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## ImageWriter II & LQ: How To Get Them Into Hex Mode

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Putting the ImageWriter II Into Hex Mode  
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The only way to put the ImageWriter II into hex mode is to hold down the select button while powering it on. Sending an escape-c afterwards should restore (software reset) the printer to its standard instruction set. (Alternatively, you write a program to convert the ASCII to hex, then print.)

If the ImageWriter II Drops into Hex Mode  
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After a logic error in the printer, the ImageWriter II sometimes prints in hex -- usually random garbage. If a printer consistently "drops" into hex mode, consider exchanging its logic board.

Putting the ImageWriter LQ Into Hex Mode  
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The ImageWriter LQ can be placed in hex mode via the software command:

esc,6

Your data will then print in hex until the printer is powered off, or until you send a software reset, esc-c.

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