



Preventative Maintenance





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- •Keep all inks, cleaning fluids and primer liquids out of the reach of children.
- •Use only approved cleaning agents and then only for the purposes specified in this guide.
- •Use only genuine Azon UV-LED inks.
- •Keep inks in a cool, dark and dry location.
- •This printer produces potentially harmful UV light. Protect eyes and skin from exposure.
- •Avoid physical contact with the printer's table and print head while the printer is in operation.
- •Avoid dropping items or spilling liquids in or on the printer.
- •Keep hair, jewelry or loose clothing away from the moving parts of the printer.
- •Lifting this printer by hand requires a minimum of 4 people.

•Do not attempt to repair this machine without prior Azon authorization, unless specified in this guide, only qualified service personnel should attempt any disassembly, repair or access to internal components. If you need to make mechanical adjustments, turn off your printer and disconnect it from all power and data sources.

•Safety glasses and gloves should be used whenever manually cleaning the print head.

•Wear protective gear whenever there is exposure to the inks or UV light.



Preventative Maintenance Schedule Safety Guidelines

To be safe: Protect yourself from direct contact with any uncured ink.

If you get ink on your skin, wash immediately with soap and water.

Wear safety glasses and nitrile gloves during all procedures.



Why?

Regular maintenance and cleaning procedures are required and need to be performed as directed. This will ensure excellent print results and a better quality of life for your printer. If you have any questions please contact us for assistance.



Preventative Maintenance Schedule

Maintenance Check List

Tasks	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	90 days	As Needed	Ref Page		
Clean Print Head		Х				7		
Nozzle Check	X					10		
Auto Clean					X	15		
Clean Capping Station & Wiper	X					16		
Clean UV/LED lens			X			20		
Clean Linear Encoder		X				24		
Clean Height Sensor Lens					X	22		
Replace Purge Tray Pad					X	27		
Replace Ink Waste Bottle		X				29		
Fill ink Bottle					x	40		
Replace the Capping Station				X		32		
Replace the Wiper Blade				X		36		
Waste Pad Reset		X				44		
AOD					X	45		
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Cleaning the Print Head

Why: Saves time and money by helping prevent nozzles from clogging and providing you better print results each day.

Frequency: Weekly, as part of complete shut down





Cleaning the Print Head

Step 1

In Setting menu press and hold Clean capping station after command is activated printer will rise print head and unlock carriage

Step 2

Wait until following image appear on screen: (Gantry will automatically move up) Its now safe to manually move carriage back and forth

Step 3

Slide the carriage to the center of the printer

Step 4

Dip the foam swab in to print head cleaning liquid **NOTES**:

Do not double dip , this will contaminate the entire bottle Once the swab is completely dirly dispose of it properly Only use lint-free cleaning foam swab provided form Azonprinter company If you use cotton swab or something similar the cotton fibers will clog the print head

Step 5 Gently clean the print head and the metal edges around the print head













Cleaning the Print Head

Step 6

Tap the button on the display Press when finished cleaning

NOTES: If needed clean the capping station and wiper blade before taping the button Press when finished cleaning Remove all tools, cleaners, and other items from the print bed

Step 7

Wait until printer comes to ready , solid green light marked with blue arrow will indicate that printer is ready/idle

Step 8

On touch screen tap settings icon (marked with red arrow) press and hold Head Cleaning button for about 1-2 sec





Why: This will allow you to check if any of the print nozzles are clogged, to ensure optimal quality print.

NOTES:

When executing a nozzle check ,ignore the "zero point" sticker on the print table and position as instructed here. If the test sheet is positioned at the "zero point," the test print will rub off on the surface of your print table. ONLY ignore "zero point" when doing a nozzle check.

Frequency: Daily, before you begin printing your first job, on the end of the day.



Step 1

This corner is the zero point and will be set by your technician during the initial install

Step 2

Turn the printer ON (See page XX of the Getting Started Guide for stepby-step instructions)

Step 3

Check for the solid green light that indicates the printer is ready to start the Nozzle Check

Step 4

Position nozzle check sheet :

-Vertical (red arrow) with the edge of the zero point marker -Horizontal (blue arrow) with edge of the table

Image on the right can be used as reference

NOTE:

• If the nozzle check sheet is not positioned correctly the nozzle check will print on the surface of your print table.











