

Step-by-Step Instructions

(PRINT this set of instructions to follow every time you refill your cartridge)

Canon Color CL- 241 and 241XL



Items Needed: Magenta, Yellow, and Cyan Inks, Syringe with Needle Tip, Thumb Drill, Paper Towels, Gloves, Review Hints and Tips, and Check List.

Syringe: Attach needle tip to the syringe tightly. Unscrew lid on ink bottle. Puncture silver seal with needle tip making a small hole in the center of seal. Using the correct color pull the correct amount of ink into the syringe. Rinse syringe and needle tip after every use and before using syringe with another color. Rinse syringe and needle tip with water until the water runs clear.

Note: After refilling, your printer will read the cartridge as empty. You may have to hold down the paper- feed button for 5 seconds to override the ink level counter. Each time the cartridge is removed from the printer an "empty cartridge" message appears and blinking amber light will come on, on the printer. Holding the paper feed button down for 5 sec. will allow you to override the counter.

1. Put the cartridge on some paper towels in an area where you can tolerate a spill.
2. Peel off the top label.

3. Under label are three holes. These are your fill-holes. You will notice three small vent holes (too small for a syringe needle to get into). Drill each hole larger with the hand drill. Wash drill off after making each hole to avoid cross color contamination. First verify color orientation in the correct hole by sticking a toothpick in the hole to verify order of the colors.
4. See picture and first verify order of the colors. Insert the correct color ink using the syringe inside of each of the fill-holes. A little ink might come out of the top when full, so cover up the other holes while filling one. S-l-o-w-l-y release thru the syringe up to 5 ml of ink into each of the three fill-holes. If ink begins to “bubble” out of the fill-hole, remove bottle tip. Bubbling occurs when a cartridge is either over-filled or if ink is being inserted too quickly. Wait several minutes and then try to s-l-o-w-l-y insert more ink. If ink begins to bubble out the fill hole or leak from the printhead, you have plenty of ink in the cartridge.
5. Place cartridge upright on folded paper towels with the printhead facing down toward the paper towel. Do not let the printhead touch the paper towel. It may be necessary to tilt the cartridge slightly so printhead is not in contact with paper towel. Let cartridge sit for approximately 20 minutes after refilling before putting cartridge back into printer.
6. Do not plug fill-hole. If fill-holes are plugged, a slight vacuum is created. This can result in interrupted print or no print.
7. Check the ink flow by gently pressing a dry paper towel against the printhead. You should see 3 small lines of each color. If not, gently press a warm, wet paper towel against the printhead until each color is visible.
8. When all 3 colors are visible on paper towel, place cartridge back into the printer and run 1 to 2 print tests.

Or print 2 pages at this test site:

http://www.freeink4life.com/black_print_test.html Black Ink Test

http://www.freeink4life.com/color_print_test.html Color Ink Test

For best results, leave cartridge in printer for 8 hours after refilling so the ink can saturate the entire sponge.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have tried printing with your cartridge completely out of ink, you may have damaged the printhead. Inkjet printers work by heating a resistor inside the printhead which heats the ink before it is sprayed onto the paper. If there is no ink to keep the resistors cool, you stand the chance of frying them. In your worst case you will need to buy a new cartridge.

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