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Is Your Printer's Ink Cartridge Really Empty?

Your Printer Ink cartridges may not be empty when they indicate that they need replacing. Some printer brands are worse than others when it comes to indicating the correct ink levels. Many manufacturer-branded (OEM) and third-party (aftermarket) vendor cartridges leave a startling amount of ink unused when they read empty. In fact, some inkjet printers force users to replace black ink cartridges when the cartridge is nearly half full, PC World has found.



This is very frustrating considering how much we are charged for this "liquid gold" for our printers. Printer cartridges are very expensive and it is obvious that ink cartridges and toner are really where printer companies make their money. Thanks to PC World for doing an independent study, now maybe this industry will be looked at a little more closely.

Visit PCWorld.com to read the entire study that they conducted and learn about what is really going on inside of your ink cartridge.

Do Not Pull The Plug On A PC That Is On The Fritz

Every now and then our computers freeze or show the "blue screen of death" and will not respond to anything. So what are we to do in those situations? How can we turn off the computer or reboot after such events? Well don't pull the cord out of the wall whatever you do.



Pulling the cord right from the wall to shut down a computer could mess up Windows and/or lead to the loss of data. The best way to deal with these random computer glitches is to hold down the power button until the computer actually shuts down completely. You actually have to keep the button pressed for it to shut off. Pressing and letting go will not force a shutdown. Wait about ten seconds before turning the computer back on. This usually does the trick.

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Quick Tip

Have you ever put a movie into your DVD player only to be forced to watch all of the previews and commercials? Some DVDs are programmed so that it seems that you have no control and you can not skip or fast-forward directly to the DVD's main menu so you can watch the movie. Well here is a trick that may help: as soon as the previews start, push the stop button twice, and then push play. In most cases this will take you directly to the movie!



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