

Using VS PCL Fonts in Windows 2000 and XP

If you experience problems printing PCL fonts (softfonts or printer fonts) in Windows 2000 or XP, please review the following guidelines and pointers.

Printer Has No Softfont Installer

If your HP laser printer doesn't have a softfont installer, please go to HP's site (www.hp.com) and download a PCL driver that does – such as the HP5P PCL printer driver. Install this driver as a new printer. You can then use this driver to install external softfonts through the HP5P printer control panel. Once this is done, launch your Windows application and chose the HP5P printer. You should then see your printer fonts on the drop down list.

Here are the steps for installing external softfonts to your PCL printer driver (this interface may vary slightly from printer to printer).

1. Click **Start**
2. Select **Settings**
3. Select **Printers**
4. Right click the **HP LaserJet 5P** (or other PCL printer driver)
5. Select **Properties**
6. Select **Device Settings**
7. Click on "**External Fonts**" – **Properties**
8. Enter the **path** to your softfonts
9. Select the **font** to be installed
10. Click **Add**

PCL/Softfont Is Installed in Windows, but It Doesn't Print Correctly

Cell Size Restrictions

When creating a font (for example, from a signature or logo), you may need to keep cell size at or below 75x75 pixels. This will require using more characters, but this seems to be necessary in some Windows settings. If this is a font that VS created for you, please contact us. In some cases, there will be a small fee for updating the font.

Symbol Set Conflict

Windows 2000 and XP can easily substitute another font for your softfont, so we recommend using a unique symbol set, such as 17Q. Don't use 0U, as this is a very common symbol set. You can use the DOS utility "EDHEADER.EXE" on your Toolkit Diskette to alter the symbol set.

Typeface Number Conflict

Some common typefaces have typeface numbers associated with them. If you use a typeface number associated with a specific typeface, Windows may plug in that typeface name instead of the typeface name you assigned. You can avoid this by using unique typeface numbers (usually in the higher ranger – 300 to 500). If you do not have FontGen, please contact VS about adjusting the typeface number.

Selecting the Correct Point Size

In your Windows application, make sure you have selected the proper points size. Many applications will defaults to 12 point. You can highlight the font text and select the right size. With signature and logo fonts, there is only one size to select.

