

## Epson Cartridge Care

Contrary to claims of OEM manufacturers, after market ink is not the biggest problem for Epson printers. Most problems for Epson and Canon printers are caused by the customer not having another cartridge to fit in the printer as soon as the empty has been removed. Epson and Canon OEM inks are solvent based and dry very quickly. This means that as soon as a cartridge is removed, the residual ink in the print head starts to dry out. If the cartridge is out for only an hour or so on a hot day, then the ink will dry out and an air pocket will form. When the refilled or new cartridge is fitted, there is an air lock in the 'ink link' (tube from the cartridge to the print head channels) as well as dried ink in the nozzles and ink channels feeding the nozzles, which prevents the ink from flowing. If the customer has attempted to print for any length of time, without ink flowing, then the print head nozzles can be permanently damaged. If you have already left the cartridges out of the printer for any length of time the best solution is to purchase cleaning cartridges manufactured especially for the Epson and Canon printers.