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TOPIC ----------

I have two questions about the Energy Star software for the LaserWriter Pro.

1) Is the Energy Star sleep setting information saved in PRAM, or is it lost when the printer is turned off (as opposed to restarting it)?

2) After downloading the "30 minute sleep" file to my LaserWriter Pro 630, I viewed the log file to check that the sleep timer had been set to 1/2 hour. I restarted the printer but I didn't notice anything different. Should I?

DISCUSSION ----------

1) The "sleep" setting does in fact get saved in the LaserWriter Pro's NVRAM (Non Volatile RAM), so it is maintained across power cycles. The information gets saved to NVRAM when the printer is restarted or shut down. One important thing to remember is that the new sleep setting doesn't take effect immediately. It takes effect after the printer has been power cycled.

2) You are correct. There seems to be no visual difference when the printer goes to “sleep.” Checking the log file (as you have done) is the only way to verify that the sleep setting has taken effect. It appears that the majority of the energy savings are obtained through the fuser assembly by not having to maintain specific temperatures required during printing.

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