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TOPIC -----

I have a LaserWriter Pro 600 connected to a PC ZENITH 486 via the parallel port, and two Macintosh LCII computers connected to the printer via LocalTalk.

When I power on the printer, all the lights flash in a random pattern and the printer never comes ready. The printer only works properly when we power on the PC.

DISCUSSION -----

The problem lies in the parallel cable being used, and has nothing to do with the printer or associated software. Apple has verified that some parallel cables cause this problem. Unfortunately, we don't have any specifications as to what makes a "good" parallel cable, though Apple support assumes higher quality cables have a better chance of working.

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