

# **EFI Fiery Spark™ Professional 2.0**

**High Performance Adobe PostScript 3 RIP for Printing Professionals** 

EFI Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 Reference Guide 1.5 - 8.13.2002





## **Product Positioning**

"The EPSON Stylus Pro 7600, 9600, 10000 or 10600 with the EFI Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 RIP represents the ultimate way for Printing Professionals to produce all their day-to-day work."

"The EFI Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 RIP was developed for mixed Macintosh and Windows network environments looking to create color confident Adobe PostScript 3 output."

"As a general purpose graphics RIP, EFI Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 handles all the day-to-day requirements for the most demanding Print-for-Pay and Creative Graphics environment."

## Fully Configurable Windows 2000 Professional Software RIP

- Windows 2000 Professional software RIP designed to take full advantage of the newest
   Intel processors' and Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional OS
- Converts any networked Intel Pentium III or 4 computer with USB or FireWire running Windows 2000 Professional into a dedicated Fiery Spark RIP Server for the EPSON Stylus Pro 7600, 9600, 10000 or 10600 print engines
- Allows for high performance multitasking of Spool, RIP, and Print functions
- When configured with a monitor, you get real-time RIP information and job management through EFI's Fiery Command Workstation 4 user interface

## True Adobe PostScript 3

- Industry standard Page Description Language
- Industry standard font and text-line-paragraph handling
- Fully PDF workflow ready

## EPSON AcuPhoto Halftoning Technology

- Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 supports Epson's Newest Halftoning Technologies
- Full support for Epson High Quality Halftoning

## **Overprint and Trapping Previews**

- Full support for a CMYK (4-Color Only) Separated PostScript Workflow
- Depending upon the application, output can be printed showing all trapping and overprint information for easy identification of trapping and overprinting problems
- Separated PostScript workflows now take complete advantage of Fiery's latest color management systems exactly like traditional composite PostScript printing

### Optional EPSON Color Calibrator 3.1

- Hardware colorimeter and system software for Printer-to-RIP color calibration
- Great for color calibrating multiple printers to the same color space
- Re-calibrates all the built-in printer and media ICC's to a high degree of accuracy
- Allows for improved color proofing without having to custom profile
- Complete system only \$995 estimated street price
- Epson Order Number = C850081
- Upgrade to software version 3.1 by free download from Epson Web site

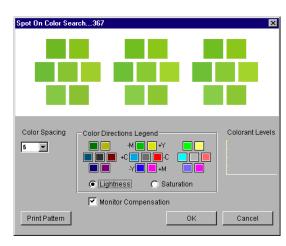


## **Spot On Color Matching System**

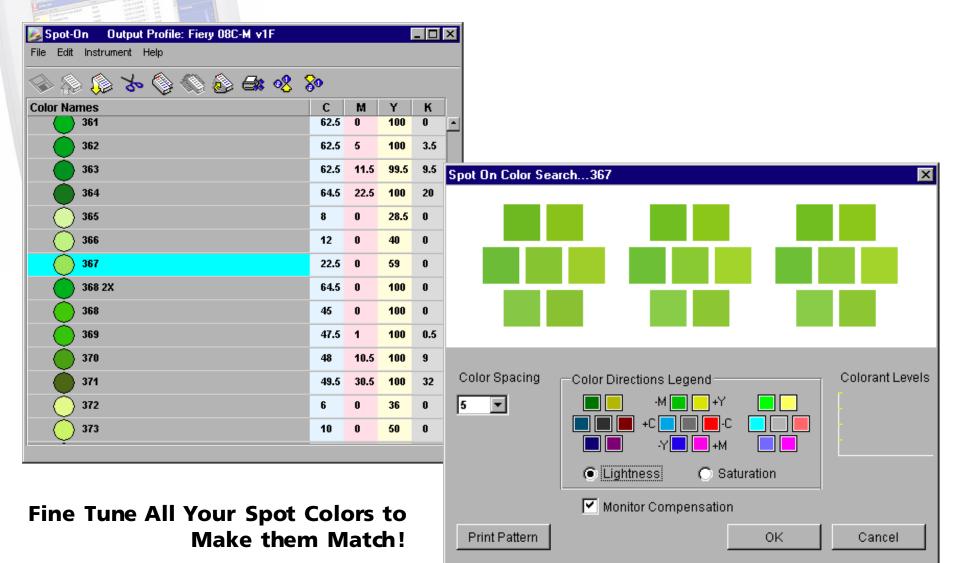
- New Fiery Spot On utility creates, edits, and manages all named spot colors on the Fiery
   Server including PANTONE Coated, Uncoated, and custom created spot colors
- The Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 RIP is a fully PANTONE Calibrated Spot Color Matching
   System designed by EFI
- Automatically converts any named spot color from any application into the correct printer and media color space for more accurate spot color matching - even in PDF files!
- User does not need to replace any spot color table software within application. Simply
  define and name the spot color as normal and print. The RIP will take care of the rest!
- Provides an intuitive way to modify spot color values to achieve desired results





