



PCL V4 Printer Driver Manual

For printer model:

LP 100R Laser



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Before You Start

A printer driver is a software that sends data created on a computer (documents and illustrations) to the printer using native printer language commands. The LP 100R Printer Driver Manual (hereinafter, "this manual") describes how to obtain and install the printer driver for the LP 100R (hereinafter, "the product"). The manual also explains how to configure various settings after installing the printer driver and how to uninstall and update the printer driver.

Printer Driver Screenshots Used in This Manual

This manual mainly uses screenshots of the printer driver for the product captured on Windows 10. Therefore, the screen layout may differ depending on the OS that you are using. Please note, your driver may vary; the manual was created when driver version 1.0.03 was active.

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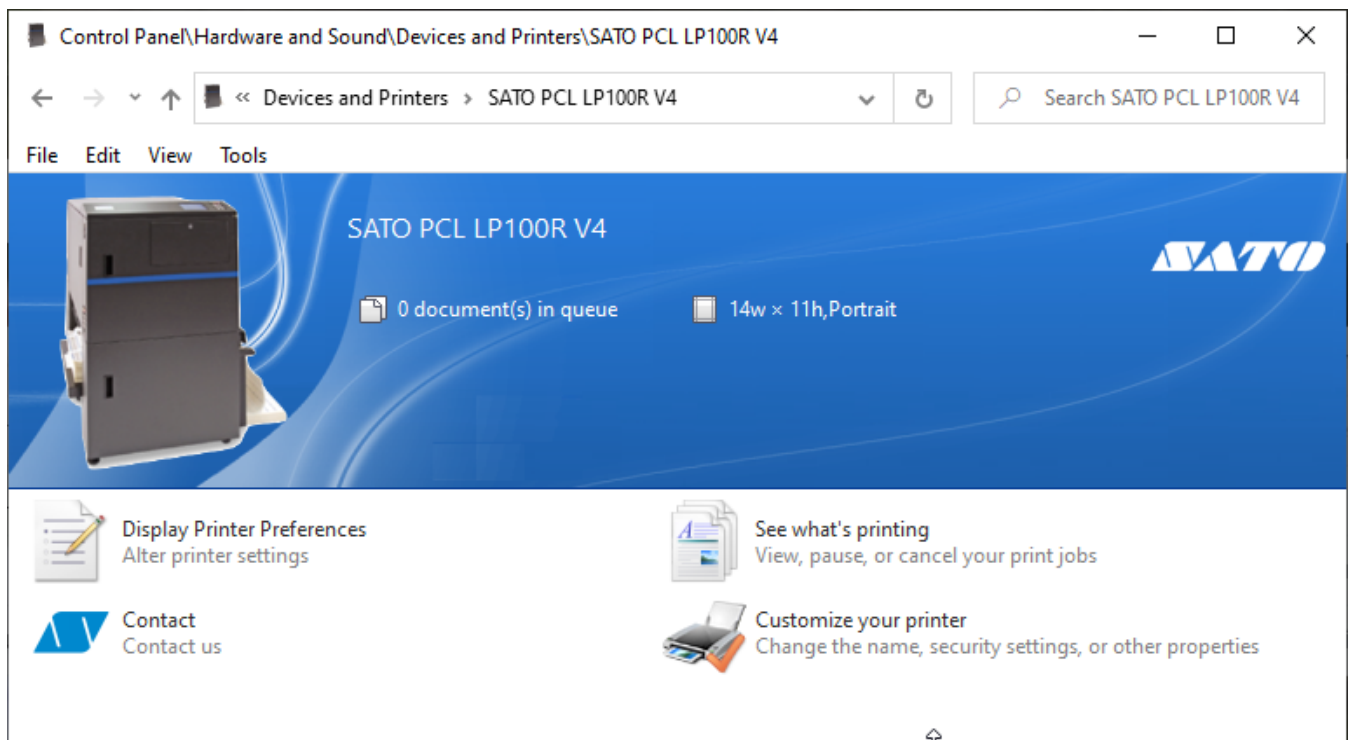
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About the SATO PCL LP 100R V4 Driver

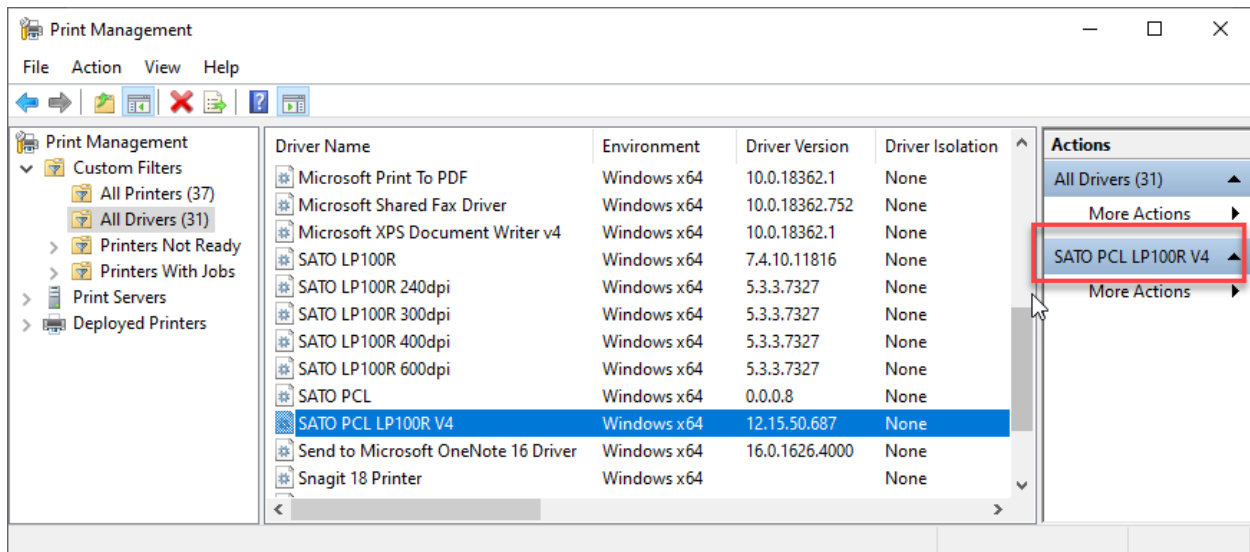
Created for the SATO LP 100R laser printer, this is a Microsoft Windows 8 and above-certified Type 4 PCL printer driver. The driver is suited for both 32 and 64-bit Windows Operating Systems. As a refinement of v3 drivers, v4 drivers are optimized for UWP (Universal Windows Platform) applications, making this driver the choice to utilize UI (User Interface) behavior and print preferences from UWP apps. Other improvements with Type 4 printer drivers is to eliminate strange behavior of memory leaks and associated DDL's interference because of the advances in isolation in the Type 4 architecture.

While Windows continues to support v3 drivers, the v4 drivers improve the interface between the application and printer. Printer sharing is easier in Windows Servers with v4 driver types. The SATO LP 100R v4 driver is a logical upgrade from v3 and has been found to work with most existing applications currently using the v3 driver.



Type 3 or 4

The printer type and version can be found in the Windows Print Management utility. From the detailed view of Print Management (located in Control Panel\System and Security\Administrative Tools), you can view the details and manage the printer driver.



Printer Driver Installation

Where to find the driver

The LP 100R driver, along with the latest SATO-Logic controller software, is available on the SATO America website: <https://www.satoamerica.com/resources/software/laser-driver-and-software>

Installing the LP 100R driver

The driver is distributed as an executable, which will extract and launch the installer. Locate and launch the "SATO V4_setup_x.x.x. exe" file to begin the Windows driver installation.

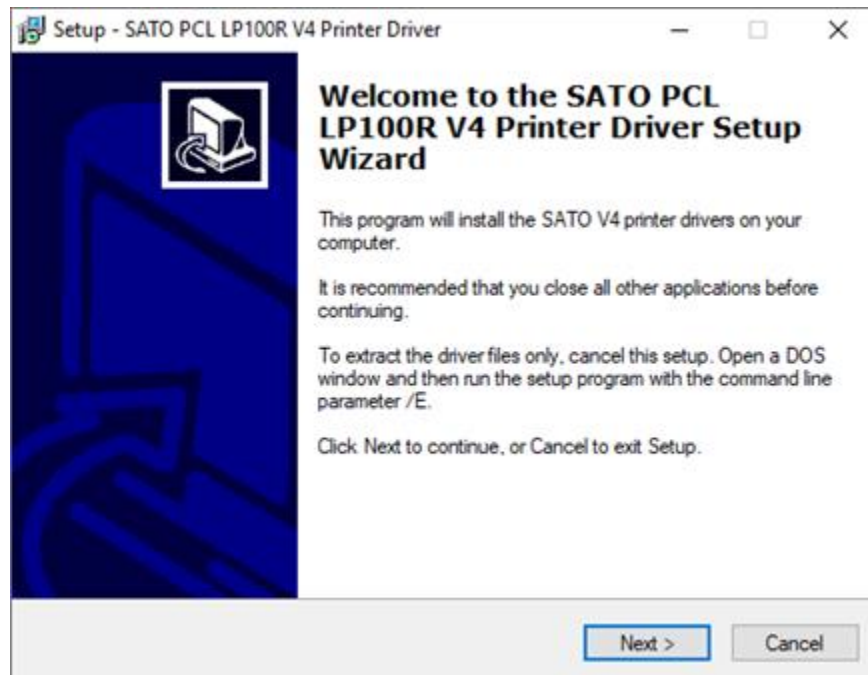
You should use this procedure to update the existing instance of the driver with a later version.

NOTE: *Do not use with Add a printer option unless you have added the driver files separately.*

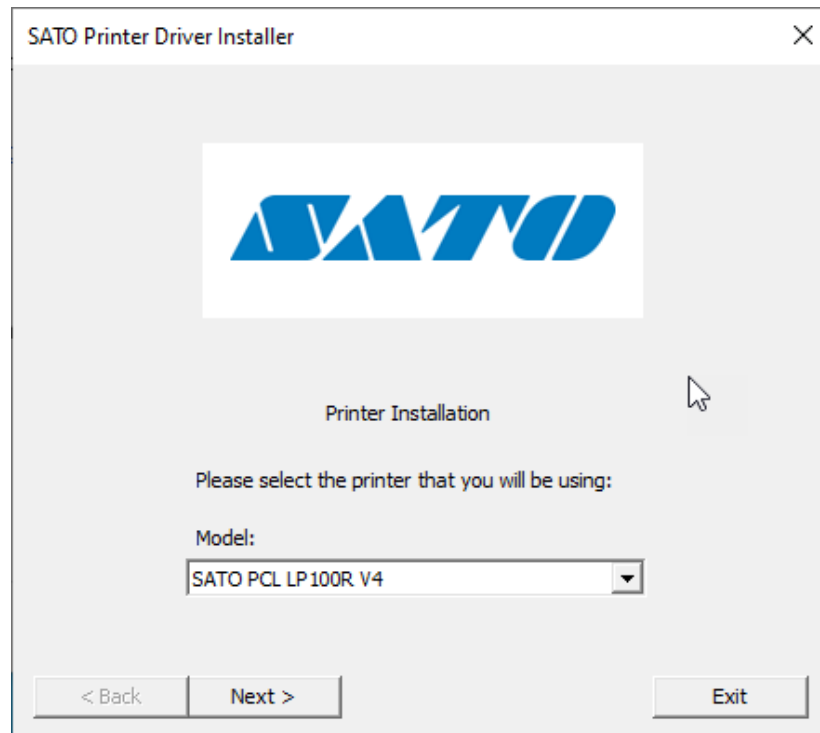
You will need to have the printer on your network and know the IP address of the LP 100R printer before beginning the driver setup.

Launch the installer with administrator rights.

