



# HP CP4025 refill instructions

Suitable for Color LaserJets CP4025dn, CP4025n, CP4525dn, CP4525n, CP4525xn.

Suitable for cartridges CE260A, CE261A, CE262A , CE263A.

Before use, familiarise yourself with the safety information on pages 5 and 6.

Consider doing the refill on top of sheets of old newspaper in case of accidental spills.

## At “[COLOUR] CARTRIDGE VERY LOW” message, clear it, print till fade out

The machine has a factory default to STOP PRINTING until a prompt message of form “BLACK CARTRIDGE VERY LOW” is overridden (of course, it might refer to the cyan, magenta or yellow instead).

If and when you get this exact message, clear it, then carry on printing until you actually get toner fade out.

This default setting may have been changed on your machine.

### To make sure machine is set up for the behaviour we want:

Press the HOME button (Note: use OK button to confirm selections)

Select MANAGE SUPPLIES menu

Select AT VERY LOW

Select BLACK CARTRIDGE

Select PROMPT TO CONTINUE (don't forget to OK)

Press the HOME button (Note: use OK button to confirm selections)

Select MANAGE SUPPLIES menu

Select AT VERY LOW

Select COLOUR CARTRIDGES

Select PROMPT TO CONTINUE (don't forget to OK)

When you get the **CARTRIDGE VERY LOW** message, **DO NOT REFILL**. Instead, clear the message and carry on printing until you actually get toner fade.

## Knowing which cartridge is fading

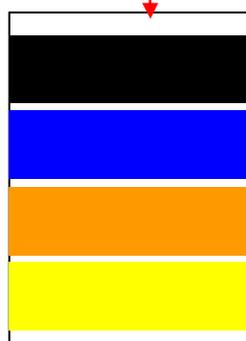
You'll see from your prints that something's fading, but depending on what you're printing, it's not always obvious which colour is the culprit. The mainly blue image right shows the kind of counter-intuitive effect you can get.

It's crucial to know which of the four cartridges to refill, so if you're not sure, print this 4 colour swatch. Download it from:

<http://www.urefilltoner.co.uk/downloads/toner-refill-fade-out-swatch.pdf>



Cyan cartridge starting to fade. What should be royal blue is actually pink



Or you can roll your own, for example, in Microsoft Word:

Start a new document > View > Toolbars > make sure Drawing is ticked

Autoshapes > basic shapes > click the rectangle

Draw rectangle across whole width of page

Right click your rectangle > format autoshape > set fill colour from drop down box: black.

Repeat to make rectangles coloured blue, light orange and yellow.

Print the sheet a few times and identify the fading cartridge as follows:

Colours affected on swatch	Cartridge fading
Black only	Black
Blue only	Cyan
Blue and orange	Magenta
Yellow and orange	Yellow

Having identified the fading cartridge, just refill it according to the “How to refill it” section below.

## Important: only refill the cartridge that's showing signs of fading

Don't refill a cartridge until it has shown at least the first signs of fade out. Don't “top up” all the cartridges while you're doing one. The laundry list of things that can go wrong with this approach is as long and dreary as the websites that promote it. Make up your mind right now to just refill each individual cartridge as and when it fades out.



## How to refill it



Peel back label as shown



Melt hole in position shown

Make sure label is lying flush with cartridge body. Stick down if necessary. If it rises up it can cut off the path of the laser beam, causing part of your image to disappear in a vertical line.

Shake bottle before pouring

Pour refill toner in holding cartridge at approx. 45 degree angle



Seal around lip of plug with thin bead of silicon glue supplied (for future, bathroom sealant works just as well)



Clean surfaces around hole. If a vacuum cleaner is used, make sure "hairy attachment" is on. Avoid creating strong airflows near crevices. This would permanently damage delicate seals

Plug hole with blanking plug

Observe plug every now and then. If any toner is escaping, clean area and re-seal around plug



## You can empty waste if overflow streaks appear



Waste streaks, as indicated by arrows above, are caused by complete filling of the cartridge's waste compartment. As a first line of defence, try shaking the cartridge from side to side to re-distribute the waste so that it no longer impacts onto the OPC drum.



Note: emptying waste is messy. It's your choice.

Melt waste hole in position shown  
Do not expose cartridge to direct sunlight  
Shake waste straight into outside bin

Clean surfaces of all stray toner. If using a vacuum cleaner, use only with "hairy" attachment on. Do not attempt to vacuum out waste or subject cartridge to strong airflows: this will permanently damage delicate seals inside the cartridge.

Manually clean flat surfaces around melted hole. Seal with any tape that's wide enough (duct or "Gaffa" tape, like the 4 patches supplied with this kit, is best).



