

Advantages and Disadvantages

“If you own a laser printer, you have already taken a step in the right direction towards lower cost printing. Laser printers consistently produce prints at the lowest cost per page in the market. However, what you might not know is that laser printers can work with OEM brand toners as well as compatible and re-manufactured toners. “

But which one is best for YOU?

Advantages of OEM Cartridges:

- **OEM cartridges are manufactured to the highest level of precision.**
These cartridges are ideal for providing the best print quality. They have a lower fail rate and have a lower probability of leaking toner/ink in your printer. Printer manufacturers recommend that you use their toner/ink cartridges and claim that the printer functions will be affected by other toner/ink cartridges.
- **They also claim the life of the printer is shortened by usage of unbranded toner/ink cartridges.**

If your projects demand the absolute highest quality prints you should break out your pocketbook and spring for the OEM brand cartridges.

Disadvantages of OEM Cartridges:

- The main disadvantage of buying OEM branded cartridges is the high cost. While they are economical because the cost per page is low.
The initial cost of printers has come down but printer makers make up their low initial profit by in the cost of consumables, mainly and paper.
- Another problem with OEM cartridges is the fact that we live in an Eco conscious world and discarding cartridges which are not biodegradable is an environmental hazard. Buying a remanufactured cartridge is more environmentally friendly.

Compatible and Remanufactured Cartridges - The Advantages

- The biggest advantage of using compatible cartridges is they are low cost consumables. Compatible and Remanufactured cartridges are available for all printers and give good quality printing at a lower cost often half the cost of the branded cartridge.

These recycled cartridges are eco friendly and do not render the non biodegradable cartridges useless. They are easily available online and there are online trade portals that specifically sell compatible toner/ink cartridges.

There are compatible toner cartridges for most brands of laser printers and give good value for money. Print quality of both compatible and remanufactured cartridges is right up there just under the OEM brand cartridges.

Compatible and Remanufactured Cartridges - The Disadvantages

- One of the major disadvantages of compatible and re-manufactured cartridges is quality control during the manufacturing processes.

These cartridges are easy to re-manufacture and can be done in your own garage. When buying them online from an auction site or a less than reputable dealer, you never really know what

you're going to get. Was the cartridge completely re-manufactured, or did they just "drill and fill" it? This disadvantage can be overcome by buying from The Ink Place cc.

So what do I choose?

The choice is yours. If you demand the highest quality 100% of the time, and it is within your budget, then by all means, purchase the OEM cartridges for your printer.

However if replacing the cartridge with a compatible or remanufactured cartridge is more budget friendly, then feel confident that you can get nearly the same quality, do something good for the environment and save a little money at the same time. OEM Brands are grand, but buying cartridges that are cheap doesn't have to make you weep.

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