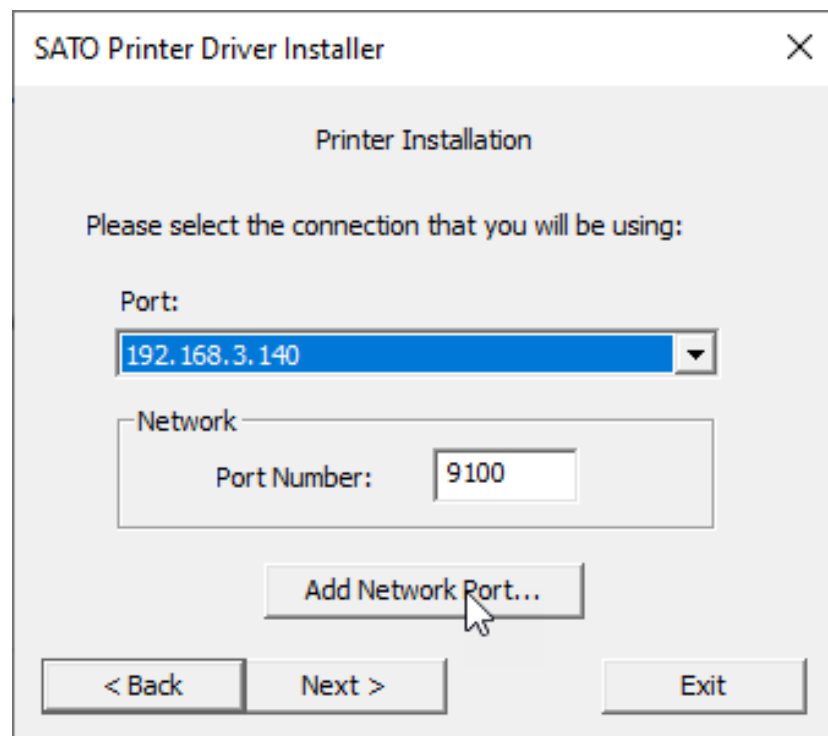
When the Setup Wizard launches, follow the prompts in the appropriate dialog box:



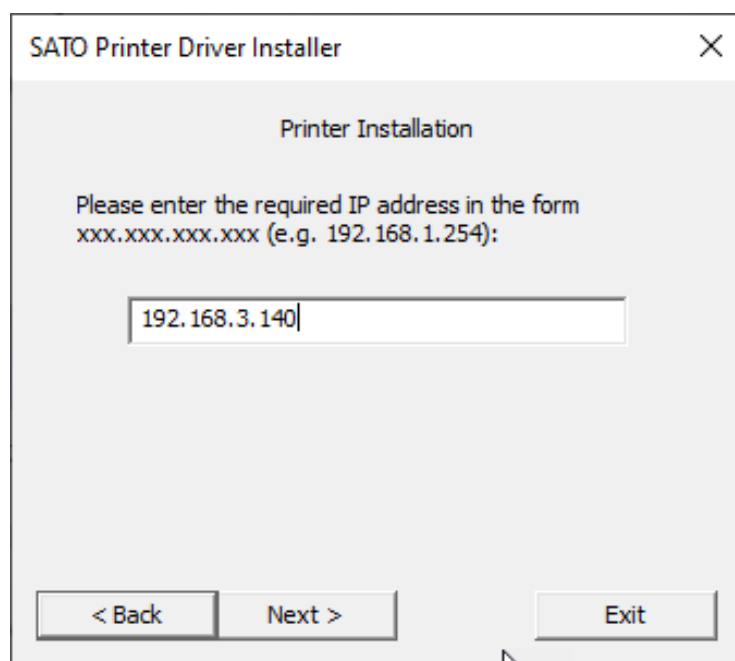
When first installing or [during an upgrade](#) (after the previous version has been removed), you will see a dialog box to select the model. Chose the SATO PCL LP100R V4 on the list. Select **Next >** to continue.



You will need to define the data communication connection in which the printer will receive data. You will need to know the IP address of the LP 100R printer.



If the connection has not been defined, you can select **Add Network Port....** If the printer is set to an IP, powered up and connected, enter the IP and choose **Next >** to continue. If you are adding an [LPR port](#), Create a new port, and then after the printer installation is complete, go to the port settings in the printer properties and define the LPR port.



SATO Printer Driver Installer

Printer Installation

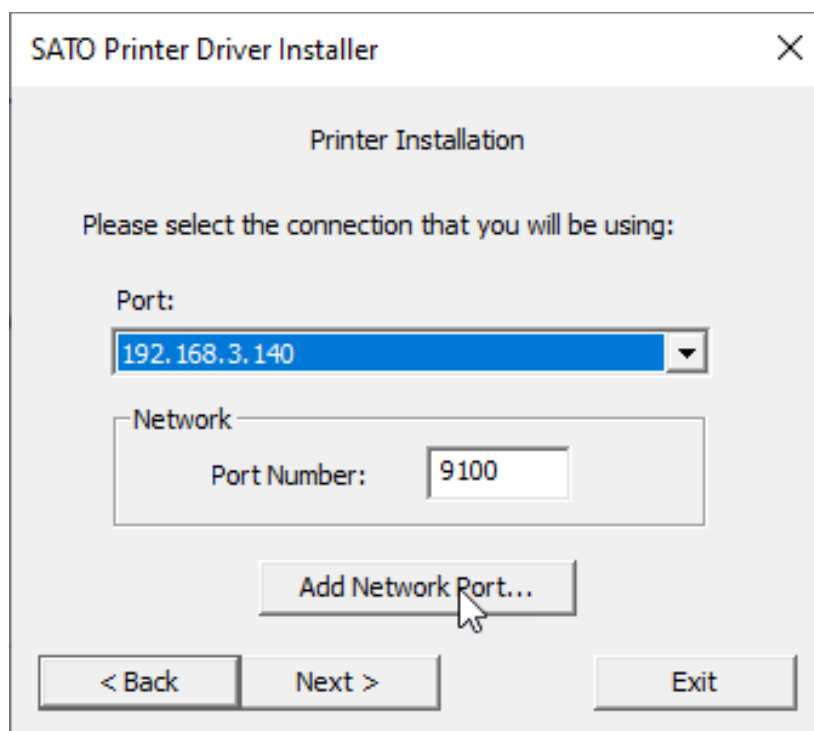
Please enter the required IP address in the form
xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx (e.g. 192.168.1.254):

192.168.3.140

< Back Next > Exit

After adding a network port, you will be returned to the dialog box to select the printer's connection.

Select the connection and continue by selecting **Next >**.



SATO Printer Driver Installer

Printer Installation

Please select the connection that you will be using:

Port:

192.168.3.140

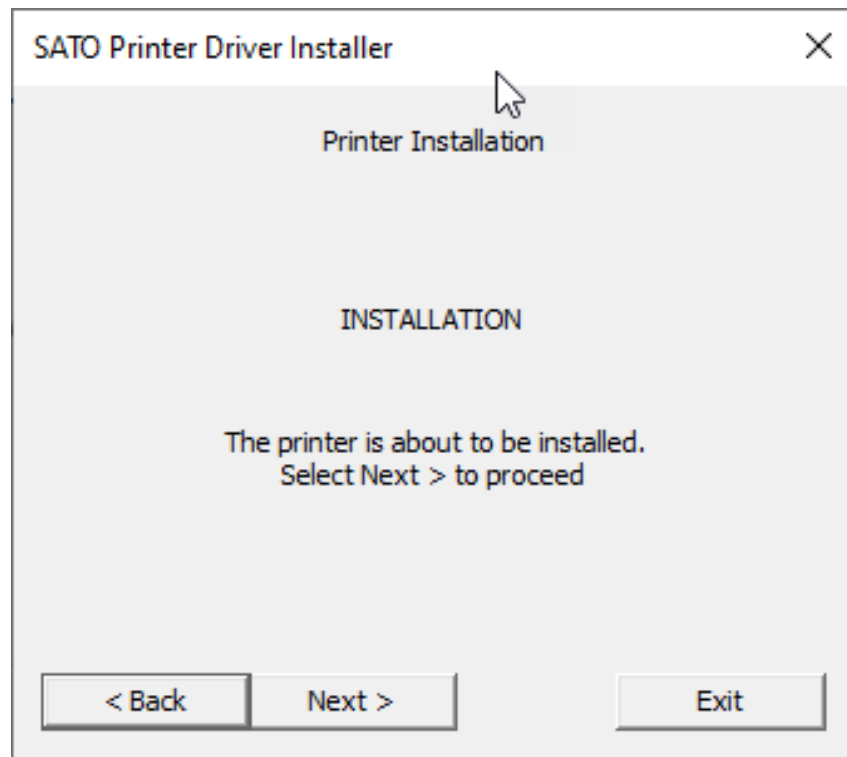
Network

Port Number: 9100

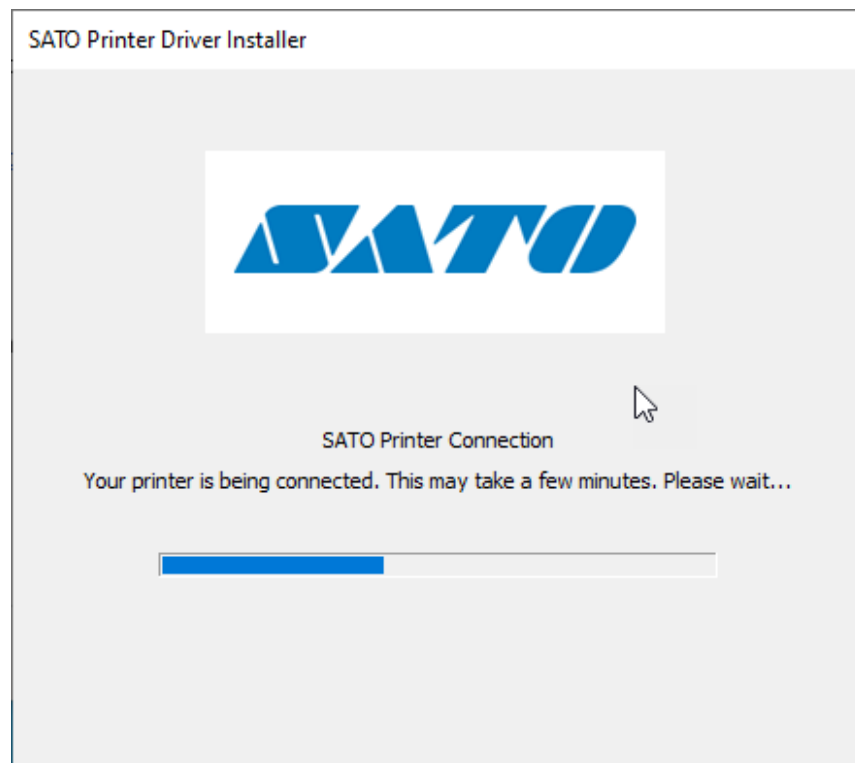
Add Network Port...

< Back Next > Exit

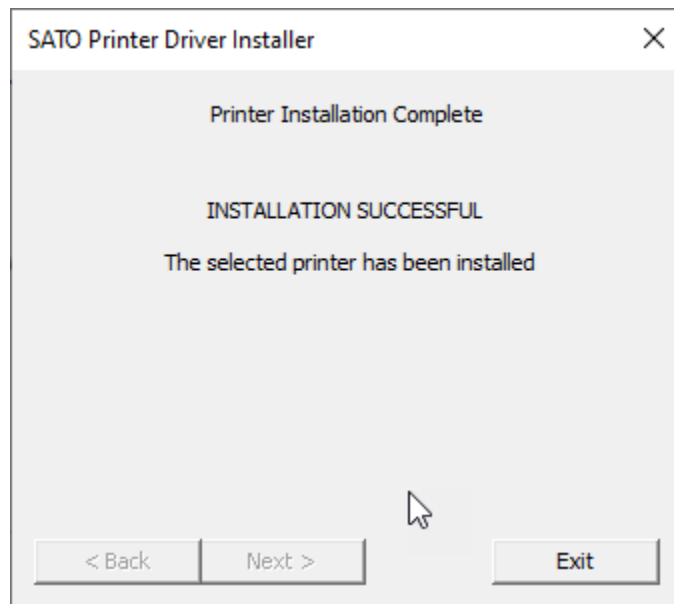
You will receive confirmation the printer is about to be installed. Select next to continue.



The progress bar will indicate the installation progress.



When complete select exit.



Congratulations! You have now successfully installed the SATO PCL LP 100R v4 Printer Driver and may now use it to print from Windows applications.

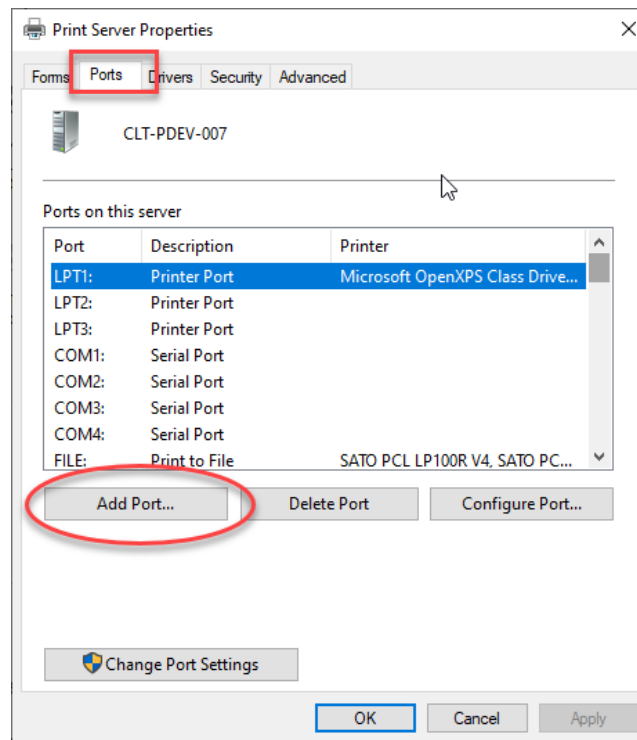
Open the printer in Printers and Devices.

