



USING CLEANING CARTRIDGES ON THE EPSON STYLUS PRO 7600 & 9600

The following instructions explain how to use cleaning cartridges on an Epson Stylus Pro 7600/9600. Cleaning cartridges provide an ideal method of flushing out a printer when changing ink types or preparing the machine for storage during periods of non-use. They are also a handy service aid for unblocking partially clogged print heads. However, they will not unblock a completely clogged print head as there is no way for the cleaning fluid to travel through the ink system to get to the dried ink in the print head. Because of this, cleaning cartridge should only be used when some jets on each print head are working – the working jets will allow the cleaning fluid to travel through the ink system and dissolve the dried inks in the clogged jets.

Cleaning cartridges for the Epson Pro 7600/9600 are filled with Ink2image Dead Head cleaning and are installed in a printer just like regular cartridges. To prime the printer with cleaning fluid, the printer firmware has a handy built-in 'initial fill' routine that will fill the machine's ink system with cleaning fluid or ink. This initial fill routine fills all channels on the printer with fluid and, unfortunately, there is no way to set colors to be filled individually. Because of this, we recommend installing cleaning cartridges in all channels even if you only want to clean one or two colors. You can install cleaning cartridges individually on a machine, but you will need ink cartridges in the other channels for the printer to operate an initial fill, and the routine will draw ink from these other channels. Because cleaning cartridges are less expensive than ink cartridges, it is normally more economical to install cleaning cartridges in every channel rather than waste ink.

Note: The Ink2image cleaning cartridges for the Epson Pro 7600/9600 are fitted with ink monitor chips for Ultrachrome pigment inks. If you have a printer that is running the Epson original dye inks then our cleaning cartridges will not be recognized by the machine. Please contact Ink2image at 800-443-9508 or 847-827-0747, or at inquiries@ink2image.com for cleaning options for dye based ink 7600/9600's.

The process of cleaning or flushing a printer is as follows:-

1. Install the cleaning cartridges and run an 'initial fill' routine (see instructions below).
2. Ideally, leave the printer to 'soak' overnight to allow the cleaning fluid to dissolve any dried ink deposits.
3. If you have flushed the printer for long term storage purposes, then it is now OK to place the machine in storage. The next time you want to use the machine, turn it on and install ink cartridges as in 5 below.
4. Install ink cartridges and run another initial fill routine. After the routine has finished, perform nozzle check prints and cleanings as necessary until you get a good nozzle check.

Cleaning cartridges can be kept and re-used if cleaning/flushing is required again. A set of 220 ml size cleaning cartridges are good for four cleanings.

RUNNING AN INITIAL FILL ROUTINE

The printer has a handy initial fill routine built into the firmware that fills the machine's ink system with inks or cleaning fluid. The routine is very simple to set and use. You should always bear in mind that the maintenance

tank will need at least 25% capacity remaining in order to run the routine. If the maintenance tank is nearly full then the printer will not allow you to run the initial fill, and an empty tank will need to be installed before the routine can be performed. To run the initial fill routine, you have to start the printer in service mode:-

Start with the printer turned off.

Press and hold the **PAPER FEED UP**, **PAPER FEED DOWN**, and the **CUT/EJECT** buttons, and push the **Power** button.

When the power light starts blinking, release all the buttons.

The display will read '**Test**'. The machine is now operating in service mode.

Press the **Down arrow** button twice until the display reads '**Cleaning**'.

Press the **Right arrow** button once, and then the **Down arrow** button three times until the display reads '**init fill**'. Press the **Enter** button to start running the initial fill routine.

During the initial fill routine, the display will prompt you to lift the cartridge locking lever up and down a couple of times. Once the initial fill routine has completed (several minutes), push the **Power** button to turn the printer off. Wait for a few seconds and push the **Power** button to turn the printer back on. This will return the machine to normal operating mode.