

6 signs that your printer is running low on ink and the simplest ways to fix it.

Are you wondering if your printer will give you a warning or any signs when it's running low on ink? When should you replace the ink cartridge? Read on for more details in this article from TipsMake.

Some printers will display a warning when the ink is running low, but others won't. Here are some signs that indicate it's time to replace the ink in your **Canon** , **HP** , **Brother** , or **other printer**.



How can I tell if my printer is running out of ink?

1. Low ink warning

As TipsMake mentioned above, some printers will display a warning on the screen, control panel, or through warning lights when the ink is running low, depending on the printer model.

Older printers also display error codes on the screen. By noting down the code and error message, then searching on Google, you can quickly find out what the error is, whether it's an ink problem, and proceed with replacing the ink.

Some modern printers are equipped with software or programs that display low ink warnings on the computer screen.

However, it's also worth noting that low ink warnings don't necessarily mean the printer is out of ink; it may still be usable for a short period of time.

2. The printout has white streaks running vertically.

When the ink runs out, the print head cannot distribute the ink evenly, creating white streaks running vertically across the printout. This is also a warning sign that it's time to replace the ink cartridge.



3. The printed text is blurry.

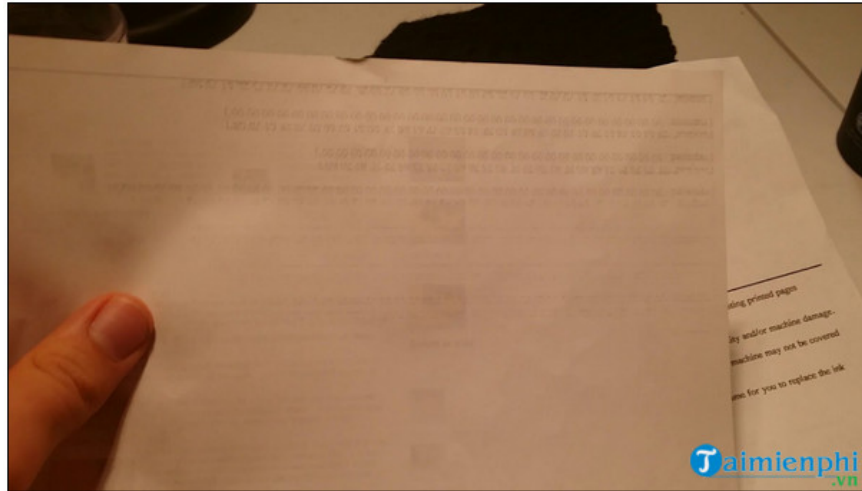
Another sign that your printer is running out of ink is blurry, faded prints. While there are many causes for this, the main reason is still related to the ink. This could be due to the ink running out or improper refilling, etc.

4. Some printing functions are not working.

On color inkjet printers, if the ink runs out or is low, some printing functions will not work. If you are experiencing this, try checking the ink level and replacing it if necessary.

5. Check the ink level.

Modern printers are equipped with LCD and touchscreen displays with options to check ink levels.



Navigate to the option called "supply status" (this process may vary on different printer models, possibly via an icon or on-screen menu), where you can check the remaining ink level.

6. Based on the error message

Finally, if your printer displays the following error codes or messages, it's probably time to replace the ink cartridge:

"The printer does not recognize the ink cartridge"

"The ink cartridge is not aligned correctly"

"Printer cartridge is defective"

Of course, there can be many reasons for these errors. Before considering replacing the ink, you can try checking some of the troubleshooting methods below:

- Check if the printer door is open.
- Check if the ink cartridges are properly seated and not clogged. Sometimes, printers can become clogged due to dried ink, which often happens when the printer is not used for a long time.

Above are some signs that your printer is running low on ink. Hopefully, this article from TipsMake has provided you with useful information.

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