A [test print](#) to confirm can be sent from the General tab of the Printer Properties.

You can travel to [Devices and Printers](#) to view the newly installed printer's settings.

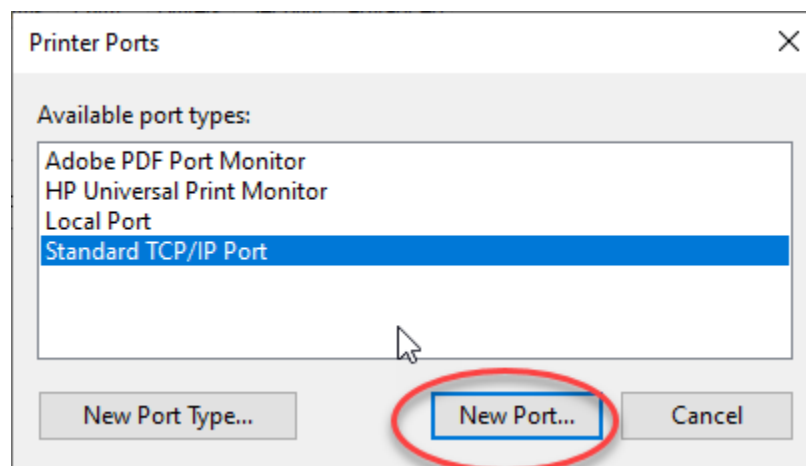
Manage or add a port.

Use the port settings in Print Server Properties to manage the port settings.

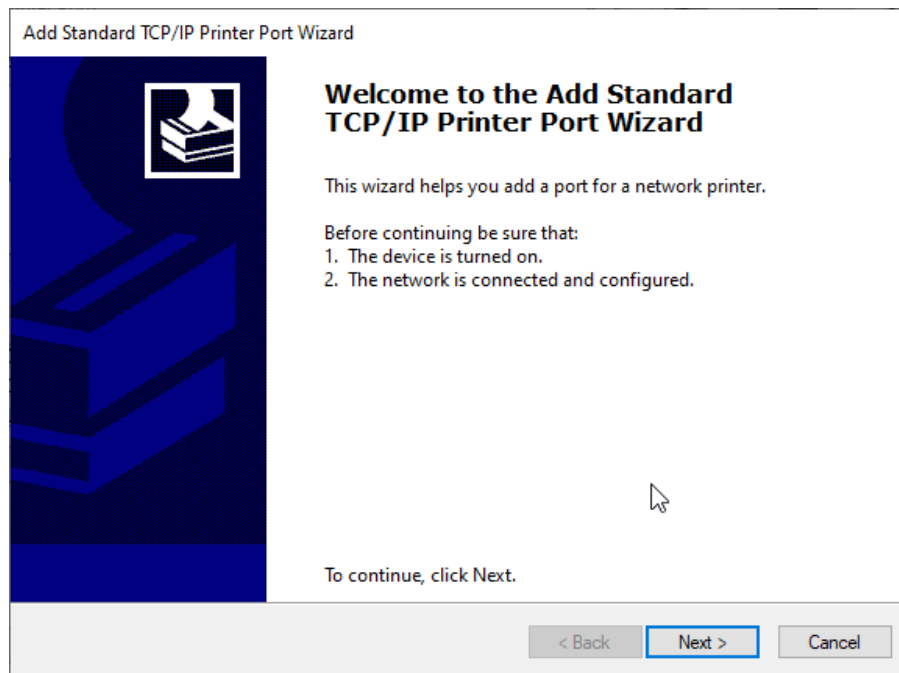


To add a port, select the **Add Port** button.

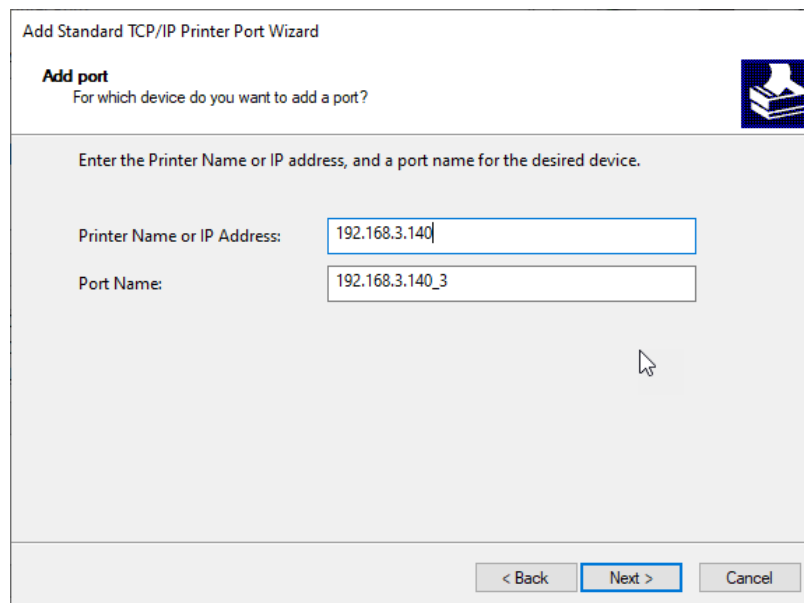
Select **Standard TCP/IP port** and **New Port ...** button.



This will launch the Add Standard Port wizard.

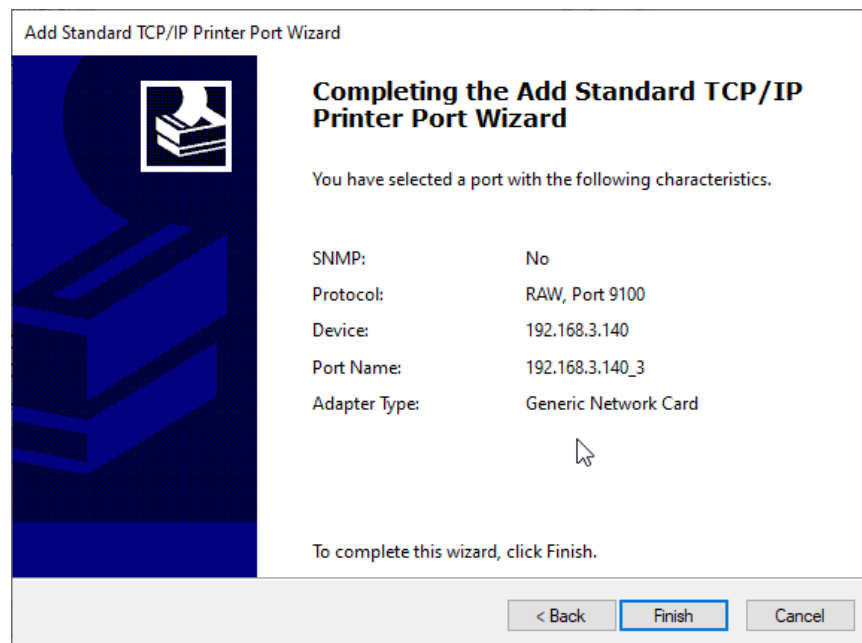


Follow the wizard entering the IP address. You may edit Port Name to reflect something more meaningful.



Be sure the printer IP is configured, powered up, and connected. Select **Next >** to continue

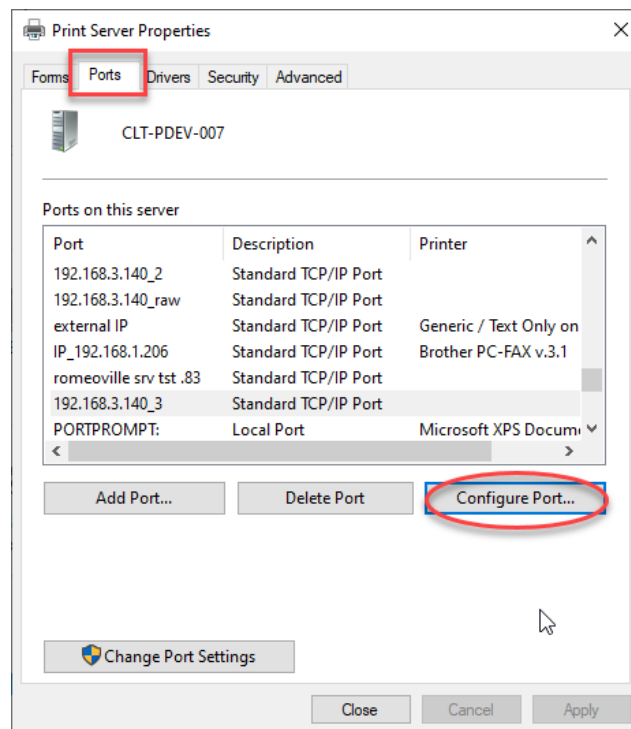
Select Finish to complete the add port wizard.



LPR Port

The LP100R can act as a print server and receive many pages ahead of printing. When you wish to send data through an LPR or CUPS connection, you will need to configure the Port to LPR.

From the Ports tab of Printer Server Properties, highlight the port and select Configure Port



To create a Printer server queue, change the protocol to LPR, enter a Queue name, and enable LPR Byte counting. The LP100R queue name default is LIS_SATO. The IP address and the queue name must match in both the printer and the driver. The [LPR queue name](#) within the physical LP100R printer may be defined through the communications setting menu at the printer.

Configure Standard TCP/IP Port Monitor

Port Settings

Port Name: 192.168.3.140_2

Printer Name or IP Address: 192.168.3.140

Protocol

☐ Raw ☒ LPR

Raw Settings

Port Number: 9100

LPR Settings

Queue Name: LIS_SATO

☒ LPR Byte Counting Enabled

☐ SNMP Status Enabled

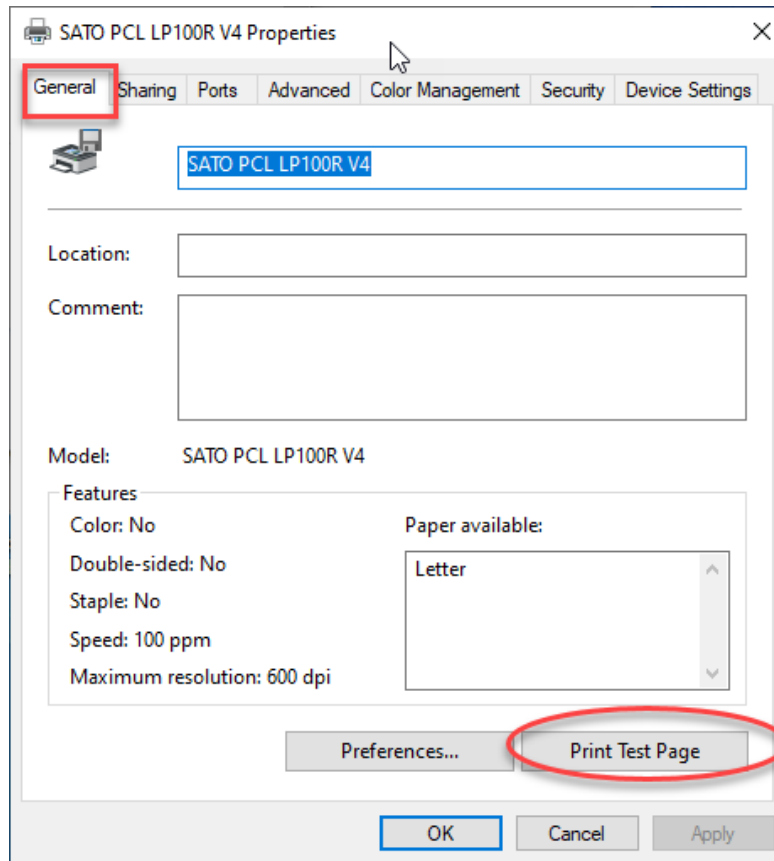
Community Name: public

SNMP Device Index: 1

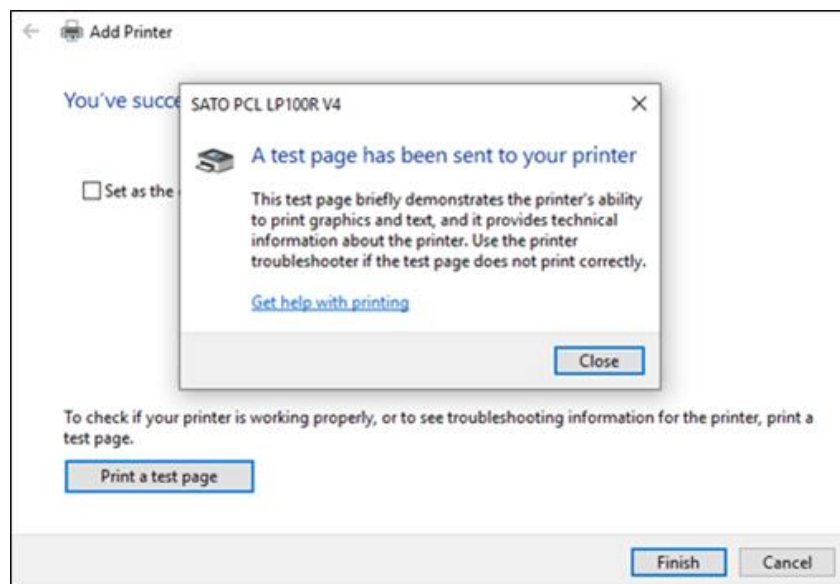
OK Cancel

Test Page

Once the driver settings and communications connections are configured, a test page can be sent to confirm the settings are correct. To print a test page, go to the General tab of the Printer properties.



