Set Up the Printer

Unpack Everything

Remove all the tape and packing material from the printer before you set up, as shown here. The tape may be in slightly different locations on your printer, so be sure to check inside and all around the printer for tape and other packing material. Make sure you’ve got a USB or parallel cable to connect your printer. See “System Requirements” in the Printer Basics book.

Don’t place the printer in areas:
- with high temperature or humidity
- in direct sunlight or dusty conditions
- with poor ventilation
- near sources of heat or electromagnetic interference, such as a cordless telephone base unit

Follow all the “Safety Instructions” listed in the Printer Basics book.

Put on the Paper Support

Insert the paper support into the slots on the back of the printer.

Connect the Printer to Your Computer

Connecting to a USB Port
(Recommended connection; only for Windows® 98, Windows Me, Windows 2000, iMac®, and Power Macintosh® G3 or later systems with built-in USB ports; see “System Requirements” in the Printer Basics book for details)

1. Make sure the printer and computer are turned off.
2. Connect the end of the USB cable to your computer’s USB port.
3. Connect the other end of the cable to your printer’s USB port. (Recommended connection; only for Windows® 98, Windows Me, Windows 2000, iMac®, and Power Macintosh® G3 or later systems with built-in USB ports; see “System Requirements” in the Printer Basics book for details)

Connecting to a PC Parallel Port
1. Make sure the printer and computer are turned off.
2. Connect the parallel cable to your printer’s parallel port. Then secure it with the wire clips.
3. Connect the other end of the cable to your computer’s built-in parallel port and secure it as necessary.

Turn On the Printer

1. With the printer and computer still turned off, plug the printer’s power cord into a grounded electrical outlet.
2. Press the power button to turn on the printer. The power light flashes and the maintenance light come on. The ink cartridge holders move left into loading position.

Install the Ink Cartridges

1. Lower the output tray and open the cover.
2. Lift up the two ink cartridge clamps.
3. Unwrap the ink cartridges, then remove only the yellow part of the tape seal on top. Don’t pull off the blue part.
4. Install both ink cartridges and leave them installed for all types of printing, or the printer won’t work.
5. Keep ink cartridges out of the reach of children and do not drink the ink. If ink gets on your skin, wash the area thoroughly with soap and water. If ink gets in your eyes, flush them immediately with water.

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9. Ink charging takes about two minutes, with the power light flashing and the printer making noise until it’s finished. Don’t turn off the printer or interrupt charging or it will start over, using more ink than necessary. It’s finished when the power light stops flashing.

10. Never turn off the printer when the power light is flashing, unless the printer hasn’t moved or made any noise for more than 5 minutes.

Press the yellow ink replacement button (shown in step 1) and close the printer cover.

11. Don’t touch the green chips.

12. Install both ink cartridges, and leave them installed for all types of printing, or the printer won’t work.
13. Keep ink cartridges out of the reach of children and do not drink the ink. If ink gets on your skin, wash the area thoroughly with soap and water. If ink gets in your eyes, flush them immediately with water.
14. Don’t touch the green chip on the back of the cartridge. This may inhibit normal operation and printing.

15. Make sure the tabs are positioned above the hooks.

16. Don’t place the cartridge tabs under the hooks; you may damage the clamp when you close it.
Put in Paper

You can load a stack of plain paper or special ink jet paper.
See the Printer Basics book for special paper loading steps.

1. Pull out the output tray extensions. Slide the left edge guide so it's slightly wider than your paper.
2. Load paper against the right edge guide, then slide the left edge guide against it.

Install the Software

Locate the CD-ROM that came with your printer and carefully follow the steps here to install the printer software on your system.

Windows

1. Turn off your printer. Then turn on your computer and wait until you see your desktop icons and the cursor is no longer an hourglass style.
2. Now turn on your printer.
3. You may see a screen informing you that Windows has detected your printer (except on Windows NT). If so, click Cancel. You can't install your printer software that way.
4. Insert your printer software CD-ROM in a CD-ROM or DVD drive.
5. Double-click the My Computer icon on your desktop.
6. Double-click the EPSON CD-ROM or DVD icon.
7. Double-click the EPSON icon to start the installer. (Don't select any other icon in the folder.)
8. Read the license agreement and click Agree. You see the Main Menu.
9. Click Install Printer Driver. You see the printer driver installation screen.
10. Make sure your printer model is highlighted, then click OK. The installer copies files to your computer and displays a series of windows on your screen.
11. When it’s finished, click OK. You see the EPSON Product Registration screen.
12. Follow the on-screen instructions to register your printer with EPSON. At the last screen, click Done.
13. At the Main Menu, click Exit and restart your computer. Leave in the CD-ROM as your computer restarts.

Macintosh

1. Turn on your printer, if necessary.
2. Turn on your Macintosh and wait until you see your desktop icons.
3. If you see a message telling you that you need to install software for a USB device, click OK.
4. Insert your printer software CD-ROM in a CD-ROM or DVD drive.
5. Double-click the EPSON icon in the CD-ROM folder. (If your CD-ROM folder doesn’t open automatically, double-click the EPSON icon on your desktop.)
6. Read the license agreement and click Agree. You see the Main Menu.
7. Click Install Printer Driver.
8. At the next screen, click Install. Follow the instructions to install your printer driver, select a default paper size, and restart your Macintosh.

After restarting, you see the EPSON Product Registration screen.
Follow the on-screen instructions to register your printer with EPSON. At the last screen, click Quit.
If you choose to print a registration form, you'll need to select your printer in the Chooser (described in the next steps) before your form will print.
Open the Chooser from the Apple menu.
Click the SP 890 or SP 1280 icon, then click your USB port icon. Turn on background printing, if you want.
Close the Chooser. Leave in the CD-ROM.
Now you’re ready to install your photo software and electronic manual.

Install Photo Software and Electronic Manual

1. After rebooting your system, do one of the following:
   Windows: Double-click the EPSON icon.
   You see the Main Menu.
   (You may have to double-click My Computer and then the EPSON CD-ROM icon to see the EPSON icon.)
   Macintosh: Double-click the EPSON icon in the EPSON CD-ROM folder.
   You see the Main Menu.
2. Click Install Photo Software. You see a submenu.
3. Select the button for the software you want to install. Then click the Install button and follow the instructions on the screen. (If the menu closes after you install an application, repeat step 1 and 2 to continue installing other applications.)
4. When you're finished installing software, click Back to return to the Main Menu.
5. Now click View EPSON Documentation. You see this submenu:
6. If you don't have an Internet browser, such as Netscape Navigator or Microsoft Internet Explorer (versions 3.0 or later), you won’t be able to view the electronic manual. See your Printer Basics book for details.
7. Click View Reference Guide to view the electronic manual. To copy it to your hard disk and view it from there, click Install Reference Guide and follow the instructions.
8. When you’re finished, close your browser and click Quit.
9. Click Exit to exit the installer.
10. When you’re ready to print with your EPSON Stylus Photo printer!

Print an Image

Now that you’ve set up your printer, you’re ready to print.
If you print without changing any of the printer software settings, your printer is set to print at 360 dpi. To obtain better resolution and colors from your printer, see your Printer Basics book.

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