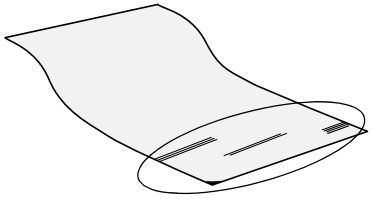
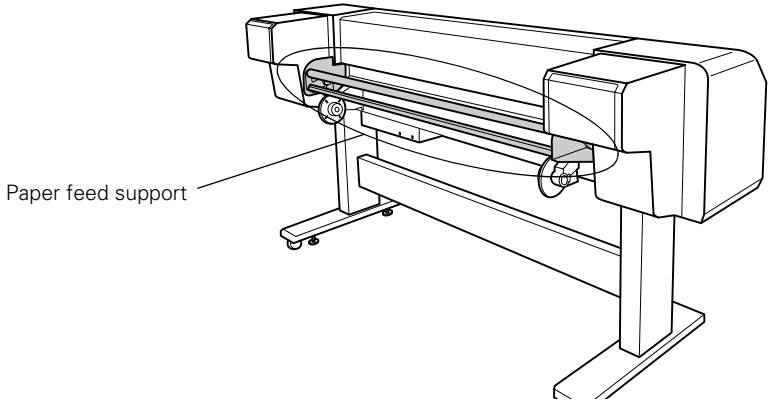
Preventing Media Deformation

Depending on the media you use with your Epson Stylus® Pro GS6000 and how it reacts to being heated, your printouts may come out slightly wavy. This can lead to print head strikes:

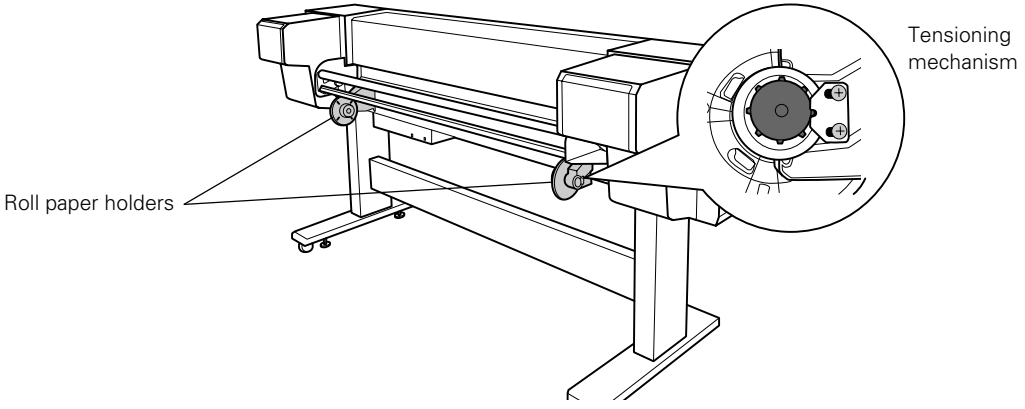


If you notice horizontal smudges appearing on your printouts, you can use the following printer features to help maintain smooth, flat media:

- Use the paper feed support to keep the paper flat as it feeds into the printer (see page 2).



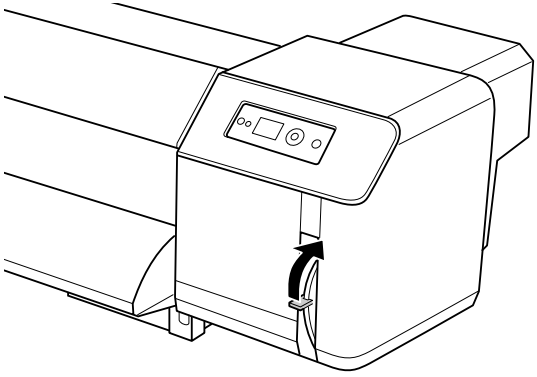
- Use the roll paper holders to increase tension on the paper and keep it taut (see page 6).



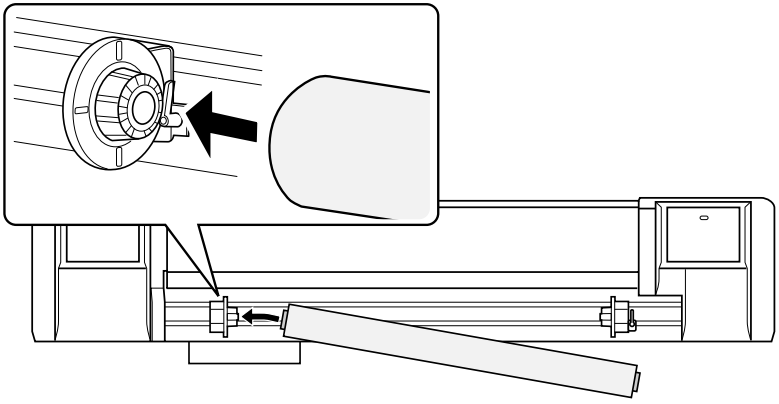
Using the Paper Feed Support

Follow these steps to load paper with the paper feed support to prevent print head strikes:

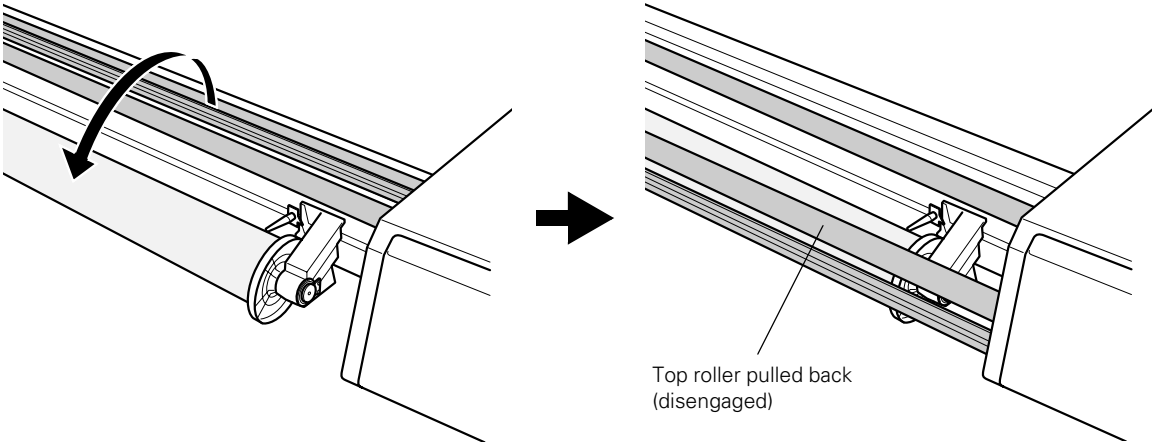
1. Release the paper lever.



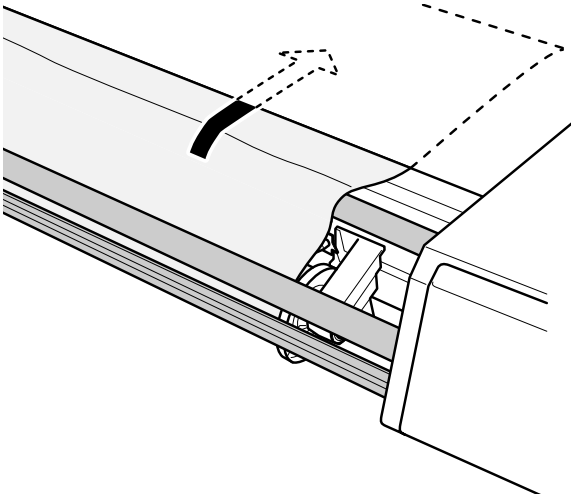
2. Follow the steps in your printer manual to place roll paper on the holders and position it correctly.



3. Disengage the movable (top) roller by pulling back on the bar as shown.

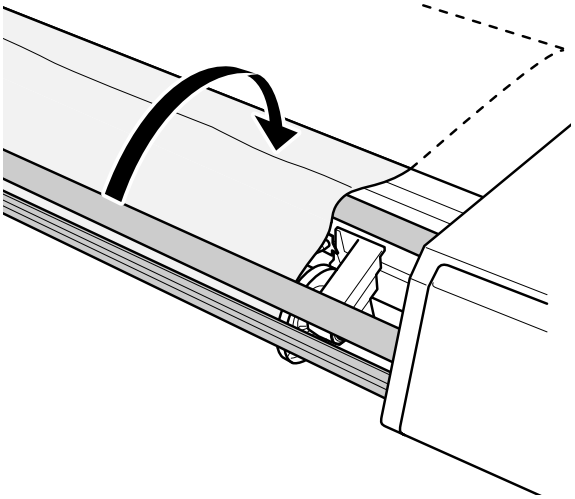


4. Feed the paper over the stationary (bottom) roller. Follow the steps in your printer manual to load the paper in the printer.



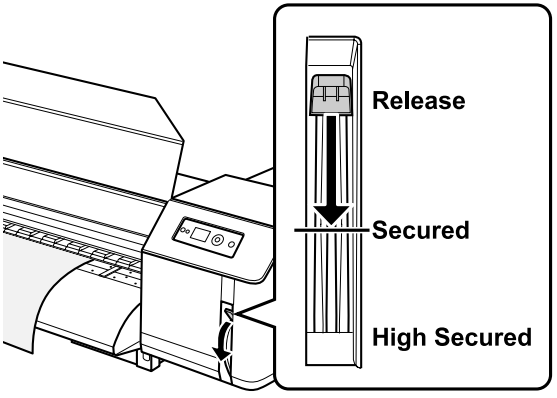
Note:
Always load paper *over* the stationary roller—even when you're not using the paper feed support.