When printing a test page from the driver, be sure the LP 100R Printer is set to PCL emulation in the active configuration. Refer to [Printer Settings](#) (page 36) for more details.

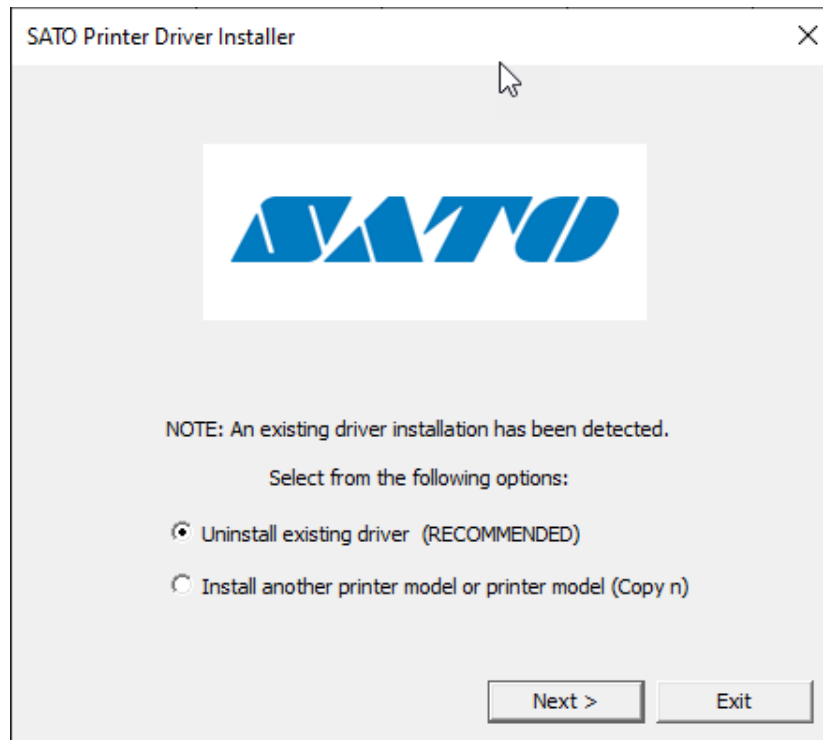


Upgrading the LP 100R Driver

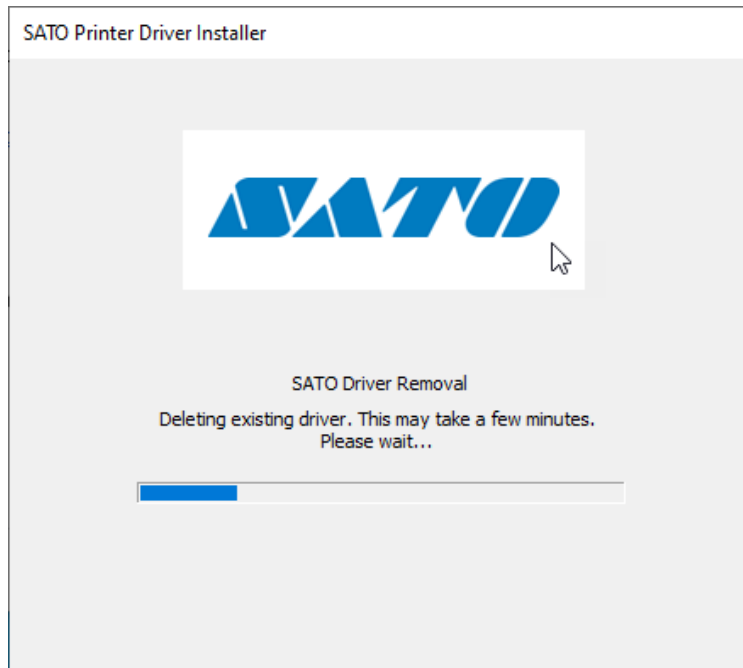
To upgrade an existing instance of the driver, you must remove the existing instance. The driver installer will guide you through this process.

[Launch the installer package](#) as if you were installing the driver. If an existing installation is found, you will receive a prompt to uninstall or install a copy. To upgrade, you must first uninstall the current driver. You will have restart Windows after the removal. After uninstalling the current driver and restarting Windows, you can relaunch the installer and install the upgraded version driver.

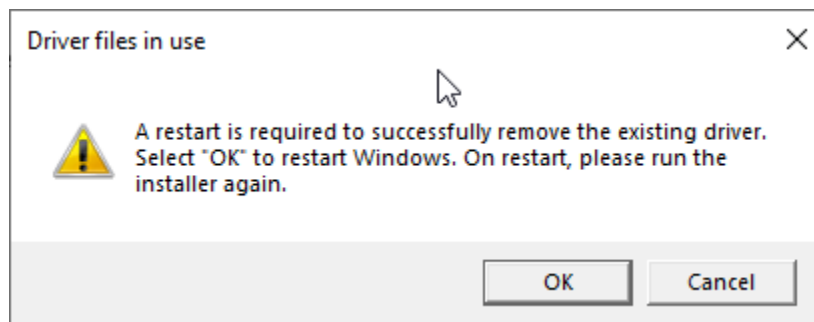
Select **Uninstall** and **Next. >**.



You will be prompted to disconnect the printer, be sure all the jobs are completed and select continue.



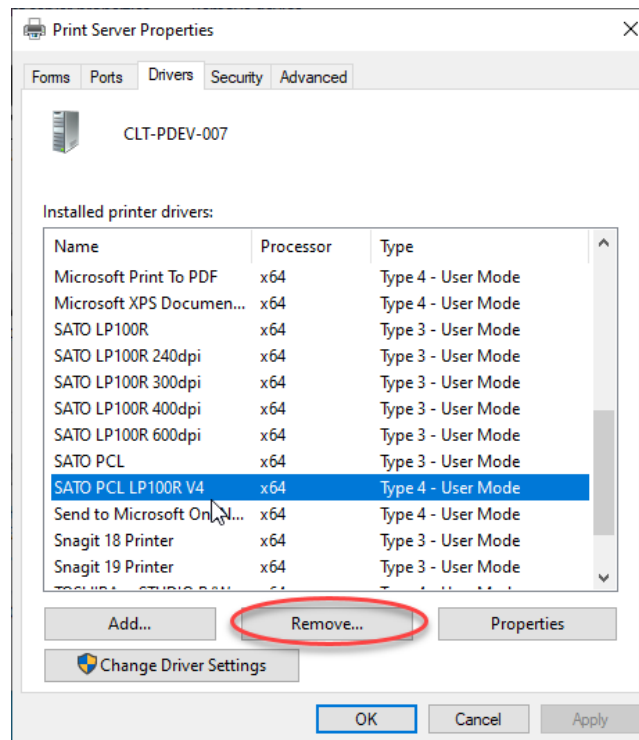
After removing the driver, a restart is required.



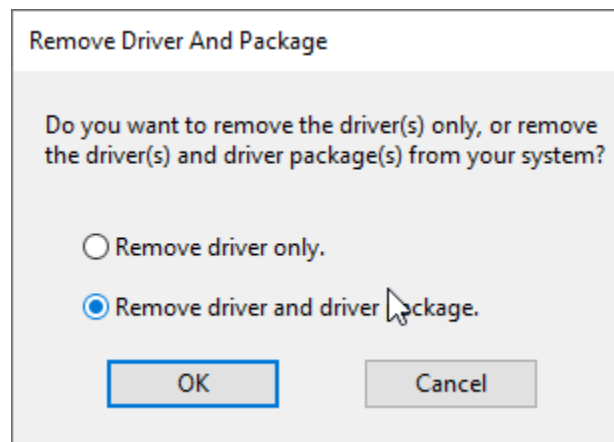
After restarting windows, [launch the installer](#) again to install the upgraded version.

Manually Remove the Driver

You may also remove the driver through the Drivers tab of the Print Server Properties.



When removing to upgrade to a new version, remove the driver and the driver package.



Once removed, relaunch the driver installer to continue with the installation of the upgrade.

Using the LP 100R Driver

Information Panel

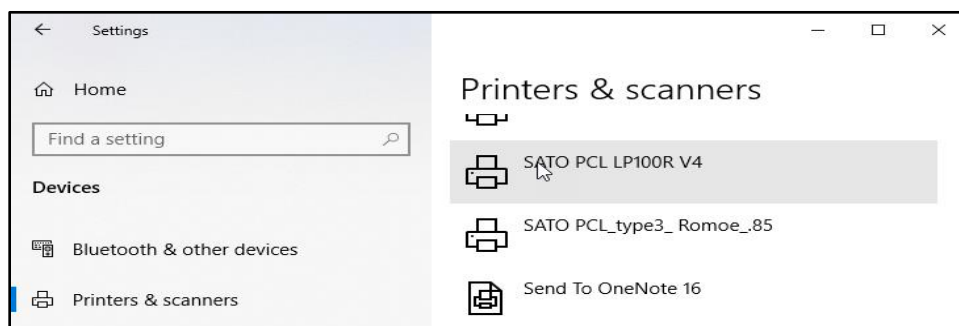
After the driver has been [installed](#), you can see and manage the jobs submitted for printing by selecting [See What's Printing](#) from the information panel of the driver. To launch the information panel, go to **Devices and Printers** and double click on the LP 100R printer driver.



When you double click the driver icon, the information panel will be displayed.



You can also manage the settings or the jobs from Printer and Scanners in Settings. When you select a printer in the list, you will be presented with Open Queue, Manage or Remove Device options.

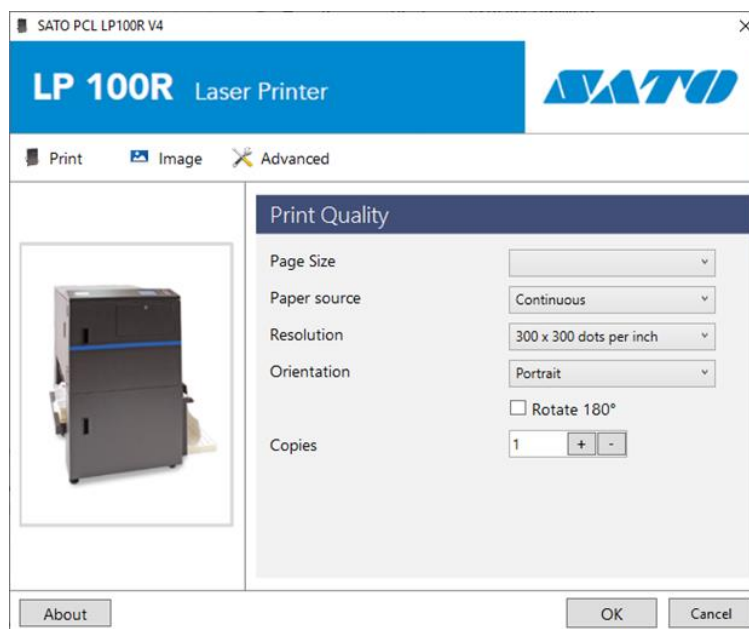


Managing Printer Settings

There are two panels to manage the settings of the driver: [Printer Preferences](#) and [Printer Properties](#). Depending on the Windows application being used to print to the LP 100R, these setting groups work differently. Later [Windows applications](#) can interact with the [Printer Preferences](#) settings and change the driver settings from the print window within the application. In earlier applications, you use the [Printer Properties](#) to manage the settings.

Displaying Printer Preferences

The Preferences panel is used to make changes related to particular print jobs. This panel is also displayed when printer properties are selected from within a Windows application. After a driver is installed and configured, this will be the primary panel used to change the job parameters.



You must ensure the [driver settings](#) and [printer settings](#) match to achieve the desired output. Comments about related settings as they apply to the LP100R printer are available in the [SATO LP100R Printer Settings](#) section.

Users familiar with the SATO version 3 SATO PCL (LP 100R) driver will notice the settings; Page size, Paper source, Resolution, Orientation, and Copies are all contained in one panel referred to as the Printers Preferences. In a type 4 driver, these settings are not found in the Printer Properties.

