

**SHARP®**

# **AL-1552\_1553\_1555 SERIES**



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For more information about computers, operating systems and Acrobat Reader, please refer to the relevant manual or help file.

## How to Control the Online Manual

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### Using Bookmarks

This online manual has Bookmarks on the main pages of each section. You can move to the desired pages by simply clicking its bookmark.

## How to Print Out the Online Manual

In order to print out a hard copy of the Online Manual for your reference, go to Acrobat Reader, click the "File" menu, and select "Print". After specifying the printer setting, click the "Print" ("OK" on Windows 95/98/Me/NT 4.0) button to print.



Note

*In this online manual, screen images and operating procedures are mainly for Windows XP. With other versions of Windows, some screen images may be different from those in this manual.*

The flow chart shown below provides printing overview.

Reference: For more information on printing, see [Basic Printing](#).



**Caution**

- When the paper source is the paper tray or multi-bypass tray, verify that the paper has been loaded before starting printing.
- Ensure printing has been completed before turning the power off. Do not remove the power cord before turning the unit off.

**When printing from paper tray or multi-bypass tray\***

**When printing from single bypass\***

Prepare the document you intend to print

Open the printer driver setup screen and set the print preferences

Reference:

[Printer Driver Settings](#), [Printing a Watermark](#), [Fitting the Printed Image to the Paper](#),  
[Printing Multiple Pages on One Page](#), [Two-sided Printing](#)

Send print data from your computer

Load a single sheet of paper into the single bypass

Reference:

For more detail, refer to the "BYPASS FEED (including special paper)" in the Operation Manual.

Printing

Exit printing

\* The multi-bypass tray can be used on the AL-1553/AL-1555, and the single bypass can be used on the AL-1552. For the procedures for loading paper in each type of tray, see "LOADING PAPER" in the Operation Manual.

This is a printing example using WordPad to print a document onto A4 size paper.

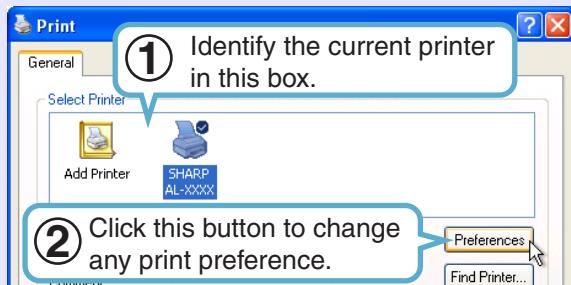
**1** Start WordPad, make a new file, and enter the text you intend to print.

**2** Select "Print" from the application's "File" menu.



**3** Make sure that "SHARP AL-XXXX" is selected as the current printer. If you intend to change any print setting, click the "Preferences" button to open the printer driver setup screen.

On Windows 95/98/Me/NT 4.0, click the "Properties" button.

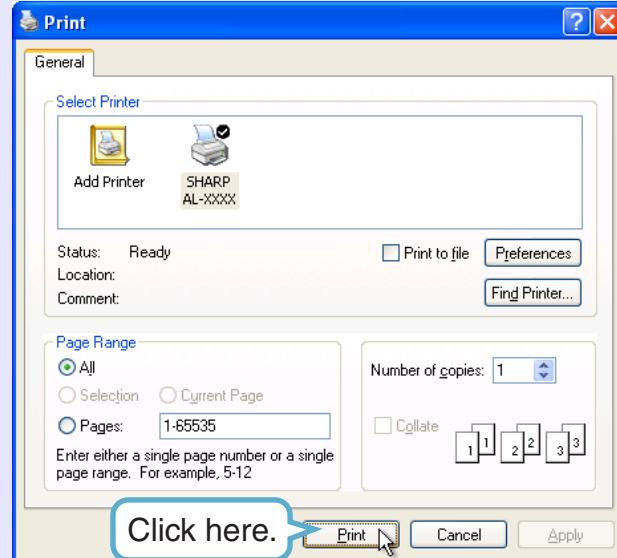


Reference: [Printer Driver Settings](#), [Printing a Watermark](#), [Fitting the Printed Image to the Paper](#), [Printing Multiple Pages on One Page](#), [Two-sided Printing](#)



Windows 2000 does not have the "Preferences" button on this dialog box. Switch to the desired tab by clicking it to specify printer settings.

**4** Click the "Print" button in the "Print" dialog box. On Windows 95/98/Me/NT 4.0, click the "OK" button.



Printing starts according to your preferences. If you are using the single bypass (AL-1552), wait until the single bypass indicator blinks after "P" blinks in the unit display, and insert the sheet of paper in the single bypass.

Reference: See "BYPASS FEED (including special paper)" in the Operation Manual for more details on inserting paper.

## Starting the Printer Driver Using the "Start" Button

You can open the printer driver and change the printer driver settings from the Windows "start" button. Settings adjusted in this way will be the initial settings when you print from an application. (If you change the settings from the printer driver setup screen at the time of printing, the settings will revert to the initial settings when you quit the application.)

Reference: [Basic Printing](#)

**Windows 2000/XP**

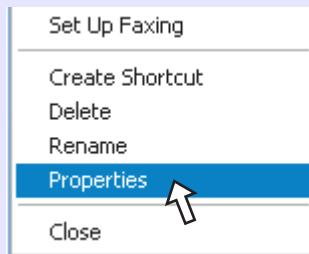
**1** Click the "start" button, and then click "Control Panel".

On Windows 2000, click the "Start" button and select "Settings".

**2** Click "Printers and Other Hardware", and then click "Printers and Faxes".

On Windows 2000, click "Printers".

**3** Click the "SHARP AL-XXXX" printer driver icon and select "Properties" from the "File" menu.



**4** Click the "Printing Preferences" button in the "General" tab.

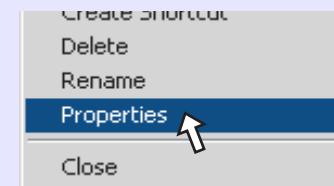
The printer driver setup screen will appear.

Reference: [Printer Driver Settings](#)

**Windows 95/98/Me/NT 4.0**

**1** Click the "Start" button, select "Settings" and then click "Printers".

**2** Click the "SHARP AL-XXXX" printer driver icon and select "Properties" from the "File" menu.



On Windows NT 4.0, select "Document Defaults" to open the printer driver setup screen.

**3** On Windows 95/98/Me, click the "Setup" tab.



The printer driver setup screen will appear.

Reference: [Printer Driver Settings](#)

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To view Help for a setting, click the ( ? ) button in the upper right-hand corner of the window and then click the setting.



*The AL-1555 printer driver setup screen is shown below. The settings (Document Style) and the image of the unit will vary depending on the model.*

**Tab**

Index which allows you to switch between the various setup screens.

The settings you made at "N-Up Printing", "Document Style", "Fit To Paper Size", "Image Orientation" and "Watermark" are shown in this image.

