LaserWriter Pro: Energy Star Software (6/93)

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TOPIC --

What is the Energy Star software for the LaserWriter Pro printers?

DISCUSSION ---

The LaserWriter Pro Software Upgrade, otherwise known as the Energy Star
software for the LaserWriter Pro, gives the LaserWriter Pro 600 and 630
printers the energy-saving capability to meet the requirements of the
Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star program. Once users install
this upgrade on a LaserWriter Pro 600 or 630 printer, it meets Energy Star
requirements.

This software consists of a LaserWriter Utility v7.4.1 and a set of files which
put the LaserWriter Pro into "sleep mode" after predetermined lengths of time.
Sleep mode is a low-power state in which the LaserWriter Pro will use
approximately 70% less power than normal idle mode.

Note that this software ONLY works on the LaserWriter Pro 600 and 630 printers.

You can find the software on Applelink by following this path:

Software Sampler
 Apple SW Updates
  Macintosh
   Printing Software

How to set sleep mode

To set the period of time before the LaserWriter Pro printer goes to sleep,
perform the following steps:

1) Select the desired printer in the Chooser.

2) Double-click on the LaserWriter Utility icon.

3) Select "Download PostScript File..." from the "Utilities" menu.

4) Double-click on the sleep mode file corresponding to the length of time you would like the LaserWriter Pro printer to wait before going to sleep. For example, to select 30 minutes, double-click on the file named "30 Minute Sleep Mode."

5) The next dialog asks you to "Save PostScript output" as a file. For most users, the default name "PostScript Log" is acceptable, so just click on the "Save." If you have previously set sleep mode, another dialog box will appear asking if you would like to "Replace" or "Cancel". Click on Replace.

6) After the file is downloaded, you MUST RESTART THE PRINTER for the changes to take effect.

7) If you would like to verify that the file downloaded properly, you can look at the PostScript™ Log file (using something like TeachText) and it should contain a statement similar to: "Engine sleep timeout changed to .5 hours."

You have now set the sleep mode on the LaserWriter Pro printer. After the printer has not printed for the length of time you have set, the printer will go to sleep. Note that it takes approximately 30 seconds for the printer to warm up, so the first page you send when the printer is sleeping will take approximately 30 seconds longer to print than when not in sleep mode.
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