

# CD Color Printer III

## User's Manual

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- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE EXTERIOR PANELS. NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL. OPERATE THE UNIT WITH ONLY THE PROPER ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS AS LABELED ON THE PRINTER AND AC ADAPTER

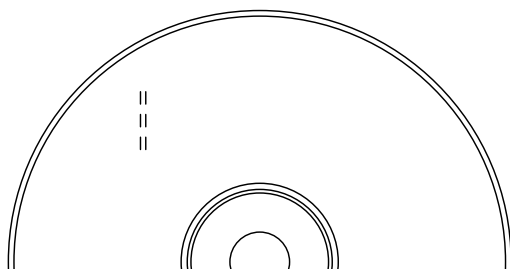
# Read Me First!

Congratulations on the purchase of your new CD Color Printer. To begin printing with your new printer immediately, please refer to the following quick start instructions. For more complete information regarding all aspects of your printer's operation, please refer to the printer's main User's Manual.

## HARDWARE SETUP

1. Unpackage your printer, and check that the following items are included:
  - Power Adapter: Power Cord (220-240V units)
  - Printer Software CD
  - Color Ink Cartridge
  - Spare Ink Cartridge Holder
  - Cardboard CD Templates (5)
  - Warranty Statement and Registration Card
  - Operator's Manual and Other Printed Information
2. Connect your printer's power.
3. Install the included color ink cartridge by pressing the  Ink Cartridge Button and inserting the cartridge copper-end first into the ink cartridge carrier. Then, push the top of the cartridge back until it snaps into place. When the cartridge is in place, press the  Ink Cartridge Button again to reset the cartridge carrier.
4. Press the  CD Tray Button, and install one of the cardboard CD templates into the CD Tray.
5. Run a self test according to the instructions in Section 2-D of the printer User's Manual. This will ensure that both the printer and the ink cartridge are functioning properly. **This procedure should also be done whenever you install a new ink cartridge or if your printer has sat for a few days without printing.** If some of the nozzles do not seem to be firing, perform a clean operation after the printer driver has been installed. Refer to the cleaning procedure explained within the cartridge button description of section 3-D or 4-D in the manual to clean the cartridge nozzles.

**The self-test should look like this:**



6. Connect the printer to your computer using the proper interface cable. For best results, use a IEEE 1284-Compliant cable and do not connect to an A/B switch box. Also, note that the printer will print fastest if your computer's parallel port is set to ECP mode (most new computers are set to ECP). Your computer's manual will have information on changing the parallel port mode if you need to switch it to ECP.

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## **SOFTWARE INSTALLATION**

Once you have set up your printer, you must then install all of the appropriate software required for printing. The included CD contains all of the necessary software. At a minimum, you must install the printer driver appropriate for your computer's specific operation system (Windows® 95/98, Windows NT/2000, or Macintosh®). Below is a description of the CD contents as well as installation instructions for each software component.

### **CD Contents:**

- CD Color Printer Driver III for Windows 95/98
- CD Color Printer Driver III for Windows NT/2000
- CD Color Printer Driver III for Macintosh
- 32-Bit Print Spooler for Windows 95/98 (provides optimum print processing under Windows 95/98)
- 2 Sample CD Designs (TIFF format)

### **Installation Instructions:**

Windows 95/98 or Windows NT/2000 Printer Drivers:

1. Insert the included CD into your computer's CD-ROM drive.
2. Click on the **Start** button on the task bar, point to **Settings**, and select **Printers**.
3. Double-click on the **Add Printer** icon. This will launch the Add Printer Wizard. Click **Next**, then click **Next** again.
4. Click the **Have Disk** button.
5. Click **Browse**, select your CD-ROM drive.
6. For Windows 95/98, open the **Win95-98** folder, then select the **Driver** folder and select the file named **CDCOLOR3.INF**. For Windows NT or Windows 2000, open the **NT** folder and select the file named **OEMSETUP.INF**.  
(*Example:* If you are installing the Windows 95/98, and your CD-ROM drive is drive D:, then you would browse to: D:\Windows and NT Software\Windows Driver. You would then select the file named **CDCLOR3.INF**). Follow the on-screen instructions to complete installation.

### **Macintosh Printer Driver:**

1. Insert the included CD into your computer's CD-ROM drive.
2. Double-click on the **CD Color Printer III Installer** to install the printer driver.

**32 Bit Print Spooler:** (MUST INSTALL if using Windows 95/98 only)

1. Insert the included CD into your computer's CD-ROM drive.
2. Close down all other software applications.
3. Click the **Start** button, point to **Settings**, and select **Control Panel**.
4. Double-click on the **Add/Remove Programs** icon, and select the **Install** button.
5. Click **Next**, then click on the **Browse** button.

6. Select your CD-ROM drive, open the folder named **Win95-98 folder**, then open the folder named **32 Bit Print Spooler**.
7. Double-click on the **Setup.exe** file then select the **Finish** button to complete installation.

**IMPORTANT!** *Once the printer driver software is installed, the Image Placement values labeled on your printer's rear panel must be entered into the printer driver's Calibrate window. These values have been optimized specifically for your printer and allow images to be centered on a CD when printed.*

## Please Note

The Spare Ink Cartridge Holder provides a convenient place to store an extra ink cartridge and also prevents an opened ink cartridge from drying out. To use this holder, simply set it next to the printer. The Spare Ink Cartridge Holder must always remain in an upright or vertical position. Insert an Ink Cartridge into the holder, copper-end first, until it snaps into place. To remove the Ink Cartridge, push back on the holder's securing tab and lift the Ink Cartridge out.

## Please Note

To fully utilize Signature III's high-speed printing, you must set your PC parallel printer port to the ECP setting. Otherwise, you may find that print speed is up to 50% slower than you might expect.

Please refer to your computer system's documentation for instructions on enabling ECP. It is almost always found in the CMOS settings which are entered upon power-up.

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# Section 1: Getting Started

## THANK YOU...

...for choosing the CD Color Printer III. This printer is the perfect way for you to label all of your custom CDs quickly, easily, and with a touch of class. The CD Color Printer III lets you print razor-sharp text, vibrant spot colors, and even stunning photo-realistic photographs directly onto the surface of printable CDs. Operation is simple, quality is high, and printed images are durable and highly smudge-resistant.

To begin using the printer, please refer to the remainder of this manual. This User's Manual is your complete step-by-step guide to quickly and easily setting up and printing with your new CD Color Printer!

## A. CHOOSING A GOOD LOCATION

- Place the printer in a location with adequate air circulation to prevent internal heat build up.
- Do not place the printer near heat sources such as radiators or air ducts, or in a place subject to direct sun-light, excessive dust, mechanical vibration or shock.
- Allow for adequate clearance in front of the printer to accommodate the length of the unit with its CD Tray open.

## B. UNPACKING AND INSPECTION


While unpacking your printer, inspect the carton to ensure that no damage has occurred during shipping. Make sure that all supplied accessories are included with your unit. The following items should be included:

- Printer
- Power Cord
- Printer Software CD
- Color Ink Cartridge
- Spare Ink Cartridge Holder
- Cardboard CD Templates (5)
- Warranty Statement and Registration Card
- This manual and other printed information

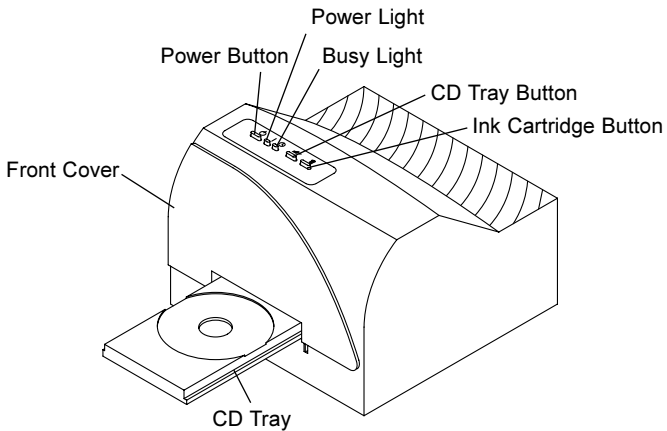
Save the carton and packing materials. They will come in handy when transporting the printer.


## C. IDENTIFYING THE PARTS



This illustration shows the extended CD Tray and all of the control buttons and LED indicator lights found on the printer.

The  **Power Button** turns the printer's power ON and OFF. This button also serves to cancel the current print job if a print error occurs and to reset the printer for the next print job.

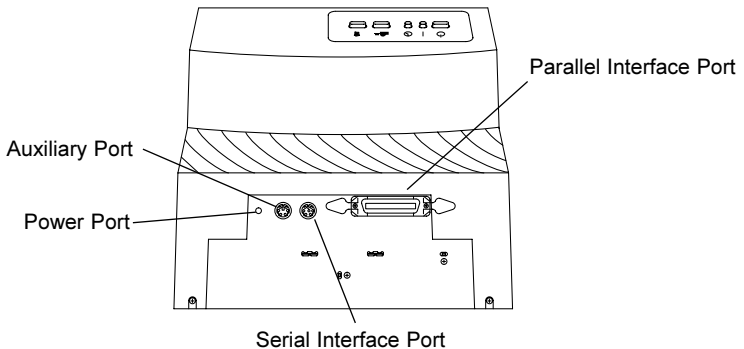
The  **CD Tray Button** opens or closes the **CD Tray** for loading and ejecting CDs.