Step 5

Push (had for 1-2 sec) the Auto Gantry DOWN button. The gantry will lower and stop automatically. If the print head doesn't move, it means it's already all the way down.

Step 6

When the gantry stops, select the Settings icon ,select Discharge to turn it OFF

Step 7

Press the "PRINT MENU" button Press the Print button Stand clear, the gantry will move forward towards the test sheet to position to print When ready the green light will be solid on the Print Menu

Step 8

Open Azon production manager. This program was installed by your technician.









Step 9 Select printer queue . [in cases of multiple machines its important to select queue]

Step 10

Click on default job properties and go to tab number 4 Initiate nozzle check

Step 11

When the Nozzle Check is complete carefully inspect the sheet. Remember that the ink is NOT cured so it will smudge if you touch it. If there are no/few gaps in the printed pattern you are good to proceed.

(If there are excessive gaps, see the next page)







Nozzle Check - If Excessive Gaps

Step 1

Click Head Cleaning on your computer screen This will start an automatic cleaning of the print head which will pull more ink into the lines

Step 2

When the auto cleaning stops repeat another Nozzle Check





Head Cleaning After a Nozzle Check

In some cases, the Nozzle Check results in many gaps on the nozzle check sheet. Follow the below instructions to conduct print head cleaning



Tap Head Cleaning in settings menu on LCD screen This will start an automatic print head cleaning to help clear any clogs in the nozzles when the auto cleaning stops run another Nozzle Check





Go to RIP software select printer queue go to default job properties and switch to tab number 4 and click head cleaning this will start an automatic print head cleaning to help clear any clogs in the nozzles when the auto cleaning stops run another Nozzle Check



Why: Ink build-up around the capping station prevents the print head from forming a tight seal while at rest. This can lead to clogged nozzles.

Frequency: Once a day, after a daily Print Head Cleaning

NOTES: If you just finished cleaning the Print Head and the carriage is already unlocked, start with Step x by dipping the foam swab into the Capping Station Cleaner. If it is not unlocked, begin with Step 1.



Step 1

In Setting menu press and hold Clean capping station after command is activated printer will rise print head and unlock carriage

Step 2

Wait until following image appear on screen: (Gantry will automatically move up) Its now safe to manually move carriage back and forth

Step 3

Slide the carriage to the left so that you can access the Capping Station

Step 4 Dip the foam swab in to cleaning liquid

NOTES:

Do not double dip , this will contaminate the entire bottle. Once the swab is completely dirty dispose of it properly.









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Step 5

Gently clean the rubber edges of the Capping Station

Step 6

Push and hold capping holder asy in the direction which is pointed by green arrow

Step 7

While holding capping holder asy with one hand , locate and push the wiper pin in the direction of the blue arrow with other.

Step 8 Dip the foam swab in to cleaning liquid

NOTES:

Do not double dip , this will contaminate the entire bottle. Once the swab is completely dirty dispose of it properly.











Step 9

Gently clean the wiper with cleaning stick be sure that all ink remains are gone. Once done put the wiper back in original position via vice versa process.

Vice versa process: -Push and hold capping asy; -Locate and push wiper pin





Cleaning the UV/LED Light Lens

Why: Ink will build up and cure on the UV/LED light lens. Keeping it clean will ensure that your printer emits optimal light for more even, faster curing.

Frequency: Once a month to help optimize efficiencies, you can also clean the UV/LED light while conducting the Print Head & Capping Station cleanings. (the gantry will already be raised.) If the gantry is already raised, start with Step 3 by placing a mirror under the carriage. If not, begin with Step 1 below.

To Be Safe: you will be instructed to switch the Main Power off on the printer at some point during this process.



Cleaning the UV/LED Light Lens

Step 1

Press and hold the Gantry Up icon for 2 seconds. The gantry will raise up (indicated by the solid green light) and stop automatically If the gantry does not move, it is already completely raised

Step 2

Flip the Main Power switch on the back of the printer to OFF This will prevent anyone from accidently bumping the touch screen and causing the printer to move while you are working on it

Step 3

Dip the foam swab in to cleaning liquid

NOTES:

Do not double dip , this will contaminate the entire bottle. Once the swab is completely dirty dispose of it properly

Step 4 Gently clean the UV/LED light lens

Step 5

Close the printer cover, remove all tools, cleaners, and other items from the print bed. Flip the Main Power switch back ON.

