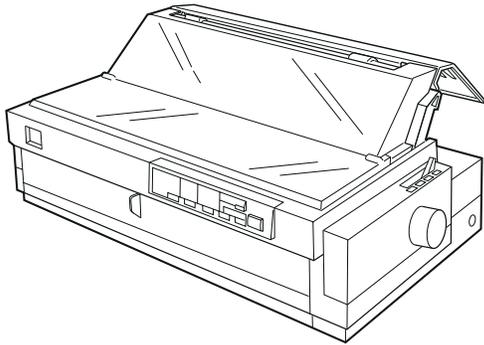


9-Pin Dot Matrix Printer

FX-2180



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Quick Reference Guide

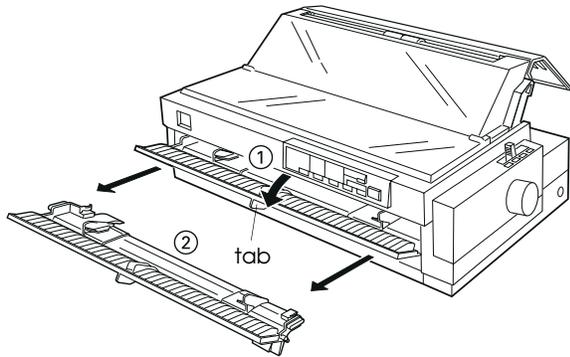
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Loading Continuous Paper Onto the Front Push Tractor

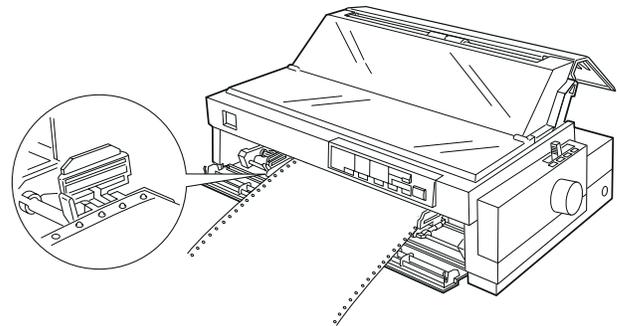
To load continuous paper onto the front push tractor, follow these steps:

1



Open the front paper guide by pulling the tab at the center of it, and then remove the guide by grasping both sides and pulling it straight out of the printer.

2



Open both sprocket covers, and fit the first four holes of the paper, printable side up, over the tractor pins. Then close the sprocket covers.

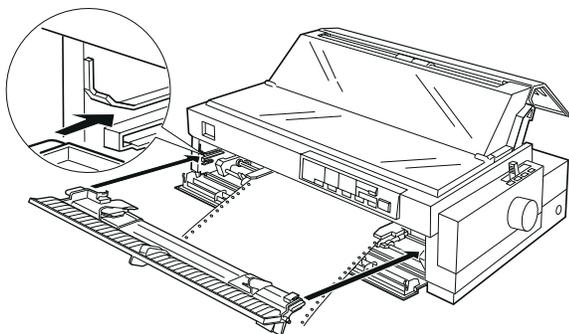
Note:

Load continuous paper that has a clean, straight edge to avoid paper jams.

To remove any paper from the paper path, press the Load/Eject button. The printer feeds the paper into the standby position, where you can remove the paper from the printer.

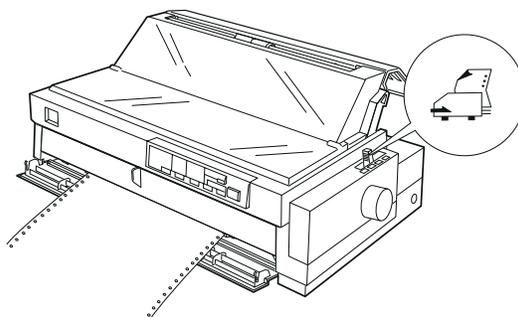
If you load continuous paper of a different size or thickness, you need to adjust the position of the sprockets or change the paper thickness lever setting. See Chapter 2 of the *User's Guide* for instructions.

3



Attach the front paper guide by inserting it into the slots in the printer as shown.

4



Close the front paper guide, and make sure the paper release lever is set to the front push tractor position.

Note:

Always close the printer cover before printing. The printer does not print when the cover is open.