The  **Ink Cartridge Button** positions the Cartridge Carrier for easy ink cartridge replacement.

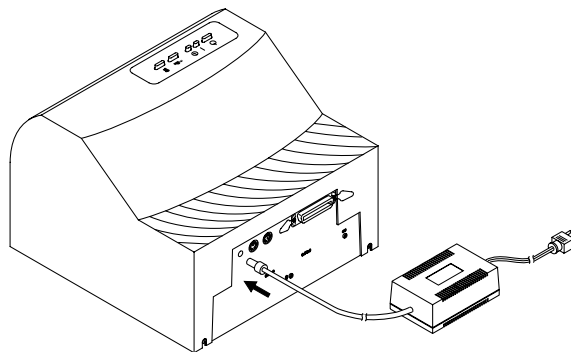
The  **Power Light** indicates that power is ON. The  **Busy Light** indicates that the printer is printing, processing, or is in some way busy. Both of these lights can also indicate several other printer conditions. For complete information on these lights, please refer to Section 6.

This illustration shows the input ports found on the rear panel of the printer. Both a parallel and a **serial interface port** are provided. If using the printer with Windows, you will use its **Parallel Interface Port**. If using the printer with an Apple® Macintosh, you will use its Serial Interface Port (use a USB-to-parallel converter cable for a USB-only Mac). Note that the printer's **auxiliary port** is for factory use only unless otherwise directed. For more information on each of the interface ports, please refer to Appendix A.



## D. APPLYING POWER

1. Locate the power adapter supplied with your printer.
2. Place one end of the adapter cord into the power port on the rear panel of the printer.



3. Plug the power cord of the adapter into an available wall outlet. Once the power cord is connected, the printer will automatically turn ON.

## Section 2: Ink Cartridges and Printable CDs

### A. ABOUT INK CARTRIDGES AND PRINTABLE CDS

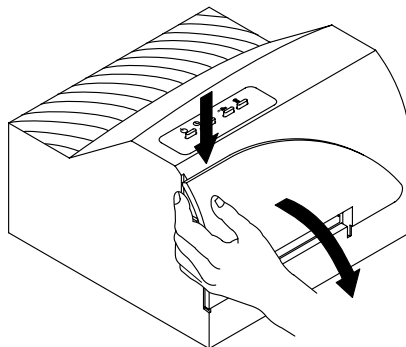
For full-color printing, a 3-color **ink cartridge** is available. This cartridge contains the three process-color inks of yellow, magenta, and cyan, which combine to produce up to 16.7 million printable colors. A monochrome ink cartridge is also available for fast, inexpensive black and white printing.

With either of these ink cartridges, you can print directly onto virtually any brand of **printable-surface CD** media. Since different brands of **CDs** have different printable coatings, however, you may need to adjust the printer driver settings to accommodate your specific brand of CD media. Refer to Section 3 or 4 for further printer driver information.

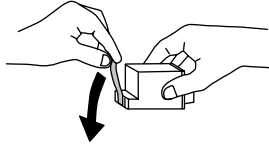
Due to the wide variety of printable-surface CD media, you may find that certain brands of CDs provide higher print quality than others. For maximum print quality, use CD media authorized by the printer manufacturer. Contact your local CD Color Printer reseller or contact the printer manufacturer directly for selection and pricing on all printer supplies and accessories.


### B. INSTALLING AN INK CARTRIDGE

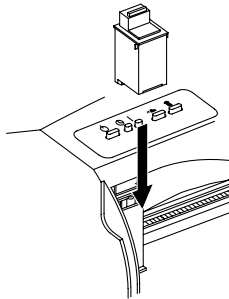
1. With the CD Tray closed, open the printer's front cover by pulling down on its top-left corner.



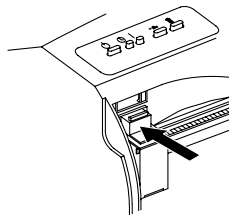
2. Remove the ink cartridge from its packaging.
3. Remove the tape covering the cartridge's printhead.  
*DO NOT TOUCH THE COPPER AREA!*




4. Press and release the  Ink Cartridge button to move the carrier to the load position.
5. Insert the ink cartridge into the cartridge carrier, copper end first.



6. Push the cartridge back until it snaps into place.



7. Press and release the  Ink Cartridge button again to reset the cartridge carrier.
8. Close the printer's front cover.

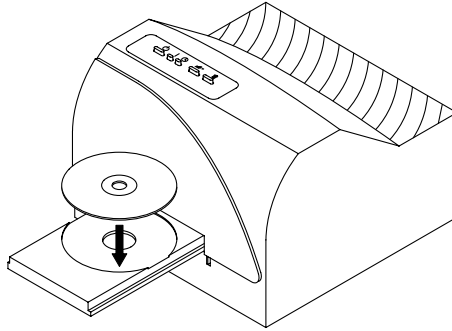
**NOTE:** When changing to subsequent new cartridges, refer to Section E.



**NOTE:** A Spare Ink Cartridge Holder is included with your printer. This holder provides a convenient place to store an extra ink cartridge and also prevents an opened ink cartridge from drying out. To use this holder, simply insert an Ink Cartridge into the holder, copper-end first, until it snaps into place.

## C. LOADING BLANK CD MEDIA

The CD Color Printer III is capable of printing onto a variety of CD related media including printable CDs and DVDs, and cardboard CD templates. Each of these items is loaded one at a time, before the start of each print job.

### Loading a Blank CD





1. With the printer's front cover shut, press and release the  CD Tray button.
2. Once the CD Tray is fully extended, place the blank CD onto the tray with the printable side facing upward. Handle the CD only along its edges and **DO NOT** touch its printable surface.
3. Press and release the  CD Tray button to close the CD Tray. If you wish, you may also leave the CD Tray open and it will automatically close at the start of the print job. Once the CD has been printed, the CD Tray will automatically re-open so the next blank CD can be loaded (if Manual Load is selected in the printer driver then you must press the CD Tray button to manually open and close the tray).

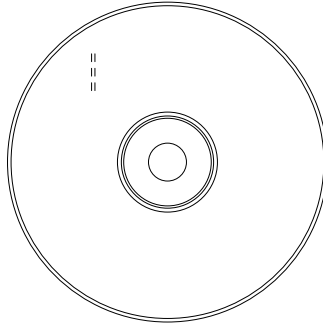
**NOTE:** Blank Cardboard CD templates are available for printing inexpensive test prints and can be printed on both sides. Load in the exact same fashion as an actual CD.



## D. PRINTING A SELF TEST

Now that the printer is set up and print supplies are loaded, a **self test** should be performed to check for proper operation of the printer. A sample of the self test print is shown below. Refer to the following steps to run a self test:

1. If power is ON, turn it OFF now. The Power light should be OFF. Verify that print supplies are installed and that the CD Tray is closed. Also, disconnect the interface cable from the printer if connected.
2. With the printer's front cover shut, press and hold the  CD Tray button as you turn the printer power ON.
3. Continue to hold the  CD Tray button down for a few seconds, until you hear the self test begin to print.

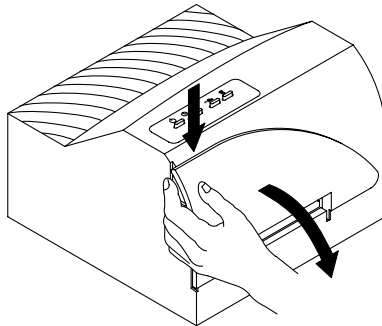


## E. REPLACING OR SWITCHING INK CARTRIDGES

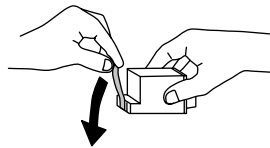
Once you begin using your CD Color Printer III on a regular basis, you will eventually need to replace an empty ink cartridge or switch between color and monochrome cartridges.

**To do this from a Macintosh use the same steps described in Part B of this section.** To do this from Windows 95/98 or Windows NT, please refer to the following steps:

1. With the CD Tray closed, open the printer's front cover by pulling down on its top-left corner.

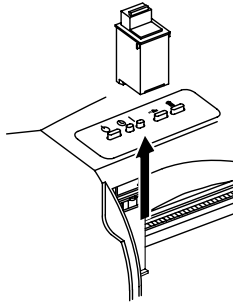
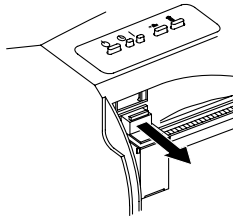


2. If installing a new, replacement ink cartridge, remove the cartridge from its packaging and remove the tape covering the cartridge's printhead. **DO NOT TOUCH THE COPPER AREA!**

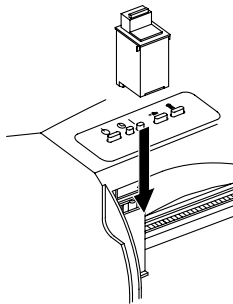


3. If switching between color and monochrome cartridges, simply remove the extra cartridge from the Spare Ink Cartridge Holder by grasping the top of the cartridge and firmly pulling it straight toward you. You will hear the cartridge snap out of position.