•The carriage will move and reset itself. This will take about 90 seconds

•If you want to lower the gantry back down just press and hold the down arrow icon on the Main Menu for 2 seconds and it will lower and stop on its own











Cleaning the Height Sensor Lens

Why: Ink will build up and cure on the Height Sensor Lens, interfering with its ability to adjust to the proper height.

Frequency: As needed





Cleaning the Height Sensor Lens

Step 1 Open the Printer Cover, and locate the Height Sensor Lens.

Step 2 Dip the foam swab in to cleaning liquid

NOTES: Do not double dip , this will contaminate the entire bottle. Once the swab is completely dirty dispose of it properly

Step 3 Gently clean the Height Sensor Lens.









Cleaning the Linear Encoder

NOTE: If you are performing this at the same time as a Capping Station or Print Head Cleaning to save time(meaning that the carriage would already be unlocked), skip to Step 3. If it is not unlocked, proceed to step 1. Frequency: Weekly

Why: Dirt build-up on the ribbon will affect the Optical Sensor's ability to read the ribbon and can result in banding and misting.





Cleaning the Linear Encoder

Step 1

In Setting menu press and hold Clean capping station after command is activated printer will rise print head and unlock carriage

Step 2

Wait until following image appear on screen: (Gantry will automatically move up) Its now safe to manually move carriage back and forth

Step 3

Open the Printer Cover, and locate the Optical Sensor Ribbon

Step 4

Slide the Carriage to the left so that you can clean the right half of the linear encoder









Cleaning the Linear Encoder

Step 5 Dip the foam swab in to cleaning liquid

NOTES:

Do not double dip , this will contaminate the entire bottle. Once the swab is completely dirty dispose of it properly

Step 6

Gently clean the right half of the Linear Encoder on both sides

Step 7

Push the Carriage all the way back to the right, and clean both sides of the left half of the Linear Encoder

Step 8 Close the printer cover

Step 9

Remove all tools, cleaners, and other items from the print bed











Replace the Purge Tray Pad

Why: Ink will build up, cure and eventually build up in the purge tray that it may begin to rub the print head

Frequency: As needed, when the ink builds up to about ³/₄ of the way in the Purge Tray



Replace the Purge Tray Pad

Step 1 Open the Printer Cover and locate the Purge Tray

Step 2 Carefully lift the Purge Pad out of the Purge Tray with the tweezers

NOTE: The pad may be difficult to pull out because of the cured ink. Be careful not to damage the tray

Step 3

Place the Pad in a disposal bag and dispose of it properly (put in one of the disposable bags that was provided and place in the trash)

Step 4 Place a new, clean Pad back in the Purge Tray

Step 5 Close the printer cover









Replace the Ink Waste Bottle

Frequency: Weekly, depending on how much you print. Your printer will prompt you when the ink waste bottle needs replaced.





Replace the Ink Waste Bottle

When the Waste Bottle is full, this message will appear on your LCD screen

Step 1

Carefully lift the Waste Bottle up, tilt it in towards the printer, then pull it out of the metal cover

Do not tilt it too far when you lift it out, as the ink may spill

Step 2

Hold the lid with one hand, and rotate the bottle clockwise with the other hand







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Replace the Ink Waste Bottle

NOTES

The Ink Hoses stay connected to the lid, so you will continue to reuse that same lid on each new waste bottle Be careful of any ink dripping from the hoses Be sure not to pull any of the hoses out of the lid

Step 3

Place the lid from the new bottle onto the used Waste Bottle so that it is sealed

Step 4

Place the Waste Bottle in a disposal bag and then into a container for hazardous liquids , for proper disposal

Step 5

Put the lid (containing the hoses) on the new Waste Bottle. (Hold the lid, spin the bottle counterclockwise)

Step 6

Place the Waste Bottle back inside the printer, leaning the top of the bottle slightly in toward the printer and then pressing down in place





Why: Over time the capping station gets worn. If it does not get replaced it will not seal tight and you will experience clogs in the print head

Frequency: ~ every 90 days

NOTE: The printer can be ON or OFF but not in motion when replacing a capping





Step 1

In Setting menu press and hold Clean capping station after command is activated printer will rise print head and unlock carriage