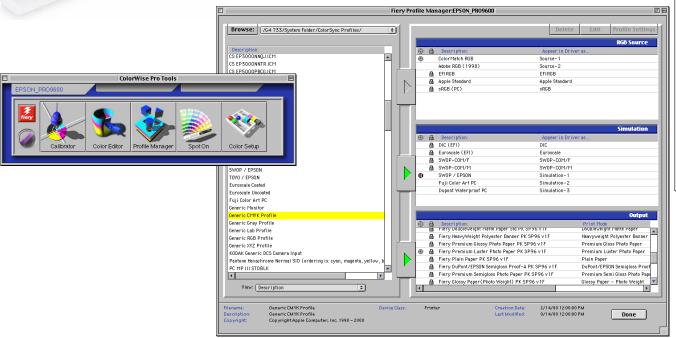


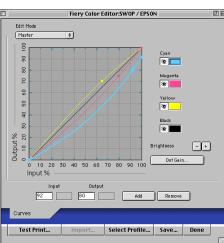
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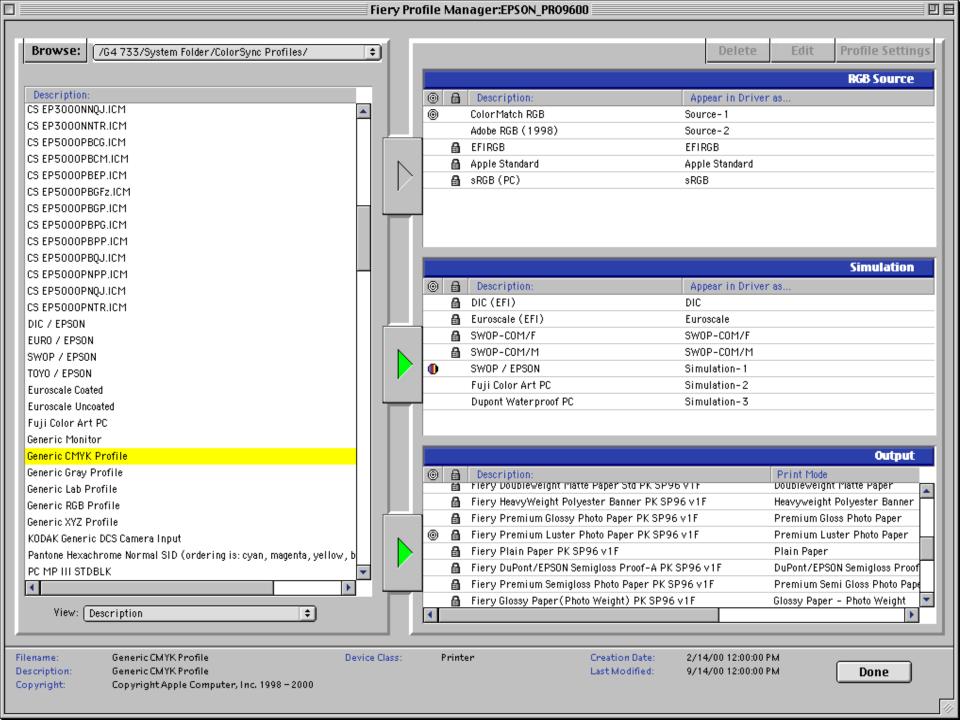


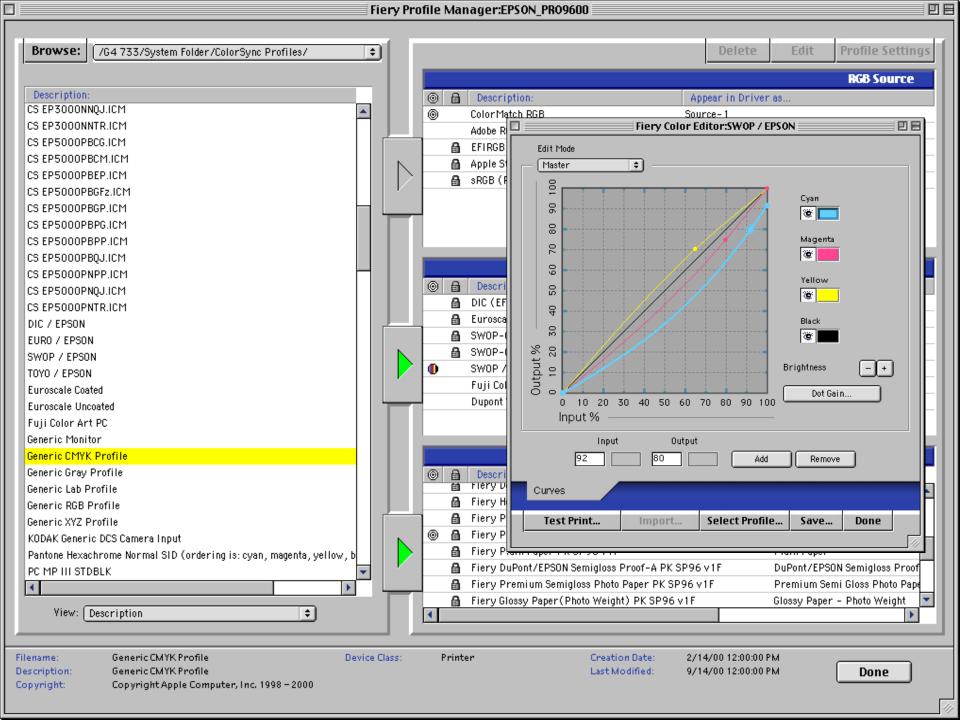
#### **EFI ColorWise Pro Tools 3**

- Fully adjustable CMYK color control, including dot gain adjustments for more precise hardware color calibration and "tweaking"
- Accepts both CMYK and RGB ICC profiles as direct simulations within the RIP
- Fully ICC and Apple ColorSync Compatible