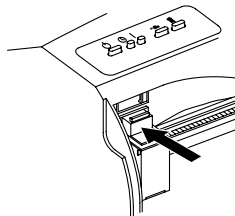
4. From within the printer driver setup window, click on the **Cartridge** button and then on the **Change** button to move the carrier to the load position. Note that the printer driver must be installed and that the printer must be connected to your computer (see Section 3) in order to complete this step.
5. Remove the installed ink cartridge by grasping the top of the cartridge and firmly pulling it straight toward you. You will hear the cartridge snap out of position. Remove it from the printer.



6. Insert the replacement or extra ink cartridge into the cartridge carrier, copper-end first.



7. Push the cartridge back until it snaps into place.



8. Go back to the printer driver setup window and click on either the **New Cartridge Installed** or the **Old Cartridge Installed** button to indicate whether you installed a fresh, new cartridge or simply switched between a previously used color cartridge and a previously used monochrome cartridge. The cartridge carrier will return to its home position. See Section 3-D for more information on these buttons.
9. Close the printer's front cover.

**NOTE:** When you choose *New Cartridge*, the ink levels are cleared and the ink level indicator should go back to full capacity (for either color or monochrome).

## Section 3: Using the CD Color Printer III with Windows

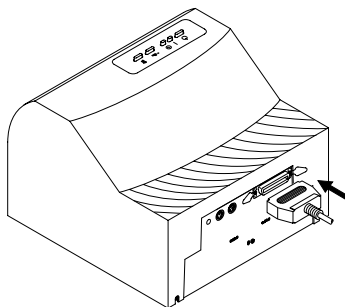
### A. CONNECTING THE PRINTER TO YOUR COMPUTER

The CD Color Printer III is designed to be used with nearly any IBM-PC® or compatible running Windows NT/2000, or Windows 95/98.

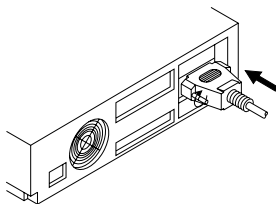
The printer is equipped with a standard 8-bit Centronics-type **parallel port**. This port is the means through which it receives data from your computer. To connect the printer to your computer, simply obtain a shielded, bi-directional parallel cable, and refer to the following steps:


**NOTE:** For faster printing, your computer's parallel port mode should be set to ECP. If you experience problems with this setting or if your computer's parallel port is not ECP compatible, set your computer's parallel port to the standard "Printer Port" setting. Refer to your computer's system documentation for instructions on checking and/or changing the parallel port mode.

1. Connect the Centronics-type parallel side of the cable to the printer. Snap the fastening clips into place.



2. Connect the other side to the back of your computer at LPT1, LPT2, or the PARALLEL connector.



The printer must have its Power light illuminated to receive data. If the light is not on, press the  Power button.

## B. INSTALLING THE PRINTER DRIVER

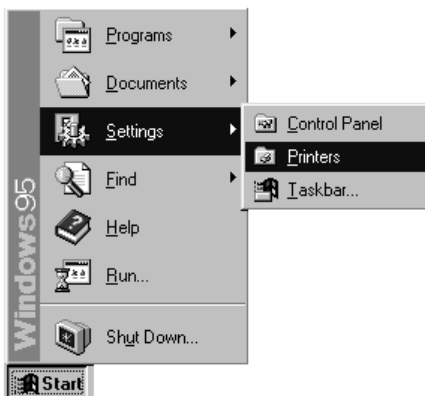
The CD Color Printer III can be used with virtually any Windows application program. This is accomplished by installing in Windows what is called a “**printer driver.**” The printer driver is simply software which gives the printer all the information needed for printing. Use the following steps to install the printer driver.

**NOTE:** *This section of the Operator’s Manual assumes that you are already familiar with Windows and know how it operates. If you are not yet familiar with Windows, consult the appropriate Microsoft documentation to become familiar with the basics of Windows before proceeding.*

### Windows 95/98 or Windows NT/2000

To install the printer driver into Windows 95/98 or Windows NT/2000, refer to the following:

1. Insert the included CD into your computer’s CD-ROM drive.
2. Click the **Start** button, point to **Settings**, and select **Printers**.



3. Double-click on the **Add Printer** icon. This will launch the Add Printer Wizard. Click **Next**, then click **Next** again.



4. Click the **Have Disk** button.
5. Click **Browse**, select your CD-ROM drive.
6. For Windows 95/98, open the **Win 95 & 98 Driver** folder and select the file named **CDCOLOR3.INF**. For Windows NT/2000, open the **NT Driver** folder and select the file named **OEMSETUP.INF** (*Example*: If you are installing the Windows 95/98 driver, and your CD-ROM drive is drive D:, then you would browse to: D:\Win 95 & 98 Driver. You would then select the file named CDCOLOR3.INF.) Follow the on-screen instructions to complete installation. Once installed, the "CD Color Printer III" icon will appear in the Printer's folder.



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**IMPORTANT!** During installation of the Windows 2000 driver you must de-select (uncheck) the check box "Automatically detect and install my plug and play printer".

**IMPORTANT!** Once the printer driver software is installed, the Image Placement values labeled on your printer's rear panel must be entered into the printer driver's Calibrate window (see page 22). These values have been optimized specifically for your printer and allow images to be centered on a CD when printed.

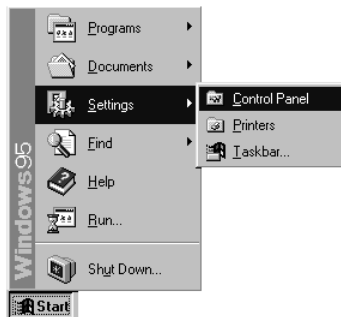
**NOTE:** Before installing updated printer driver versions, always delete the existing printer driver version from your system. To do this, simply select the printer driver icon from within the Printers folder, and press the Delete key.

## C. INSTALLING THE 32-BIT PRINT SPOOLER FOR WINDOWS 95/98

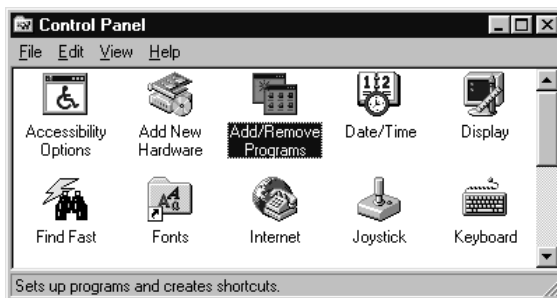
Your CD Color Printer III ships with a print utility program called the **32-Bit Print Spooler**. This print spooler is for use only with Windows 95 or Windows 98. Once installed, the print spooler is able to process your print jobs and send them to the printer at consistently faster speeds than if sending print jobs through the Windows system print spooler. This is especially true if printing from a somewhat slower computer. As a result, it is highly recommended that you use the 32-Bit Print Spooler when printing from Windows 95 or Windows 98.

The 32-Bit Print Spooler is located on the included Printer Software CD and installs just like any other standard Windows application program. To install the 32-Bit Print Spooler, refer to the following:

1. Insert the included CD into your computer's CD-ROM drive.
2. Close down all other software applications.
3. Click the **Start** button, point to **Settings**, and select **Control Panel**.



4. Double-click on the **Add/Remove Programs** icon, and select the **Install** button.





5. Click **Next**, then click on the **Browse** button.
6. Select your CD-ROM drive, then open the folder named **32 Bit Print Spooler**.
7. Double-click on the **Setup.exe** file, then select the **Finish** button to complete installation. When installed, the 32-Bit Print Spooler icon will appear in the Programs group of the Start menu.

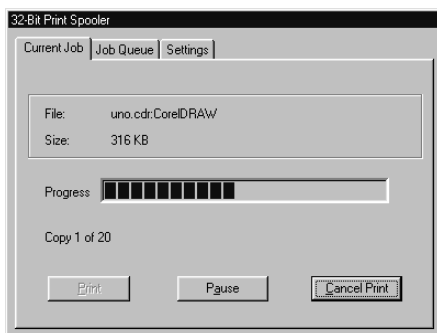


**NOTE:** Before installing updated 32-Bit Print Spooler versions, always uninstall the existing print spooler version from your system. To do this, simply select 32-Bit Print Spooler from the list of programs in the Add/Remove Programs Properties window and click on the **Add/Remove** button.

To print with the 32-Bit Print Spooler, you must select the **Fast 32-bit Spooler** option from within the printer driver setup window as described in Part D of this section. When this option is selected, the print spooler will automatically open and close with the start and finish of each print job.

**NOTE:** You can also manually open the 32-Bit Print Spooler simply by selecting its icon from the Programs group of the Start menu.

When the 32-Bit Print Spooler is running, its icon will appear in the Windows 95/98 Task Bar. During a print job, it is sometimes helpful to click on this icon to bring the 32-Bit Print Spooler status window to the foreground of your application. This window provides a number of details about the print jobs being sent to the printer.



The **Current Job** tab tells you the name and size of the file printing, the progress of the overall print job, as well as the total number of copies left to print. It also provides buttons which allow you to pause or cancel the print job at any time during the printing process.

The **Settings** tab tells you the port and printer to which you are printing and allows you to configure the timeout settings. In most instances, these settings will rarely need to be changed. This tab also provides two other options called **Save last job for reprint** and **Direct to Port Mode**.

