Cleaning the Print Head Using a Computer Utility

You can clean the print head using a utility on your Windows or Mac computer.

1. Load a few sheets of plain paper in the product.
2. Do one of the following:
   - **Windows:** Right-click the product icon in the Windows taskbar.
   - **Mac OS X 10.6/10.7/10.8**: In the Apple menu or the Dock, select **System Preferences**. Select **Print & Fax** or **Print & Scan**, select your product, and select **Options & Supplies**. Select **Utility** and select **Open Printer Utility**.
   - **Mac OS X 10.5**: In the Apple menu or the Dock, select **System Preferences**. Select **Print & Fax**, select your product, and select **Open Print Queue**. Select **Utility**.
3. Select **Head Cleaning**. You see a window like this:

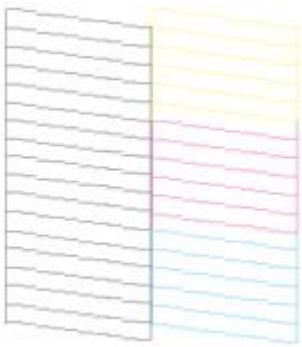
4. Click **Start** to begin the cleaning cycle. The ⏻ power light flashes throughout the cleaning cycle and stays on when the cleaning cycle is finished.

   Caution:

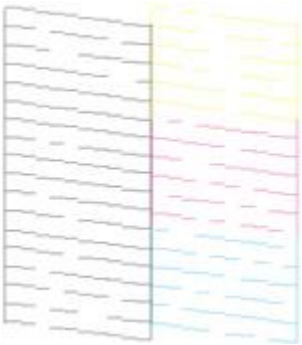
   Never turn off the product during a cleaning cycle or you may damage it.

5. When the ⏻ power light stops flashing and remains on, you can check to see if the nozzles are clean; click **Print Nozzle Check Pattern** and click **Print**.
6. Check the printed pattern to see if there are gaps in the lines.

   Print head is clean



Print head needs cleaning



- If there are no gaps, click **Finish**.
- If there are gaps or the pattern is faint, click **Clean** to clean the print head again.

If you don’t see any improvement after cleaning the print head up to 4 times, leave the product turned on and wait at least 6 hours. Then try cleaning the print head again. If quality still does not improve, one of the ink cartridges may be old or damaged and needs to be replaced.