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TOPIC -----

What is the difference between an ink cartridge and an ink tank on the Color StyleWriter 2400?

DISCUSSION -----

The Color StyleWriter 2400 supports two different ink cartridges depending on the type of printing desired. The High-Performance Ink Cartridge (M3240G/A) is similar in design to the ink cartridge use on the StyleWriter II. It is a one-piece assembly that contains the printhead and a black-only ink container. The printhead used on this cartridge contains 128 nozzles, which is twice the number found on a StyleWriter II cartridge, allowing the printer to print up to 3 pages per minute. When this cartridge runs out of ink the complete ink cartridge must be replaced.

For color printing Apple sells the Color Ink Cartridge (M3328G/A) which consists of a separate printhead assembly, color ink tank, and black ink tank. The color ink tank contains the cyan, magenta, and yellow inks. The black ink tank contains only black ink. Instead of replacing the complete color ink cartridge when one of the colors runs out, the empty ink tank can be replaced. This strategy costs substantially less than replacing the complete ink cartridge with the printhead. The Color Ink Tank is available as M3329G/A, and the Black Ink Tank is available as M3330G/A.

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