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TOPIC -----

My StyleWriter sheetfeeder makes a ratcheting noise during the paper pickup process. Is this noise normal?

DISCUSSION -----

The StyleWriter printer sheetfeeder does make a ratcheting noise during the paper pickup process. This noise is normal and is no cause for concern.

The sheetfeeder mechanism is powered by a single drive gear, which mates to the StyleWriter printer. The sheetfeeder contains no sensors or other feedback devices for the StyleWriter to gather paper status information. The paper pickup sequence consists of a carefully orchestrated set of forward and reverse paper-feed motor movements. These movements allow the paper pickup rollers to pick up a single sheet of paper and return to their home position. The ratcheting sound is created by an integral one-way clutch mechanism inside the sheetfeeder.

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