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Symptoms

One or more of the following:

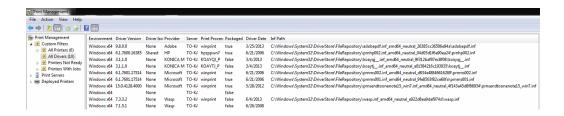
• The WPL Printer Driver Wizard says it completed, but the "completed successfully" list is empty and no printer is actually installed.

Note: Make sure you're using an up-to-date version of the driver. Versions 2019, 2018, 7.3.3, and 7.3.0 are compatible with 10, 8, 7, Vista, XP. Version 7.1.x is only

compatible with Windows XP.



- The Print Management utility refuses to remove a print driver package, saying it's in use. No printer is using the driver. Multiple reboots have been performed. Note: Print Management is not included with Home/Standard editions of Windows, so skip past this section.
- Print Management's Drivers Inf Path column is blank for a driver. The Driver Version column may be blank.



Cause

Corruption in the Windows registry.

Resolution

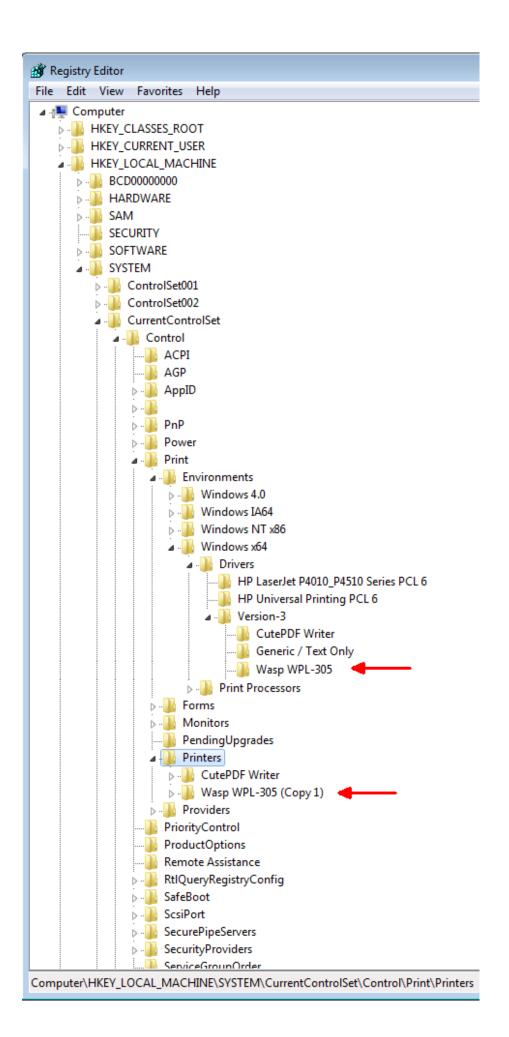
Delete the print driver from the Registry:

1. Launch Registry Editor (regedit). Navigate to and expand out the following registry path:

64-bit Windows:

32-bit Windows:

- 2. In the left pane, right-click the print driver, Delete, Yes.
- 3. Collapse the Environments key and expand Printers just below it. Full path: HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Print\Printers
- 4. If your printer is there, right-click it, Delete, Yes. If your printer is not there, go to the next step.
- 5. Click Start, type "services.msc" into the search field, then Enter.
- 6. Double-click Print Spooler. Click Stop, wait, then Start to restart the service.



More information:

1. Print Management is available on Pro or higher editions of Windows (but not Standard). It can be found in Control Panel, Administrative Tools, or run printmanagement.msc

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- <u>Microsoft .NET Framework Repair and Uninstall/Reinstall Procedures</u>
- Printer driver and calibration steps for most Wasp Printers