LaserWriter: How To Calculate The Cost Per Printed Page

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If you want to calculate the true cost-per-page for your LaserPrinter, or other printer, you should consider the following factors: cost of paper, cost of toner cartridges, electrical power consumption, depreciation, and labor costs.

However, for the simplest cost-per-page analysis, divide toner cartridge cost by the number of copies.

Example

$100.00 (toner cartridge) / 4,000 (copies) = $.025 per copy

If the cost of paper is included in the calculation, the equation is: Cost of toner cartridge plus the cost of paper divided by the number of copies.

Example

$100.00 (toner cartridge) + $20.00 (paper) / 4,000 (copies) = $.03 per copy

(NOTE: The number of copies printed per toner cartridge listed here (4,000) is an estimate and varies depending on the print density of the documents.)
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