When the **Save last job for reprint** option is selected, the 32-Bit Print Spooler will automatically save the last print job you sent to the printer and allow you to instantly reprint the job without the delay of having to reprocess it. The print job will be saved in the spooler until another print job is sent and saved over it. If you do not wish to save the last print job for reprint, deselect this option. To print a saved job, simply select the **Print** button from the spooler's Current Job tab.

**HINT:** *If you want to send the last job without having to rasterize it again, simply open the 32-bit Spooler and click print.*

The **Direct to Port Mode** option is selected by default. In most instances, this option allows the spooler to send data to the printer at its optimum speed. If, however, you experience problems when printing with this option selected, simply deselect it and try your print job again.

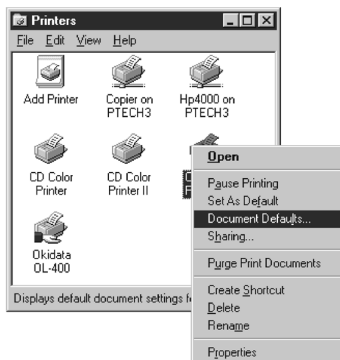
The **Job Queue** tab appears only when a print job is being sent to the printer. This tab tells you the name and status of each job in the queue and shows you the order in which the jobs will print if you have sent multiple jobs to the printer. A control button is also provided which allows you to delete every job listed in the queue. To delete the job currently being printed, simply select the **Cancel Print** button under the Current Job tab.

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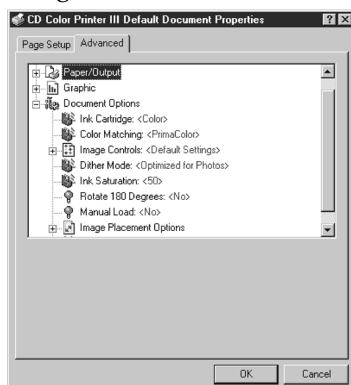
## D. SETTING UP THE PRINTER DRIVER

Once the printer driver has been successfully installed, you will need to set the driver up with the appropriate print options. Refer to the following steps to change or verify your printer driver options:

1. Click the **Start** button, point to **Settings**, and select **Printers**. Then, click on the **CD Color Printer III** icon with the right mouse button and select **Properties** if using Windows 95/98 or **Document Defaults** if using Windows NT, or **Printing Preferences** if using Windows 2000.



2. In Windows 95/98, you will see several tabs from which printer settings can be changed including **Media**, **Device Options**, **Cartridge**, and **Calibrate**. In Windows NT, click on the **Advanced** tab of the Document Settings window. In Windows 2000 click on the **Advanced** button for more driver settings.



**NOTE:** Most applications allow you to change these same printer driver options from their “Print” and/or “Printer Setup” screens. This means that you don’t have to go back to the main printer setup window each time you want to change a setting or option in the printer driver. These applications will usually give you the same choices and options, but in a slightly altered format.

3. In Windows 95/98, you must click on one of the four tabs to see the printer setting options; each tab contains different printer settings. In Windows NT, the CD Color Printer Document Settings appear. In Windows 2000 the Layout and Paper/Quality tabs appear; the Advanced button contains more printer driver settings. Although each printer driver displays the print options in a slightly different format, the basic options are the same. Refer to the remainder of this section for a description of each printer driver option.

## Media

The media option will be set to CD for printing onto printable surface CDs, DVDs, and cardboard template CDs. When sizing your images for printing, keep in mind that each type of CD media has the following maximum printable areas:  
CD 4.567" round (116mm). For a complete description of each type of print media and to see how each is installed, refer to Section 2.

## Ink Cartridge

Select either **Color** or **Monochrome** according to the type of ink cartridge you have installed.

## Print Quality

Select the appropriate print quality option for your image. Keep in mind that **Fast 600** provides the lowest quality but fastest print, and that **Photo 1200** provides the highest quality but slowest print. You may wish to experiment with these options to see which one is best for your particular CD label.

## Dither Mode

Select this option to choose the appropriate dither mode for your image. Select **Optimize for photos** if printing a design primarily composed of photographic images. Select **Optimize for graphics** if mainly printing text, lines, and graphics.

## Color Matching

Click on the Color Matching down arrow and choose the color matching option that's right for you. Select **None** if you are more interested in print speed rather than print color, if you have already color corrected your image for printing, or if you are using some other third party color matching software.


Select **Algebraic** if you would like the printer driver to make very simple color balance adjustments based on an RGB color model. This option gives you more natural looking images without actually utilizing any specific color matching software.

Select **PrimaColor** to enable color matching profiles written specifically for the CD Color Printer III. The PrimaColor by Candela Color Management System automatically adjusts the color of your image according to preconfigured printer profiles and default system profiles. This results in a very precise color match compliant with ICC standards.

## Ink Saturation

This option controls the ink saturation of the printed image. When printing onto the printer manufacturer's TuffCoat CD media, this option can be left at its default setting of 50%. When printing onto other brands of printable CD media, you may need to adjust this control in order to optimize the ink saturation for the printable surface of your specific CD media. Click and drag on the slide's box, or click on the left and right arrows to change the ink saturation setting. Moving the slide's box to the left reduces the overall ink saturation, while moving it to the right increases it.

## Manual Load

Select this option when you are printing multiple copies of a single design or if using an auto-loader. If you do not select this option when printing multiple copies, the printer has no way of knowing whether or not you have loaded a blank CD and will print each of the selected number of copies onto the same CD. When this option is selected, you must press the  CD Tray button after each new CD blank is loaded. This will close the CD Tray and let the printer know that a fresh CD is installed and ready to be printed.

## Write Direct to Port

Select this option to provide faster print processing if printing from Windows 95/98. When selected, this option allows the printer driver to bypass the Windows 95/98 print manager and to send all print data directly to the printer. This option devotes all of your system resources to the current print job, thereby increasing overall print speed. When the print job is finished, your system resources will again be devoted to the normal function of your on-screen applications.

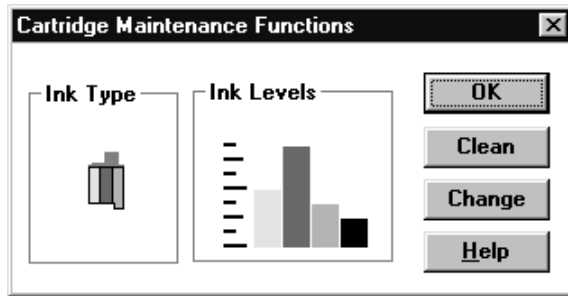
Depending upon the brand of your computer, you may or may not wish to select this option when printing. For most computers, selecting this option will enhance the rasterizing and printing process. In this case, the **Write Direct to Port** option should be selected. For some computers, however, this option may not be supported by the particular brand of PC and should not be selected.

## Use 32-bit Spooler

Select this option for consistently faster print processing under Windows 95/98. This option is only selectable if operating under Windows 95/98 and if the included **32-Bit Print Spooler** software has been installed. When selected, this option allows the printer driver to send all print jobs to the 32-Bit Print Spooler rather than to the Windows system print spooler. See Part C of this section for complete details on the 32-Bit Print Spooler. This option and the 32-Bit Print Spooler software will not function in Windows NT/2000.

## Cartridge

Select this button to display the type of ink cartridge currently installed, its current ink levels, as well as options for cleaning and changing a cartridge. Note that the ink cartridge type and ink levels can only be reported when operating under Windows 95/98 or Windows NT/2000.

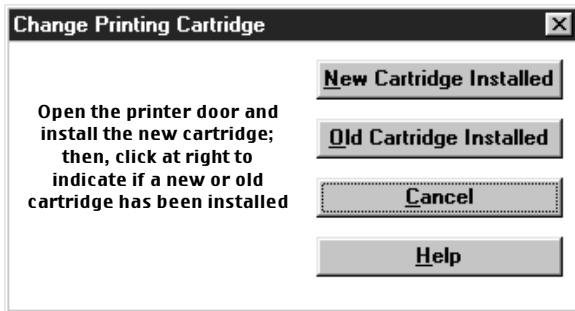


Select the **Clean** button to send a simple test print pattern to the printer. Be sure to have a CD template installed. This test print pattern purges the ink cartridge nozzles and lets you know if any one of the Yellow, Magenta, or Cyan nozzles is clogged. If one of these colors does not appear on the test print, repeat the cleaning procedure. If nozzles still appear to be clogged, remove the cartridge and gently wipe the nozzle area sideways with a clean water-dampened cloth. If after several cleanings a color still does not appear on the test print, the cartridge may be damaged or empty and may need to be replaced.

Select the **Change** button to install a fresh, new ink cartridge or to switch back and forth between a previously used color cartridge and a previously used monochrome cartridge. After the cartridge has been replaced according to the instructions in

Section 2-E, select either the **New Cartridge Installed** button or the **Old Cartridge Installed** button accordingly. These selections are necessary for the printer to accurately keep track of ink cartridge ink levels.

**NOTE:** *The ink type shown will be whatever Ink Cartridge is selected in the driver. Also, the ink levels are shown for both color and monochrome cartridges even though only one can be installed at a time.*

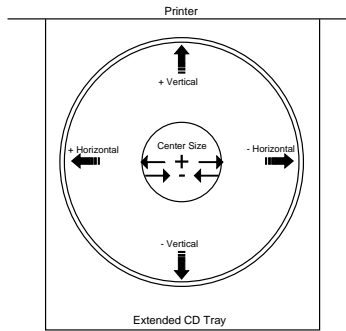


## Calibrate

Select this button to display options for fine-tuning the position of your printed image and the size of a CD's non-printable center. The following gives a complete description of each of the Calibration options.

