# ConeColor<sup>R</sup> Ink Fill and Use Instructions for the Continuous Ink System (CIS) for the Epson<sup>™</sup> P600 Series Printer

Please read the instructions below carefully. This system is not fool-proof and careful steps must be taken to ensure a correct and trouble-free conversion.

Check that you have ALL OF THESE: A clean workbench. Rubber gloves. Primer tips, Syringes. Good light. Windex or SimpleGreen. Paper towels. A sink with water. Patience.

# **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. If you have a new printer, take it out of the box and install the Epson OEM ink cartridges into the printer and turn the printer on. This will charge the printer with its first breath of ink. Do *not* put the CIS system into a brand-new inkless printer, it won't work first-time without OEM cartridges (carts). If you've been printing with your printer for a while you're all set to just put the new CIS in.

2. Unbox your P600 CIS system. Carefully unwrap the ink carts and ink tanks without twisting or stressing the tubing connecting the two systems.



3. Take out your ink and identify which ink bottle will be poured into which CIS tank. The tanks have small stickers at their bottom that marks the ink-shade they are designated for. ConeColor Pro inks are easy, just match each bottle with each ink-tank.



4. Fill each tank one-at-a-time by pulling the tab and air lock unit at the top of the tank and then pouring the correct ink through a funnel. Leave about 1/4" of space at the top of each tank. Plug both holes at the top of the tank back up again before you go to fill the next tank. Fill all the tanks!





5. Gently separate the ink carts from each-other by pulling their ink lines out as shown in the diagram below.

6. Rotate each ink inlet about 90 degrees as shown below. This will allow the ink lines to exit the printer at the right angle without restricting ink flow (very important).



7. Unplug the air lock on one filled tank; unplug the air lock on its corresponding ink cartridge. Insert the end of your syringe into the cartridge and pull/hold to create suction. You will see the ink go from the tank into the cartridge. It will take 75 to 95 seconds for the cartridge to fill. Once it starts to enter the tip of the syringe, plug the air-vent on the main tank, pull the syringe out, and plug the air-vent on the cartridge. There will be a small amount of air in the cartridge and line THIS IS OK. Repeat this for all cartridges.



8. Prime each ink cartridge by taking a syringe with a priming tip applied, sticking it into the cartridge outlet area (breaking the plastic film), and pulling a small amount of ink out. This ensures no air-lock problems when printing. *This step is key. If you forget to do this, you will have all sorts of issues.* 



9. Hold the carts together, and tap their bottom middle against the edge of a table with the outlets facing down slightly. This nocks any more air-bubbles free inside of each cartridge.

10. Make sure your printer is off.

11. Place the CIS tanks on a base to the left of the printer (old National Geographics work really well) so that the *top* of the tanks are flush with the *top* of the printer.

12. Open the printer, pull out your OEM ink cartridges, and carefully place the CIS cartridges into their correct locations. Push down on each cartridge to lock into the printer as shown in the photos below.



13. You need to get rid of the ink cover. Now open the ink cover and push it left to release the right ink post. Bring the right part of the cover out and up and then pull the left ink post out. The cover will then come off entirely.



14. Place the small black sensor-switcher into the correct position in the printer as shown below and close the printer lid. *Make sure to remove this before removing ANY cartridge. Otherwise the cartridge will become corrupted.* 



15. Turn your printer on. The printer will say there are non-genuine inks installed, press "proceed" through all of this.

16. Do one head cleaning and then a nozzle check.

17. It takes about 20 normal photo prints for the ConeColor Pro ink to start actually printing through the print-head. If you want to force this instead of letting it happen naturally as you print, you can use the Purge Procedure listed below in this document (we don't really recommend that.)

18. ICC Profiles can be found here: goo.gl/zoR60b

19. **REMEMBER!!!** Always have the vent tabs open when you are printing. Close the vent-tabs when you are not printing.



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# Pigment Ink:

Pigment ink can be difficult to keep in solution and settles if not regularly agitated. To keep the ink printing at full density, gently shake the CIS ink bottles every 1-2 weeks to keep the pigment in solution. If the printer is not used for two weeks or more, shake the ink bottles then do 1-2 Cleaning Cycles. This will purge the settled ink from the CIS and printer's internal ink tubes and fill with ink from the shaken bottles.

# Use Often:

Use the printer on a regular basis for best function. To keep the ink moving thru the ink lines and the head moist, print a small image or do a cleaning cycle every week if the printer is not used regularly. It is not recommended to leave pigment ink installed in a printer that will not be used for several months at a time- please contact our support department if you need to leave your printer unused for two months or more.

# **Preventative Maintenance:**

Keep the capping station clean to keep the print head clean and printing well. Cleaning procedures are located here: goo.gl/SdNxWO. Depending on frequency of printing, the capping station should be cleaned at least once a month to help keep the print head clean.

# Humidity:

Monitor and maintain humidity levels between 40-60% in the printing area. Both low and high humidity can cause problems with the printer, ink and paper.

# Auto-resetting chips:

The chips on this system auto-reset when they are near empty. When a chip resets, the printer will stop whatever it's doing and say it can't recognize the cartridge. Open the top cover, lift the ink cover sensor key, and place it back in. Close the top cover. It will read as non-genuine but full, and the printer will continue printing where it left off.

These chips are delicate. Do not get them wet and make sure your room is not too full of static. Static shock can kill a printer chip and make it un-recognized by the printer.

Warning: Never trick the printer into working with the top cover open. If an auto-reset chip resets and you have the cover open but the printer thinks the cover is closed, it will corrupt the chip when you pull it out of the printer. This has happened to us in our testing lab a few times and is very frustrating.

# Purging the P600:

The P600 has no maintenance tank. Basically, whenever you do a head cleaning, that waste goes into the base of the printer into the "Waste Ink Pad." There are only about 120 actual head-cleanings you can do before your \$800 dollar printer will throw up a "waste ink full error" and no longer allow you to print. You can get a "Waste Ink Pad" resetter from 2manuals.com however.

If you are wanting to use up a lot of ink to clear a line with Piezoflush, new ConeColor Ink, or Piezography Ink, you need to print purge sheets and not do cleanings. Please visit this URL to view the general purging instructions: goo.gl/c5b6Wl

It takes about 15 sheets of normal 8.5x11 laser paper to flush a single line of ink.

# Replacing a cartridge chip:

Pry the plastic old chip base off the cart using a small straight screwdriver or similar tool (there are tabs that hold the chip base to the cart). Slide the top of the new chip base V notch under the locking tab on the front of the cart, then push the bottom of the chip base so it snaps down onto the cart. Make sure the chip and plastic base are fully attached to the cartridge before installing into the printer. Please visit this URL for images and more detailed instructions: goo.gl/nREzeU

# Warning! PK and MK switching:

If you are set on PK and it's very very low, you don't want to switch to MK. You may not be able to switch back to PK at that point and the printer will not be able to reset the PK cartridge back to full. When at low PK (3 pixels high on the display), you need to make sure to print a FLUSH sheet (or a few more regular PK images) so that the PK ink cartridge resets to full before you switch to MK. (See our flushing procedure above.)

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