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Here are some tips on working with the Apple Scanner:

The most common problem users may have is a system error when saving a
file that has been scanned. This occurs when the current brightness and
contrast settings or half-tone pattern name exceeds 17 characters,
usually because the default setting name "Untitled Settings" is saved.
The next time changes are made to the brightness or contrast, the
settings' name changes to "Untitled Settings 2", which violates the rule.
Delete all setting names that are too long, and the problem is fixed.

Here are some hints about cutting and pasting. AppleScan fully supports
cut-and-paste to the Clipboard and other AppleScan documents. Grayscale
data, however, cannot be intermixed with line art or halftones in the same
document. It's okay to have line art and halftones in the same document,
though.

A neat feature is to copy a region of a document, then use the selector
tool to select a differently sized region, and paste into the region. This
works best with Grayscale data. Also, try pasting with the Tab key held
down. This invokes a transparent paste.

AppleScan, however, is not intended to be an "integrator" of data from
other sources. Data from other programs (text, Paint, or PICT), when
pasted into AppleScan, do not behave like a MacDraw-type environment,
and using AppleScan in this way is not recommended. Instead, AppleScan
should be used as a source of scanned data, which are then moved to
other applications that are better suited for those tasks.

(NOTE: Pasting data from MacDraw II creates a strange effect on the
Macintosh screen, but does not appear to cause a fatal error.)

AppleScan can save data in the PICT, TIFF, and Paint file formats.
However, if a document is saved in the TIFF format and changes are made

to the file, a "Do you want to save changes?" prompt appears when the document is closed. If changes are saved, the file type changes to PICT format. This is a known problem.

Finally, if the user quits AppleScan with the Remote Scan option selected and then goes to HyperScan and clicks on the Preview or Scan button, the scanning will not start until the remote button on the Apple Scanner is pressed. Remote scanning is not reset when quitting AppleScan. This, too, is a known problem.

(NOTE: "Remote" is reset when AppleScan is started.)

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