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TOPIC -------------------------------------------------------------

Is there any way to find out how many sides of paper a Personal LaserWriter
SC has printed in its lifetime?


DISCUSSION --------------------------------------------------------

There is nothing built into the Personal LaserWriter engine that counts
printed pages.  A mechanical counter would add cost and be vulnerable to
tampering.  An electronic counter would require additional logic that may
not otherwise be present.

About the only laser printers with a page counter are those with a built-in
PostScript interpreter.  Implementing one on a PostScript controller is
relatively trivial, because the requisite logic is already in place.  The
count is usually used to determine mechanism wear.


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