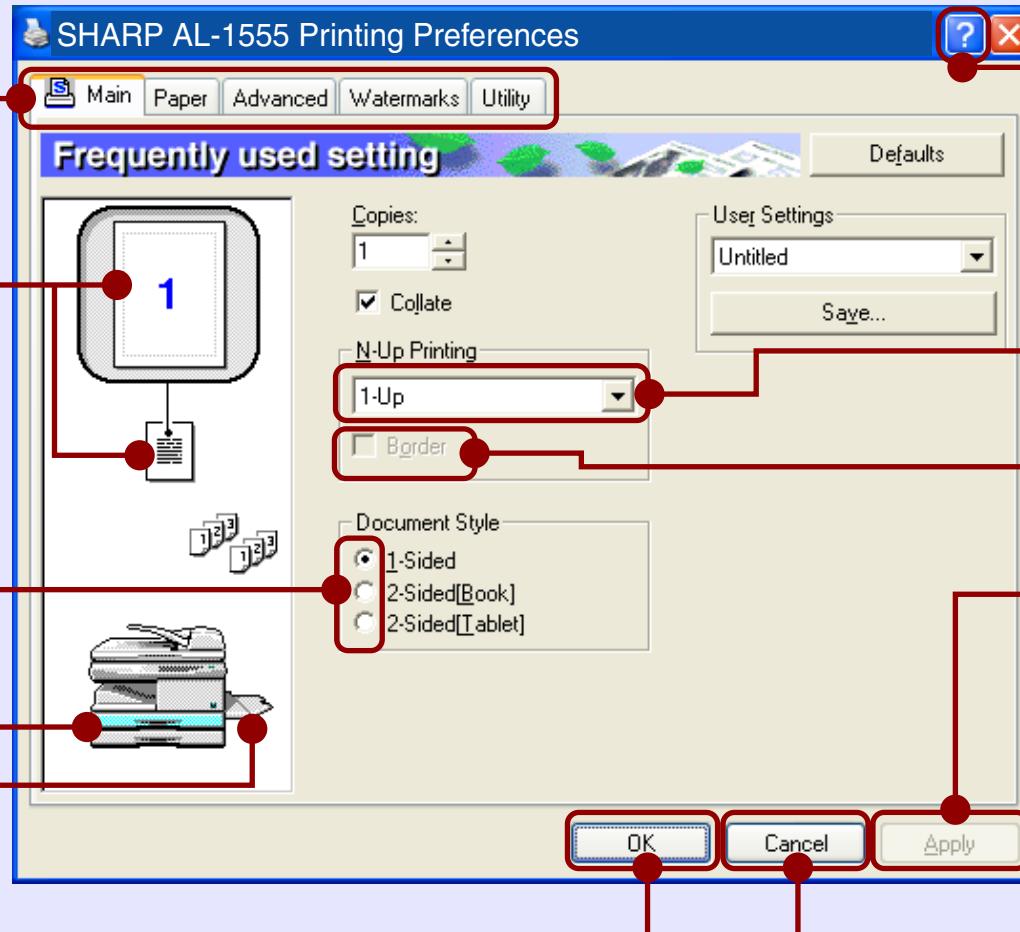
**Check button**

Allows you to select one item from a list of options.

The tray selected in "Paper Selection" in the "Paper" tab appears in blue. You can also click on a tray to select it.

**"OK" button**

Click this button to save your settings, and exit the dialog box.



**( ? ) button**

Click this button and then click a setting to view Help for the setting.

You can also view Help by right-clicking the setting **Note** with the mouse.

**Drop-down list**

Allows you to make one selection from a list of choices.

**Check box**

Click this option to activate/deactivate each function.

**"Apply" button**

Click to save your settings without closing the dialog box.



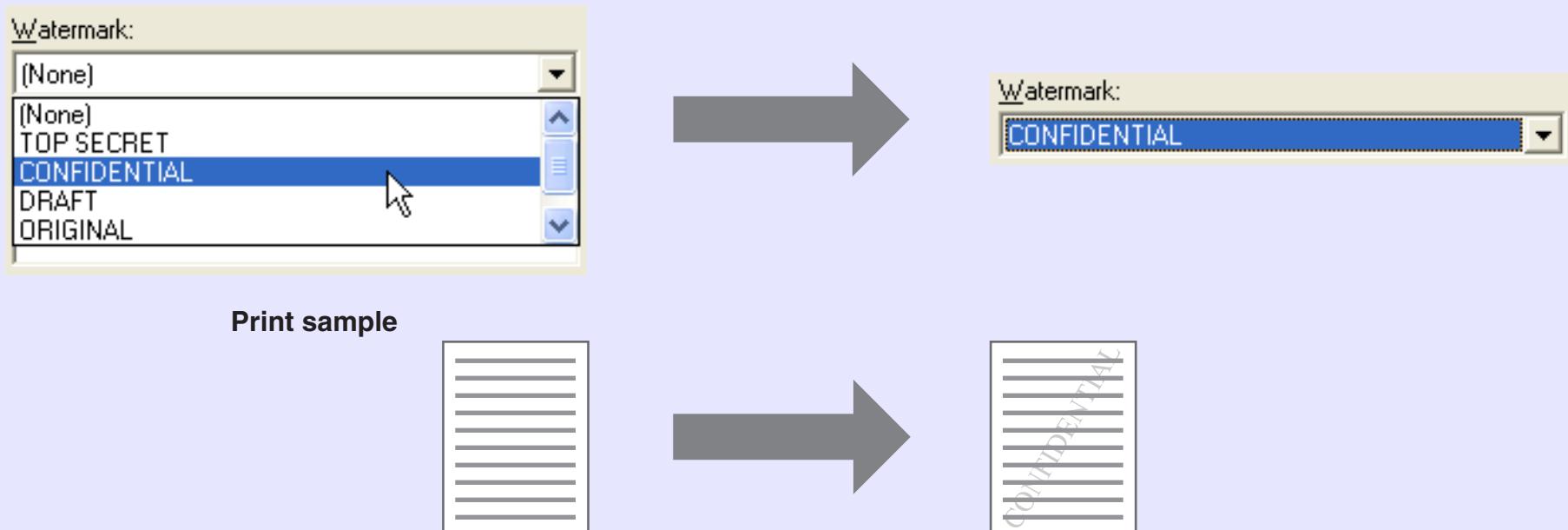
- Windows NT 4.0 does not have the "Apply" button on each screen.
- The "Apply" button does not appear when you open this window from an application.

To print a watermark, for example "CONFIDENTIAL", on your document, refer to the following steps. Open the printer driver and click the "Watermarks" tab.

Reference: See [Basic Printing](#) for details on how to open the printer driver.

## How to Print a Watermark

From the "Watermark" drop-down list, select the watermark, for example "CONFIDENTIAL", you wish to print on your document, and start printing.



For details on watermark settings, view printer driver Help.

Reference: [Printer Driver Settings](#)

## 2 Fitting the Printed Image to the Paper

This printer driver can adjust the zoom ratio for printing according to the paper loaded in the unit. Follow the steps shown below to use this function. The instruction below assumes that you intend to print an A4 size document onto an A5 size paper.



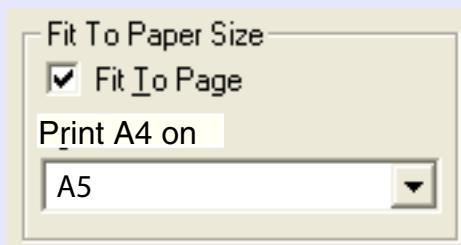
*The "Fit To Paper Size" setting is not available when "N-Up Printing" is selected.*

Reference: [Printing Multiple Pages on One Page](#)

**1** Click the "Paper" tab in the printer driver setup screen.

**2** Select the paper size for the print data from "Paper Size".

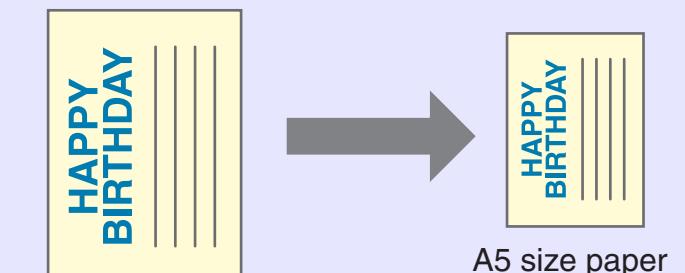
**3** Check the "Fit To Page" box.



**4** Select the paper size for "Fit To Paper Size", which corresponds to the size of paper in the unit.

Now, the printed image will automatically fit the paper set in the unit.

Paper Size: A4  
Fit To Paper Size: A5



A4 size document  
(Paper Size)

A5 size paper  
(Fit To Paper Size)

This feature allows you to print two or four document pages onto a single page.

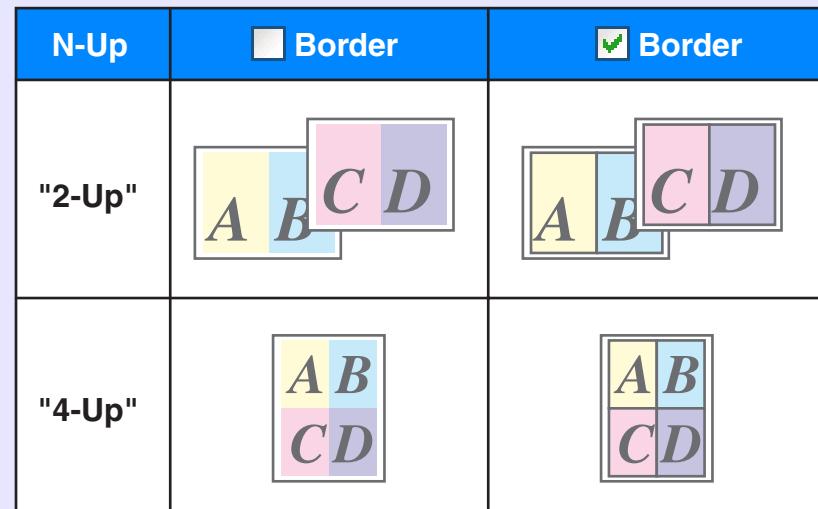
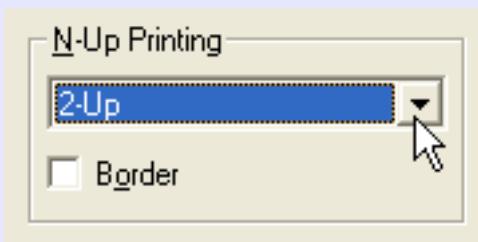
To use this function, open the printer driver setup screen, select "2-Up" or "4-Up" for "N-Up Printing" on the "Main" tab.