**IMPORTANT!** *The Image Placement values labeled on your printer's rear panel must be entered into the Vertical and Horizontal boxes prior to printing. These values have been optimized specifically for your printer and allow images to be centered on a CD when printed.*

When facing the printer, the **Vertical** adjustment moves the printed image toward the back of the printer if a positive number is entered and toward the front of the printer if a negative number is entered. The **Horizontal** adjustment moves the printed image toward the left-hand side if a positive number is entered and toward the right-hand side if a negative number is entered. The **Center Size** adjustment enlarges the non-printable center if a positive number is entered and reduces its size if a negative number is entered. As a rule, an adjustment of 12 pixels is equivalent to approximately 1 millimeter. Once you have entered the optimum calibration values, you will most likely not need to change them again. The following diagram illustrates exactly how each of these adjustments affect the printed image.



**HINT:** Notice the direction the Vertical and Horizontal adjustment arrows point within the Calibration window are representative of the direction the printed image moves on the CD.

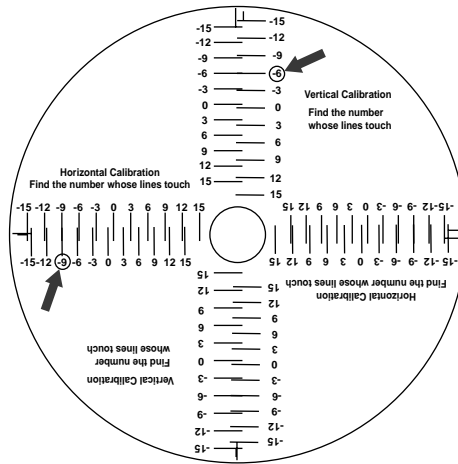
If you ever wish to verify your factory-recommended Vertical and Horizontal calibration settings, you can run a simple calibration procedure to assure that your images will be centered when printed on a CD. To do this, refer to the following steps:

1. Verify that a cardboard CD template and a color ink cartridge are installed in the printer. Also, verify that the printer is powered ON and that it is connected to your computer.
2. Click on the **Test Print** button of the Image Placement box within the Calibration window. The printer will begin printing the calibration test print.
3. When the print is complete, rotate the CD template 180° in the CD Tray and repeat step 2 using the same CD template.





- When the second run of the print is complete, you should have a test print that looks like the following:



- Along the Vertical axis of the printed CD template, find the number whose lines touch. For example, in the above illustration, the number would be -6. Enter that number into the Vertical box of the Calibration window. Repeat this same step for the Horizontal axis.
- Select the **OK** button. The numbers you entered will stay the same until you change them. Your images should now be centered when printed on a CD.

After your selections have been made, close out of the printer setup window. You are now ready to go to an application program and print. All printer driver selections will stay the same until you change them.

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## E. PRINTING A CD

Now that you have hooked up the printer, loaded the print supplies, and installed the printer driver, you are ready to print your first CD. Follow these steps to print your first image:

1. Go to your favorite graphics application program. Or, install and open the Windows CD creation software included with your printer.
2. Open or create the image file you wish to print. If using a program other than the included Windows CD creation software, you will need to create a custom page or canvas size in your program according to the type of label you intend to create. The following tips will help you do this:
  - If creating a label for a **CD**, set your page size to 4.567" x 4.567" (116 x 116mm). Although your image will appear square on screen, the printer driver will automatically crop your image to the round shape of a CD for printing. The driver will also automatically crop out the center 1.6" (41mm) of your image to accommodate a CD's non-printable center hub. If you would like to better visualize where the round outside edge and the round non-printable center of a CD will fall in relation to your image, simply draw one circle with a 4.567" (116mm) diameter and another with a 1.6" (41mm) diameter. Then, center both circles within your active page or canvas area. These circles will serve as a guide while designing your image. Be sure to delete these circles before printing.

3. Once you have created your image and are ready to print, select **Print Setup** (or the equivalent) from the program's File menu to verify that the printer driver settings are correct for your image. Be sure the proper Ink Cartridge options is selected according to the supplies you have installed in the printer. Once the driver is set, select **Print** from the program's File menu.
4. The printer driver will then begin to process the image. Depending upon the size of the image and the processing speed of your computer, processing time can take from several seconds to a few minutes.
5. Once processing is complete, the printer will begin to print. Print time will vary depending on whether you are printing with a color or monochrome cartridge and on which Print Quality setting you selected. When printing is complete, the CD Tray will automatically open and remain fully extended until the next print job is received.

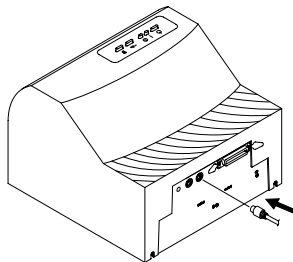
## Section 4: Using the CD Color Printer III with Macintosh

### A. CONNECTING THE PRINTER TO YOUR COMPUTER

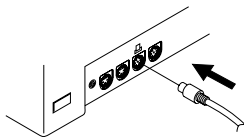
The CD Color Printer III is designed to be used with any Apple Macintosh supporting Color QuickDraw™ and running system software 7.0 or higher. For best performance, a Macintosh with a 68040 processor and 8MB of RAM (or higher) or a PowerPC™ with 8MB of RAM (or higher) is recommended. The printer driver is accelerated for use with a PowerPC/G3.

The printer is equipped with a high-speed serial port. This port is the means through which the printer receives data from your computer. This port is not AppleTalk™ compatible. To connect the printer to your computer, simply obtain a standard serial cable with an 8 pin mini-DIN connection on each end, and refer to the following steps:

1. Connect one end of the serial cable to the printer.




2. Connect the other end of the cable to either the Printer or Modem port of your Macintosh.



**NOTE:** If your Macintosh does not have a high-speed **serial port** (Printer or Modem Port) but has a USB port, then you must purchase a USB-to-parallel port cable adapter. One end connects to the USB bus of your computer, and the other to the parallel connector of the printer.

The printer must be powered up and connected to be displayed in the Chooser.

MacOS 8.6 or higher is recommended, as well as using Apple's version of USB Print Driver.

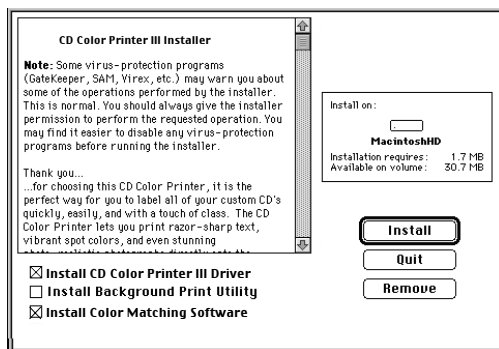
The printer must have its Power light illuminated to receive data. If the light is not on, press the  Power button.

## B. INSTALLING THE PRINTER DRIVER

The CD Color Printer III can be used with virtually any Macintosh application program. This is accomplished by installing what is called a “**printer driver**.” The printer driver is simply software which gives the printer all the information needed for printing. Use the following steps to install the printer driver.

**NOTE:** *This section of the Operator’s Manual assumes that you are already familiar with a Macintosh Operating System (OS) and know how it operates. If you are not yet familiar with a Macintosh OS, consult the appropriate documentation to become familiar with the basics before proceeding.*

1. After starting your Macintosh, insert the supplied Printer Software CD into your computer’s CD-ROM drive, and open the Macintosh Software folder
2. Click on the READ ME file(s) to get the latest information on the driver and the installation process. When you are finished reading, select **Quit** from the File menu.
3. Double-click on the CD Color Printer III Installer icon.



4. When the Installer window appears, select the options you would like the installer program to install. In most instances, the default selections will suffice. For a description of each of these options, refer to the notes found in the box directly above these options (use the up and down arrows to scroll through the notes). Once the desired options are selected, click on **Install**. The

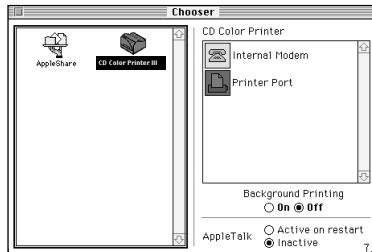
appropriate files will automatically install onto your computer. An alert box will then display indicating that installation is complete.

5. Click on **OK** to exit the installer. Driver installation is now complete.

## C. THE CHOOSER

The **Chooser** is a Desk Accessory in the Apple menu. Before you can use the printer, you need to select the CD Color Printer III driver using the Chooser. This instructs your Macintosh to send print jobs to the CD Color Printer III instead of to some other printer you may already have connected to your system. Refer to the following steps to select the CD Color Printer III driver:

1. Select **Chooser** from the Apple menu.
2. The Chooser displays an icon for all the printer drivers installed in the System Folder. Among these, you should see the icon for the CD Color Printer III driver you just installed. If you do not see the icon, go through the installation procedure again making sure the **Install driver and prefs** option is selected. Once you locate the CD Color Printer III icon, click on the icon to select it.



3. Select either the **Modem** or **Printer Port** to indicate to which port the serial interface cable was connected. If the Printer port is selected, AppleTalk should remain inactive while printing unless you are using AppleTalk through your Ethernet port. AppleTalk does not apply when printing with the Modem port selected.