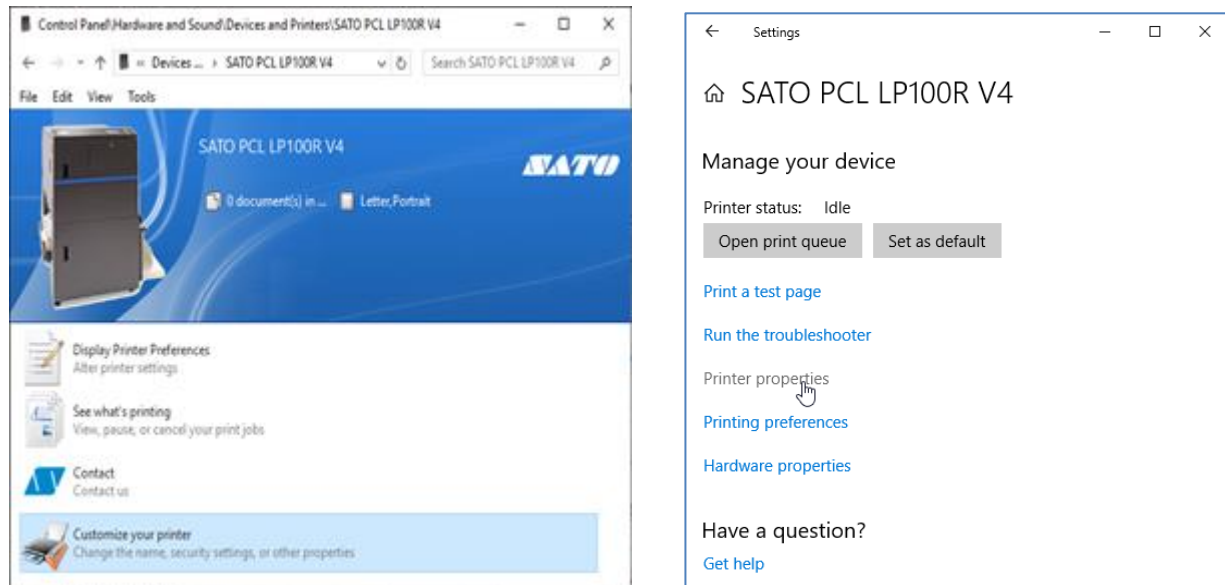
Driver Version

Select the **About** button in the Printer Preferences panel to see the version of the driver. The About button is useful when troubleshooting output issues to verify the correct/updated driver is being used.

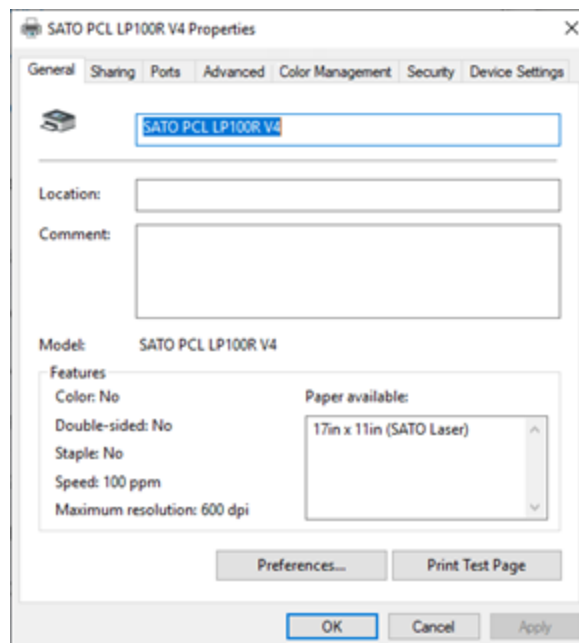


Printer Properties

The Printer Properties dialog box allows you to change the name, security settings, communication port, and other related properties. Select *Customize your printer* from the information panel and then choose *Printer Properties* from the Settings menu.



Click the tabs in the Properties window to make changes to the applicable parameters.

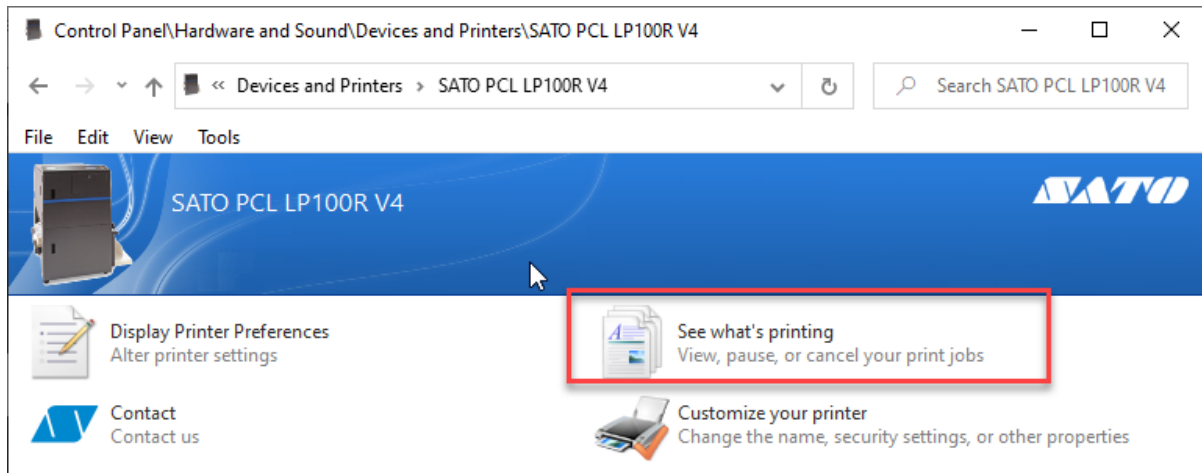


Refer to the [Customize the LP 100R Printer Driver](#) section (page 30) for more detail.

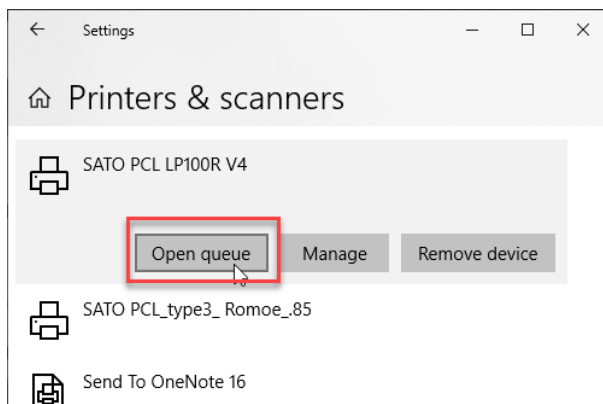
See What's Printing

The status and jobs sent to your printer can be viewed and managed in the Windows spooler. There are a few ways to open or view the spooler for the LP100R V4 Printer Driver.

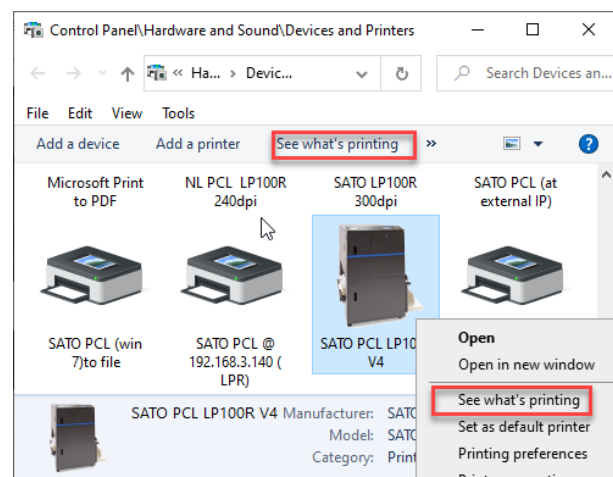
Double click on the printer to open the information panel and from the information panel select **See What's Printing**.



From the settings panel, you can select an *Open print queue* from the Settings window to display the list of print jobs spooled to the printer.



From the Devices and Printers, highlight the printer and right-click or select the See what's printing.



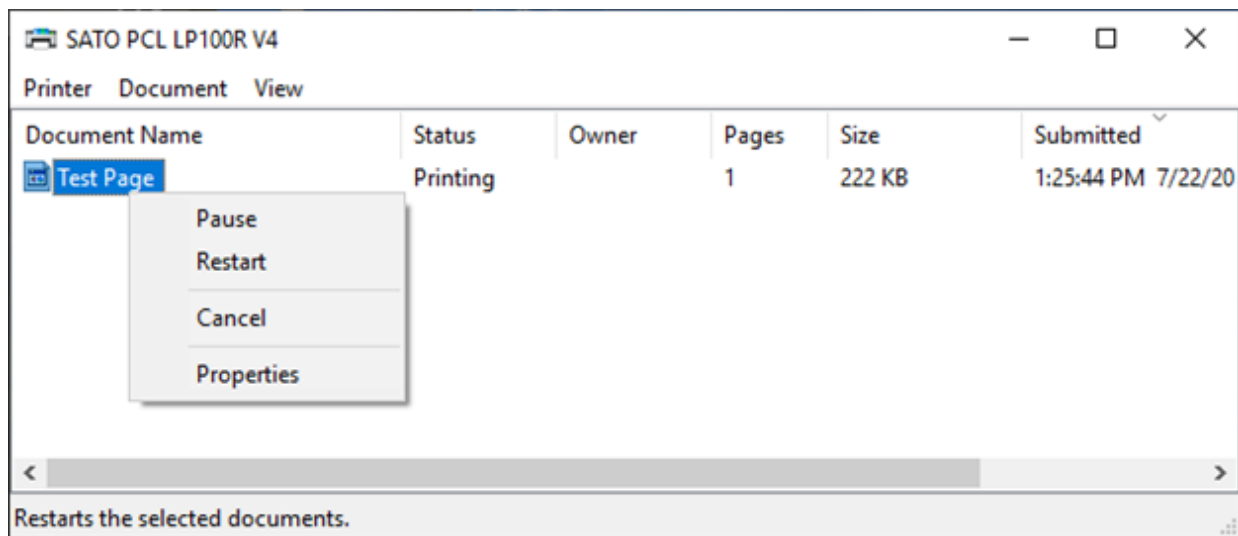
From the spooler view, you can see the status of the printer and the jobs. You can also pause or cancel the jobs.

Mange Printer Status and Jobs

From the spooler view, you can see and manage the status of the printer and the jobs in the Queue. You can control the jobs individually or as a pool.

The spooler shows the jobs queued to be processed. The printer menu in the spooler will give the options to pause printing or cancel all jobs. The Document menu or Right-click on a job, and you be presented with options to Pause, Restart, or Cancel the job.

From the Printer Menu pause or restart the jobs or cancel them all.



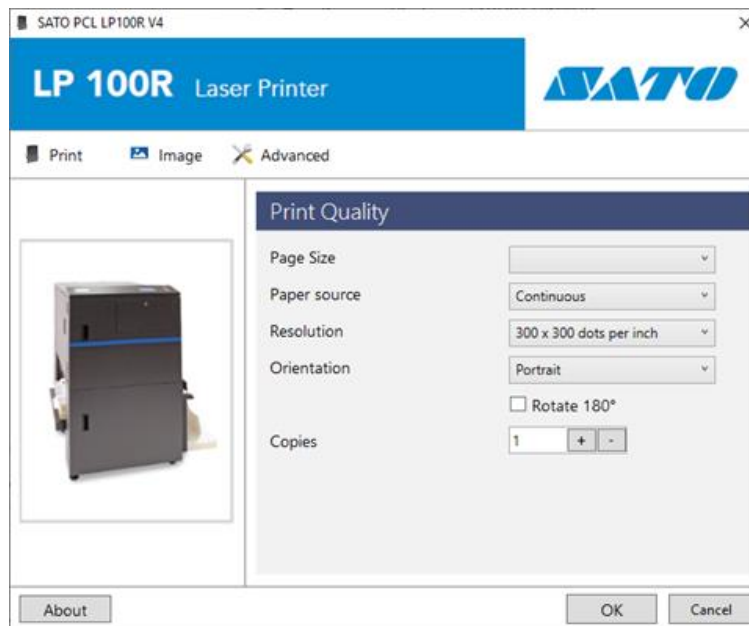
Print Queue Example and Applicable Actions

Matching the Driver and Printer settings

The printer settings, found in the active configuration, must match the parameters of the printer driver for the intended job sent to the printer. These settings include form size, orientation, and resolution. The resulting output may be too small or too large, clipped, or out of registration from page to page if any of these settings are mismatched. Use the [Printer Preferences](#) panel to set these values for the driver.

Emulation

The printer must be using the PCL Emulation when receiving files from the driver. If this is incorrect, you may observe the printer hang-up requiring a reboot, or no output will be generated.



Paper Source

The Paper source will always be set to Continuous when sending to a SATO LP 100R.

Resolution

The resolution is selected from 240, 300, 400, 480 or 600 Dots per Inch (DPI).

Orientation

The Orientation is either Portrait or Landscape. To achieve reverse portrait or reverse landscape, select the "Rotate 180°" checkbox.

Page Size

The page size is a dynamic drop-down based on all the forms defined on the Windows Print Server (workstation).