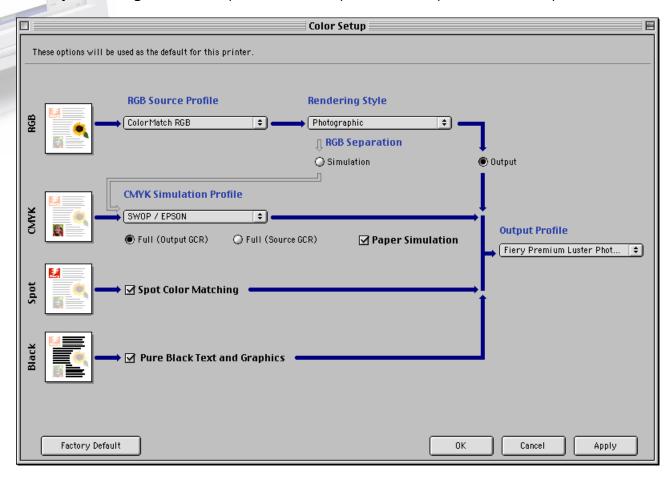


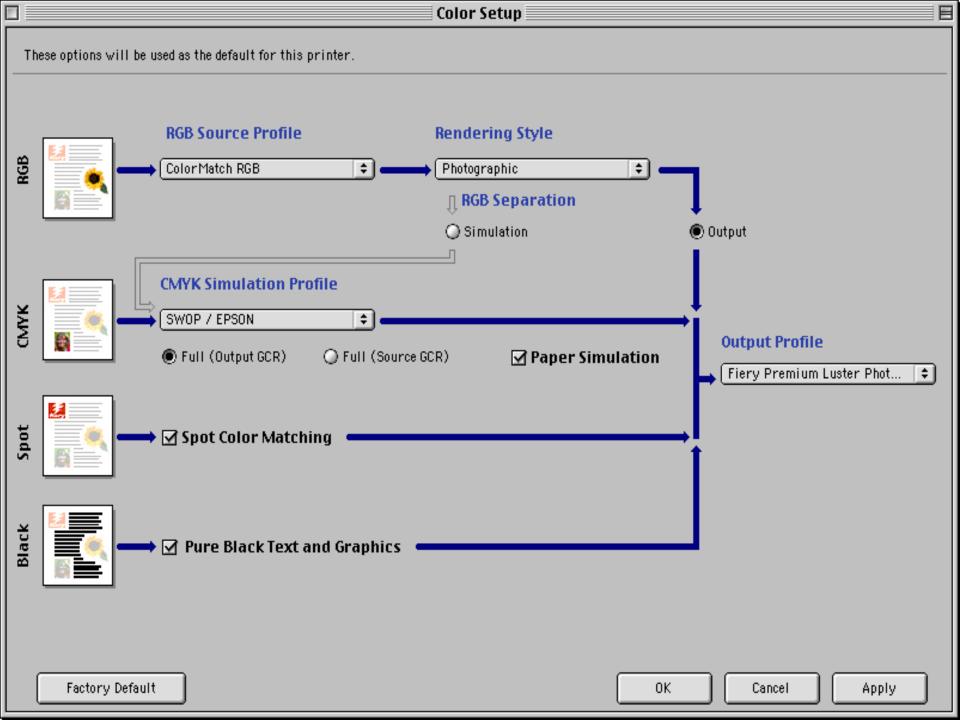




## **New Graphical ICC Profile Setup Dialog**

Easy-to-use global set-up for both input and output ICC color profiles

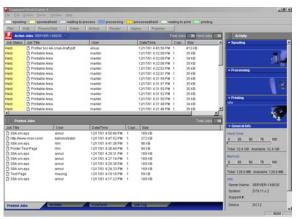




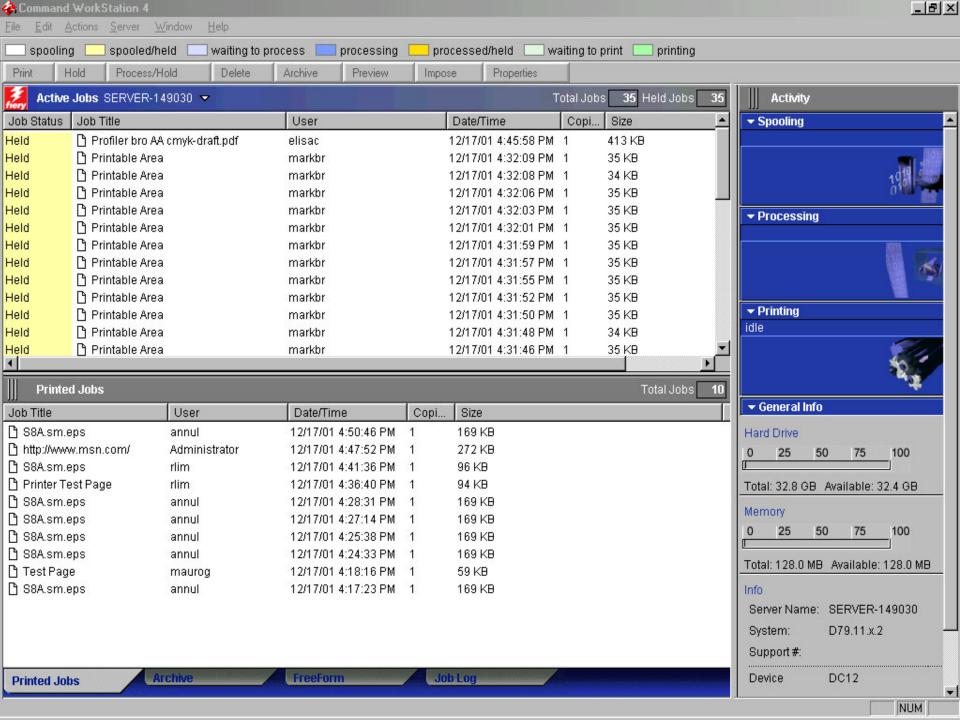


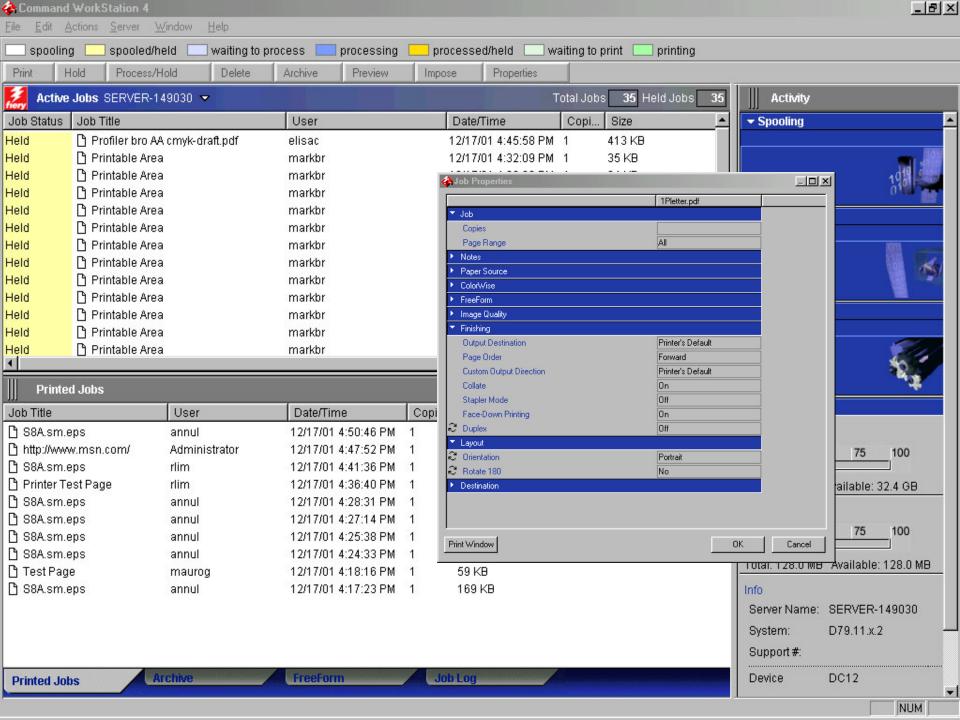
### Professional Level Fiery Command WorkStation 4 User Interface

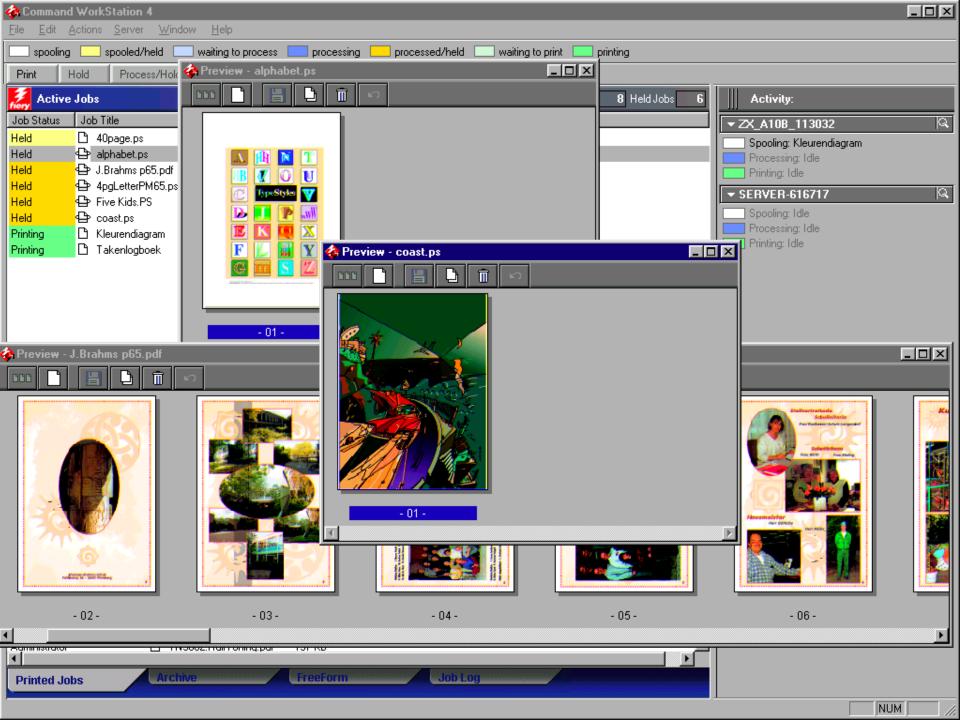
- Real-time RIP, printer, and job information and management
- Complete job prioritization and print previewing
- Powerful job override (PPD Selections) feature allowing user to re-print a job using different PPD settings. Perfect for printing PS or PDF files that were created for a different output device.
- Quick access to Fiery Downloader and ColorWise Pro Tools 3
- Job Load Balancing between multiple Fiery RIP workstations
- Activity Monitor displays a summary of activity that is occurring on a selected Fiery Server.