When you load continuous paper with labels, make sure that the auto tear-off mode is off before you start to print. If you feed continuous labels backward, the labels may come off the backing sheet and jam the printer.

To turn off the auto tear-off mode, enter the printer's default-setting mode. See Chapter 5 of the *User's Guide* for instructions.

Loading Continuous Paper Onto the Rear Push Tractor

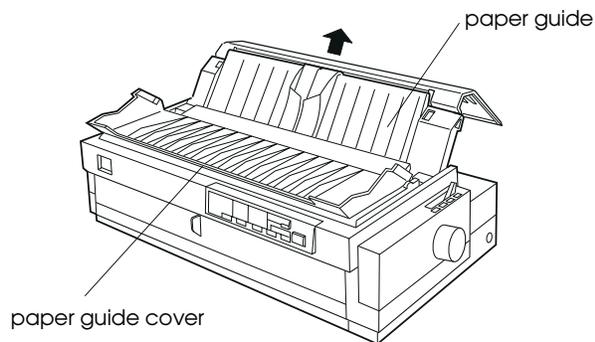
To load continuous paper onto the rear push tractor, follow these steps.



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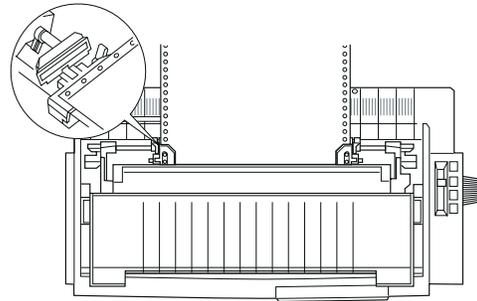
Do not load continuous paper with labels onto the rear push tractor; the labels may come off the backing sheet and jam the printer.

1



Open the paper guide cover and remove the paper guide.

2



Open both sprocket covers, and fit the first four holes of the paper, printable side down, over the tractor pins. Then close the sprocket covers.

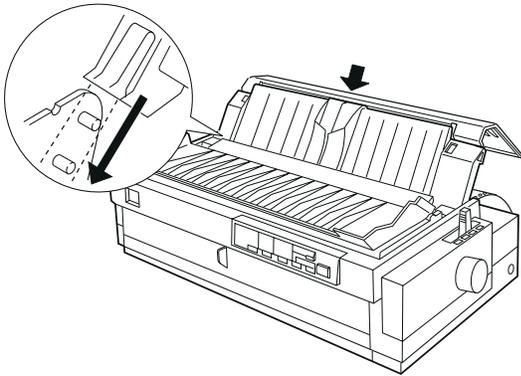
Note:

Load continuous paper that has a clean, straight edge to avoid paper jams.

To remove paper from the paper path, press the Load/Eject button. The printer feeds the paper to the standby position, where you can remove the paper from the printer.

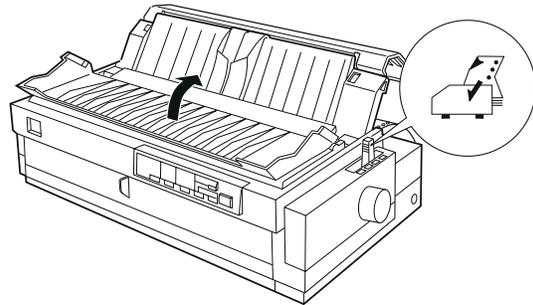
If you load continuous paper which is a different size or thickness, you need to adjust the position of the sprocket units or change the paper thickness lever setting. See Chapter 2 of the *User's Guide* for instructions.

3



Attach the paper guide.

4



Close the paper guide cover, and make sure the paper release lever is set to the rear push tractor position.

Note:

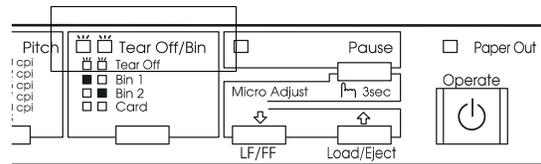
*Always close the printer cover before printing.
The printer does not print when the cover is open.*

Removing the Printed Document From the Push Tractor

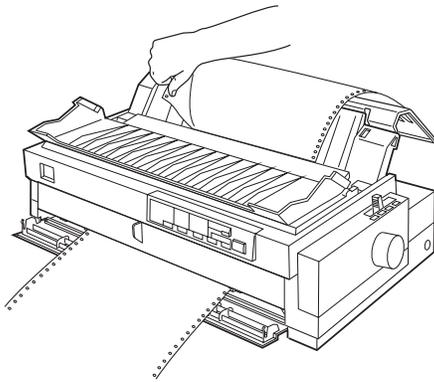
To remove the printed document from the front or rear push tractor, follow the steps below. To remove continuous paper from the pull tractor, see Chapter 2 of the *User's Guide*.