Many standard forms sizes are included in the installation of the Windows driver, including several wide forms (beyond the traditional 11" width). These will provide some possible form sizes for testing or an initial start to create a new one based on these sizes by modifying one of your own.

Included with the form definition of width and height are the margins. Margins will reduce the print size. e.g., an 11" wide page defined with a 0.5" margin on either side will effectively be a 10" print width. Because the print size is critical to the LP100R, SATO recommends using 0.00" margins so the page size and print size will be the same. You can view the margins defined by viewing the form definitions in the Forms tab of the Print Server Properties. To check and modify the sizes and margins, refer to the [Custom Form Sizes](#) section found on page 26.

Print Server Properties

Forms Ports Drivers Security Advanced

Forms on: CLT-PDEV-007

15in x 8.5in (SATO Laser)
16in x 11in (SATO Laser)
16in x 12in (SATO Laser)
16in x 13in (SATO Laser)

Delete
Save Form

Form name: 17in x 11in (SATO Laser)

☐ Create a new form

Define a new form by editing the existing name and measurements. Then click Save Form.

Form description (measurements)

Units: ☐ Metric ☒ English

Paper size: Width: 17.00in Height: 11.00in

Printer area margins: Left: 0.00in Right: 0.00in Top: 0.00in Bottom: 0.00in

Change Form Settings

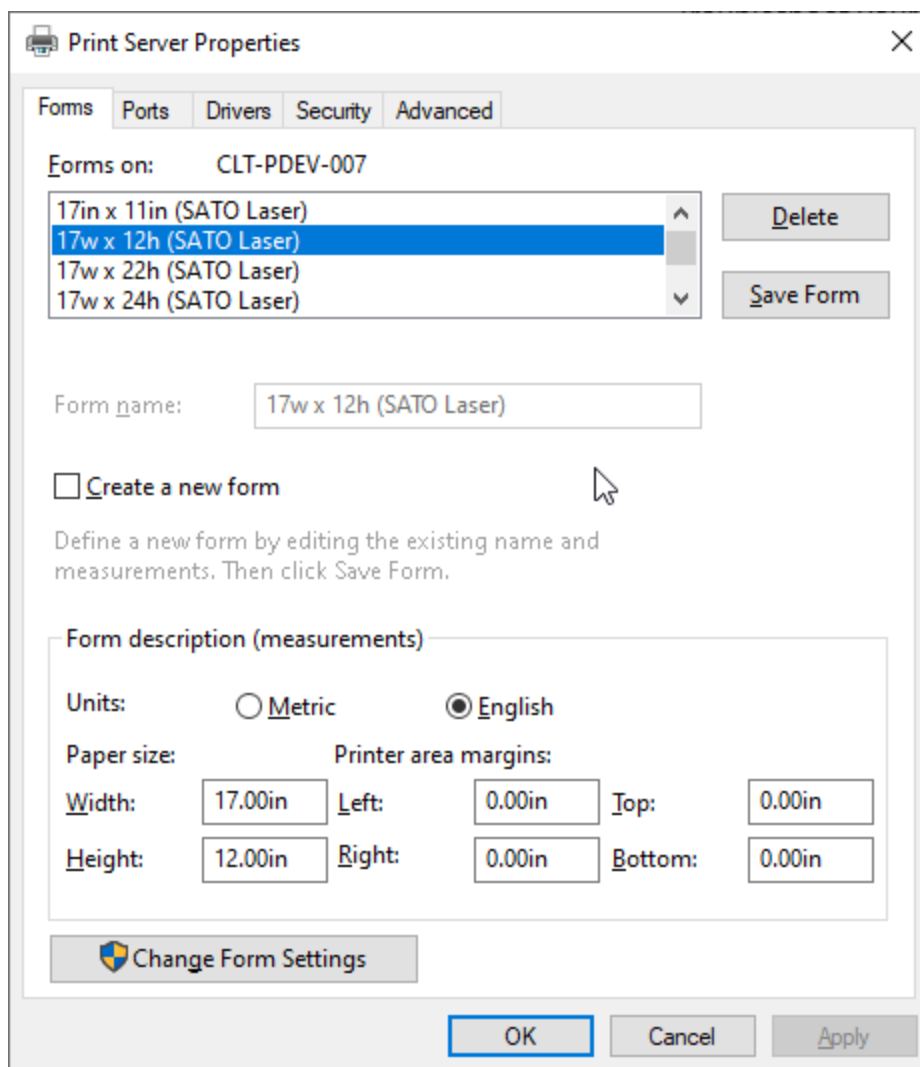
Close Cancel Apply

If the page size defined in the printer is not listed, then you must add it to the print server. See the [Custom Form Sizes](#) section (page 27) to define and add new form sizes.

Custom Form Sizes

The SATO PCL LP 100R V4 driver will install several common form sizes applicable to the wide web laser. If these default sizes do not work for the forms you are printing, you can create custom form sizes to define the specifics of your forms. These default sizes include the following:

- 15 in x 8.5 in (SATO Laser)
- 15.5 in x 13 in (SATO Laser)
- 16 in x 11 in (SATO Laser)
- 16 in x 12 in (SATO Laser)
- 17 in x 11 in (SATO Laser)



The image shows the 'Print Server Properties' dialog box with the 'Forms' tab selected. The 'Forms on:' section lists four default form sizes: '17in x 11in (SATO Laser)', '17w x 12h (SATO Laser)' (which is selected), '17w x 22h (SATO Laser)', and '17w x 24h (SATO Laser)'. To the right of this list are 'Delete' and 'Save Form' buttons. Below the list, the 'Form name:' field contains '17w x 12h (SATO Laser)'. There is an unchecked checkbox for 'Create a new form' with a mouse cursor hovering over it. Below this checkbox is a descriptive text: 'Define a new form by editing the existing name and measurements. Then click Save Form.' The 'Form description (measurements)' section contains radio buttons for 'Metric' (unchecked) and 'English' (checked). Below this are two groups of input fields: 'Paper size' with 'Width' (17.00in) and 'Height' (12.00in) fields, and 'Printer area margins' with 'Left', 'Top', 'Right', and 'Bottom' fields, all set to 0.00in. At the bottom of the dialog are 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Apply' buttons, along with a 'Change Form Settings' button with a shield icon.

Print Server Properties

Forms Ports Drivers Security Advanced

Forms on: CLT-PDEV-007

17in x 11in (SATO Laser)
17w x 12h (SATO Laser)
17w x 22h (SATO Laser)
17w x 24h (SATO Laser)

Delete

Save Form

Form name: 17w x 12h (SATO Laser)

☐ Create a new form

Define a new form by editing the existing name and measurements. Then click Save Form.

Form description (measurements)

Units: ☐ Metric ☒ English

Paper size: Printer area margins:

Width: 17.00in Left: 0.00in Top: 0.00in

Height: 12.00in Right: 0.00in Bottom: 0.00in

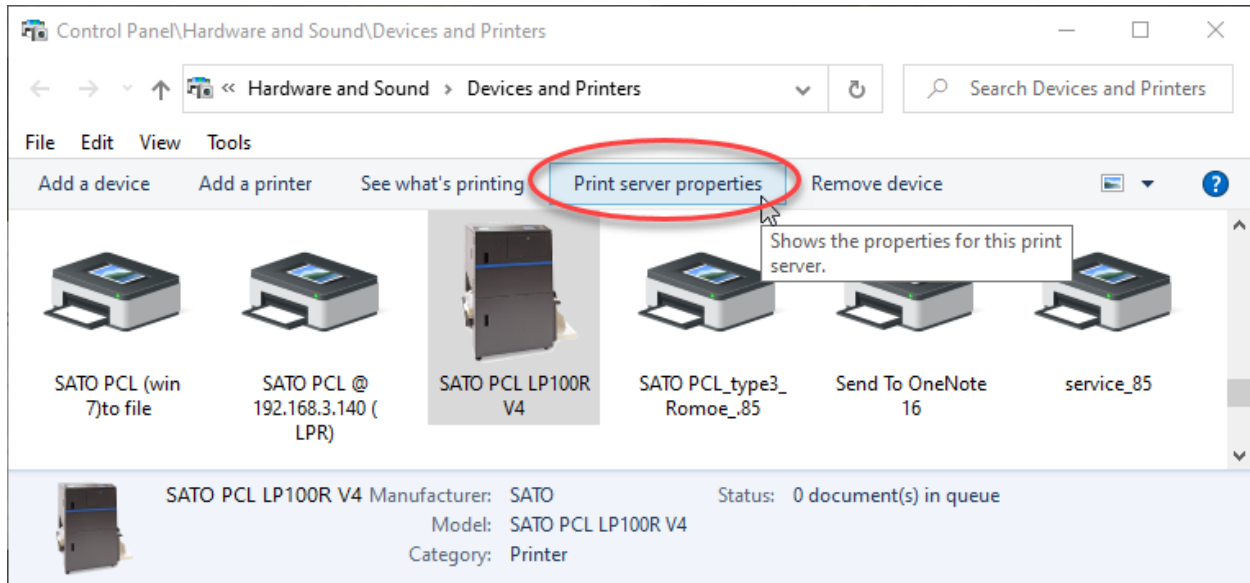
Change Form Settings

OK Cancel Apply

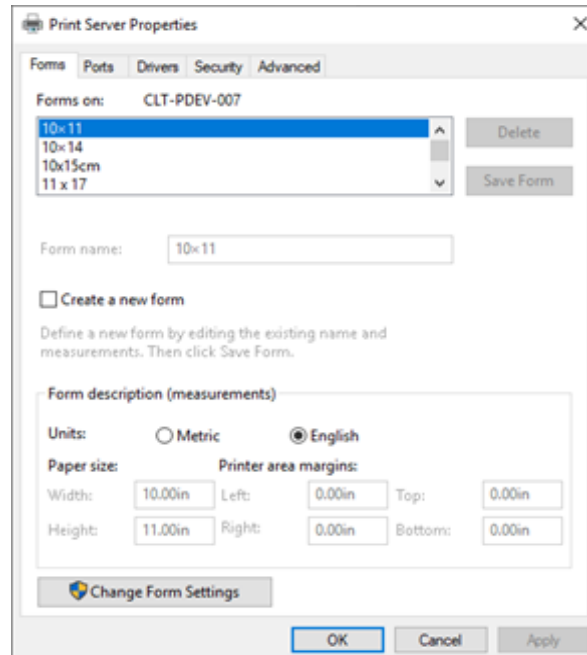
Manage Custom Forms

To add or revise a custom form.

From the Windows Control Panel, select Hardware and Sound\Devices and Printers to view the installed printer drivers.



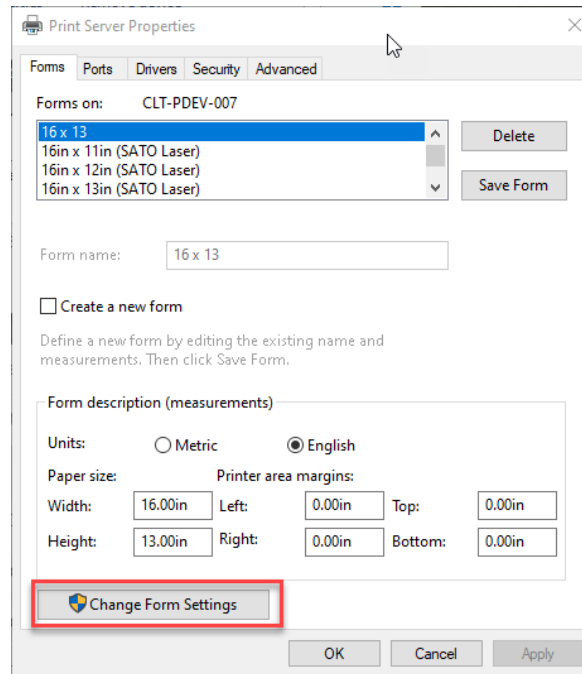
Select the *Print Server Properties* and then select the *Forms* tab



From this list, you can browse through all the forms defined on the work station/print server where the printer is defined.