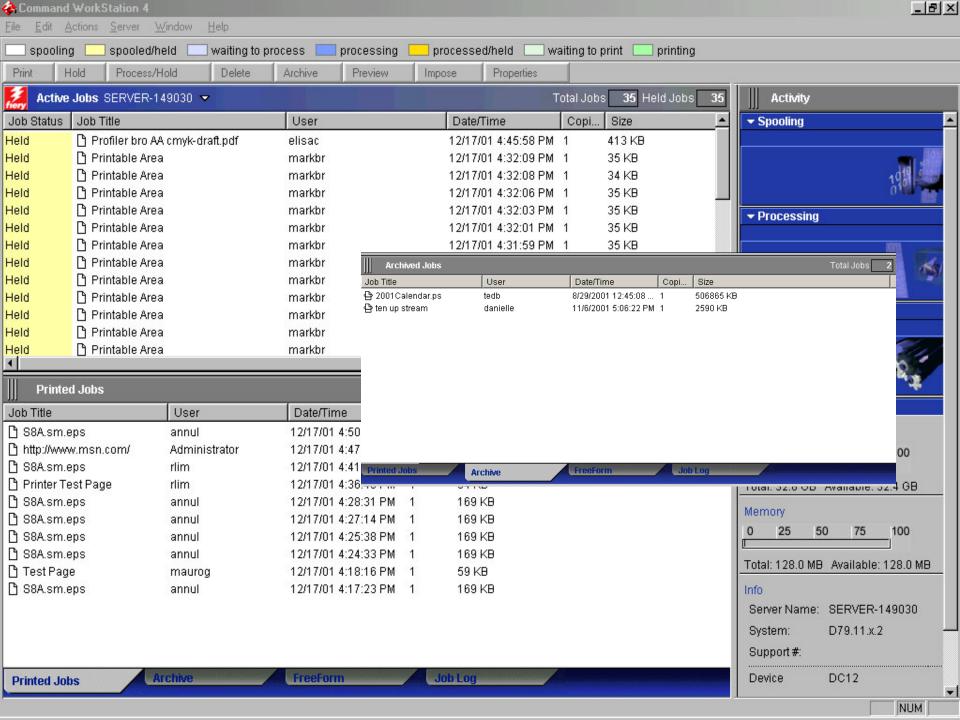


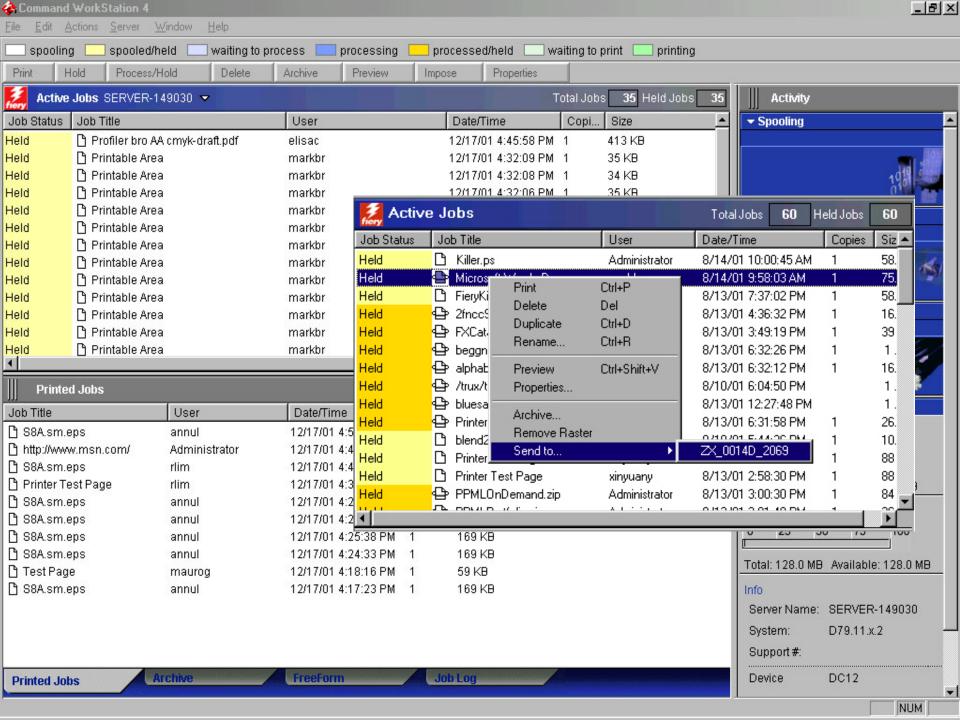








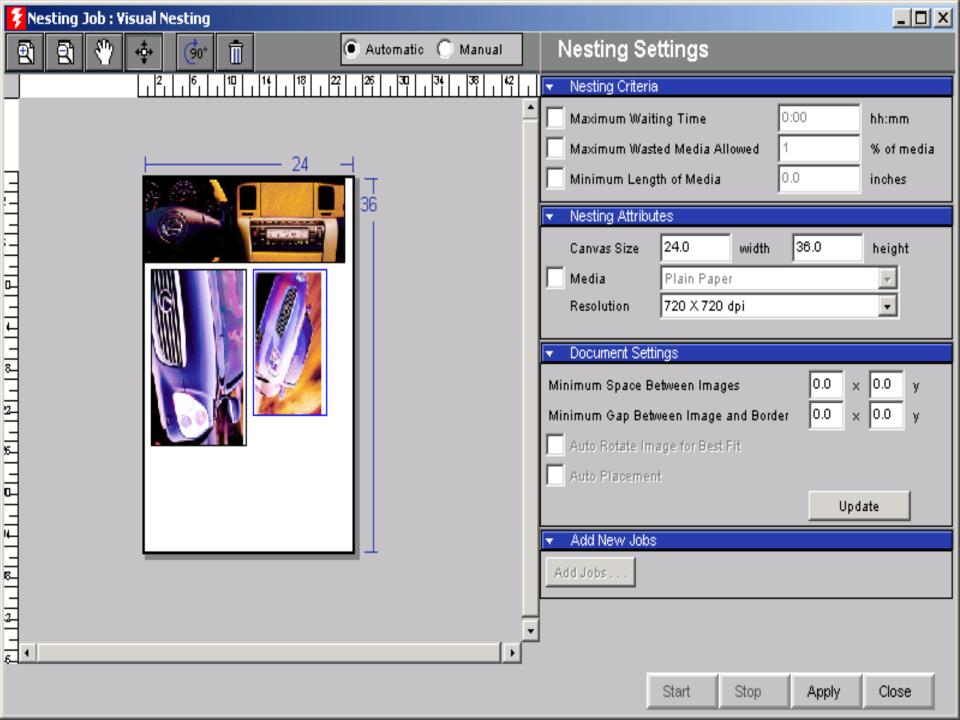




## **All NEW Fiery Visual Nesting**

- User can choose to nest jobs manually or automatically
- Easy-to-use visual thumbnails of each file for simple layout creations
- For automatic nesting, user can define the maximum amount of media to be used
- Also allows for automatic rotation of files to maximize media usage