1

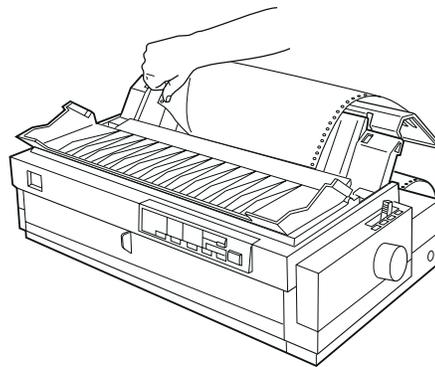
Make sure the Tear Off/Bin lights are flashing. (You may need to press the Tear Off/Bin button.) When the Tear Off/Bin lights are flashing, your paper is in the tear-off position.



2



from the front push tractor



from the rear push tractor

Open the paper guide cover, and tear off the printed document using the printer's tear-off edge.

When you resume printing, the printer automatically feeds the paper backward to the top-of-form position, and starts printing.

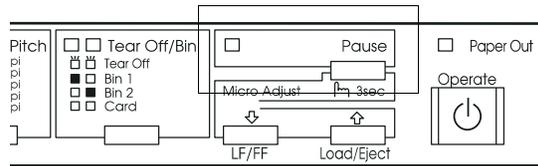
To feed the continuous paper backward from the tear-off position to the standby position, press the Load/Eject button.

Removing Continuous Paper With Labels

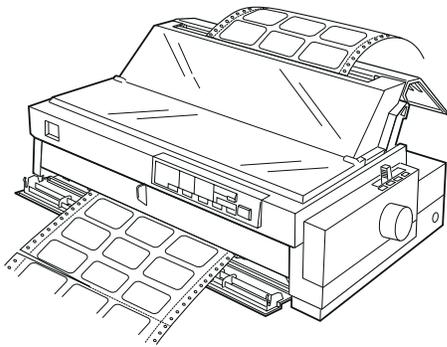
To avoid peeling labels off the backing sheet and jamming the printer, follow the steps below when you remove continuous paper with labels from the front push tractor.

1

Make sure that the printer finishes printing. You may need to press the **Pause** button to stop printing. (When the printer is paused, the **Pause** light is on.)



2



Tear off the fresh supply of continuous labels at the perforation nearest the paper entry slot.

3

Hold down the **LF/FF** button to eject the remaining labels from the printer.



Caution:

When printing on labels, never press the **Load/Eject** or **Tear Off/Bin** button. When fed backward, labels can easily come off the backing sheet and cause a paper jam.

Replacing the Ribbon Cartridge

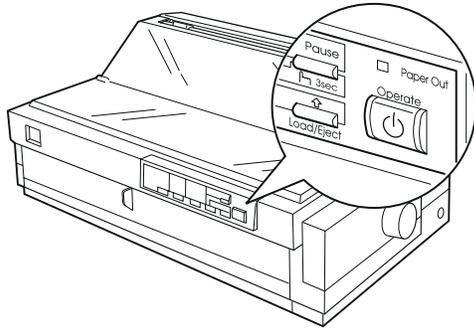
To replace the ribbon cartridge, follow the steps below.



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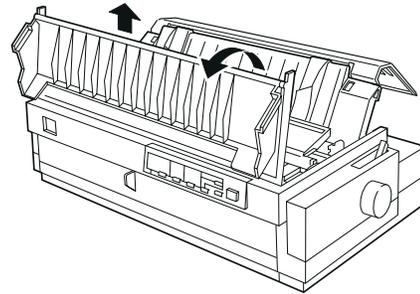
You will need to move the print head by hand to replace the ribbon cartridge. If you have just used the printer, the print head may be hot; let it cool for a few minutes before touching it.

1



Press the Operate button to turn off the printer. The printer is off when the surface of the Operate button is even with the button protectors as shown.

3



Open the paper guide cover. Then lift the printer cover by its back edge and pull it straight up and off the printer.