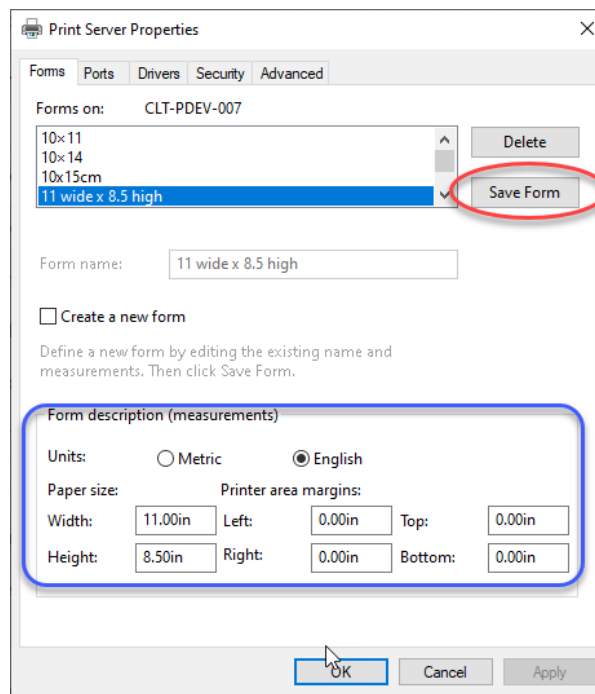
Modify a Form Definition

To modify the form definition, select **Change Form Settings**. Then select a form from the list, and the form description (measurements) will be highlighted. *Note: If the measures are not highlighted, then that form definition is standard within windows and not editable. You will need to create a [new custom form](#).*



The screenshot shows the 'Print Server Properties' dialog box with the 'Forms' tab selected. The 'Forms on:' list shows 'CLT-PDEV-007' and a list of forms: '16 x 13', '16in x 11in (SATO Laser)', '16in x 12in (SATO Laser)', and '16in x 13in (SATO Laser)'. The '16 x 13' form is selected. To the right of the list are 'Delete' and 'Save Form' buttons. Below the list is a 'Form name:' field containing '16 x 13'. There is a checkbox for 'Create a new form' which is unchecked. Below that is a section for 'Form description (measurements)' with 'Units' set to 'English' and 'Paper size' set to '16.00in x 13.00in'. The 'Printer area margins' are all set to '0.00in'. A red rectangle highlights the 'Change Form Settings' button at the bottom left of the dialog.

Then edit the measurements and select **Save Form**



The screenshot shows the 'Print Server Properties' dialog box with the 'Forms' tab selected. The 'Forms on:' list shows 'CLT-PDEV-007' and a list of forms: '10x11', '10x14', '10x15cm', and '11 wide x 8.5 high'. The '11 wide x 8.5 high' form is selected. To the right of the list are 'Delete' and 'Save Form' buttons. Below the list is a 'Form name:' field containing '11 wide x 8.5 high'. There is a checkbox for 'Create a new form' which is unchecked. Below that is a section for 'Form description (measurements)' with 'Units' set to 'English' and 'Paper size' set to '11.00in x 8.50in'. The 'Printer area margins' are all set to '0.00in'. A blue rectangle highlights the 'Form description (measurements)' section, and a red circle highlights the 'Save Form' button. A mouse cursor is pointing at the 'OK' button at the bottom center of the dialog.

Close the dialog box to complete.

Create a New Form Definition

To add a new custom form definition, select the Create a new form checkbox. Select a form from the list which similar in the name of dimensions. Edit the name and measurements when the settings match your intent, select Save Form.

Print Server Properties

Forms Ports Drivers Security Advanced

Forms on: CLT-PDEV-007

14w x 11h
14w x 24h
15 x 8.5
15.5 x 13

Delete

Save Form

Form name: 15 x 8.5 (copy)

☒ Create a new form

Define a new form by editing the existing name and measurements. Then click Save Form.

Form description (measurements)

Units: ☐ Metric ☒ English

Paper size: Width: 15.00in Height: 8.50in

Printer area margins: Left: 0.00in Right: 0.00in Top: 0.00in Bottom: 0.00in

Close Cancel Apply

When the form is shown in the list, close the dialog box to complete.

Delete a Form Definition

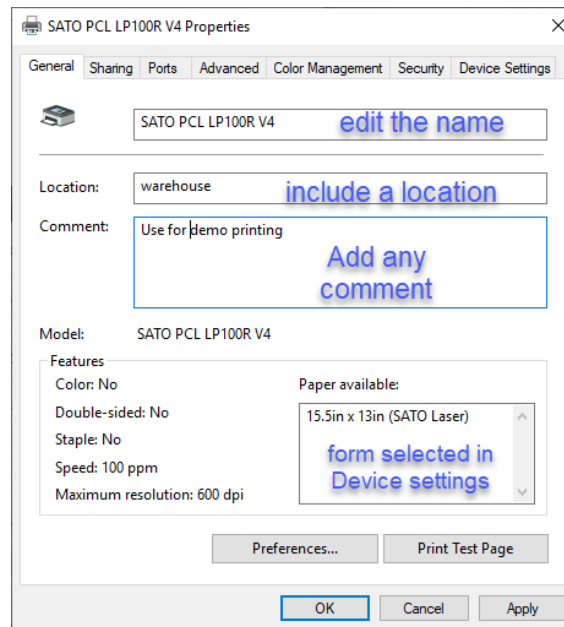
You can also clean up unused custom forms by highlighting and selecting Delete. Close the dialog box to complete.

Customizing the LP 100R Printer Driver

Select Printer Properties from the Settings window to open this panel. Below is an explanation of the various tabs and applicable parameters you can customize.

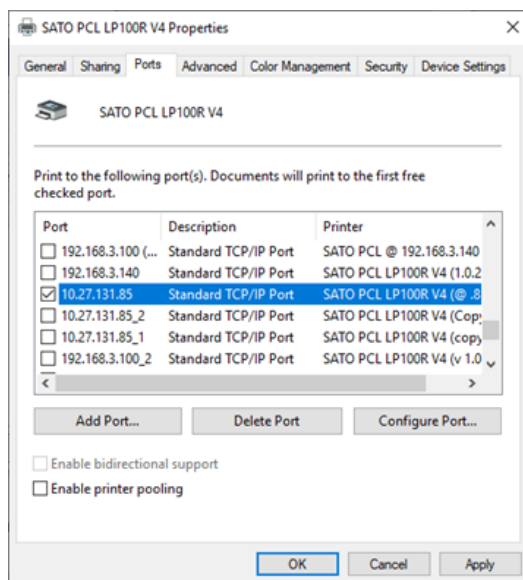
General Properties

The **General** tab displays the Printer Preferences or Print a Test Page button. You can also edit/specify the Printer Name, include a Location or Comment.

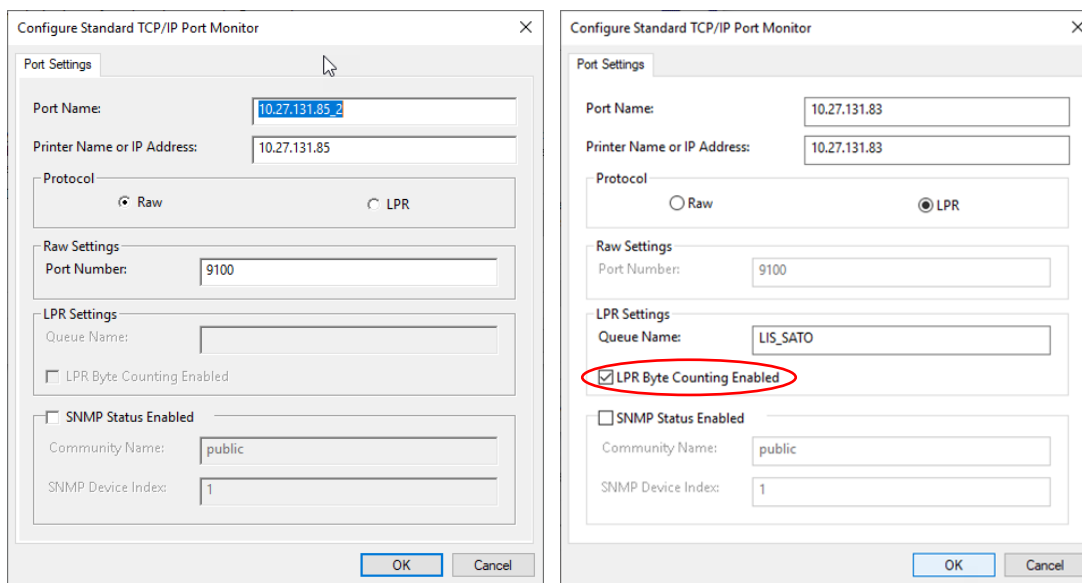


Ports Tab

The [Ports](#) tab selects the port used to communicate with the printer. Only select one port per printer instance to prevent confusion of settings matching the printer and where jobs are being sent.



Selecting a port and clicking the *Configure Port* button will open the [configure ports](#) panel, allowing you to modify/specify the specific settings applicable to the communication protocol using either Raw or LPR.



NOTE: The default for RAW protocol is port 9100.

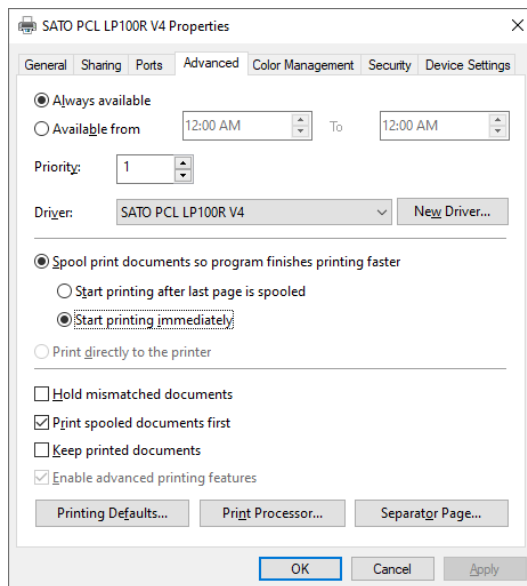
LPR Protocol (port 515) is also an option. The queue name must match that of the LP 100R printer. The default printer queue name is **LIS_SATO**. The queue name can be changed in the [communications menu](#) on the printer. Always enable the LPR Byte Counting option.

Advanced Tab

The [Advanced](#) tab defines how jobs are managed.

Start printing immediately will send data to the spooler and printer as the pages are rendered.

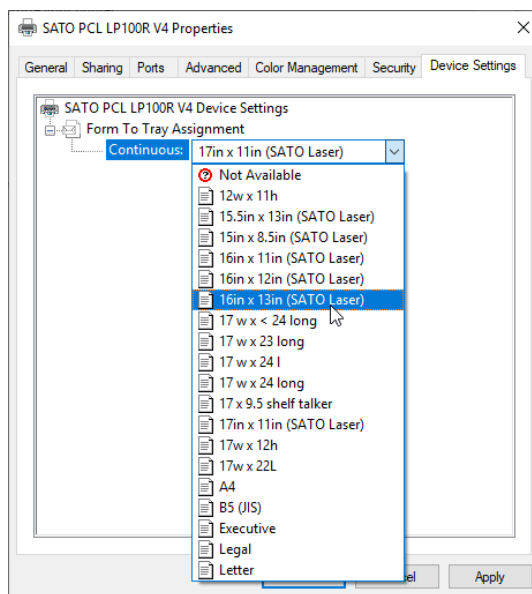
Printing Defaults will open the [Printer Preferences](#) that are to be used to define the default parameters when printing within Windows applications.



Device Tab

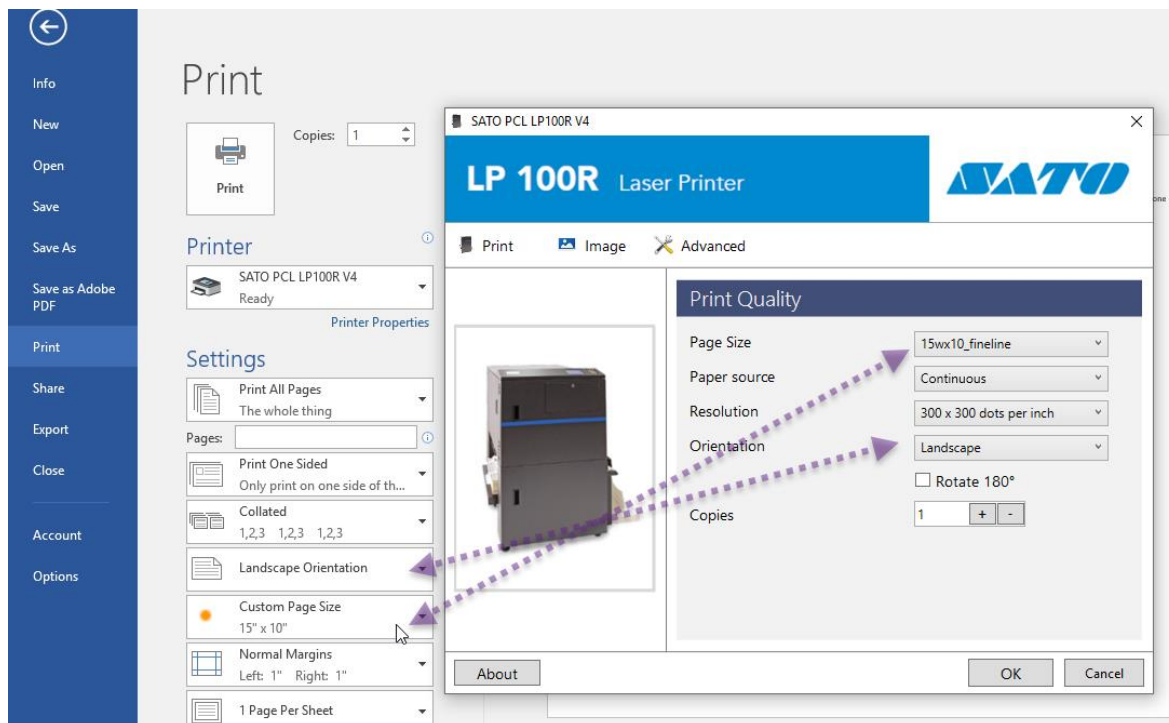
The [Device Settings](#) tab defines specifics relative to the device.