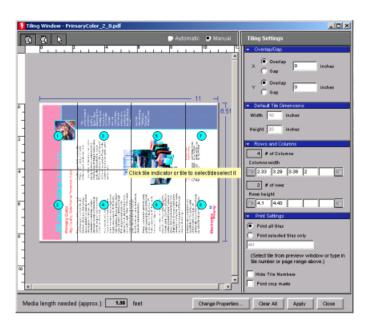


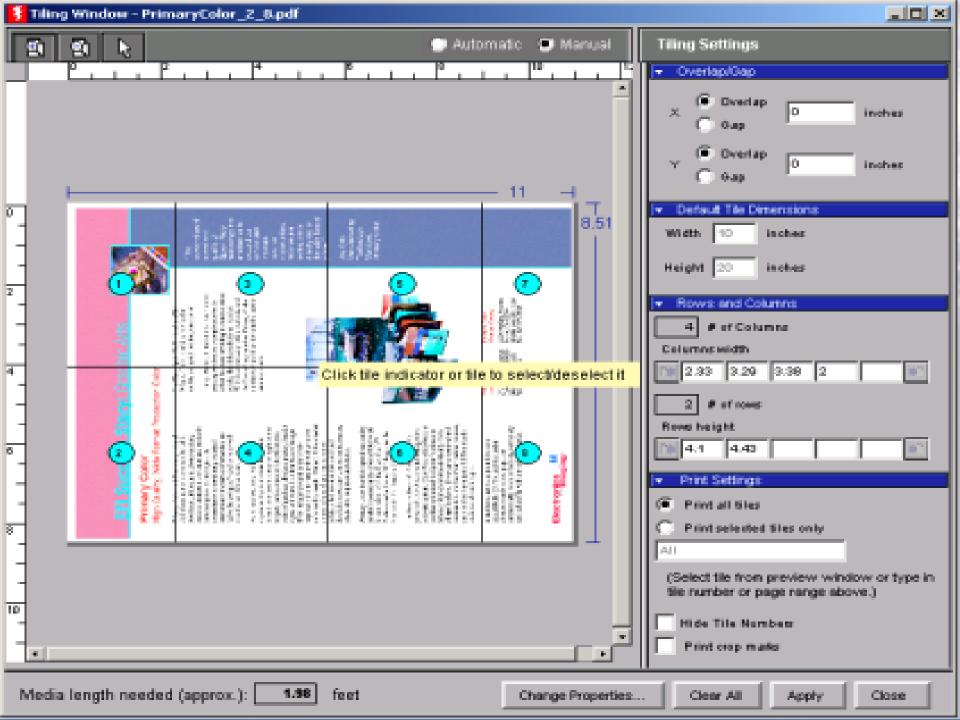




### All NEW Fiery Visual Tiling

- Complete flexibility to automatically or manually tile print jobs well beyond the size of the printers' printable width
- Users can control the amount of overlap and gap on the X and Y-axis, the number of rows and columns, the width of the rows and height of the column
- Users can print just the guide markers or individual tiles, rather than the entire image





