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TOPIC -----

I have a NEC LC890 laser printer (a PostScript printer) with a 2-bin sheet feeder, but I can't use it, because with the standard LaserWriter driver you see only one bin. Do you know of a driver that controls two or more bins?

DISCUSSION -----

We contacted NEC Technical Support, and they told us that the NEC LC890 will plug into an AppleTalk network and work with the Apple LaserWriter driver. As you mentioned, only one bin can be seen by this driver. NEC has a patch for the LaserWriter driver that gives you dual-bin support.

NEC told us that this patch is available on their free bulletin board. The number for that bulletin board is 508-264-8816. The patch is in the Apple section. It is called "dual-bin support" (LaserWriter driver 5.2/6.0), and the filename is "dualbin.sit." There is a patch that works with LaserWriter driver 5.2 and a patch that works with LaserWriter driver 6.0, plus documentation included in this StuffIt package.

The patch gives a different print dialog for you to select different bins. Other printers on the network, like an Apple LaserWriter, appear the same as they do now. The print dialog does not change for them.

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