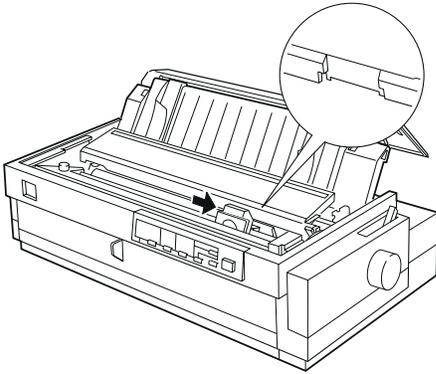
Caution:

Moving the print head while the printer is on may damage the printer.

2

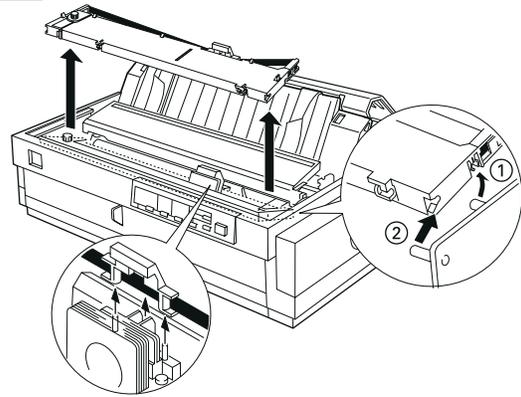
Unplug the printer from the electrical outlet.

4



Make sure the print head is not hot; if it is, let it cool for a few minutes before touching it. Then slide the print head to the ribbon installation position (the indented portion of the paper tension unit) by hand.

5

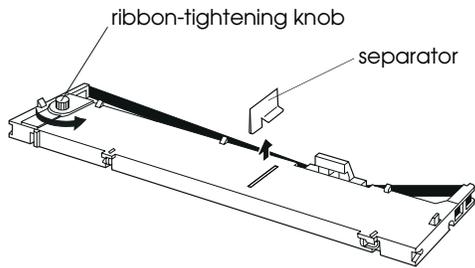


Grasp the used ribbon cartridge and pull it up and out of the printer.

When you use the pull tractor, you can replace the ribbon cartridge even though the print head is not in the ribbon installation position.

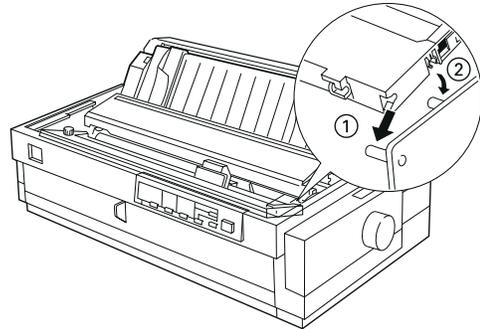
Replacing the Ribbon Cartridge

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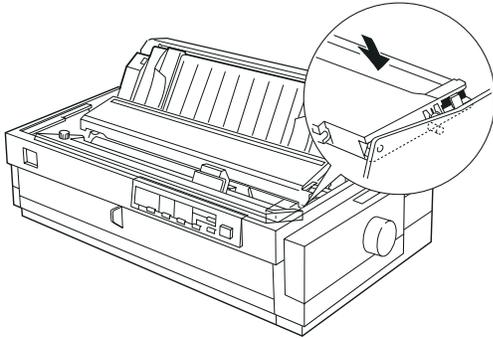
Remove the separator from the new ribbon cartridge and discard it. Then turn the ribbon-tightening knob in the direction of the arrow to remove any slack in the ribbon.

7



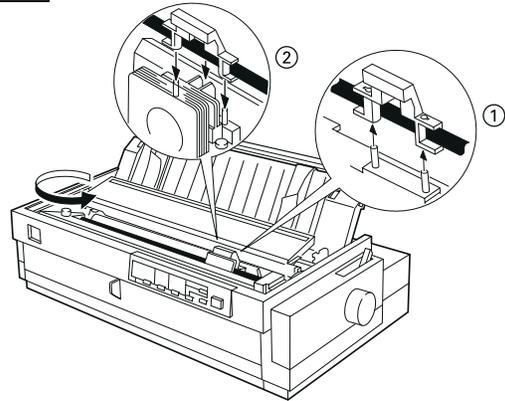
Hold the cartridge with the ribbon-tightening knob up. Fit the two notches nearest you (2) over the small pegs on each side of the printer as shown. Then lay the cartridge flat so that the other notches (1) fit over the corresponding pegs.

