Set Up the Printer

Unpack Everything

Remove all the tape and packing material from the inside and outside of your printer before you set it 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.

Following 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.

Install the Ink Cartridges

Follow these ink cartridge precautions and the others in your Printer Basics book:

- Install both ink cartridges, and leave them installed for all types of printing, or the printer won’t work.
- Except to replace it with a new one. Once your remove a cartridge, you can’t repeat it, even if it contains ink.
- 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.
- Use the cartridges packed with your printer the first time you install ink cartridges, or your printer won’t charge properly.
- Keep ink cartridges out of the reach of children, and do not drink the ink.
- If ink gets on your skin, wash thoroughly with soap and water.
- If ink gets in your eyes, flush them immediately with water.

1. Plug the printer’s power cord into a grounded outlet.
2. Don’t use an outlet that can be turned off by a wall switch or timer, or one on the same circuit as a large appliance.
3. Lower the printer’s output tray and open the cover.

Load Paper

1. Open the output tray extensions. Slide the left edge guide until it is a little wider than your paper.
2. Load a stack of plain paper with the printable side up and place it against the right edge guide. Then slide the left edge guide up against the paper’s left edge. Don’t load paper higher than the arrow on the guide.

Follow these paper loading precautions and do not exceed the loading limit:

- Use only letter-size paper.
- Load paper only up to this arrow.
- Slide paper against the right edge guide.
Connect the Printer

Make sure your cable meets the specifications listed in the Printer Basics book.

Connecting to a USB Port
(Recommended connection for Windows® 98, Windows 2000, or Macintosh®)

1. Turn off the printer and computer.
2. Connect the A end of the USB cable to your printer's USB connector and the B end of the cable to your computer's USB connector or a USB hub.
   - If you're using a USB hub, connect the printer's cable to the first tier of the hub or you may experience communication errors. If the printer doesn't work with the hub, connect it directly to a USB port.

Connecting to a PC Parallel Port

To ensure your computer is capable of matching your printer's maximum speed, your computer's ECP/DMA mode should be enabled. Information on these settings is supplied by your computer manufacturer.

1. Turn off the printer and computer.
2. Connect the parallel cable to your printer's parallel port.
3. Connect the parallel connector (you can identify it by shape) and secure it as necessary.
   - If your computer has multiple parallel connections, connect your printer to the main one (identified as LPT1 by your system). To use a different port, see your Windows documentation for instructions.

Install the Software

Locate the CD-ROM that came with your printer and follow the instructions here for your system.

Windows

1. Press the power button to turn on your printer.
2. Turn on your computer and wait until you see your desktop icons and the cursor is no longer an hourglass shape.
   - You can identify it by shape and secure it as necessary.
3. Insert your printer software CD-ROM in a CD-ROM or DVD drive.
4. Double-click the My Computer icon.
   - You see the Main Menu.
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5. Double-click the EPSON icon.
   - You see the EPSON icon in the CD-ROM folder. (If your CD-ROM folder doesn't open automatically, double-click the EPSON CD-ROM 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, then follow the instructions on the screen to install your printer driver.
   - If you choose to print a registration form, you'll need to select your printer in the Chooser (described in the next step) before your form will print.
9. Open the Chooser from the Apple menu.
10. Click the SC 980 icon, then click your USB port icon.
11. Turn on background printing, if you want.
12. Now you're ready to print with your EPSON Stylus Color printer!

Macintosh

1. Press the power button to turn on your printer.
2. Turn on your Macintosh and wait until you see your desktop icons.
3. Insert your printer software CD-ROM in a CD-ROM or DVD drive.
4. Double-click the EPSON icon.
   - You see this submenu:
5. Read the license agreement and click Agree.
   - You see the Main Menu.
6. Click Install Printer Driver.
7. At the next screen, click Install, then follow the instructions on the screen to install your printer driver.
   - If you choose to print a registration form, you'll need to select your printer in the Chooser (described in the next step) before your form will print.
8. After restarting, you see the EPSON Product Registration screen.
   - Follow the instructions on the screen to register your printer.
   - If the printer doesn't work with the hub, connect it directly to a USB port.
9. Open the Chooser from the Apple menu.
10. Click the SC 980 icon.
11. Turn on background printing, if you want.
12. Close the Chooser.

Now you're ready to install your creative software and EPSON documentation.

Install the Creative Software and View EPSON Documentation

1. Return to your printer software CD-ROM's Main Menu after rebooting your system.
2. Click Install Creative Software. You see a submenu.
3. Select the button for the software you want to install.
   - You see this submenu:
4. When you're finished installing software, click Back to return to the Main Menu.
5. Click View EPSON Documentation. You see this submenu:
   - You can view the electronic Reference Guide or watch Fix-it Flix movies to learn how to change ink cartridges, clean the print head, load paper, or print on both sides of your paper.
   - You need an Internet browser, such as Netscape Navigator® or Microsoft® Internet Explorer (version 3.0 or later) to view the electronic manual. See your Printer Basics book for details.
   - When you're finished, click Back to return to the Main Menu.
7. Click Exit to exit the installer.

Now you're ready to print with your EPSON Stylus Color printer! For simple step-by-step instructions for loading paper and printing, see the Printer Basics book that came with your printer.

To share your printer over a network, see the electronic Reference Guide for configuration instructions.

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