*The "N-Up Printing" setting is not available when "Fit To Paper Size" is selected.*

Reference: [Fitting the Printed Image to the Paper](#)

Note



If you select the "Border" checkbox, border lines will be printed on each page.

You can print on both sides of the paper.

To use this function, open the printer driver setup screen and select "2-Sided (Book)" or "2-Sided (Tablet)" from "Document Style" in the "Main" tab.

Document Style

- 1-Sided
- 2-Sided[Book]
- 2-Sided[Tablet]



*When using two-sided printing, select "Tray 1" or "Tray 2" for the "Paper Source" in the "Paper" tab.*

Note

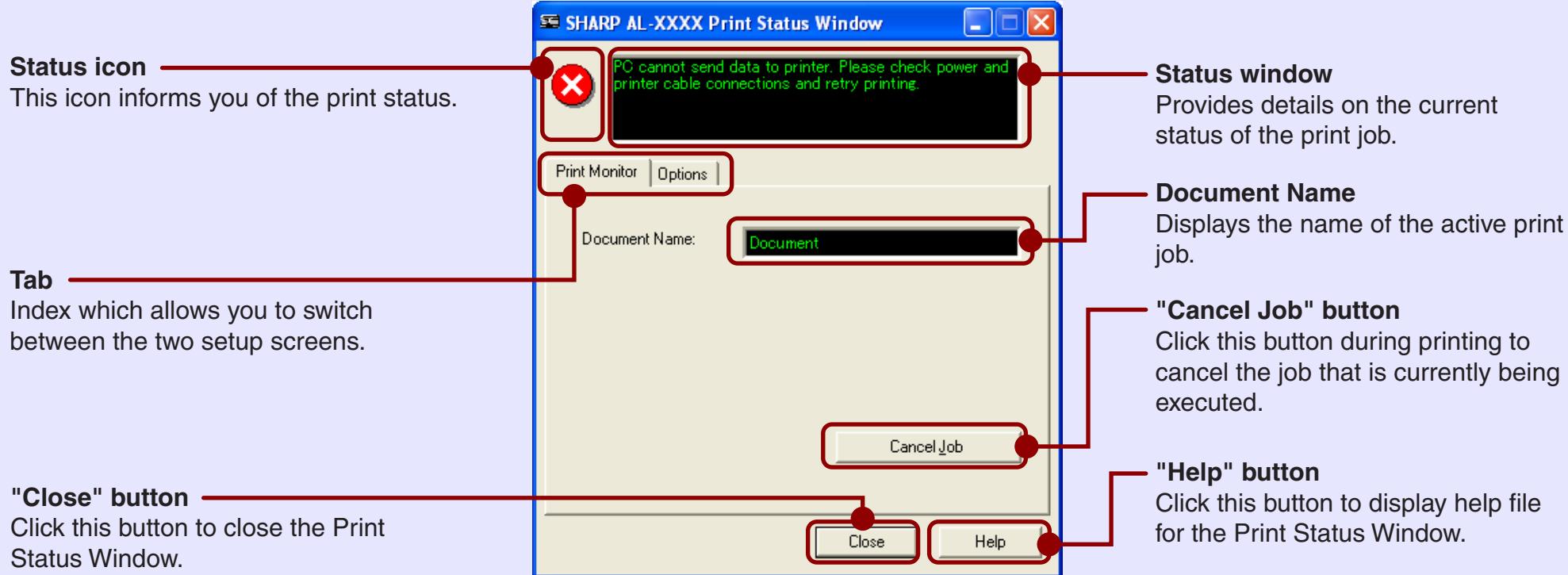
The following example shows the result when portrait data is printed on both sides of the paper.

Print data	Printing result	
	2-Sided (Book)	2-Sided (Tablet)
	<p>The pages are printed so that they can be bound at the side.</p>	<p>The pages are printed so that they can be bound at the top.</p>

## Outline of the Print Status Window

When printing begins, the Print Status Window activates and appears on the screen.

The Print Status Window is a program designed to show the current printer status including the document name being printed and error messages.

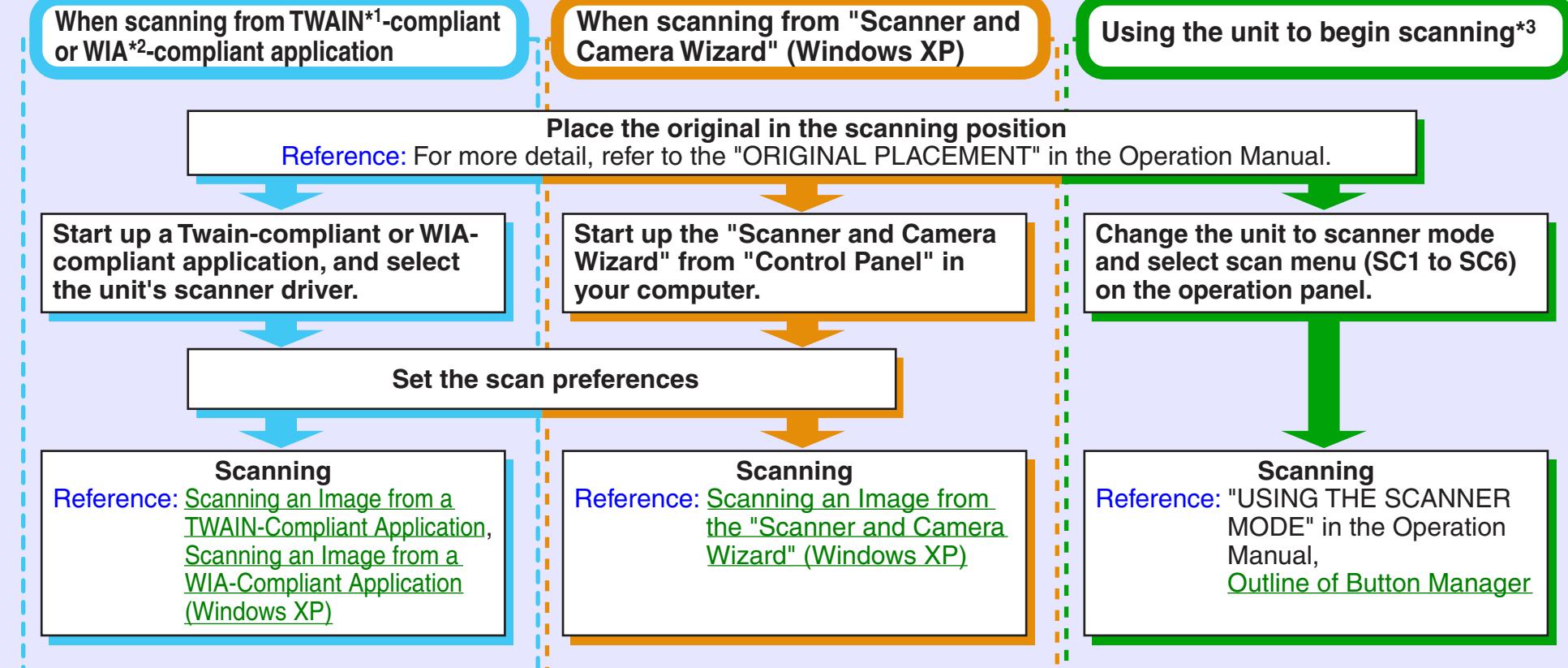


# 3 Scanning Overview

The flow chart shown below provides scanning overview.



*The environment in which the unit's scanning function can be used is subject to certain limitations. For details, see "INSTALLING THE SOFTWARE" in the Operation Manual.*



\*1:TWAIN is an industry standard for interface of image data processing devices including scanners. By installing a TWAIN driver onto your computer, you can scan and work with images using a variety of TWAIN-compliant applications.

\*2:WIA (Windows Imaging Acquisition) is a Windows function that allows a scanner, digital camera or other imaging device to communicate with an image processing application. The WIA driver for this unit can only be used in Windows XP.

\*3:To scan using the unit's operation panel, you must first install Button Manager and establish the appropriate settings in the Control Panel. For details, see "USING THE SCANNER MODE" in the Operation Manual.