8



Gently press down the cartridge until both ends click into place.

9



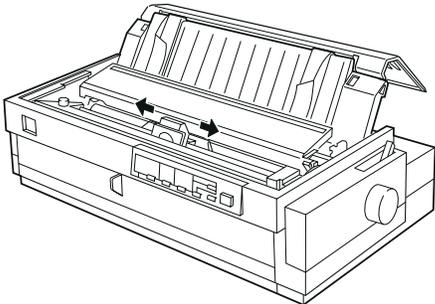
Lift the cartridge's ribbon guide (ā) and insert it firmly over the metal pins behind the print head (ī). Make sure the ribbon is not twisted or creased and that it is in place behind the print head. Then press down the ribbon guide until it clicks into place.

10

Turn the ribbon-tightening knob in the direction of the arrow to remove any slack in the ribbon.

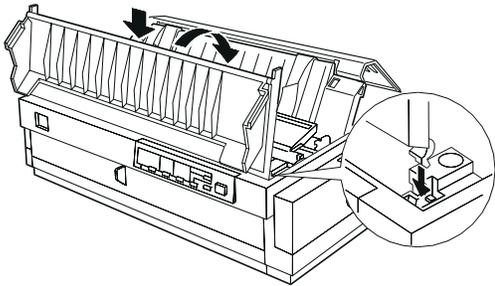
Replacing the Ribbon Cartridge

11



Slide the print head from side to side to make sure it moves smoothly.

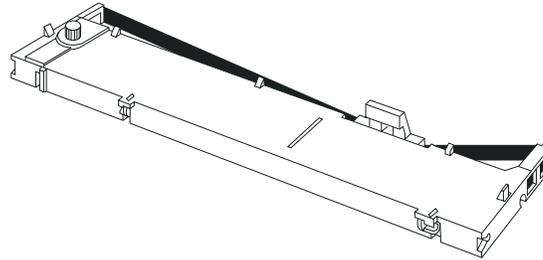
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Replace the printer cover and close the paper guide cover.

Ribbon Cartridge

Your printer uses EPSON black ribbon cartridge S015086.



When printing becomes faint, you need to replace the ribbon cartridge. Genuine EPSON ribbon cartridges are designed and manufactured to work properly with your EPSON printer. They ensure proper operation and long life of the print head and other printer parts.

Clearing Paper Jams

To clear a paper jam, follow these steps:

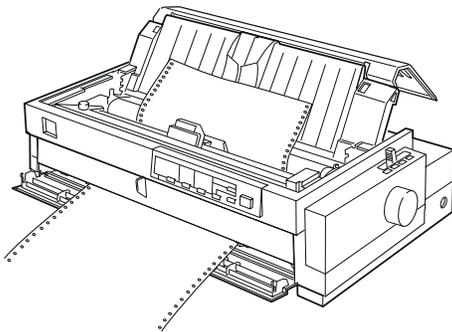
1

Press the Operate button to turn off the printer.

2

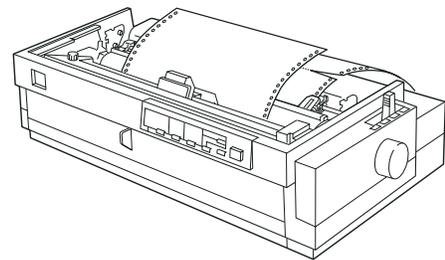
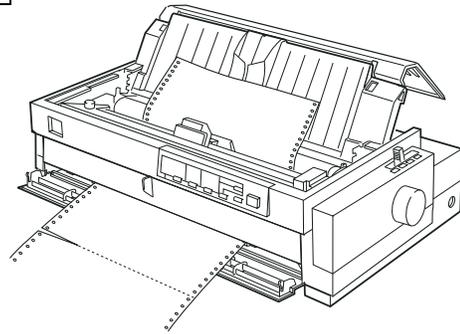
If an ejected single sheet of paper is stuck on the paper guide, remove it.