5. Once the paper is loaded and positioned correctly, lift the top roller and lower it onto the paper.

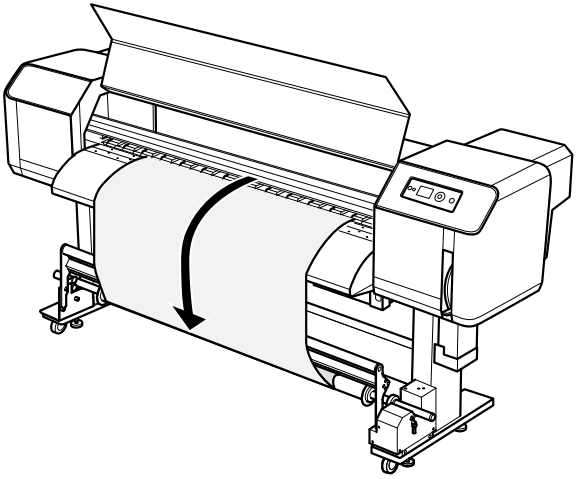


6. Move the paper lever to the Secured position.

Note:
Use High Secured only if you see banding associated with paper slippage (usually on thinner papers).

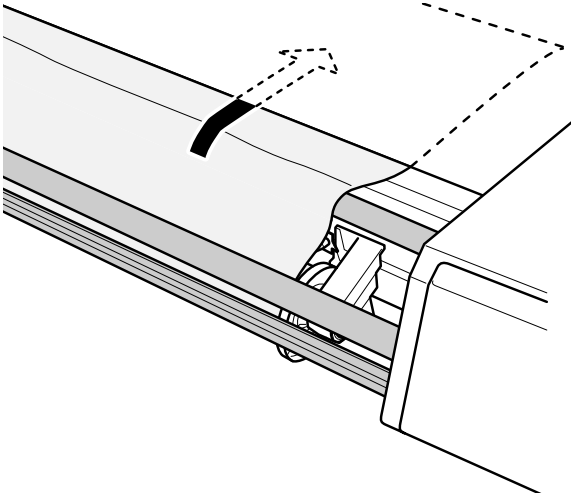


7. Follow the steps in your printer manual to attach the paper to the Auto Take-Up Reel, if desired, and print.



When You're Not Using the Paper Feed Support

When you're not using the paper feed support, always load the paper over the stationary (bottom) roller. Leave the top roller pulled back (disengaged), so it's not resting on top of the paper.

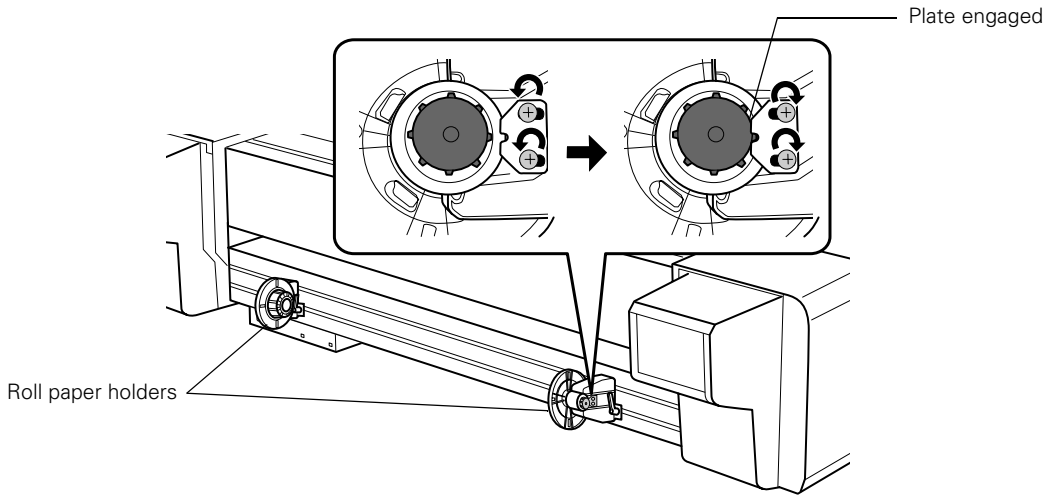


Increasing the Paper Tension

You can use the tensioning mechanism on the roll paper holders to increase tension and hold the paper more taut.

Note:
When you change the paper tension, you must perform a paper feed adjustment to ensure that the paper feeds correctly.

1. On each roll paper holder, loosen the screws securing the metal plate.



2. Slide the plate against the black plastic knob. Be sure the plate engages one of the ridges on the knob to lock it in place.

3. Tighten the screws.

   Note:
   Be sure to set the tensioning mechanism on both roll paper holders (left and right).

4. Perform a paper feed adjustment (see “Adjusting the Paper Feeding Position” in your printer manual).

When you don’t need increased tension, check to make sure the black plastic knobs turn freely. If they don’t, loosen the screws and slide the metal plates away from the knobs.

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