Note that not all scanner functions are available using Button Manager.

The SHARP scanner driver conforms to TWAIN, the industry standard, making it compatible with a variety of TWAIN-compliant applications. Below is a step-by-step guide for acquiring a scanned image to the Sharpdesk desktop screen using Sharpdesk.

1

Place the original (s) you wish to scan on the original table/SPF/RSPF.

**Reference:** For information on setting an original for scanning, refer to "ORIGINAL PLACEMENT" in the Operation Manual.

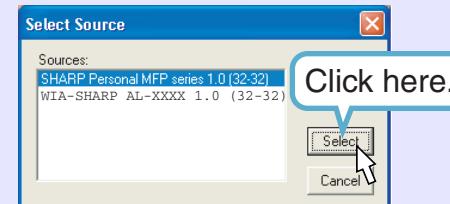
2

After starting Sharpdesk, click the "File" menu and select "Select Scanner".



3

Select "SHARP Personal MFP Series", and click the "Select" button.



Note

- If you are using Windows XP, you can also select "WIA-SHARP AL-XXXX" to scan using the WIA driver.  
**Reference:** [Scanning an Image from a WIA-Compliant Application](#)
- Depending on your system, "SHARP Personal MFP Series 1.0 (32-32)" and "WIA-SHARP AL-XXXX 1.0 (32-32)" may appear in the "Select Source" screen.
- The method for accessing the "Select Scanner" option, depends upon the application. For more information, refer to the manual or the help file of your application.

4

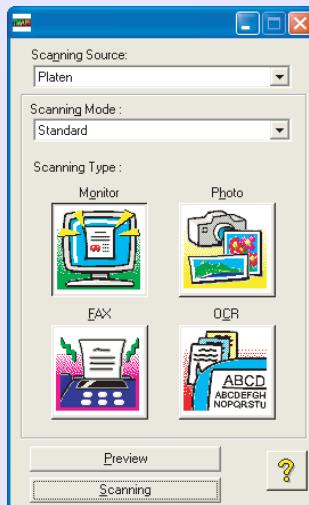
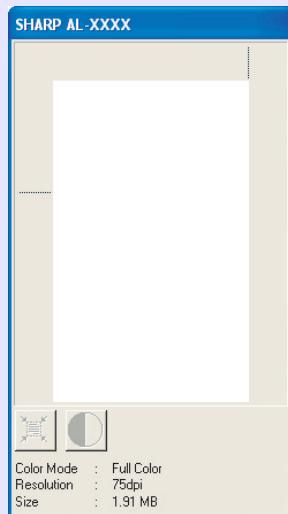
Select "Acquire Image" from the "File" menu, or click the "Acquire" button (  ).

The scanner driver setup screen will appear.

Reference: [Scanner Driver Settings](#)

5

In the "Scanning Position" menu, select the position in which you placed the original in Step 1 ("Platen" or "SPF").



6

Click the "Preview" button.

The preview image will appear.



Note

- If the rotation or angle of the image is different, reset the original, and click the "Preview" button again.
- If you set multiple pages on the SPF/RSPF, the unit previews only the page placed on the top of the originals, and then sends it to the original exit area. Return the previewed page to the SPF/RSPF before starting the scanning job.

7

Specify the scanning area, and set the scan preferences.

For information on specifying the scan area and setting the scan preferences, see scanner driver Help.

Reference: [Scanner Driver Settings](#)



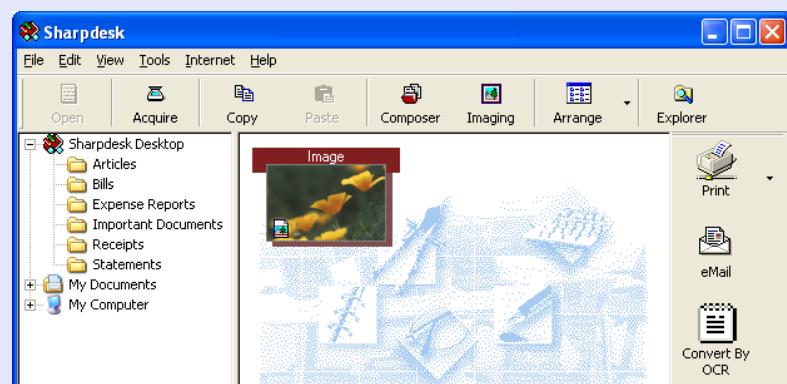
Caution

*Setting a large area with full color together with a high resolution setting, makes the data size large, resulting in extended scanning times. It is recommended to set the scanning preferences depending on the type of the original to be scanned, i.e., Text, Text/Graphics, Photograph, Color, Black & White.*

8

Click the "Scanning" button after setting your preferences.

To cancel your scanning job after clicking the "Scanning" button, press the [Esc] key on your keyboard.



When you close the scanner driver after scanning, the image data will appear as a new file in Sharpdesk.

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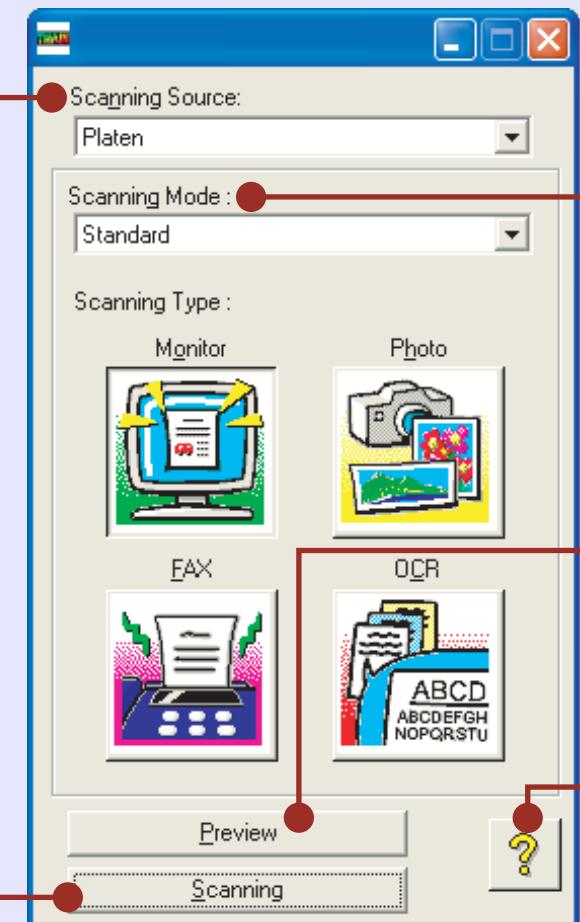
## Scanner Driver Settings

The scanner driver setup screen consists of the "Set-up screen", which lets you select scan settings, and the "Preview screen", which shows the scanned image. For details on the scan settings, click the "Help" button to display Help.

### Set-up screen

#### "Scanning Source" menu

Select the desired scanning position from "Platen" (original table) or "SPF".



#### "Scanning" button

Click to scan an original or image according to your preferences. Before clicking the "Scanning" button, check if your preferences are set correctly.



**Note** To cancel your scanning job after clicking the "Scanning" button, press the [Esc] key on your keyboard or the clear (○) key on the unit.

#### "Scanning Mode" menu

Switch the scanning mode between the "Standard" and "Professional" screen. For details on each of these settings, click the "Help" button to display Help.

#### "Preview" button

Previews the document.

