busy Light Printer

flashing rapidly	on solid	Cartridge Problem. Either the wrong cartridge or no cartridge is installed. If the proper cartridge is installed, but the error continues, the printer may not be able to properly detect the cartridge. There is a multi-colored barcode label on the bottom of the ink cartridge which the printer uses to identify the cartridge. If this label is damaged, the cartridge may not be detected properly.
Both lights are flashing at the same time rapidly and the printer has paused.		Ink Low Warning. You can either replace the cartridge now (see Section 2-B or 2-E) or you can press the CD Tray button to continue printing. Note: If you do replace the cartridge now then the ink levels will be cleared. (It assumes you replaced with a fresh cartridge.) If you instead press the CD Tray button to continue then the ink levels will <u>not</u> be cleared and you will not be warned again until a new cartridge is installed.
Both lights are blinking at the same time in this sequence: five blinks, pause, repeat . . .		Waiting for you to specify if you've installed a new COLOR Cartridge or a new Black Cartridge. Press the Power button to specify a new COLOR Cartridge or press the Ink Cartridge button to specify a new Black Cartridge. You will get to this point by first pressing the Ink Cartridge button, installing a new cartridge and then <i>pressing and holding</i> the ink cartridge button. See Section 2-E for more details.

Section 5: Maintaining the Printer

The CD Color Printer Pro is designed to require very little maintenance. Nevertheless, there are a few procedures you can perform on a regular basis or as needed to ensure your printer's best performance.


A. CLEANING THE INK CARTRIDGE NOZZLES

It may be necessary to clean the ink cartridge nozzles if the printer does not seem to be laying down ink evenly or if you suspect an ink cartridge nozzle has become slightly dried out or clogged. Refer to the cleaning procedure explained within the **Cartridge** button description of Section 3-D to clean the cartridge nozzles.

B. CLEANING THE CD TRAY AND PRINTER CASING

If ink gets on the printer's CD Tray, it may stain if left on the tray too long. To avoid this, simply wipe off any ink from the CD Tray as soon as you notice it. Use a lint-free cloth *slightly* moistened with water to wipe off the CD Tray. If necessary, use these same items to wipe off the outside casing of the printer. **Always disconnect your printer's power cord before cleaning.** Resume printer operation only after the printer is completely dry.

C. CLEARING A CD MEDIA JAM

If CD Media becomes jammed inside the printer, first press the  CD Tray button to try and eject the media. If this does not work, turn the printer power OFF and gently try to clear or remove the CD media manually.

D. TECHNICAL SUPPORT

If you have difficulty operating your CD Color Printer Pro, the procedures in this manual should, in most cases, solve the problem. If you still have difficulty, contact the technical support number listed on the insert included in the supply pack.

Section 6: Technical Specifications

Model:	CD Color Printer Pro
Print Method:	Ink-Jet
Printing Resolution:	2400 x 1200 dpi, 1200 x 1200 dpi, 600 x 600 dpi, or 600 x 300 dpi (driver selectable)
Print Speed:	Depends upon percentage of coverage and print mode selected: About 111 seconds for 100%, full-color coverage, Photo 2400 About 60 seconds for 100%, full-color coverage, Presentation 1200 (default) About 51 seconds for 100%, full-color coverage, Best 600 About 34 seconds for 100%, full-color coverage, Normal 600 About 16 seconds for 100%, full-color coverage, Fast 600 About 2 seconds for 15% coverage, black monochrome, Fast 600.
Colors:	16.7 million with black monochrome
Ink Types:	Dual-cartridge 3-Color (C, M, Y) and black monochrome (K)
Color Matching:	PrimaColor™ color matching software included
Media Types:	Printable-surface 120mm CD-R or DVD-R; also supports 58mm x 86mm printable-surface business card CDs with optional adapter kit (sold separately)
Printer Drivers:	Windows 2000/XP
Data Interfaces:	Centronics-type parallel; also works with most USB to Parallel cables for USB-only PCs
Minimum System Requirements:	Pentium®-class computer or better, 64MB RAM, 100MB free hard drive space
Control Interface:	TTL-level signals for busy printing, tray open/close, etc.; available on rear-panel 6-pin mini-DIN connector
Label Editing Software:	SureThing™ First Edition Software for Windows included
Maximum Print Width:	4.72" (120 mm)
Electrical Ratings:	30 VDC, 0.8A
Adapter Types:	100 VAC, 120-127 VAC, 220-240 VAC
Certifications:	UL, UL-C, CE, FCC Class B
Dimensions:	7.5"H x 17"W x 10.5"D (190mmH x 432mmW x 266mmD)
Weight:	9.3lbs (4.3 kg)

Appendix A: Interfacing Information

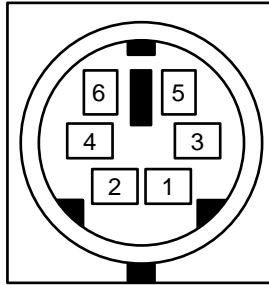
A. INTRODUCTION

The CD Color Printer Pro is equipped with a standard 8-bit centronics-type **parallel interface port**. This communication port is the means through which the printer receives data from your computer. Contact technical support if you need more information on the parallel port specifications.

B. 6-PIN MINICIRCULAR AUXILIARY INTERFACE

The 6-pin minicircular auxiliary interface is used for connecting the printer with auxiliary equipment such as a CD transporter/ auto-loader.

Pin assignments are as follows:



Uses 5v logic @ 5mA

Pin Number	Signal Description
1	Busy - Output is high when the printer is busy or moving the CD Tray.
2	Tray Out - Output is high when the CD Tray is fully ejected.
3	Tray In - Output is high when the CD Tray is fully inserted.
4	CD In - Output is high when the CD Tray is in and a CD is present.
5	Ground.
6	Tray In/Out - A low input moves the CD Tray in if it is out, and out if it is in.

TABLE A-1: Auxiliary Interface Pin Assignments

NOTE: Pins 1-4 are low if the printer is plugged in but the power has been turned off using the printer's Power Button

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