

Sublimation Printer Maintenance Schedule

Free printable checklist and maintenance log

Baseline only: follow the maintenance instructions for your exact printer model when they differ. A clean nozzle check does not need a head-cleaning cycle.

Maintenance schedule at a glance

When	Check / task	Clean head?
Before an important job	Check printer status, ink and recent output. Run a nozzle check when quality is uncertain.	Only if the nozzle pattern shows gaps
During normal use	Watch ink levels, feed behavior and output quality.	No
After light or infrequent use	Print or perform a model-appropriate diagnostic check.	Not automatically
Weekly	Record last successful print; inspect accessible areas for dust, paper scraps or ink marks.	No
Monthly	Review ink/consumables, paper path and recurring issues in the log.	No
Before a long idle period	Verify the printer is producing clean output and follow model-specific storage/power guidance.	Only if indicated
After a long idle period	Check printer status, then run a nozzle check before production.	Based on the result

Quick decision path after idle time

1. Check printer status, ink levels and warnings.
2. Print a nozzle check or the diagnostic specified for your model.
3. Pattern clean? Stop. No cleaning is needed.
4. Gaps present? Run the normal model-specific head cleaning.
5. Print another nozzle check and compare.
6. If the problem does not improve, stop repeating cleaning and follow the manufacturer escalation procedure.

Printer-type reminders

Printer type	Maintenance reminder
Converted Epson EcoTank	Use built-in diagnostics conservatively. Epson documentation is written for the printer in its original configuration, so do not treat third-party conversion advice as universal.
Epson SureColor F170 / F100	Use Epson's nozzle-check and cleaning sequence. A clean nozzle pattern points toward settings, paper or other causes rather than a clogged head.
Sawgrass SG500 / SG1000	Sawgrass recommends leaving supported printers plugged in and powered on so automatic maintenance can run.

Sublimation Printer Maintenance Log

Record checks and actions so recurring problems are easier to identify.

Printer model: _____

Ink: _____

Paper: _____

Shop / owner: _____

Checklist

☐ Printer powers on normally

☐ No maintenance/error warning

☐ Ink level adequate

☐ Paper path clear

☐ Recent output looks normal

☐ Nozzle check run only when needed

☐ Nozzle pattern complete

☐ Cleaning performed only when indicated

☐ Result recorded below

Maintenance record

Date	Days idle	Nozzle	Ink / consumable status	Action taken	Issue / follow-up

Diagnostic rule: nozzle check first. If the pattern is clean, do not run head cleaning for a color-profile, paper, artwork or settings problem.

For advanced cleaning, Power Cleaning, head flush, maintenance-box replacement or internal service, use the instructions for the exact printer model rather than this general checklist.