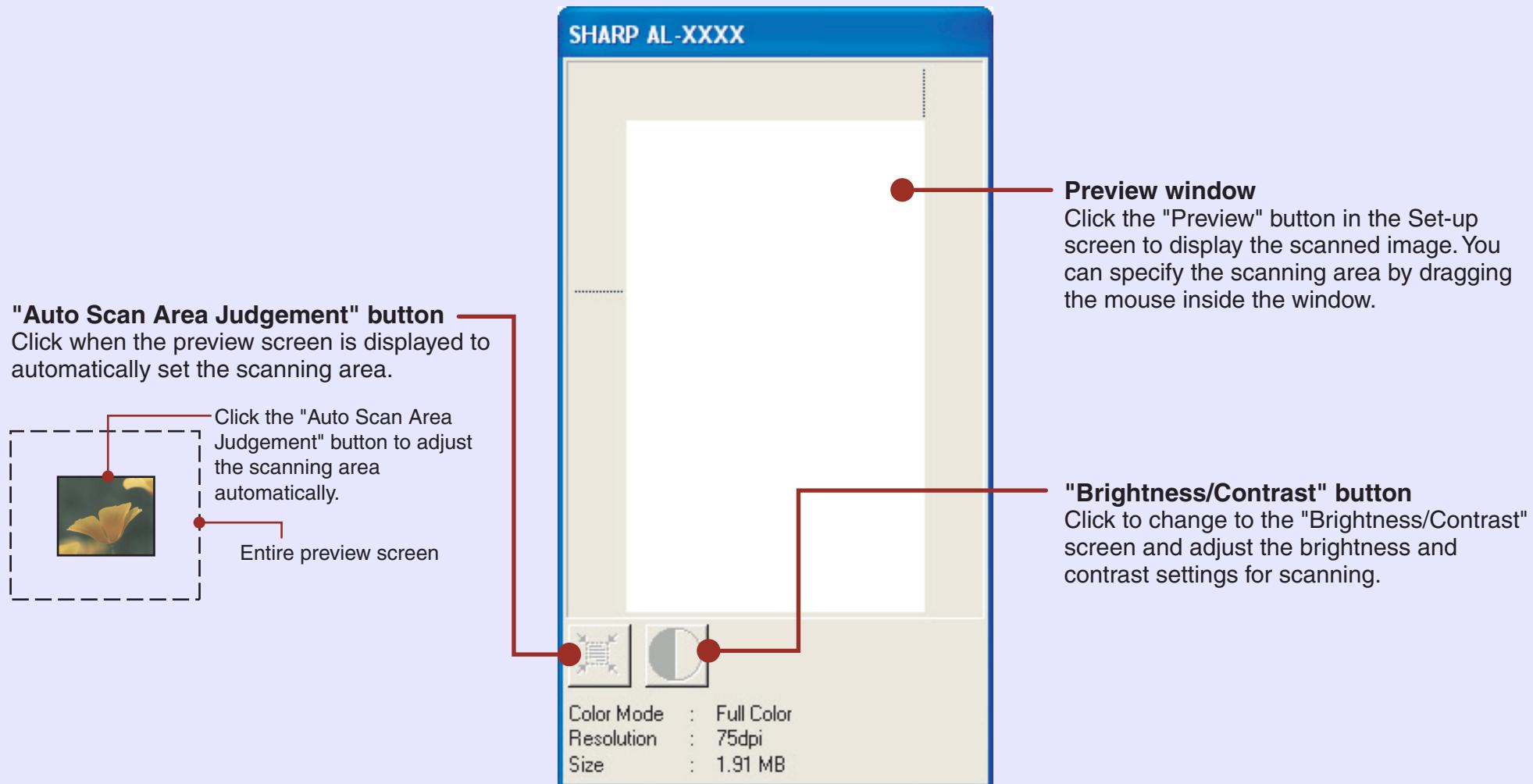


**Note** If "Preview" is canceled by immediately pressing the [Esc] key on your keyboard or the clear (○) key on the unit, there may be no images displayed on the preview screen.

#### "Help" button

Click to display the help file for the scanner driver.

## Preview screen



If you are using Windows XP, you can use the WIA driver to scan from Sharpdesk, Paint and other WIA-compliant applications. The procedure for scanning using Paint is explained in the following.

1

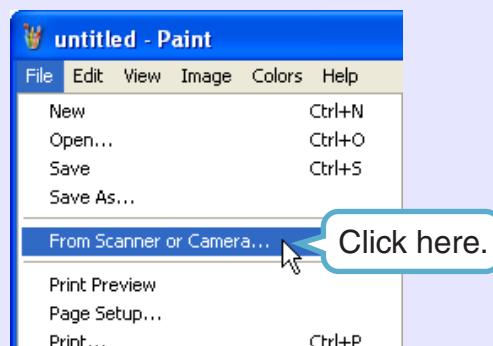
**Place the original you wish to scan on the original table/SPF/RSPF.**

**Reference:** For information on setting an original for scanning, refer to "ORIGINAL PLACEMENT" in the Operation Manual.

2

**After starting Paint, click the "File" menu and select "From Scanner or Camera".**

The scan screen of the WIA driver will appear.



Note

*If you have WIA drivers for other devices installed in your computer, the "Select Device" screen will open. Select "SHARP AL-XXXX" and click the "OK" button.*



3

Select the paper source and picture type, and click the "Preview" button.

The preview image will appear.

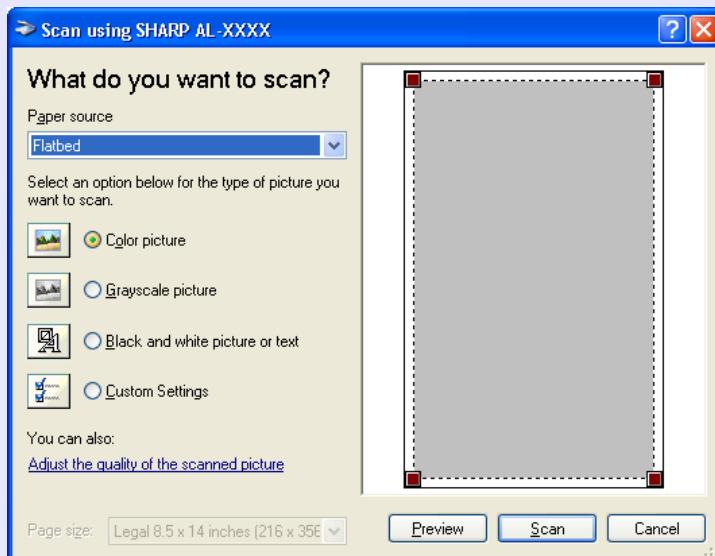
If you placed the original on the original table, select "Flatbed" for the "Paper source".

If you placed the original in the SPF/RSPF, select "Document Feeder" for the "Paper source" and specify the original size in "Page size".

4

Click the "Scan" button.

Scanning begins and the image is acquired into Paint. Use "Save" in your application to select a file name and folder for the scanned image, and save the image. To cancel your scanning job after clicking the "Scan" button, click the "Cancel" button.



Note

- If you select "Document Feeder" for the "Paper source" and click the "Preview" button, the top original in the SPF/RSPF is previewed. The previewed original is sent to the original exit area, so you will need to return it to the SPF/RSPF before starting the scanning job.
- To view Help for a setting, click the (?) button in the upper right-hand corner of the window and then click the setting.

The procedure for scanning with the "Scanner and Camera Wizard" in Windows XP is explained here. The "Scanner and Camera Wizard" lets you scan an image without using a WIA-compliant application.

1

**Place the original you wish to scan on the original table/SPF/RSPF.**

**Reference:** For information on setting an original for scanning, refer to "ORIGINAL PLACEMENT" in the Operation Manual.

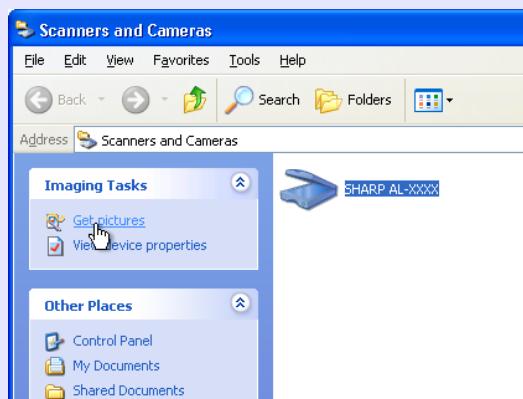
2

**Click the "start" button, click "Control Panel", click "Printers and Other Hardware", and then click "Scanners and Cameras".**

3

**Click the "AL-XXXX" icon and then click "Get pictures" in "Imaging Tasks".**

The "Scanner and Camera Wizard" will appear.



4

**Click the "Next" button.**



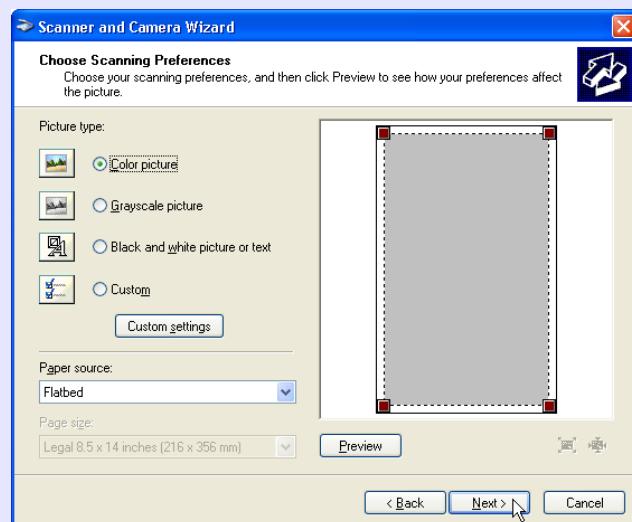
5

Select the "Picture type" and "Paper source", and click the "Next" button.

