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Printing with the Apple Color Printer is easy. After you install the GrayShare driver, related software, and fonts via the one-button installer and restart the Macintosh, the Apple Color Printer is ready to use. This article gives you more detail about using Apple Color Printer print menus.

DISCUSSION -----

To print, select the Print command from the File menu. The print dialog allows you to select the print quality: best or draft.

- Best mode prints at 360 dpi and produces excellent quality output.
- Draft mode is much quicker because it prints at 180 dpi.

The print dialog also provides paper type choices of coated, transparency, or plain. Apple recommends using coated paper for best results.

The Image menu allows you to choose between Color/Grayscale and Black & White printing. Color/Grayscale mode uses GrayShare's advanced halftoning methods to create over one hundred shades of gray or millions of colors. When printing text or black and white images, using Black & White mode is much faster than Color/Grayscale.

The Notification menu allows choosing any notification (Alert or System Beep), if desired, when the print job is complete.

Finally, the Color... button causes the ColorSync dialog to appear and allows you to decide which level of color matching is appropriate for a document. If you don't change the color matching default via the Options dialog, it will use faster color matching.

The ColorSync dialog shows these selections:

- Faster Color Matching selection uses quick lookup tables to determine best match colors for replacement of any color that's outside the color gamut of the Apple Color Printer.
- The Best Color Matching selection allows you to influence the color matching process by indicating the type of paper and choosing the matching method (Photographic, Monitor Tint, or Solid Color).

The Printer Profile menu specifies the type of paper used. The Apple Color Printer profile is customized for Apple Color Printer coated paper. If you select Coated in the print dialog, the default printer profile is Apple Color Printer. If you select Transparency or Plain paper in the print dialog, the default printer profile is Automatic.

The Photographic matching method is best for images with many shades and colors or a neutral color (such as white borders). Use the Solid Color matching method for charts, graphs, and any images with large areas of single colors. Use Monitor Tint for images that have large areas of similar colors or shades of one color.

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