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You can set custom page lengths for the Imagewriter and Dot Matrix printers by sending a string of continuous text to the printer. This string sets the number of printed lines per page and the number of lines between the current BOF (bottom of form) and the following TOF (top of form). The commands that need to be entered are as follows:

COMMAND STRING	DECIMAL EQUIVALENT	FUNCTION
control]A@	29 65 64	Set TOF

@@	64 64	
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At this point you would enter the command @@ for each printed line of text, less two. For example, to set a length of 44 lines, you would enter the string @@ 42 times with no spaces.

C@	67 64	Set BOF
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@@	64 64	
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At this point you would enter the command @@ for each line between the current BOF and the next TOF. For example, if you need to skip 10 lines to bring you to the next TOF, then you would enter the string @@ 10 times.

A@control^	65 64 30	Set TOF Next Page
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A program to produce these strings will ensure the needed accuracy in the character string. Once the page length has been set, it will remain in effect until the printer power is turned off. If you need more information, refer to the Imagewriter and Dot Matrix Printer Reference Manuals under the headings of Setting Page Length and Vertical Tabbing.

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