

VERY slow printing

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I have just done a clean install of XP Pro. Computer is 850MHz with a gig of ram and 8 gigs of space for the "C" partition.

I connected my Epson CX5200 inkjet and it works fine.

I then connected my NEC 870 Superscript laser printer. It is a parallel printer, so connected to an LPT port. With my laptop (WindowsME), the printer works perfectly... first page in 8 seconds and second, third fourth, etc.. pages begin printing even before the first page is delivered to the tray.

Now comes XP Pro!

The NEC prints the first page (from Word for Windows) in 32 seconds. Then the next page of a multi-page documents starts printing 8 seconds AFTER the printer has "shut-down". This is frustrating and as a small business TOTALLY UNEXCEPTABLE!

I spent the last 4 days trying to find an honest solution, and nothing has worked. I even found that Microsoft no longer supports LPT ports (Thank you very much Bill), so I took the advice from the Microsoft recommended "workaround" and paid \$65 for a "USB to Parallel" cable. Now have the NEC on a USB port.... Still does not work.

I then tried to print a one-page Excel worksheet.... takes 1 1/2 minutes!

I have, per articles from the "MVP" pages removed the drivers and made sure that the WinXP Pro drivers were reinstalled.

I can't waste any more time on this, PLEASE HELP ME
Thank you,
Dennis