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TOPIC -----

This article discusses automatic tray switching which is incorporated into the LaserWriter Select 360.

DISCUSSION -----

When the LaserWriter Select 360 runs out of paper in one tray it can automatically switch between the paper cassette and the multipurpose tray. Using automatic tray switching between the 250-sheet paper cassette and the 50-sheet multipurpose tray, you can print 300 sheets without reloading paper.

You can use automatic tray switching with the optional cassettes, as well.

Tray Switching Default:

A tray switch can occur if and only if the following two criteria are met:

1. The tray it's switching to has the same media (same size paper, transparency, and so on.).
2. The tray it's switching to is not empty.

The possible default switching procedures that can be executed depend on whether the optional 250 or 500 sheet feeder is installed.

If an optional feeder is not installed, the printer, upon running out of paper in either tray, checks the other available tray to see if the tray switching criteria is met. If so, it automatically switches to that tray.

If the optional feeder is installed, the printer, upon running out of paper, checks the other two trays using the following priority: the standard cassette, the multipurpose tray, the optional cassette, and

then the envelope tray. If the first tray checked matches the above criteria, the printer automatically switches to that tray. If it does not, the printer checks the other available tray for a criteria match and switches to it if the criteria is met.

Note: The Multipurpose tray can not be sensed for media type (only for the availability of media) so it is assumed that it contains only the default paper size. The user should not enable automatic tray switching if it is not known whether the multipurpose tray contains paper that matches the default paper size.

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