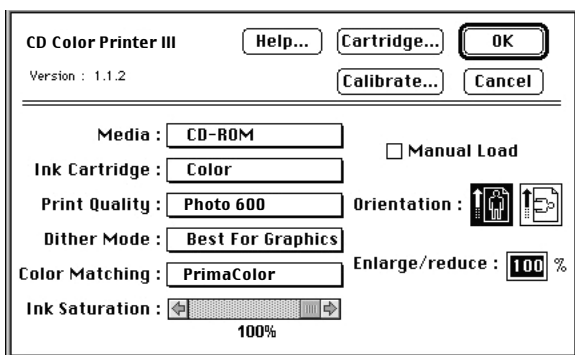
**NOTE:** If you have a USB-to-parallel cable connected to the printer, **CD Color Printer III** should show up in the Chooser also; Select this to print through the USB-to-parallel cable. For this to work properly you must have MacOS 8.6 or higher. Contact the printer manufacturer for a list of currently-supported and approved USB-to-parallel cable manufacturers. Printer needs to be connected and ON for USB-to-parallel to show in Chooser.

4. Select either **On** or **Off** to enable or disable the printer's Background Printing function. When enabled, this function allows you to work in the foreground of your application program while printing in the background. Please refer to Section 5 for more information on background printing.

The next time you open the Chooser, the selected driver will no longer be highlighted. The Chooser remembers which driver is the current one although it does not display it when opened.

## D. SETTING UP THE PRINTER DRIVER

Once the printer driver has been successfully installed, you will need to set the driver up with the appropriate print options. To change or verify your printer driver options, select **Page Setup** from the File menu and change the options as follows:



### Media

The only available choice is CD which has a maximum printable area of round (116 mm)

### Ink Cartridge

Select either **Color** or **Monochrome** according to the type of ink cartridge you have installed.

## Print Quality

Select the appropriate print quality option for your image. Keep in mind that **Fast 600** provides the lowest quality but fastest print, and that **Photo 1200** provides the highest quality but slowest print. You may wish to experiment with these options to see which one is best for your particular CD label.

## Dither Mode

Select this option to choose the appropriate dither mode for your image. Select **Best For Photos** if printing a design primarily composed of photographic images. Select **Best For Graphics** if mainly printing text, lines, and graphics.

## Color Matching

Click on the Color Matching box and choose the color matching option that's right for you. Select **None** if you are more interested in print speed rather than print color, if you have already color corrected your image for printing, or if you are using some other third party color matching software.

Select **Algebraic** if you would like the printer driver to make very simple color balance adjustments. This option gives you more natural looking images without actually utilizing any specific color matching software.

Select **PrimaColor** to enable color matching profiles written specifically for the CD Color Printer III. The PrimaColor by Candela Color Management System automatically adjusts the color of your image according to preconfigured printer profiles and default system profiles. This results in a very precise color match compliant with ICC standards.


Select **ColorSync** to perform a ColorSync™ match on the image to be printed. This option enables ColorSync to color correct your image according to preset printer profiles and the selected system profile. A default system profile is installed into the ColorSync Preferences folder. For best results, however, it is recommended that you use the specific profile for your monitor. To select this profile, select **Control Panels** from the Apple menu, and double-click on **ColorSync System Profile**. Then, click on the **Set Profile...** button, and select the specific profile for your monitor. If you cannot find your monitor's profile, select the default system profile called **Default CD Monitor**. Click on the **Select** button. The profile is now selected.



## **Ink Saturation**

This option controls the ink saturation of the printed image. When printing onto the printer manufacturer's TuffCoat CD media, this option can be left at its default setting of 50%. When printing onto other brands of printable CD media, you may need to adjust this control in order to optimize the ink saturation for the printable surface of your specific CD media. Click and drag on the slide's box, or click on the left and right arrows to change the ink saturation setting. Moving the slide's box to the left reduces the overall ink saturation, while moving it to the right increases it.

## **Manual Load**

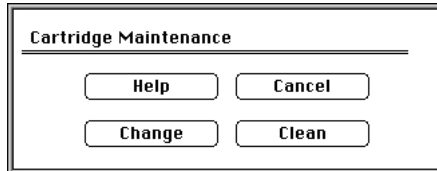
Select this option when you are printing multiple copies of a single design or if using an auto-loader. If you do not select this option when printing multiple copies, the printer has no way of knowing whether or not you have loaded a blank CD and will print each of the selected number of copies onto the same CD. When this option is selected, you must press the  CD Tray button after each new CD blank is loaded. This will close the CD Tray and let the printer know that a fresh CD is installed and ready to be printed.

## **Enlarge/reduce**

This option alters the size of the printed image between the integers of 25% and 400%. A setting of 100% indicates the document will be printed at actual size. Please note that significantly enlarging or reducing the image may cause the image to appear pixelated or "jaggy" when printed.

## Cartridge

Select this button to display options for changing or cleaning an ink cartridge.

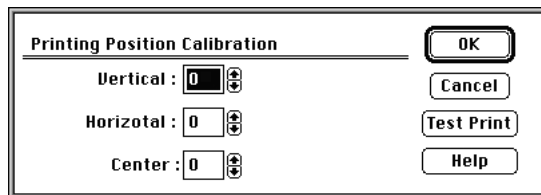


Select the **Change** button to move the printer's ink cartridge carrier to the load position in order to change ink cartridges. Note that pressing the printer's **Ink Cartridge** button serves this same purpose. See Section 2 for further information on changing ink cartridges.

Select the **Clean** button to send a simple test print pattern to the printer. Be sure to have a CD template installed. This test print pattern purges the ink cartridge nozzles and lets you know if any one of the Yellow, Magenta, or Cyan nozzles is clogged. If one of these colors does not appear on the test print, repeat the cleaning procedure. If nozzles still appear to be clogged, remove the cartridge and gently wipe the nozzle area sideways with a clean, water-dampened cloth. If after several cleanings a color still does not appear on the test print, the cartridge may be damaged or empty and may need to be replaced.

## Calibrate

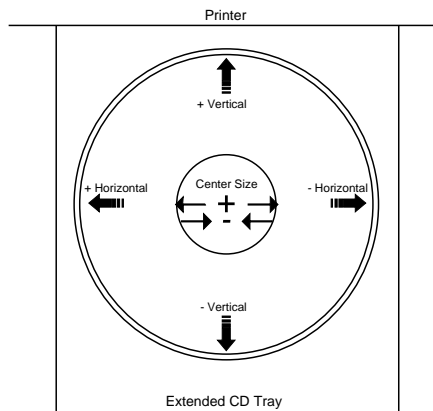
Select this button to display options for fine-tuning the position of your printed image and the size of a CD's non-printable center.



**IMPORTANT!** *The Image Placement values labeled on your printer's rear panel must be entered into the Vertical and Horizontal boxes prior to printing. These values have been optimized specifically for your printer and allow images to be centered on a CD when printed.*

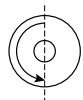
When facing the printer, the **Vertical** adjustment moves the printed image toward the back of the printer if a positive number is entered and toward the front of the printer if a negative number is entered. The **Horizontal** adjustment moves the printed image toward the left-hand side if a positive number is entered and toward the right-hand side if a negative number is entered.

The **Center Size** adjustment enlarges the non-printable center if a positive number is entered and reduces its size if a negative number is entered. As a rule, an adjustment of 12 pixels is equivalent to approximately 1 millimeter. Once you have entered the optimum calibration values, you will most likely not need to change them again. The following diagram illustrates exactly how each of these adjustments affect the printed image.

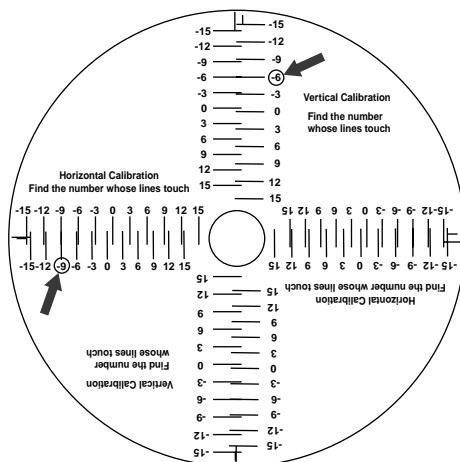


If you ever wish to verify your factory-recommended Vertical and Horizontal calibration settings, you can run a simple calibration procedure to assure that your images will be centered when printed on a CD. To do this, refer to the following steps:

1. Verify that a cardboard CD template and a color ink cartridge are installed in the printer. Also, verify that the printer is powered ON and that it is connected to your computer.
2. Click on the **Test Print** button of the Printing Position Calibration window. The printer will begin printing the calibration test print.
3. When the print is complete, rotate the cardboard CD template 180° in the CD Tray and repeat step 2 using the same CD template.



- When the second run of the print is complete, you should have a test print that looks like the following:



- Along the Vertical axis of the printed CD template, find the number whose lines touch. For example, in the above illustration, the number would be -6. Enter that number into the Vertical box of the Calibration window. Repeat this same step for the Horizontal axis.
- Select the **OK** button. The numbers you entered will stay the same until you change them. Your images should now be centered when printed on a CD.

After your selections have been made, select the **OK** button to save your printer driver selections and to exit the Page Setup window. You are now ready to go to an application program and print. All printer driver selections will stay the same until you change them.

