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TOPIC ---

What suggestions do you have for printing transparencies on the Color
LaserWriter 12/600 PS and 12/660 PS? I regularly experience transparency jams
that I would like to eliminate.

DISCUSSION --

In order to optimize the print quality when printing transparencies the Color
LaserWriter 12/600 PS and 12/660 PS require a special transparency material.

The Color LaserWriter uses a photosensor to detect the presence of the special
transparencies by looking for a white paper tape strip at the leading edge of
the transparency. When the white tape strip is detected the printer enters into
the transparency mode. If standard transparencies are used (which do not contain
the white tape strip) or if the transparency is not placed correctly into the
printer, then a paper jam error is displayed on the status panel.

Before assuming that a hardware failure has occurred with the printer consult
the Color LaserWriter 12/600 PS user's manual and review the following
precautions to reduce jamming problems when printing on transparencies:

- Use only transparencies designed for use with the Color LaserWriter 12/600 PS
(Apple part number M3876G/A).

- DO NOT print transparencies from the 250 sheet cassette, print only from the
multipurpose tray.

- Insert Color LaserWriter transparencies into the multi-purpose tray with the
white tape strip facing up and oriented so that the white tape strip end of the
transparency enters the printer first. Note: Some Apple transparencies may have
the word Apple printed on the white tape strip.

Carefully following these steps will help ensure problem-free printing.

Part numbers mentioned in this article are accurate as of this writing. Before ordering, verify that they are still correct as they are subject to change.

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