Step 2

Wait until following image appear on screen: (Gantry will automatically move up) Its now safe to manually move carriage back and forth

Step 3

Slide the carriage to the left so that you can access the Capping Station

Step 4

Use a needle nose pliers to carefully remove the spring to the right of the capping station











Step 5

With your index finger, push down on the top edge of capping station so you can feel it tip and release

Step 6

When the capping station is released it will stick up as shown in the picture. You can then lift it out

Step 7

Underneath the capping station is a spring Tip the capping station to the side so that you can lift the spring out











Step 8

To ensure you get the correct hose reconnected to the correct hole, disconnect one hose at a time disconnect a hose, reconnect it immediately to the corresponding hole on the new capping station do this same process on the next 3 hoses until they are all reconnected to the new capping station









Step 9

Once the new capping station has all 4 hoses connected to it, you need to seat the large spring back under the capping station

Step 10

Using 2 hands push the capping station down back into place, hooking the edge nearest you first

Step 11

Replace the small spring that hooks to the right of the capping station







Why: The wiper blade periodically and automatically wipes excess ink off of the print head to help prevent drips and clogs. Over time the wiper will wear and warp and not clean the print head effectively.

Frequency: Approximately every 90 days

NOTE:

The wiper blade is located inside the pump and cap assembly next to the capping station. The wiper blade can be different colors, sometimes white, gray or black.









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You will need :





Step 1

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Step 2

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Step 3

Slide the carriage to the left so that you can access the Capping Station

Step 4

Push and hold capping holder asy in the direction which is pointed by green arrow









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Step 5

While holding capping holder asy with one hand , locate and push the wiper pin in the direction of the blue arrow with other

Step 6

With a tweezers, gently pull the wiper up until it comes out of the pump & cap assembly

Note the way the wiper is positioned when you remove it so that you can place the new wiper back in the same direction

Step 7

Insert new wiper into wiper slot [its need to be in same direction as the old one]

Step 8 Remove all tools, cleaners, and other items from the print bed

Step 9 Close the printer cover

Step 10 Click Press when finished cleaning button









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Filling Ink Bottles

Why: If a printer ink bottle is empty printer will not print that color and likely not produce a print of expected quality Warning will be shown on LCD touch screen

Frequency: As needed

NOTES: The printer can be ON or OFF but not in motion when filling ink bottle. If replacing the white ink be sure to shake transport bottle for 1 minute before filling the printer bottle



Filling Ink Bottles

Step 1

Open printer bottle which you want to fill with corresponsive ink. [open one bottle at the time to prevent any UV exposure / dust or any other influence which may occur while bottle is open]

Step 2

Open ink bottle , remove protective folium and pour ink from ink bottle to printer bottle [make sure to pour ink in correct printer bottle]

Step 3 Close printer bottle [make sure to close the bottle all the way]



Shake only white ink inside transport bottles prior to pouring into printer bottle



Shake white ink inside printer bottles every day before starting up machine









Waste Pad Reset

Step 1

Open the top back cover of the printer and plug in the USB cord to the printer and to your computer. [THERE ARE 2 USB CONNECTORS MAKE SURE TO CONNECT THE ONE ON MAINBOARD]

Step 2

Open Azon production manager. This program was installed by your technician.

Step 3

Select printer queue . [in cases of multiple machines its important to select queue]

Step 4

Click on Setup then default job properties and go to tab number 4.

Step 5 Initiate Waste Tank

Step 6

After reset is finish ,pull out USB cable , close the back cover.







AOD [agitation on demand]

in case of long hours printing if opacity of white ink decrease shake white ink bottles and tap AOD button [this function is used to ensure optimal white ink opacity]

Step 1 Shake white ink printer bottle back and fourth for about 1 minute

Step 2 Go to precise adjustment menu and tap AOD button to start agitation on demand

Step 3 Make a nozzle check to ensure that all nozzles are okay









To Save Money

We recommend that if you know some of your inks are low and you are about to print a large or expensive job, replace any low cartridges to prevent running out before the job finishes printing. You can then put the low cartridges back in to use for smaller jobs.

This will allow you to use as much ink as possible while minimizing you risk of ruining a job.