## **Fully Configurable Hot Folders**

- Macintosh and Windows users can transform normal folder icons into 'Hot Folders' that
   will automatically apply a pre-defined set of PPD settings to job files placed into them
- Hot Folders can be created against any Fiery 'chooser' print queue Hold, Direct, or Print
- Hot folders support PostScript (.PS) and PDF file formats only

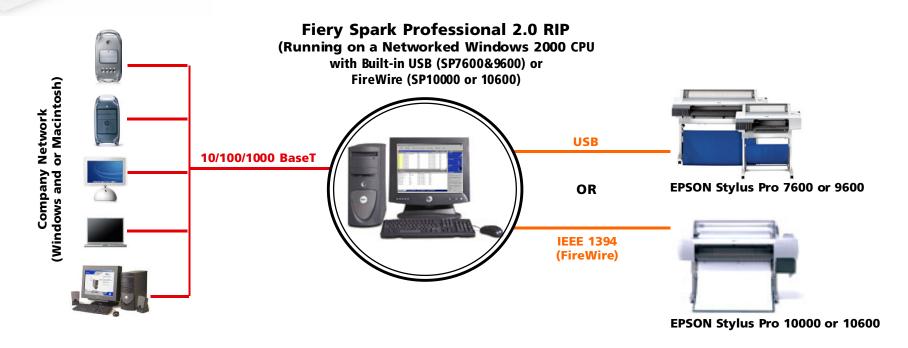


## **Fully Macintosh and Windows Compatible**

- All client Mac's can print directly to the Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 RIP through the standard Apple Chooser or via Fully Configurable Hot Folders shared on your desktop!
- Full support for Mac OS 10.2 or later! Print natively through the Mac OS 10.2 Print
   Center Utility for complete OS 10.2 support.
- All client PC's running Windows 98, Me, NT, 2000 or XP print directly to the Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 RIP through the standard Windows TCP/IP connection or via Fully Configurable Hot Folders shared on your desktop!
- Windows NT and 2000 users can print via AppleTalk or TCP/IP if needed
- Supports printing directly through the standard AdobePS driver 8.7.x or later

## **High Performance Network Connectivity**

- Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 RIP connects to either the EPSON Stylus Pro 7600 or 9600 via the standard USB port, or to either the EPSON Stylus Pro 10000 or 10600 via the standard IEEE 1394 FireWire™ port, off-loading print data from the main network
- Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 RIP connects to the company network via the built-in 10/100 or 1000 BaseT connection on the Windows 2000 Professional RIP CPU



## ► Takes Full Advantage of Epson's Complete Line of Professional Media

- Using Genuine Epson Media allows for the highest level of print quality possible from your new Epson Printer
- Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 comes with all Epson Media's pre-profiled for great out of box color matching
- All Genuine Epson Media profiles are also included as individual ICC files for use within other Color Management Systems

### Standard 1-Year EPSON Preferred Warranty Program

- Prompt answer toll-free phone support with personal PIN I.D. (same as printer I.D.)
- Available Monday thru Friday 6:00am until 8:00pm and Saturday 7:00am until 4:00pm
   Pacific Standard time
- Knowledgeable staff ready to take your questions
- Next business day hardware USB Key replacement for damaged or non-functional keys

# **Product Ordering & Pricing Information** *EPSON Stylus Pro 7600 and 9600 Printers*

DESCRIPTION	EPSON PART NO.	ESTIMATED STREET	SHIP DATE
EFI Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 RIP	C842832	\$1,995	Now Shipping
UPC Code: 0-10343-84344-8			
EFI Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 RIP Demonstration Version	C842832DEMO	\$19.95	Now Shipping
UPC Code: 0-10343-84507-7			

#### **Product Box Contains the following:**

- System Software CD-ROM x1
- User Software CD-ROM x1 (Includes all Documentation in Searchable PDF Files)
- USB License Key x1 (Not Included in Demo Version)
- Install and Warranty Information Booklet x1

#### This RIP supports either the EPSON Stylus Pro 7600 or 9600 printer with UltraChrome Inks only.

The Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 RIP does not support the EPSON Stylus Pro 7600 or 9600 when using the Photographic Dye inks. The Demo Version is fully functional and prints a 'demo' watermark on the final printed output.

# **Product Ordering & Pricing Information** *EPSON Stylus Pro 10000 and 10600 Printers*

DESCRIPTION	EPSON PART NO.	ESTIMATED STREET	SHIP DATE
<b>EFI Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 RIP</b>	C842912	\$2,995	October 2002
UPC Code: 0-10343-84540-4			
EFI Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 RIP	C842912DEMO	\$19.95	October 2002
<b>Demonstration Version</b>			
UPC Code: 0-10343-84541-1			

#### **Product Box Contains the following:**

- System Software CD-ROM x1
- User Software CD-ROM x1 (Includes all Documentation in Searchable PDF Files)
- USB License Key x1 (Not Included in Demo Version)
- Install and Warranty Information Booklet x1

#### This RIP supports either the EPSON Stylus Pro 10000 or 10600 printer with ANY ink mode.

The Demo Version is fully functional and prints a 'demo' watermark on the final printed output.