3



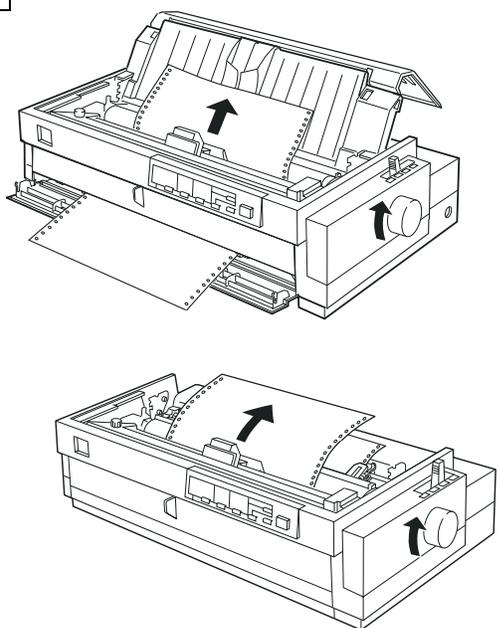
Remove the printer cover. If continuous paper from the rear slot is jammed, also remove the paper guide.

4



If continuous paper is jammed in the printer, tear off the fresh supply at the perforation nearest the paper entry slot.

5



Turn the knob on the right side of the printer away from you to eject the paper in the printer. Remove any remaining pieces of paper.

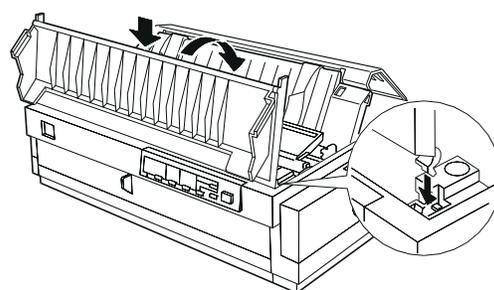


Caution: Turn the knob only when the printer is off. Otherwise, you may damage the printer or lose the top-of-form position or tear-off position.

6

Attach the paper guide, if necessary.

7



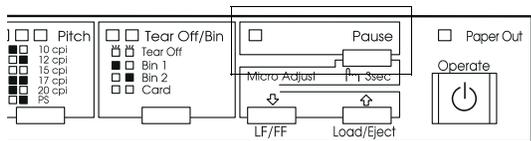
Replace the printer cover and close the paper guide cover.

8

Press the Operate button to turn on the printer. Make sure the Paper Out and Pause lights are off.

If Your Printer Stops Printing Unexpectedly...

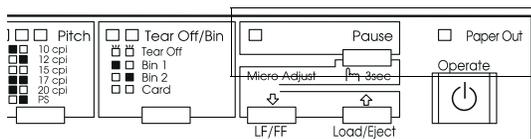
Check the printer's control panel lights and follow the appropriate instructions below. For more information, see Chapter 7 of your *User's Guide*.



The printer stops printing and the Pause light is on.

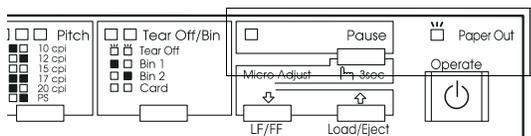
| Cause | Solution |
|---|---|
| The printer is paused. | Press the PAUSE button to resume printing. |
| The printer cover is open. | Close the printer cover, then press the PAUSE button to resume printing. |
| You moved the paper release lever while paper from another paper source is currently in the paper path. | Move the paper release lever back to the appropriate position and press the LOAD/EJECT button to feed the paper out of the paper path. Then set the lever to the position you want to use. Press the PAUSE button to turn off the Pause light, if necessary.* |

*If you are using the pull tractor, see your *User's Guide* for instructions.



The Paper Out and Pause lights are on.

| Cause | Solution |
|---|---|
| No paper is loaded in the selected paper source or paper is not loaded correctly. | Load paper in the printer, then press the PAUSE button to turn off the Pause light, if necessary. |
| Paper is jammed in the printer. | To clear the paper jam, see "Clearing Paper Jams." |



The Paper Out light is flashing and the Pause light is on.

| Cause | Solution |
|--|--|
| Continuous paper is not fed to the standby position. | Tear off the printed document at the perforation; then press the LOAD/EJECT button. The printer feeds the paper to the standby position. Press the PAUSE button to turn off the Pause light. |
| A single sheet of paper is not fully ejected. | Press the LOAD/EJECT button to eject the sheet. Then press the PAUSE button to turn off the Pause light, if necessary. |
| Paper is jammed in the printer. | To clear the paper jam, see "Clearing Paper Jams." |