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Apple Color Printer: Software Compatibility

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TOPIC -----

This article gives information about compatibility of software with the Apple Color Printer.

DISCUSSION -----

The Apple Color Printer requires system software version 7.0 or later. Similar to the TrueType format, with ATM installed on the Macintosh, Type 1 fonts are compatible with the Apple Color Printer.

Application Compatibility

The Apple Color Printer isn't equipped with an internal controller to drive the engine. The host Macintosh converts QuickDraw data into raster data (bitmapped) and sends it to the printer. Any application that supports the QuickDraw printing calls will be compatible with the Apple Color Printer.

Some applications, such as Adobe PhotoShop, have their own print dialogs and limited facility for color matching. The Color (or Options) button is still present and ColorSync can still be invoked for excellent color matching. But the situation is muddled by a Correct For Color Printing checkbox that produces poor results. That checkbox doesn't invoke ColorSync, and the resulting color matching is significantly different from ColorSync.

To invoke ColorSync, you must use the Color (or Options) button in the Print dialog without selecting any other application-specific color correction.

New Chooser and System 7 Installers

The Apple Color Printer needs the new Chooser to function properly.

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If you install the Apple Color Printer software, and then install System 7.1 or an earlier version of System 7, the previous version of the Chooser overwrites the new Chooser that ships with the Apple Color Printer. If this occurs, drag the Apple Color Printer Chooser from the Install disk into the System Folder.

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