## E. PRINTING A CD

Now that you have hooked up the printer, loaded the print supplies, and installed the printer driver, you are ready to print your first CD. Follow these steps to print your first image:

- Go to your favorite graphics application program.
- Open or create the image file you wish to print. You will need to create a custom page or canvas size in your program according to the type of label you intend to create. The following tips will help you do this:

- If creating a label for a **CD**, set your page size to 4.567" x 4.567" (116 x 116mm). Although your image will appear square on screen, the printer driver will automatically crop your image to the round shape of a CD for printing. The driver will also automatically crop out the center 1.6" (41mm) of your image to accommodate a CD's non-printable center hub. If you would like to better visualize where the round outside edge and the round non-printable center of a CD will fall in relation to your image, simply draw one circle with a 4.567" (116mm) diameter and another with a 1.6" (41mm) diameter. Then, center both circles within your active page or canvas area. These circles will serve as a guide while designing your image. Be sure to delete these circles before printing.
3. Once you have created your image and are ready to print, select **Page Setup** (or the equivalent) from the program's File menu to verify that the printer driver settings are correct for your image. Be sure the proper Ink Cartridge options is selected according to the supplies you have installed in the printer. Once the driver is set, select **Print** from the program's File menu.
  4. The printer driver will then begin to process the image. Depending upon the size of the image and the processing speed of your computer, processing time can take from several seconds to a few minutes.
  5. Once processing is complete, the printer will begin to print. Print time will vary depending on whether you are printing with a color or monochrome cartridge and on which Print Quality setting you selected. When printing is complete, the CD Tray will automatically open and remain fully extended until the next print job is received.

## Section 5: Using the Print Backgrounder for Macintosh

The printer driver for Macintosh provides a background print utility called the Print Backgrounder. This print utility is turned on or off through the Chooser. When the **Backgrounder** is turned on, it allows you to conveniently continue working in the foreground of your application while printing in the background. When Backgrounder is turned off, all print jobs are processed immediately in the foreground of your application. The Backgrounder offers many helpful features which are described further in this section.

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### A. INSTALLING THE BACKGROUNDER

The Backgrounder is installed by selecting the **Install Background Print Utility** option from within the printer driver's installer program. This option is NOT selected by default, so if you did not select the Backgrounder option when installing the printer driver, it is most likely not installed. To install the Backgrounder, simply go through the printer driver installation procedure described in Section 4-B making sure that the **Install Background Print Utility** option is selected. The Backgrounder installs into the Extensions folder of your startup drive. Once installed, Backgrounder will automatically open and close with the start and finish of each print job. To manually open Backgrounder, double-click on the Print Backgrounder icon within the Extensions folder.

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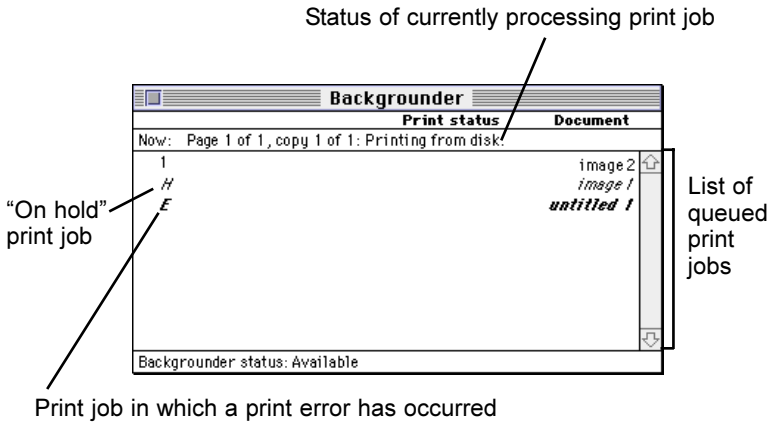
### B. PRINTING WITH THE BACKGROUNDER

With the Backgrounder turned on in the Chooser, select **Print** from the File menu to print your image. A message appears telling you the image is being spooled to disk for Background/Later processing. Once the message disappears, background processing has begun so your application is free to be used for other work.

The print job is processed automatically by the Backgrounder. Other documents can be printed and, in turn, will be processed by Backgrounder. While Backgrounder is running, you can quit the current application and start another without disturbing

your print jobs. Backgrounder processes all print jobs in the order in which they were sent to the printer.

### C. THE BACKGROUNDER STATUS WINDOW



The Backgrounder status window gives you detailed information about the status of the print job currently processing and about each print job waiting in the queue. The status of the job currently processing displays at the top of the status window. The message indicates how much of the job has been processed and displays any other relevant information. This line is blank if, for example, you manually start Backgrounder and no job is currently being processed.

The list of queued jobs displays below the current job in the order in which they were sent to the printer. Some applications, however, may put each page of the document into a separate spool file, creating a different job in the queue for each page. Print jobs are always added to the bottom of the queue. When the job currently processing is complete, the spool file for that job is deleted from the hard disk, and the top-most job in the queue is then processed.

Jobs that are "on hold" are displayed at the bottom of the job list in italic font. A job goes on hold when it has been canceled or when an error is detected during processing. An overall status message about the Backgrounder displays in the lower left corner of the window. The normal message is "Available," indicating that the Backgrounder can process jobs immediately or add them to the queue.

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## D. BACKGROUNDER MENUS

### File menu

**Open Status Window** and **Close Status Window**: Opens and closes the Backgrounder status window. The Backgrounder continues to work if the status window is closed.

**Log Files**: The Backgrounder has the ability to create and maintain a sequential history file, or **Log** file, of Backgrounder print jobs. This Log file can be enabled and manipulated with the following commands of the File menu:

**New Log File**: Selects a new file in which to maintain your ongoing Backgrounder printing log.

**Save Copy of Log as**: Saves the current Log file to a new file name or location of your specification.

**Start Recording Log**: Begins logging print history. Before the Log file is started, you are asked to specify a Log file in which to save your processed print job entries. When logging begins, this option dims.

**Stop Recording Log**: Stops logging print history. This option dims once print logging stops.

**Get Info**: Provides additional information about the currently selected print job. Click on the processing job or any job in the queue, before selecting Get Info. Double-clicking on a job in the status window is a shortcut for Get Info.

**Quit**: Exits the Backgrounder. Note that you cannot quit while a job is being processed (see **Stop Processing** on the following page). All jobs in the queue are retained and processed when Backgrounder is next started.

**NOTE**: *The spool files are stored in the "Spool Folder," inside the "System Folder." If these files are deleted, the corresponding print jobs will be lost, and must be printed again.*

### Admin menu

**Stop Processing**: Stops the Backgrounder from processing any jobs, although it will still receive them and add them to the queue. A dialog box is displayed if Stop Processing is selected while Backgrounder is processing a job, asking when the job should be put on hold. The Backgrounder status box in the



lower left-hand corner of the window indicates that Backgrounder has stopped.

You cannot quit from Backgrounder while it is processing a job. **Stop Processing** must first be selected to cancel the processing job and stop Backgrounder. When Backgrounder stops, the menu changes to **Continue Processing**. When this option is selected, the server starts processing the top job in the queue.

**Preferences:** Presents a dialog box containing options for fine-tuning the Backgrounder. **Background printing priority** determines how much time your Mac spends processing the image, and how much time it spends in the foreground application (interpreting mouse clicks, key presses, etc.). When the priority is set to **High**, Backgrounder processes the image faster, but the foreground application may become less responsive. With the priority set to **Low**, Backgrounder takes longer to process the image, yet the responsiveness of the other applications is improved.

## Jobs menu

All commands in the Jobs menu act on the currently selected job.

**Hold:** Prevents an individual job from being processed. Jobs that are “on hold” are displayed in italic font at the bottom of the queue. Placing a job on hold is useful if you wish to create a print job at present, yet save its processing until later.

If **Hold** is selected on the job currently processing, the job is canceled before it is placed on hold. Canceling the current job can take some time, since the printer software may be performing a lengthy task that cannot be interrupted.

**Remove Hold:** Moves the job from the hold section of the list and places it at the bottom of the waiting queue.

**Delete:** Permanently removes the selected print job. The corresponding spool file is deleted from the Spool Folder. Use this command only when you are sure that you do not wish to process the job. Note that the job currently processing cannot be deleted (this happens automatically when it is printed successfully).

**Move Job Up** and **Move Job Down:** Adjusts the position of the selected job in the queue, allowing you to prioritize jobs. The queue is processed in top-to-bottom order.

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## **E. PROBLEMS DURING A BACKGROUND PRINT**

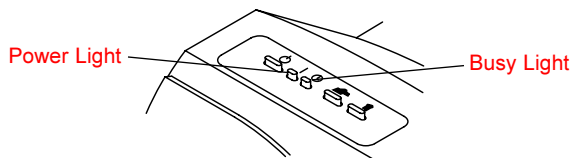
Errors that are detected during a background print must be reported. The Backgrounder, however, cannot simply present a dialog box as soon as the error occurs, since the dialog could obscure work that is being done in the foreground. Error dialogs appear immediately, however, if the Backgrounder is in the foreground when the error is detected.


If operating in the background, Backgrounder stops processing until it is brought to the front. When Backgrounder detects an error, it beeps and visually indicates an error condition. This error condition is signaled by alternately flashing between the Application menu and the Backgrounder icon. A small diamond symbol is also displayed next to the Backgrounder icon within the Application menu.