If you placed the original on the original table, select "Flatbed" for the "Paper source".

If you placed the original in the SPF/RSPF, select "Document Feeder" for the "Paper source" and specify the original size in "Page size".

You can click the "Preview" button to display the preview image.



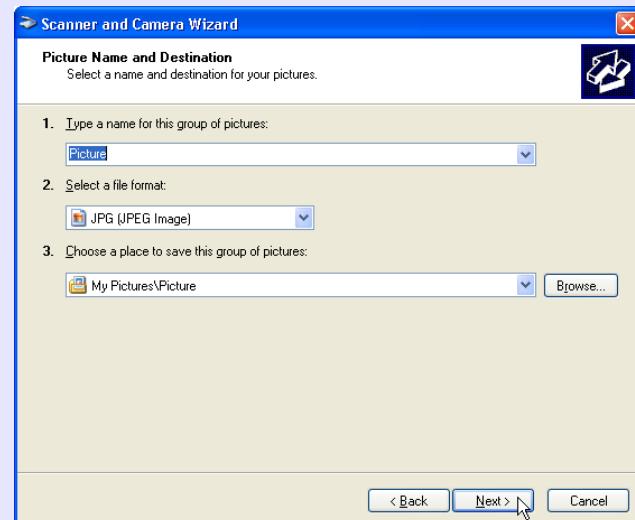
Note

- If you select "Document Feeder" for the "Paper source" and click the "Preview" button, the top original in the SPF/RSPF is previewed. The previewed original is sent to the original exit area, so you will need to return it to the SPF/RSPF before starting the scanning job.
- To adjust the resolution, picture type, brightness and contrast settings, click the "Custom settings" button.

6

Specify a group name, format and folder for saving the image, and then click the "Next" button.

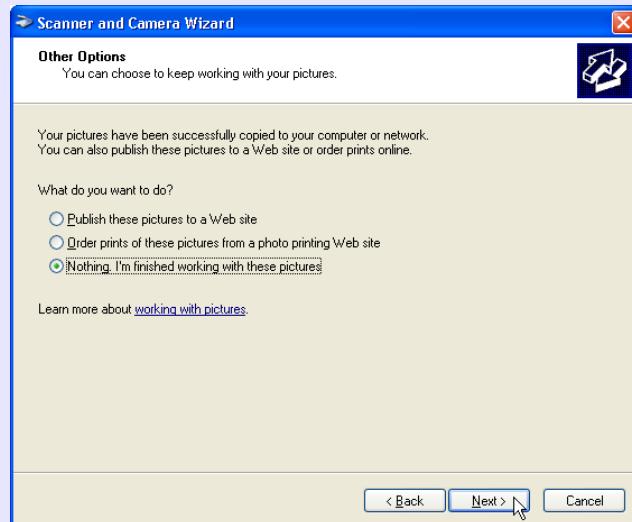
JPG, BMP, TIF or PNG can be selected for the format. To begin scanning, click the "Next" button.



7

When scanning ends, the following screen will appear. Select the next task you wish to perform, and then click the "Next" button.

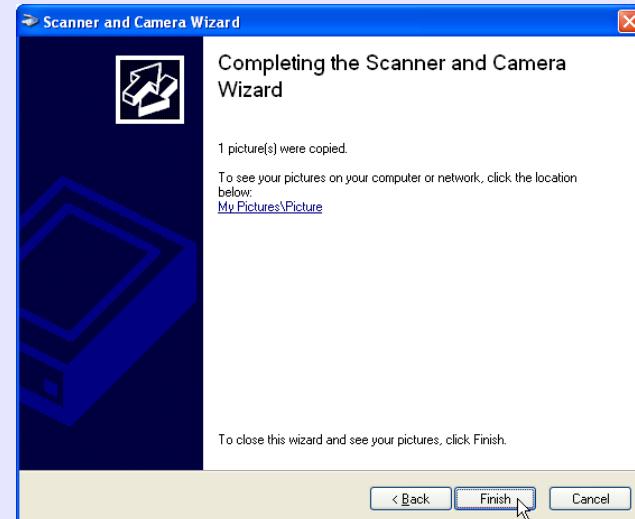
If you are ready to end the session, click "Nothing. I'm finished working with these pictures".



8

Click the "Finish" button.

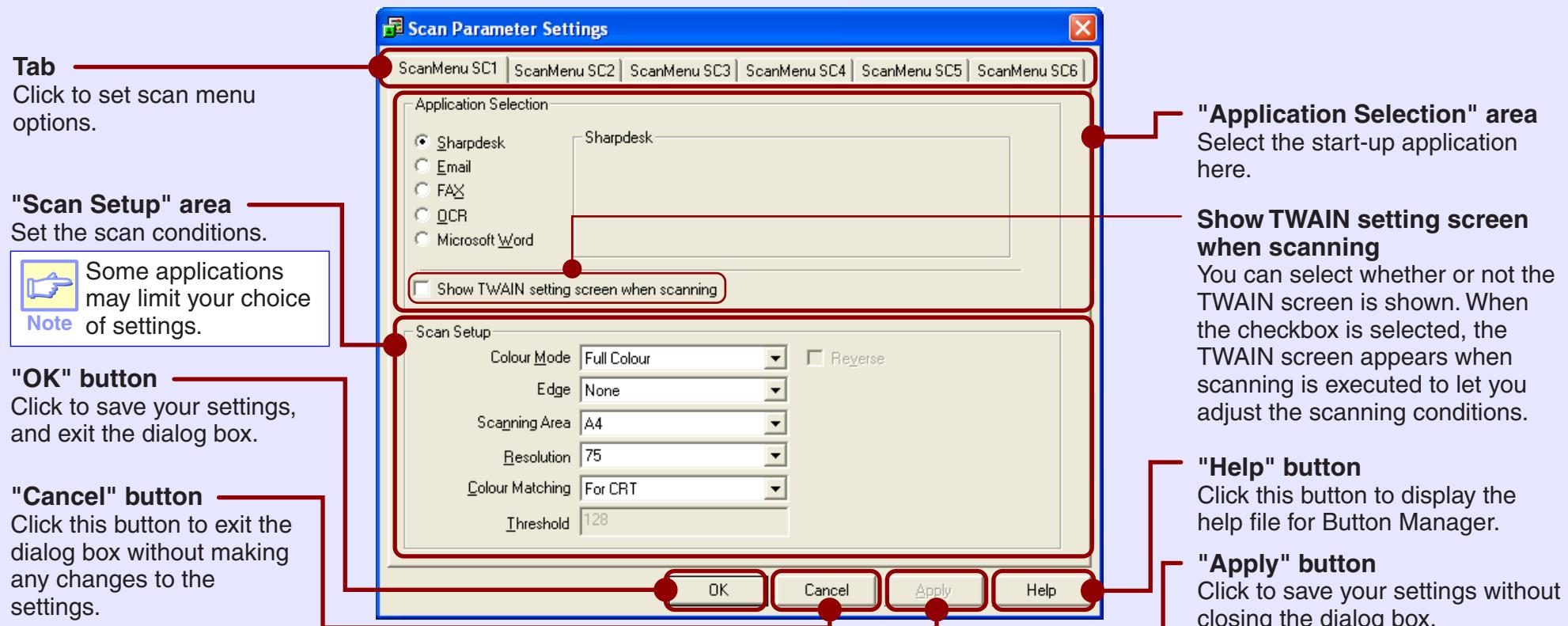
The "Scanner and Camera Wizard" closes and the scanned image is saved in the specified folder.



Button Manager is a utility software to link scanning functions to the SCANNER key on the unit. This software enables you to set scanning functions to six different scan menus, which will be linked to the SCANNER key on the unit.

**Reference:** To begin scanning using the unit's operation panel, settings must be established in the Control Panel after the Button Manager is installed. For information on installing the Button Manager, establishing the Control Panel settings, and scanning using the unit's operation panel, see "USING THE SCANNER MODE" in the Operation Manual.

The functions of Button Manager are shown below.



You can specify and change your six scan menu options from five functions. Refer to [Button Manager Settings](#) to specify and change the scan menu options.



**Note**

*Close the source application before using the SCANNER key on the unit.*

# 3 Button Manager Settings

After being installed, Button Manager normally keeps active under the Windows operating system. Follow the steps shown below to set scan options as you like.

For details on the settings in the setting screen of Button Manager, see Button Manager Help.