# **APPENDIX**

Product System Requirements
Frequently Asked Questions
Legal Notices

# Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 Server System Requirements

#### What type of PC do I need to dedicate for the Fiery Spark RIP Server?

#### Windows 2000 Professional Hardware Requirements

- 1.7 GHz Pentium 4 processor or Higher
- Dell, Gateway, HP/Compaq, and IBM all make great PC's at LOW prices!
- USB port required for connection to the EPSON Stylus Pro 7600 or 9600 printer
- IEEE 1394 "FireWire" port required for connection to the EPSON Stylus Pro 10000 or 10600 printer
- Internal 10/100 BaseT Ethernet

#### Memory and Hard Drive Requirements

- 256 MB memory (512 MB Recommended)
- At least 100 MB of disk space needed for install
- At least 5 GB of free disk space needed for everyday print work (20+ GB recommended)

#### "Entry-Level" RIP Hardware Recommendation

- Any 800 MHz Pentium III
- 256 MB of Memory

#### "Professional-Level" RIP Hardware Recommendation

- 2.0 GHz Pentium 4
- 512 MB of memory
- 80+ Gigabyte Hard Drive
- Internal 10/100/1000 BaseT Ethernet

# Fiery Spark Professional Feature Set Frequently Asked Questions

#### What comes in the box when I buy the Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 RIP?

**Answer:** A Quick Set-up Guide, 2 User CD-ROM's and 1 USB Hardware Key. All user documentation is in PDF and contained on the CD-ROM along with the RIP and driver installers.

#### What does a user need to buy to make the Fiery Spark RIP work?

**Answer:** The user must by an Intel PC with USB or FireWire and Ethernet support running Windows 2000 Professional, and of course an EPSON Stylus Pro 7600, 9600, 10000, or 10600 printer.

#### Can I use Windows 2000 Server instead of Windows 2000 Professional?

**Answer:** Yes. However, Windows 2000 Professional will be more than adequate for even the most demanding printing environments.

#### How do future RIP upgrades work?

**Answer:** All future RIP maintenance updates will be FREE of charge. Future product upgrades or enhancements may require an extra charge. When an upgrade is released, user may need to pay shipping or handling charges to receive the new installer CD's.

### Can I connect multiple print engines at the same time? Or in any combination?

**Answer:** No. You can only run a single printer model for every Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 RIP Server.

# FierySpark Professional Feature Set Frequently Asked Questions

### What if I lose my USB Hardware Key?

**Answer:** You must buy a new copy of the Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 Software.

### What if my USB Hardware Key is malfunctioning?

**Answer:** In the unlikely event your USB Hardware Key is bad, simply contact EPSON through your standard Preferred Protection Plan Warranty and we will replace it for FREE with the return of your defective key. (new USB key can be cross-shipped using a credit card)

#### What is the warranty program for the Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 RIP?

**Answer:** The Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 RIP is covered under the standard 1-Year EPSON Preferred Protection Plan Warranty. If you are having any difficulties, please contact EPSON directly for solution.

# Can I connect my EPSON Stylus Pro printer to the Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 RIP via an Ethernet connection?

**Answer:** No. Only the USB port is supported between the SP7600 or SP9600 or FireWire port for the SP10000 or SP10600 to the Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 RIP.

# If I already own an EPSON Color Calibrator, can I use it to calibrate the Fiery Spark Professional 2.0 RIP?

**Answer:** Yes. However, your must download the EPSON Color Calibrator Software version 3.1 from the Epson web site. The hardware is the exact same, but the calibrator software is different.

# FierySpark Professional Feature Set Frequently Asked Questions

# If I already own the Fiery Spark Pro RIP 1.0 version for the SP10000, how can Upgrade to version 2.0?

**Answer:** You get a FREE upgrade. Simply go to www.prographics.epson.com and purchase the DEMO version to receive your updated install CD's. Or visit your local dealer, they might have copies for you to take. Or visit Epson at one of our tradeshow booths and we will give them out for FREE. Just ask.

#### So, the Demo Versions of the Fiery Spark Pro 2 RIPs are FULL VERSIONS?

**Answer:** Yes, the CD installers that come in the DEMO versions of the Fiery Spark Pro 2 RIPs are exactly the same installer CD's for the FULL version. The USB key that came with the Fiery Spark Pro 1.0 RIP for the SP10000 is compatible with the new Fiery Spark Pro 2.0 RIP software.

# Can I use the USB key from the Fiery Spark Pro 1.0 RIP for the Fiery Spark Pro RIP 2.0 for the EPSON Stylus Pro 7600 or 9600?

Answer: No. The USB keys are not compatible between the SP7600/9600 and the SP10000/10600.

#### **How do I use the Fiery RIPs with Mac OS 10.2?**

**Answer:** You must be using Mac OS 10.2 or later. Then you simply copy the PPD file from the driver installer CD to the following directory within your Mac OS 10.2 system:

#### /Library/Printers/PPDs/Contents/Resources/en.lproj

Then you simply configure the printer as normal through the standard Apple Print Center Utility.



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