

Step-by-Step Instructions

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

DELL

MK990, MK991, MK992, MK993, Series 5, Series 7, Series 8,
Series 9, Series 15, Series 11

LEXMARK

#3, #4A, #14A, #23A, #28A, #32A, #34, #36A, #42A, #44

Black Cyan Magenta Yellow



Items Needed: Black, Cyan, Magenta and Yellow Ink, Syringe with Needle Tip, 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.

1. Put the cartridge on some paper towels in an area where you can tolerate a spill.
2. Peel back the label from the top of the cartridge to expose the refill holes of the cartridge. (If the illustration differ from your cartridge model, use 3 toothpicks and poke each hole to determine color).
3. Fill the syringe with 15ml of black ink (5ml for each color on color cartridge).
4. Insert the needle into the cartridge (corresponding with the correct color ink) and fill. If too much ink is inserted, pull back on the syringe handle to pull 1ml out.

IMPORTANT: When refilling, only puncture the top of the sponge in the cartridge, about 1/8 to 1/4 inch. Puncturing to the bottom may cause leakage in the cartridge.

5. The cartridge will function better keeping the label off the top of the cartridge, allowing air to enter the cartridge from the top and thereby allowing ink to flow better through the cartridge. Keep the top of the cartridge exposed to air (do not put tape over the holes). Make sure to keep the cartridges up right when transporting them back to the printer.

6. Rinse the syringe with water and dry between each color refill or store for future use.

7. Reinstall the cartridge and run 1 – 3 cleaning cycles as per printer instructions. If necessary leave the cartridge in printer for up to 24 hours to allow ink to flow to the print head.

And print the following test pages:

http://www.freeink4life.com/black_print_test.html Black ink test

http://www.freeink4life.com/support/color_print_test.html Color ink Test

Note: If your cartridge is part of Lexmark's recycle program, then the refilling holes might not be viewable. In this case you can drill a hole (with a thumb-drill) in the same area's indicated above to refill the cartridge.

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

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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