## Use and safety of the melting tool



The tool needs at least 5 minutes to reach an efficient melting temperature.

To melt a hole, apply a light force similar to pressing on paper with a ballpoint pen. Ease off the pressure as the tool sinks into the plastic.

During the first 6 minutes of the first ever use, smoke will come out of the heated part of the tool as manufacturing lubricants burn off. This is normal.

Use a screwdriver to push out the residual plastic plug while the tool is still hot.

Occasionally, the plastic plug falls inside the cartridge. Try and get it out using tweezers or pliers if you can. A piece of plastic this size

inside the toner compartment doesn't usually do any harm, but be aware that it's there and retire the cartridge if it shows signs of physically jamming.

### Important safety information

- To be used only by a competent, risk-aware adult.
- Use only in a well-ventilated situation. As with the combustion of any organic substance (such as petrol or tobacco) a cocktail of gases can be produced and some of these are harmful or at least irritant.
- All metal parts of the tool get dangerously hot. Never touch any metal part of the tool, including the steel shaft near the plastic handle.

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- When not in hand, the tool is designed to be rested at an angle created by the flange of the handle, keeping the hot parts suspended above your surface. But take care that the power cable doesn't force the handle to rise and the hot end of the tool to dip.
- Take care not to melt through the tool's own electric cable.

- Do not use the tool with the end-piece or blank filler tip removed.
- Turn off and unplug the tool as soon as you've melted your hole. Leave to cool at least 2 metres away from your toner pouring area.
- Do not leave on for more than 30 minutes at a time.
- After use, allow the tool to cool down naturally. Do not immerse in water.
- Take all precautions for the use of a powered hand tool. Use eye and hand protection.

## Assumption of risk notice

We ourselves have no hesitation in researching and refilling cartridges using the melting technique in a well-ventilated room. However, the company gives no warranties, neither explicit nor implicit, as to the safety of melting holes in toner cartridges or the use of the melting tool. Any activity or process has an element of risk. The onus is on you, the purchaser, to assess any possible risk, including the inaccuracy or incompleteness of currently available information. If you decide not to go ahead, return the product to us and we'll cheerfully refund your money. This offer is additional to your statutory rights.

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## Safety Data

**Not to be used by children. Avoid inhalation of product. Avoid eye and skin contact. Do not ingest. Avoid sources of ignition while pouring and at all times.**

### Hazards identification

Classification	Not believed to be classified as hazardous according to OSHA CFR 1910.1200 or EU Directive 1999/45/EC, as amended.
Acute health effects	
Skin contact	Unlikely to cause skin irritation
Eye contact	May cause irritation
Inhalation	Irritation to respiratory tract if exposed to large amounts of toner dust
Ingestion	Unlikely when used as intended. Acute oral toxicity is believed to be low
Potential health effects	
Routes of exposure	Skin contact, eye contact and inhalation. Ingestion unlikely.
Chronic health effects	Prolonged inhalation of excessive amounts of any dust may cause lung damage
Carcinogenicity	Carbon black (only present in black toner) is classified by IARC as a group 2B carcinogen. Carbon black in this preparation is not believed to present this risk due to its bound form.

### First aid measures

Inhalation	Move person to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, obtain medical assistance
Eye contact	Flush with plenty of low pressure water for at least 15 minutes. Do not rub eyes. Remove contact lenses to ensure thorough flushing.
Skin	Wash with water, obtain medical attention if ill effects occur
Ingestion	Rinse out mouth with water. Drink one or two glasses of water. If large quantity swallowed seek medical advice



**Fire fighting measures**

Hazardous combustion products	Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide
Extinguishing media	Water, dry chemical, carbon dioxide or foam
Special fire fighting procedures	Avoid inhalation of smoke. A self contained breathing apparatus and suitable protective clothing should be worn.
Unusual fire & explosion hazards	Toner is a combustible powder; formation of an explosive dust-air mixture is possible. Avoid all ignition sources if toner has been dispersed in air.

**Accidental release measures**

Spill/leak procedure	Sweep up or vacuum spilled toner and transfer into sealable waste container. Sweep slowly to minimize generation of dust. If vacuum is used, the motor must be rated as dust tight and safely applicable to the vacuuming of toner dust. Residue can be removed with soap and cold water. Garments may be washed or dry-cleaned after removal of loose toner.
Environmental precautions	Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer systems. Dispose of waste material in accordance with all applicable laws.

**Handling and storage**

Handling	Keep containers closed when not in use. Handle and open containers with care. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid inhalation of dust and contact with skin and eyes. Keep away from sources of heat, sparks and open flames.
Storage	Store at room temperature in the original container. Keep container tightly closed and dry. Do not store with strong oxidizers.

