

Printing: High-Volume Solutions from Printronix

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TOPIC -----

My company does high-volume printing (about 50,000 pages a month). Do you have a solution fthat can handle this volume? The printer should be a 300 to 400 lpm printer. Can you help?

DISCUSSION -----

We have seen Printronix P300-XQ and P600-XQ line printers working with Macintosh computers. This particular configuration used a serial-to-parallel converter to attach the Macintosh serial port to the parallel port of the Printronix. An ImageWriter driver with "Draft" selected was used as the printer driver. Again, this is not a support solution although it seems to work.

An alternative (although still unsupported) could include any mini/mainframe line printer that works with ASCII-based systems and a printer driver construction set, from DataPak Software, called Printer Interface II. Printer Interface II lets the user customize several aspects of the printer driver providing a method to send the correct printer control codes to the mini/mainframe line printer.

The Printronix P300-XQ does 300 to 400 lpm. The Printronix P600-XQ does 600 to 800 lpm. The lower numbers represent compressed printing; the higher numbers represent standard draft mode.

For more details, search the Technical Info library under "Printronix" and "DataPak Software"

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