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Impact Printers: a Traditional Solution to Printing Woes by [James Blee](#)

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Impact Printers are not much in use these days as most prefer the sleeker looking printers in their office tables. But although more traditional in looks and mechanism, it has a very good shelf life and can at times work faster and better than the new age printers if handled well. They are very good for bulk printing and are hence still used for industrial purposes.

However, if you do have to install an impact printer then at least make sure that it is of good quality. For example, some often complain that they consume a lot of ink. This might be due to the poor quality of the cloth strip used. A good impact printer will utilize less ink to produce more printing. The print head should also be made from good quality metal because as it works almost like a typewriter, the constant force can break it..

Impact printers are mainly used for industrial purposes. For printing of invoices and other similar paperwork, they are used widely everywhere. They are also known as dot matrix printers. Their mechanism is that the print head moves back and forth at great speed and hits an ink soaked cloth strip against a paper, thus making the writing visible. It almost works like a typewriter. Now since with their force of impact, it is also possible to make carbon copies of the written material at the same time, a good way to produce multiple copies for industrial use at no extra cost!

So installing an impact printer can be very good if you have mass printing to be done and you want to cut down costs.

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