The drop-down list of form sizes listed here is not directly related to the Printer Preferences settings. You should use the Printer Preferences when selecting the form size for printing. However, in some applications, you may have to make the form size selection from this menu to get the application to recognize the desired form size.

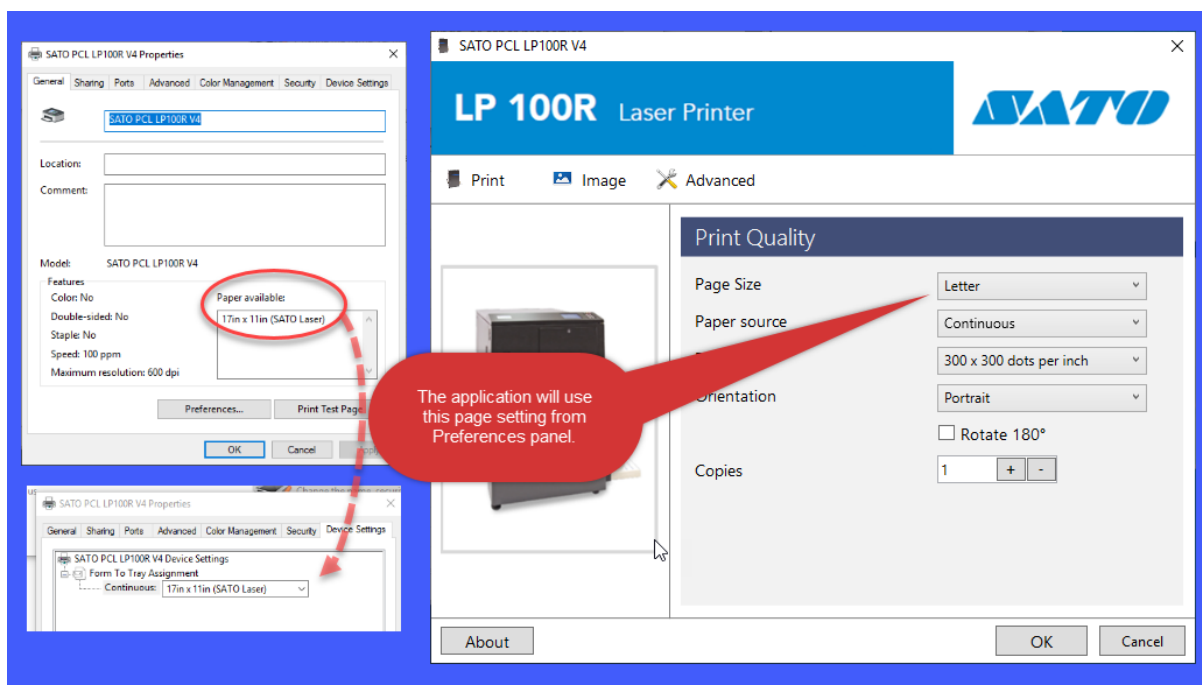


Printing from the Application

Changes at the application or at the Driver Preferences are interactive and specific when printing from later Windows Applications. Note: Not all applications have connections to the driver preferences, thus the reason you may need to make changes from the Printer Properties window, as previously stated.



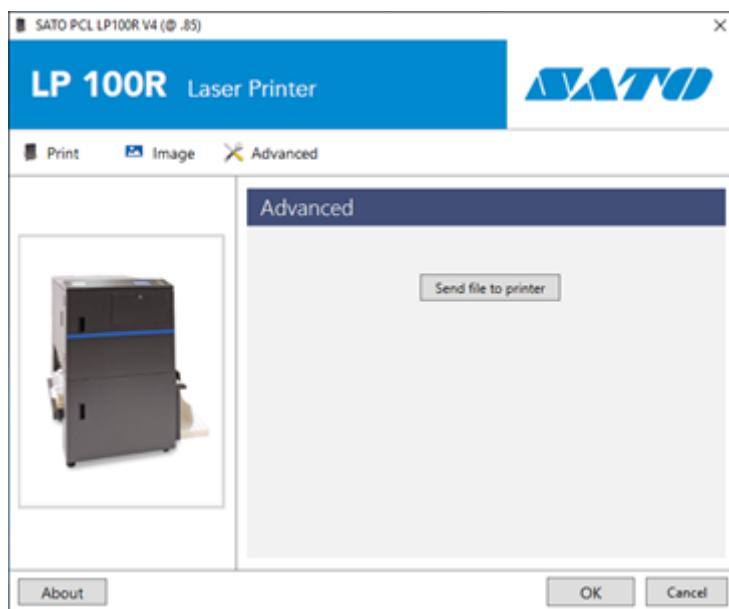
Settings in the Printer Preferences panel will override the Printer Properties panel.



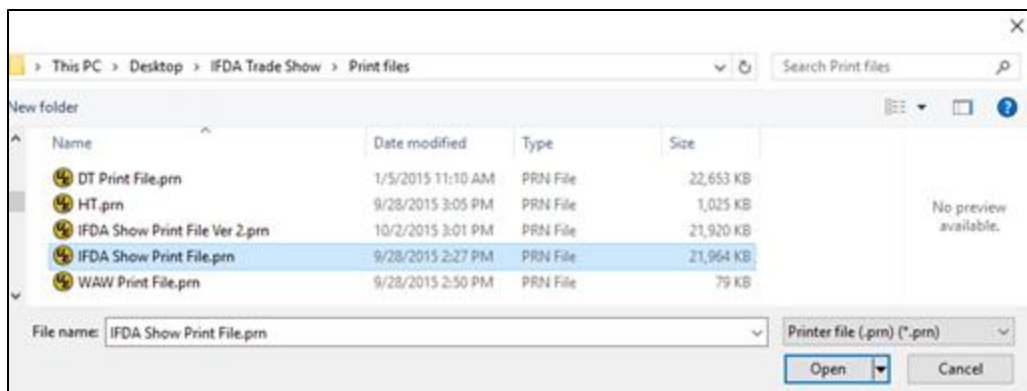
Sending a File to the Printer

The Advanced tab of the Printer Preferences panel provides the ability to select and send a job file directly to the printer. This option sends the file data through the port settings defined in [Printer Properties](#) (page 31). This is a useful feature to send a print job (data stream) after it has been captured or printed to a file. No changes to the file content are imposed via other settings within the driver. Note: It is recommended to use this option as opposed to utilities such as PrintFile or PrintBin, which send files directly to a printer selected from your list of installed drivers. Files sent from these utilities, appear in the spooler but do not communicate to the type 4 printer due to the windows subsystem used with type 4.

The file sent must be intended for (created to match) the settings of the printer, such as the emulation language, the resolution, and the page size defined in the active configuration on the LP 100R printer. The settings in the Print tab of the [Printer Preferences](#) will have no impact. The file and printer configuration must match to avoid incorrect output.



Select the *Send file to printer* button. You will be prompted with a file explorer window. Navigate to the *.PRN file you would like to send to the printer, and click the Open button. The file will be transferred to the printer.



You can view and manage the jobs in the print queue (spooler) from [See What's Printing](#).

SATO LP 100R Printer Settings

The settings in the LP100R printer must match the data from the driver. The printer's configuration menu allows the user to edit the configuration for a unique type of job and store it for recall.

Emulation

The LP 100R v4 driver generates HP PCL5e® commands and sends the data stream to the defined printer to be interpreted and create the output. Be sure the configuration on the LP 100R printer is set to PCL emulation. This will be listed on the operator panel on the printer.

Form size

The size of the form loaded in the printer is defined in the active configuration of the printer. The settings used in the driver for the application and print job, must match those dimensions set in the printer. The width of the page defined in the printer is the print width, which is 1" less than the physical form width because of the pin feed (0.5") on each side. The active form size is shown on the printer's operator panel.

Resolution

The resolution of the printer is defined in the active configuration on the LP 100R printer. This is indicated on the operator panel. Be sure the active printer resolution matches the resolution used by the driver. Refer to the [printer preferences](#) (page 20).

Emulation settings

The LP 100R has additional settings for the PCL emulation to manage unique settings related to PCL.

Extended Margins

An added benefit of the continuous feed of the LP 100R is its capability of printing to the end of a page. Typically, a cut sheet printer is not able to do this, and traditionally margins on forms defined in windows are very generous. Extended margins or reduced margins are typical of continuous forms designed for the LP 100R. The Margins setting in the emu settings by default is Standard. In order to print to the edge, change this setting to Reduced, indicating the smallest margins.

PCL Idle Delay

The Idle Delay is a time interval setting which causes the printer to wait before going from Print to Idle state. The purpose is to prevent the printer from pausing when jobs are delayed while being sent to the printer. If the printer does not detect the next job before completing the current job, it will prepare to go into Idle mode. If the next job is delayed in getting to the printer before the present job completes, then the idle down process is begun, resulting in a delay where the printer will actually pause printing. When in Idle, the printer must first stop printing before it can start the next job. This results in a delay where the printer will pause (stop then restart printing). The delay setting, as an extra period of waiting after a job, completes before the printer idles. The idle delay can also balance jobs that are small in print time (minimum number of printed pages) created by large file sizes which take a longer time to be created and transmitted, than the actual time to print. The setting is arbitrary and is determined by experimentation to find a setting that will balance performance in a unique scenario.

Resolution Support

Enabling resolution support within emulation settings allows the LP 100R printer to change the resolution of the emulation if the data stream includes the resolution command.

Communications

The IP address is set in the communications menu. It is recommended you use a Static IP address in place of a Dynamic IP address, which could change upon restarting the printer.

The LP 100R Printer will listen on both Raw and LPR ports. When a job is detected on one of the ports, the printer will change from Idle to Print status. This is seen on the Operator Panel on the LP 100R printer. As long as the port continues to receive data, the printer will continue to use that port and not process data from other ports until the current port becomes idle again. The printer's operator panel will indicate which port the job is received on: On TCP/IP means the job is via Raw protocol on port 9100. On Ethernet indicates the jobs are received via LPR on port 515.

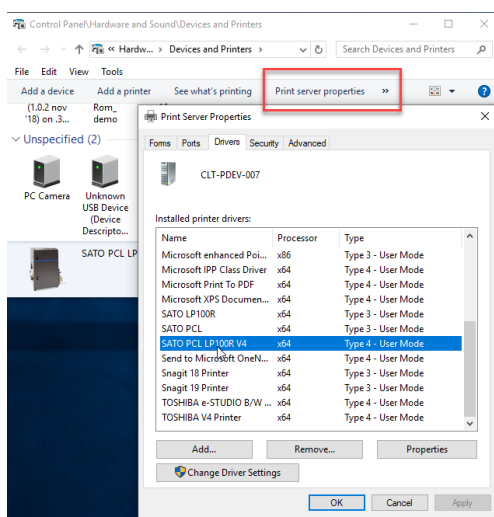
LPR Queue Name

LPR protocol requires a queue name. It is "**LIS-SATO**" by default. It can be set in the communications menu on the LP 100R printer to match the name defined in the host (driver).

Differences / Advantages

Windows 8 and later support Type 3 and Type 4 drivers. Prior Windows operating systems only supported the Type 3 drivers.

To determine if a driver is Type 3 or 4, you can view details from [Print Management](#), or you can also find the Driver type under Print Server Properties \ Drivers.



Sending Output Files from the Driver

You may notice when attempting to send output files from a Windows GUI utility direct to a printer; the file appears in the spooler, but never seems to reach the printer. The SATO Type 4 Driver has a feature that will allow you to [send output files directly](#) (page 34) to the printer at the port defined in the printer properties.

Unexplained Output

The improved isolation in the Type 4 architecture between windows DDL's used by other drivers and applications will possibly improve memory leaks and DLL's stepping on each other, which are known to occur in Type 3. Some LP 100R users who saw occasional small black boxes in a barcode or dots misplaced within a single dot row of the print when using the Type 3 driver have reported improvement when switching to the Type 4 driver.

Output File Differs

The SATO Type 4 driver will have some noticeable differences from Type 3. Beyond the differences in the User Interface, the Type 4 driver will possibly create an output file larger than might have been experienced through a model-specific driver (Type3). The larger size is a result of the PCL commands utilized in the Windows Type 4 architecture. Files are now more common with other printers and, as such, use a command set, which is PCL, but differs from those of the SATO Type 3. When changing driver types from a v3 to a v4, the resulting output file size may have a noticeable difference in the time to create and send a file to the printer. This will be perceived by a longer time to the first page printed.



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