## 1 Right-click the Button Manager icon (■) on the task bar.



Note

If the Button Manager icon does not appear on the task bar, click the "start" button, select "All Programs" ("Programs" on Windows 98/Me/2000), select "SHARP MF Personal Series", and then click "Button Manager" to start Button Manager.

## 2 Select "Settings" from the displayed pop-up menu.

The setting screen of Button Manager will open.

Reference: [Outline of Button Manager](#)

## 3 Click the tab of the scan menu you want to set up.

ScanMenu SC1 | ScanMenu SC2 | ScanMenu SC3 | ScanMenu SC4 | ScanMenu SC5 | ScanMenu SC6 |

## 4 Set up the start-up application in the "Application Selection" area.



Note

- When the "Show TWAIN setting screen when scanning" checkbox is selected, the scan setting screen appears when scanning is executed to let you adjust the scanning conditions.
- If an application other than "Sharpdesk" is selected in the "Application Selection" area, only one original can normally be scanned. If "Sharpdesk" is selected, multiple originals loaded in the SPF/RSPF can be scanned in a single operation.

Reference: [Outline of Button Manager](#)

## 5 Set up the "Color Mode", "Edge Enhancement" and other scan settings in the "Scan Setup" area.

Reference: [Outline of Button Manager](#)

## 6 Click the "OK" button.

You have completed the settings.

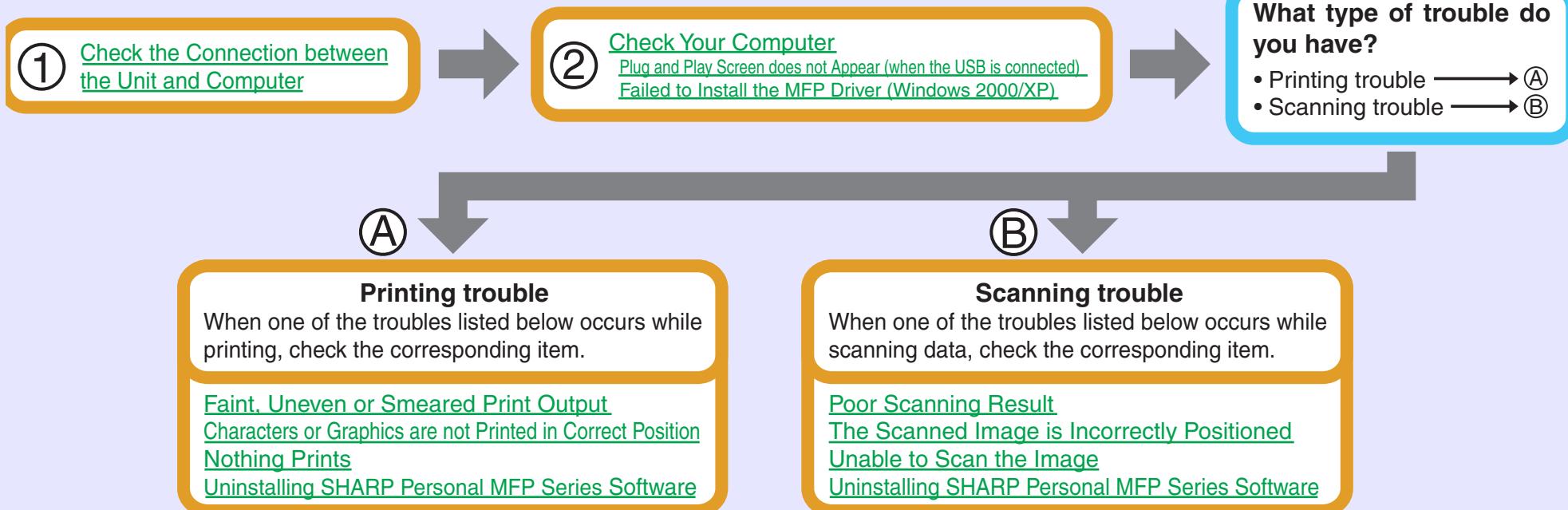
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When any trouble has occurred in the unit, first, verify whether you can make a copy or not with the unit. Check the items shown below when the unit does not work properly but it can make a copy.

**Reference:** If any copier trouble occurs, refer to "TROUBLESHOOTING" in the Operation Manual.



**Note** Make sure that the unit is not working. You cannot print from your computer or scan from the unit while the unit is making copies.



**Caution**

The unit's scanning function can only be used if the unit is connected to your computer with a USB cable.

If you fail to solve the problem after verifying all the items listed above, please contact your authorised SHARP service centre.

## CHECK1 Is the interface cable compatible with the unit and computer?

Interface cables compatible with this unit are USB and parallel cables. Check which type of cable is supported by your computer, and then purchase one of the following cables accordingly:

### USB cable

Shielded twisted pair cable (2 m Max.: high-speed transmission equivalent)

### Parallel interface cable

IEEE 1284 - Shielded 2 m Max.



**Caution**

*The unit's scanning function can only be used if the unit is connected to your computer with a USB cable.*

## CHECK2 Is the interface cable connected securely?

Check if the interface cable is securely plugged into the connectors of the unit and computer. It is also advisable to ensure that the connector pins are not bent.

**Reference:** See "CONNECTING THE INTERFACE CABLE" in the Operation Manual for more details on interface connection.

## CHECK3 Are any other USB peripherals being connected along with the unit?

If other USB peripherals are connected through the same hub, disconnect them to see if the problem still exists.

## If the USB cable becomes disconnected

If the USB cable becomes disconnected, even only once during the unit's operation, then printing and scanning may be disrupted.

If this occurs, check the USB cable and ensure that it is securely connected, then restart the computer.

Reference: [Plug and Play Screen does not Appear \(when the USB is connected\)](#)

## CHECK1 Is there enough computer memory or hard disk space?

To use this unit, you must have an adequate amount of hard disk space. If there is insufficient hard disk space, delete unnecessary files to increase the free space of the hard disk. If there is insufficient memory, close unnecessary applications to increase memory available for printing or scanning. If you are still unable to print or scan, install more memory into your computer.

## CHECK2 Is your hard disk fragmented?

When data is frequently stored/deleted, the hard disk may become fragmented causing a reduction in printing or scanning speed. In this case it is recommended to defragment your hard disk. You may use the Windows tools or a commercially available hard disk defragmenting tool.

## CHECK3 If your computer is connected to the unit through the parallel port, is the parallel port (LPT) mode set to other than EPP mode?

The unit may not operate correctly if the parallel port mode is set to EPP mode. To set the parallel port mode to a mode other than EPP mode, refer to your computer manual or ask the manufacturer of the computer. ECP mode is recommended to obtain the best performance from the unit. Note that some computers may use different names for the modes.



Caution

*If you are using Windows XP, the "Found New Hardware Wizard" may appear after you change the port setting. In this case, click the "Cancel" button to close the wizard, and then reinstall the printer driver as explained in "INSTALLING THE SOFTWARE" in the Operation Manual.*

# Plug and Play Screen does not Appear (when the USB is connected)

If the Plug and Play screen does not appear after you connect the unit to your computer with a USB cable and turn on the power of both devices, follow the steps below to verify that the USB port is available.

1

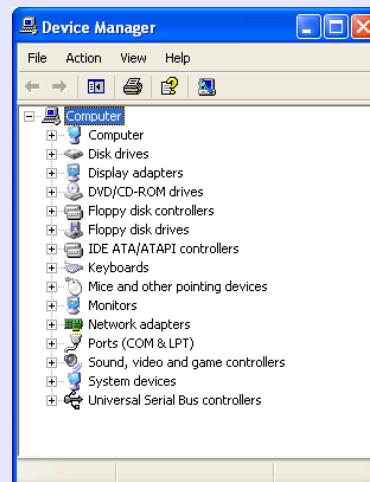
**Click the "start" button, click "Control Panel", and then click "Performance and Maintenance".**

On Windows 98/Me/2000, click the "Start" button, select "Settings", and then click "Control Panel".

2

**Click "System", click the "Hardware" tab, and click the "Device Manager" button.**

"Universal Serial Bus controllers" will appear in the list of devices.

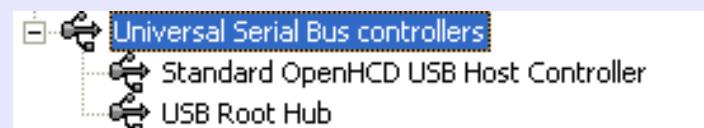


**Note**

- If the "System" icon does not appear on Windows Me, click "view all Control Panel options" to view it.
- On Windows 98/Me, double-click the "System" icon and click the "Device Manager" tab.
- On Windows 2000, double-click the "System" icon, click the "Hardware" tab, and click the "Device Manager" button.