Complete and save any work in the foreground application before bringing the Backgrounder to the front. Once Backgrounder is in the foreground, the error dialog displays and processing continues or is canceled. Some errors force Backgrounder to stop processing all jobs.

## Section 6: Interpreting the Printer's Indicator Lights

The **Power** and **Busy** LED indicator lights located on the top of the printer can tell you a lot about what is happening inside the printer. To accurately interpret what it means when these lights are on, off, or flashing, please refer to the following:



| Power Light  | Busy Light       | Printer  |
|--|------------------|--|
| on solid   | off              | Is ready to receive a print job.   |
| on solid   | on solid         | Is processing and printing an image.   |
| on solid   | blinking slowly  | Has received a print job and is waiting for you to load CD media or has a print media jam.<br><br>If media loading is required, simply load media into the CD Tray according to Section 2-C and press the  CD Tray button to resume printing. If print media is jammed, clear the media from the printer and turn the printer OFF and ON to reset for the next print job. |
| both lights are flashing alternately with each other |                  | Waiting for a cartridge to be installed and the Ink Cartridge button to be pressed.<br><br>See Section 2-B or 2-E for more information on changing or replacing ink cartridges.  |
| on solid   | flashing rapidly | The tray or the carrier has stalled. Turn the unit OFF and ON again. You may need to clear an obstruction such as a jammed disc.   |

**| Power Light    ☹ Busy Light    Printer**

|                  |          |  |
|------------------|----------|--|
| flashing rapidly | on solid | Has either the wrong cartridge or no cartridge installed. Make sure the proper ink cartridge is installed: Turn the printer OFF, cancel the job from the computer, turn the printer ON, and try again after installing proper cartridge. |
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## Section 7: Maintaining the Printer

The CD Color Printer III is designed to require very little maintenance. Nevertheless, there are a few procedures you can perform on a regular basis or as needed to ensure your printer's best performance.

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### A. CLEANING THE INK CARTRIDGE NOZZLES

It may be necessary to clean the ink cartridge nozzles if the printer does not seem to be laying down ink evenly or if you suspect an ink cartridge nozzle has become slightly dried out or clogged. Refer to the cleaning procedure explained within the **Cartridge** button description of Section 3-D or 4-D to clean the cartridge nozzles.


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### B. CLEANING THE CD TRAY AND PRINTER CASING

If ink gets on the printer's CD Tray, it may stain if left on the tray too long. To avoid this, simply wipe off any ink from the CD Tray as soon as you notice it. Use a lint-free cloth *slightly* moistened with water to wipe off the CD Tray. If necessary, use these same items to wipe off the outside casing of the printer. **Always disconnect your printer's power cord before cleaning.** Resume printer operation only after the printer is completely dry.

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### C. CLEARING A CD MEDIA JAM

If CD Media becomes jammed inside the printer, first press the  CD Tray button to try and eject the media. If this does not work, turn the printer power OFF and gently try to clear or remove the CD media manually.

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### D. TECHNICAL SUPPORT

If you have difficulty operating your CD Color Printer III, the procedures in this manual should, in most cases, solve the problem. If you still have difficulty, contact the **technical support** number listed on the insert included in the supply pack.

## Section 8: Technical Specifications

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|---|--|
| <b>Model:</b>                           | CD Color Printer III   |
| <b>Print Method:</b>                    | Ink-Jet  |
| <b>Printing Resolution:</b>             | 1200 x 1200 dpi, 600 x 600 dpi, or 600 x 300 dpi, driver selectable  |
| <b>Print Speed:</b>                     | Depends upon percentage of coverage and print mode selected.<br>About 134 seconds for 100% full-color coverage, Photo 1200.<br>About 68 seconds for 100% full-color coverage, Photo 600 (default).<br>About 27 seconds for 100% full-color coverage, Fast 600.<br>About 6 seconds for 15% black monochrome coverage, Fast 600. |
| <b>Colors:</b>                          | 16.7 million or black monochrome   |
| <b>Ink Types:</b>                       | 3-Color (C, M, Y) and black monochrome (K)   |
| <b>Media Types:</b>                     | Printable-surface CD-R, CD-RW, CD-ROM; DVD, DVD-ROM, DVD-R, DVD-RAM  |
| <b>Printer Driver:</b>                  | Windows 95/98, Windows NT/2000, and Macintosh Color QuickDraw  |
| <b>Data Interfaces:</b>                 | Centronics-type parallel; high-speed serial for Macintosh (must purchase a USB-to-Parallel cable for USB-only Mac).  |
| <b>Recommended System Requirements:</b> | Pentium®-class computer or greater, 16MB RAM, 100MB free hard drive space; Macintosh PowerPC or greater.   |
| <b>Control Interface:</b>               | TTL level signals for busy printing, tray open/close, etc.; available on rear-panel 6-pin DIN connector.   |
| <b>Maximum Print Width:</b>             | 4.567" (116 mm)  |
| <b>Electrical Ratings:</b>              | 30 VDC 0.8A  |
| <b>Adapter Types:</b>                   | Three voltages: 100 VAC, 120-127 VAC, 220-240 VAC  |
| <b>Certifications:</b>                  | UL, UL-C, TÜV-GS, CE, FCC Class B  |
| <b>Dimensions:</b>                      | 7.5"H x 10.5"W x 10.5"D (190mmH x 266mmW x 266mmD)   |
| <b>Weight:</b>                          | 8.5lbs (3.9 kg)  |
| <b>Temperature:</b>                     |  |
| Operating:                              | 50°F to 109.4°F (10°C to 43°C)   |
| Storage:                                | -4°F to 140°F (-20°C to 60°C)  |
| <b>Humidity:</b>                        |  |
| Operating:                              | 20% to 80% (RH non-condensation)   |
| Storage:                                | 5% to 80% (RH non-condensation)  |
| <b>Warranty:</b>                        | One Year   |

# Appendix A: Interfacing Information

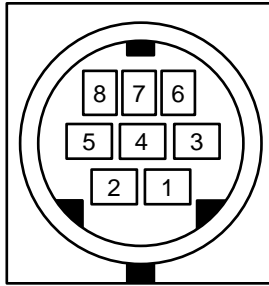
## A. INTRODUCTION

The CD Color Printer III is equipped with both a standard 8-bit centronics-type **parallel interface port** and a high-speed serial **interface port**. These communication ports are the means through which the printer receives data from your computer. This section describes the pin assignments and signal specifications for each of these ports as well as for the printer's auxiliary interface port.

## B. MINI 8-PIN SERIAL INTERFACE

The mini 8-pin serial **interface** connector is the standard interface used by Macintosh. The printer's **serial port** mates with a standard computer to printer serial cable. For best results, always use a high-quality serial cable which is less than 6 feet in length.

Pin assignments are as follows:



| Pin Number | Signal Name | Signal Description   |
|------------|-------------|--|
| 1          | HSKo        | External Clock Output<br>$\pm 2V < V_{out} < \pm 3.6V$ ; $R_{out} < 450\Omega$                               |
| 2          | HSKi        | Not Connected  |
| 3          | TxD-        | Not Connected  |
| 4          | GND         | Signal ground. Connected to logic and chassis ground.  |
| 5          | RxD-        | Receive data (inverted); $V_{ih} = 0.2V$ ;<br>$V_{il} = -0.2V$ ; $R_{in} > 12K\Omega$                        |
| 6          | TxD+        | Not Connected  |
| 7          | GPi         | Not Connected  |
| 8          | RxD+        | Receive data. Received uninverted at SCC's RxD. $V_{ih} = 0.2V$ ;<br>$V_{il} = -0.2V$ ; $R_{in} > 12K\Omega$ |

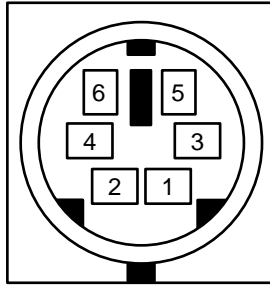
**TABLE A-1: Serial Interface Pin Assignments**



## C. 6-PIN MINICIRCULAR AUXILIARY INTERFACE

The 6-pin minicircular **auxiliary** interface is used for connecting the printer with auxiliary equipment such as a CD transporter / auto-loader.

Pin assignments are as follows:



Uses 5v logic @ 5mA

| Pin Number | Signal Description  |
|------------|---|
| 1          | Busy - Output is high when the printer is busy or moving the CD Tray.             |
| 2          | Tray Out - Output is high when the CD Tray is fully ejected.                      |
| 3          | Tray In - Output is high when the CD Tray is fully inserted.                      |
| 4          | CD In - Output is high when the CD Tray is in and a CD is present.                |
| 5          | Ground.   |
| 6          | Tray In/Out - A low input moves the CD Tray in if it is out, and out if it is in. |

**TABLE A-2: Auxiliary Interface Pin Assignments**

**NOTE:** Pins 1-4 are low if the printer is plugged in but the power has been turned off using the printer's Power Button

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# CD-R Color Printer Limited Warranty

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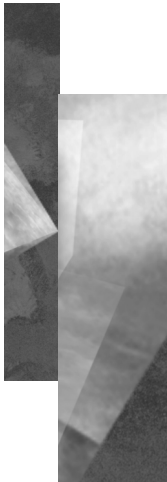
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