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StyleWriter II: How to Stop Test Patterns (4/93)

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TOPIC -----

I have a StyleWriter II. Sometimes it prints an odd pattern when I power it on. It continues to print this pattern until I turn the power off or run out of paper.

DISCUSSION -----

The StyleWriter II has a number 'hidden' test patterns and mechanical print head exercises. These change from one ROM release to another.

The patterns may include:

- Two vertical gray rectangles
- A cross-hatch pattern
- A number of horizontal rectangles of various shades of gray
- A gray background with white boxes
- Six short black rectangles
- A long black rectangle at the top of the page
- Four long black rectangles at the top of the page with short vertical lines below them
- A gray pattern with white rectangles
- A blank page except for a horizontal line across the top
- Gray and black rectangles with a nozzle test
- A full page "maze" pattern.

The procedure to get to the patterns and mechanical exercises is complex. The customer is activating this mode by powering the printer on by holding down the power button while installing the power cable. Another way is by turning on a power strip while holding down the power button.

Here's how to stop these tests and exercises:

- 1) Turn the power off.
- 2) Remove the power cable.
- 3) Make sure not to hold down the power button when installing the power cable or turning on a power strip.

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