

# Signs that your printer is running low on ink and how to handle it.

How to recognize the signs that your printer is running low on ink, and what to do if your printer runs out of ink? This article will show you how to identify these signs.

You need to print documents, but suddenly your printer runs out of ink, which is incredibly frustrating as it interrupts your work. However, are you sure it's just a genuine ink shortage or simply some other issue, such as white streaks appearing on the printer? White streaks on the printer can be caused by a scratched or damaged drum, not necessarily just a lack of ink.



Furthermore, there are many ways to recognize the signs that your printer is running low on ink. New users, and even experienced users, may not be aware of these signs. Therefore, in this article, TipsMake will guide you on how to identify the signs of low ink in your printer and how to handle this situation.

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### *1. Signs that your printer is running out of ink.*

Knowing when your printer is running low on ink depends on the model you're using; we can categorize them into two types: budget and high-end.

- With budget-friendly models like **the Canon LBP 2900, 3200 , or HP Jet1105** printers, for example, there are no display screens or notifications to let you know when the printer is running low on ink. The only way to detect this is through blurry prints, uneven ink distribution, and inconsistent ink levels in different areas of the text each time you print.



- For high-end models: High-end black and white laser printers like the Canon Imageclass LBP251DW or LBP8780X are equipped with an LGD screen, allowing you to see the remaining ink level. Of course, this does not include the manufacturer's standard ink level. This is the ink level specified by the manufacturer to protect the machine and maintain print quality.



Of course, some different printer models may display warning lights; however, these warning lights are not common and are often confused with paper jam or out-of-paper errors.

2. Are faded prints a sign that the printer is running out of ink?

To address this issue, it's not necessarily due to the printer running out of ink. You should try removing the ink cartridge, gently shaking it a few times, and then reinserting it and printing again. If the print quality returns to normal, it's likely the printer is running out of ink and needs replacing. Otherwise, it could be due to a faulty component in the printer.

**Note:** A consistently blurry area is more likely to indicate a malfunction in a component or device within the machine.

### 3. How to deal with a printer that's running low on ink.



The temporary solution we mentioned above is to shake the ink cartridge, but this only gives you a few dozen more prints. The best solution is still to replace the ink cartridge with a new one. Companies and businesses usually have distributors, replacement and repair services for this item, so this shouldn't be a difficult problem.

Above, TipsMake has helped readers learn more about the signs that your printer is running low on ink, as well as how to handle these situations, so that readers can choose the best solution themselves and avoid having their work affected by low ink levels.

Additionally, if you frequently use a printer, you should also know how to remove paper when the printer jams. Refer to our article on troubleshooting printer paper jams and follow the instructions to perform the task correctly.

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