**Exposure controls and personal protection**

UK exposure guidelines	WEL: 10mg/m3 (inhalable dust), 3mg/m3 (respirable dust)
Personal protective equipment	
Eye / face	Wear dust resistant safety goggles if there is danger of eye contact
Hands / skin	Wear protective gloves
Respiratory protection	Wear approved respirator for dust when exposure exceeds permissible limits
Additional measures	Use in a well ventilated area. Use engineering controls to reduce air contaminants to permissible limits. Wash hands after use.

**Toxicological information**

Oral toxicity	Tests on toners have indicated there is no evidence of acute oral toxicity. Not classified for acute oral toxicity according to EU Directive 67/458/EEC and 1999/45/EC
Inhalation toxicity	No data
Eye irritation	Not classified as irritant according to OSHA HCS and EU 67/548/EEC as amended
Sensitization	Not classified as sensitizer according to OSHA HCS and EU 67/548/EEC as amended
Chronic toxicity	No data
Carcinogenicity	Carbon black (only present in black toner) is classified by IARC as a group 2B carcinogen. Carbon black in this preparation is not believed to present this risk due to its bound form.
Mutagenicity	Negative (AMES test)
Reproductive toxicity	Not classified as toxic according to EU 67/548/EEC as amended

**Disposal considerations**

Collect into tightly sealed containers. Dispose of waste in accordance with all local laws. Do not throw in open fires in order to prevent risk of dust explosion.
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## Please, tell three people what you've done



OK, we admit it. This is our begging act. Have you saved money by using our DIY kit? Did you feel a touch of pride as your cartridge *did* print again? Maybe you found some environmental satisfaction? Or perhaps you feel it should be refilled "because it's there".

We sincerely hope we've helped float your boat in some way. And if so, then please help our voice in the wilderness and tell at least three people about what you did with your empty cartridge. Why not send a link to [urefilltoner.co.uk](http://urefilltoner.co.uk) to some friends you know have printers?

The phrase "carbon footprint" hadn't been coined in 1992 when we started selling our trend-bucking "guerrilla re-cycling" products. Refilling with just toner **more or less halves CO<sub>2</sub>** compared with making the toner plus the whole structure of a cartridge to put it in\*.



We're asking for your support to create a kind of benign chain-reaction effect. Yes, we stand to make money from that, but we believe that the battle to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> output does have to be commercialised. That's to say, when the capacity of individuals to make voluntary self-sacrifice reaches a limit, what will take up the slack? In the same way that carbon big-foot companies need money to keep doing what they do, so does a carbon twinkle-toes.

Environmental organisations make us aware of a pyramid of priorities. **Re-use**, in the sense of directly using a resource again, is more beneficial than re-cycling (normally taken to imply an industrial process such as re-pulping paper fibre).

So, one last time for the planet, please advocate [urefilltoner.co.uk](http://urefilltoner.co.uk) if you feel our existence is preferable to our non-existence. Keep refilling in the free world.

\*Sources:

**Dr. M. Gell, "Carbon Footprints and Ecodesign of Toner Printer Cartridges"**, Xanfeon Energy & Environmental Services, UK, 2008. Dr. Gell calculates a 52% reduction in carbon footprint by refilling a cartridge 3 times and replacing the OPC drum once. We think the DIY refill case is even more favourable because the following carbon loads included in Dr. Gell's assumptions don't apply: manufacture/transport of replacement OPC drum, triple transport of empty cartridge to remanufacturing facility and energy consumed during remanufacturing at facility. In addition, the footprint of the delivery transport is smaller because toner weighs only a fraction of a whole cartridge.

**Centre For Remanufacturing & Reuse (commissioning body), "The Carbon Footprint of Remanufactured Versus New Mono-toner Printer Cartridges"**. The authors conclude that, based on their data, a remanufactured mono (i.e. black & white laser printer) cartridge has a "46% lower carbon footprint than a corresponding new cartridge".

**Berglind & Eriksson, "Life Cycle Assessment of Toner Cartridge HP C4127X"**, University of Kalmar, Sweden, 2002. The authors state (Abstract page I) that from the point of view of environmental load, "the re-use alternative is full measured two times better ...". Although they point out that the main environmental load is, in fact, associated with paper.

## Refills by you ... thanks to you .....

Thanks for refilling the toner cartridges in your printer. We invented "do-it-yourself" toner refills in 1992, "melt & pour" in 1996 and put "unplug & pour" into internet-speak in 2002. We've never tried to patent or otherwise restrict the use of these ideas.

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- ✓ halve CO<sub>2</sub>
- ✓ defend your consumer choices and right to reuse



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