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TOPIC -------------------------------------------------------------

A customer needs a high-speed printer setup for a Macintosh SE or Macintosh
IIcx to print labels in volume.  The quality of print does not matter--Draft
mode and readable is all that is needed.  The ImageWriter II that is being used
now takes 6 to 7 hours to print the current list, and this list will quadruple
next month.  Are there any dot-matrix connections to high-speed printers that
truly take advantage of the printer's speed?  Epson's package can only go as
fast as the converter.

DISCUSSION --------------------------------------------------------

The majority of high-speed printers are line printers, not dot-matrix.  Support
Engineering uses a Printronix Model 300XG Line Printer with a Centronics
parallel interface.  The product used to connect it to the Macintosh is no
longer available, but searching the "Buyer's Guide" on AppleLink with "parallel
and serial and printer" as criteria, we found references to a number of
products to connect high-speed parallel printers.

Among the products found were:

- Grappler C/Mac/GS from Orange Micro

- ParaLink from Jonathon Freeman Technologies, Inc.

- Macintosh Port Adaptor from Cambridge Automation, Inc.

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