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Ink Cartridges for Your Printer Should be Properly Maintained by [Richard Donna](#)

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An Ink Cartridge comes in a plastic box filled with the liquid ink that is used in an inkjet printer. Generally, printers are of two types- the monochrome and multi-color cartridges. The latter one has separators inside it to separate different colors into particular units.

The cartridge that is inserted into the printer is fastened up by a holder that is attached to a bar. The cartridge will start printing as soon as the printer is commanded by the computer. Once it starts printing, the ink from the unit will touch the printing surface and creates a bond with the paper surface. Indeed, it produces a series of tiny droplets of ink that form the text and image that you want to print.

The printer and its essential components including the ink cartridges are very delicate, so the machines and their accessories do not come at cheaper price. Therefore, it is recommended for users to ensure that they used properly and well-maintained.

If you do a lot of printing on regular basis, you should always keep a spare black as well as multi-color cartridge in stock. Check your printer from time to time and it shouldn't be left working until its ink is completely used up. Doing this you will run into a great loss and your printer will also be hampered. The cartridges in store must be kept sealed in their respective packages until it's time to use them. Unsealed package may come in contact with dirt, fiber, hair and other debris and can clog the unit. It can also end up drying faster when out of the packaging. All these factors can damage your cartridge and keep it from functioning properly.

Remember, direct light from sun and heat can also ruin your printer as well as the cartridge. Direct exposure can dry out the ink and also damage the other parts of the printer. However, if the ink dries out accidentally you can moist the cartridge edge with a damp cotton bud to make easy flowing out of ink. Spare cartridges are best kept in drawers and at room temperature.

What is most important is; remember to use your printer at least once a week. Keeping your machine unused for longer period of time can clog up the cartridge and also help the printer acquire dust and dirt.

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