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TOPIC -----

When I'm in the DOS environment on my DOS Compatible computer, and I print to the attached ImageWriter II as shown in the Read Me file, the printer prints in ultra-condensed mode with very thin characters. Why is this happening, and is there a workaround?

DISCUSSION -----

When printing from the DOS Compatibility Card, the information gets sent to the PC Print Spooler application on your Macintosh, and then on to the printer selected in Chooser. This condensed output occurs because of the way the ImageWriter II interprets the information it receives from the PC Print Spooler.

Workaround =====

Step 1 -----

In the PC Setup control panel, set COM1: to be the port where the printer is connected. This bypasses the PC Print Spooler and Chooser, and sends the data directly to the port you selected.

Step 2 (FOR MS-DOS ONLY) -----

Type the following at the command line:

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MODE LPT1: = COM1:
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Step 2 (FOR WINDOWS ONLY) -----

Go to the Printers control panel and set Epson LQ-2500 to COM1: instead of LPT1:

port.

IMPORTANT:

This workaround prevents you from printing in the Macintosh environment. In order to print from the Macintosh environment, you must go back to the PC Setup control panel and change COM1 back to None.

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