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LaserWriter: Different Helvetica Fonts (8/93)

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TOPIC -----

When I print documents with Helvetica fonts, a few characters (such as the paragraph mark, bullet, and vertical bar) print differently on a LaserWriter IINTX than on a LaserWriter Pro 630.

Why does this occur?

DISCUSSION -----

There are slight differences in how the Helvetica fonts are printed on the LaserWriter IIf and IIg and LaserWriter Pro family as compared the earlier LaserWriter printers such as the LaserWriter IINTX. The LaserWriter IINTX has version '001.002' of the Helvetica PostScript font while the LaserWriter IIf/IIg and LaserWriter Pro family have version '001.006S'.

Adobe has changed how their Helvetica PostScript fonts print. They made these changes to bring their fonts more in line with the actual fonts they license from the various font foundries.

Note that if you download the Helvetica font from the Adobe Type Library CD (version 001.006) to a LaserWriter IINTX, the printed documents will be similar to those from the LaserWriter IIf and IIg and LaserWriter Pro family.

If you want to use the older version of Helvetica, we recommend you contact Adobe and find out if the Helvetica version '001.002' is still available. You can download the this version to the LaserWriter Pro family or the LaserWriter IIf and IIg; the characters will print the same as those from the LaserWriter IINTX.

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