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TOPIC ---

Normally, your LaserWriter prints a test page every time you turn on its power.
This is the page with a large ampersand and other printer configuration facts on
it. This article describes how you can disable this test page.

DISCUSSION --

You can inhibit the LaserWriter from printing a test page every time it's
powered up.

With a Macintosh
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Use the LaserWriter Utility (System 7.0 or higher) and select "Set Startup
Page..." from the Utilities menu. You are presented with an option to turn the
Startup Page On or Off.

With an MS DOS Based System
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A boolean value called dostartpage is stored in the persistent parameters of all
LaserWriters. You change this value with these PostScript programs:

Disable Startup Page PostScript Program

This program disables the printing of a start-up page:

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     serverdict begin 0 exitserver
     statusdict begin false setdostartpage
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Enable Startup Page PostScript Program

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This program enables the printing of a start-up page:

```
    serverdict begin 0 exitserver
    statusdict begin true setdostartpage
```

These programs can be sent via a PostScript downloading program, a word processor that supports straight ASCII output (no imbedded control codes), or entered while in PostScript Interactive mode.

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