3

**Click the (+) icon beside the "Universal Serial Bus controllers".**



Two items will display, your Controller chipset type and Root Hub. If these items appear, you can use the USB port. If the "Universal Serial Bus controllers" shows a yellow exclamation point or does not appear, you must check your computer manual for USB troubleshooting or contact your computer manufacturer.

4

**When you make sure that the USB port is enabled, install the software, referring to "INSTALLING THE SOFTWARE" in the Operation Manual.**

# Failed to Install the MFP Driver (Windows 2000/XP)

If the MFP driver cannot be installed under Windows 2000/XP, check your computer's settings according to the following procedure.

## 1 Click the "start" button, and then click "Control Panel".

On Windows 2000, click the "Start" button, select "Settings", and then click "Control Panel".

## 2 Click "Performance and Maintenance", and then click "System".

On Windows 2000, double-click the "System" icon.

## 3 Click the "Hardware" tab, and then click the "Driver Signing" button.

The following dialog box will open.



## 4 Check the "What action do you want Windows to take?" ("File signature verification" on Windows 2000).

What action do you want Windows to take?

- Ignore - Install the software anyway and don't ask for my approval
- Warn - Prompt me each time to choose an action
- Block - Never install unsigned driver software

If the option "Block" has been selected for your computer, then the MFP driver will not be installable. Select the option "Warn" and then install the MFP driver as explained in "INSTALLING THE SOFTWARE" in the Operation Manual.

# 4 Faint, Uneven or Smeared Print Output

If print output is faint, uneven or smeared, follow the steps listed below.

## **CHECK1 Has the printer driver been specified to suit both paper and the print job?**

You can select "Draft", "Normal" or "Photo" for the print quality in the "Advanced" tab of the printer driver setup screen. When "Photo" is selected, you can click the "Image Adjustment" button and adjust the brightness and contrast in the dialog box that appears. Adjust these settings appropriately for your print data and try printing again.

Reference: [Printer Driver Settings](#)

## **CHECK2 Is the paper curled?**

If the paper is curled, straighten it up and set it in the unit again.

## **CHECK3 Is the paper too thick or too thin?**

Only paper weighing from 60 to 80g/m<sup>2</sup> can be used in the paper tray. Only paper weighing from 52 to 128g/m<sup>2</sup> can be used in the multi-bypass tray and single bypass.

## **CHECK4 Is it near time to replace the TD cartridge or drum cartridge?**

When it is near time to replace the TD cartridge or drum cartridge, the TD cartridge replacement required (∴) indicator or drum cartridge replacement required (⌚) indicator will light steadily on the unit operation panel. When it is time to replace either cartridge, the indicator will blink. Replace the cartridge and try printing again.

Reference: See "TD CARTRIDGE REPLACEMENT", "DRUM CARTRIDGE REPLACEMENT" and "ABOUT SUPPLIES AND OPTIONS" in the Operation Manual.

## **CHECK5 Did you set sufficient margins in the paper settings of your application?**

If the margins are set outside of the quality guaranteed area, smudges or smears may appear at the upper and lower edges of the paper. When selecting the paper settings in the application, set the margins from the top, bottom, left and right edges of the paper to 4 mm.

# Characters or Graphics are not Printed in Correct Position

If a document is printed skewed or partly off the paper, follow the steps listed below.

## **CHECK1 Is the paper size loaded in the tray the same as that specified in the printer driver?**

Check if the "Paper Size" options suit the size of the paper loaded in the tray.

If the "Fit To Page" setting is activated, make sure that the paper size selected from the drop-down list of the "Fit To Paper Size" option is the same as the size of the loaded paper.

## **CHECK2 Is the orientation of document setting correct?**

Click the "Paper" tab in the printer driver setup screen, and verify if the "Image Orientation" option is set to your requirements.

## **CHECK3 Is the paper loaded correctly?**

If a document is physically damaged when it is output or the image is skewed on the paper, discard the damaged sheet, reinsert the paper supply and print again. Insert the paper so that there is no visible space between the paper and the paper guides.

**Reference:** See "LOADING PAPER" in the Operation Manual for more details on inserting paper.

## **CHECK4 Did you correctly specify the margins for the application in use?**

Check the layout of the document margins and the paper size settings for the application you are using. Also check if the print settings are specified correctly to suit the paper size.

**Reference:** [Faint, Uneven or Smeared Print Output](#)

If nothing prints even when the unit is turned on, please wait a few moments. The unit needs a longer time to process intricate data. If the unit still does not print, refer to the check list below.

## CHECK1 Has a paper jam occurred?

When the misfeed (  ) indicator blinks or (  ) blinks in the display, the unit will stop because of a misfeed.

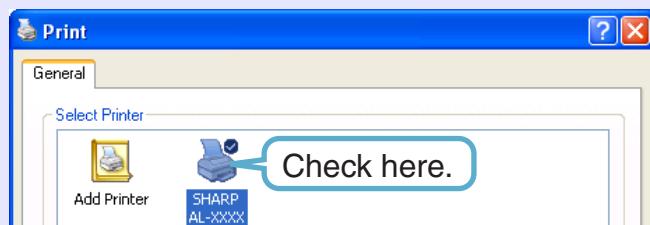
Remove the jammed paper as explained in "MISFEED REMOVAL" in the Operation Manual.

## CHECK2 Is the ON LINE indicator off?

The ON LINE indicator on the operation panel turns off while the unit is used for copying. Scanning and printing is not possible at this time. When copying is finished, the ON LINE indicator will turn on after the set auto clear time elapses, and the unit will be ready for scanning and printing. You can also press the clear (  ) key twice or press the ON LINE key to make the unit ready for scanning or printing.

## CHECK3 Is your unit selected correctly in the current application for the print job?

When choosing "Print" from the "File" menu located in applications, be sure you have selected "SHARP AL-XXXX" printer displayed in the "Print" dialog box.



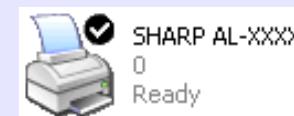
## CHECK4 Has the printer driver been installed properly?

Check if the printer driver has been installed, following the steps listed below.

- 1 Click the "start" button, click "Control Panel", click "Printers and Other Hardware", and then click "Printers and Faxes".

On Windows 95/98/Me/NT 4.0/2000, click the "Start" button, select "Settings" and then click "Printers".

- 2 Check if the "SHARP AL-XXXX" printer driver icon is shown.



If you still cannot print after confirming the "SHARP AL-XXXX" printer driver icon, the printer driver may not have been installed correctly. In this case, delete SHARP Personal MFP series software and then reinstall it.

Reference: [Uninstalling SHARP Personal MFP Series Software](#)

If you get poor quality as a result of scanning a job, and you cannot improve the quality by changing preferences, refer to the check list shown below.

## CHECK1 Is the original clean?

Check your original before scanning. If any dust sticks to the original, you cannot obtain a clean result. In addition, make sure that the original table is also clean.

## CHECK2 Have you specified a suitable resolution?

Make sure that the value for the "Resolution" setting in the scanner driver satisfies the requirement of the set original.

Reference: [Scanning an Image from a TWAIN-Compliant Application](#),  
[Scanning an Image from a WIA-Compliant Application \(Windows XP\)](#),  
[Scanning an Image from the "Scanner and Camera Wizard" \(Windows XP\)](#).

## CHECK3 Have you specified a suitable value for the "B/W Threshold" setting?

If you are scanning with a TWAIN-compliant application and are using "Mono 2 gradation (no Green)", "Mono 2 gradation (no Red)" or "Mono 2 gradation (no Blue)" mode, make sure that a suitable value is specified for the "B/W Threshold" setting. A larger threshold value makes your output darker, whilst a small threshold value makes it lighter. To adjust the threshold automatically, click the "Auto Threshold" button on the "Image" tab of the "Professional" screen.

Reference: [Scanning an Image from a TWAIN-Compliant Application](#)

## CHECK4 Have you adjusted the brightness and contrast suitably?

If you are scanning with a TWAIN-compliant application and the resulting image has unsuitable brightness or contrast (for example it is too bright), activate the "Auto Brightness/Contrast Adjustment" setting on the "Main" tab of the ["Professional" screen](#). Click the ["Brightness/Contrast" button](#) to adjust the brightness and the contrast viewing the scanned output image on the screen.

If you are scanning with a WIA-compliant application or the "Scanner and Camera Wizard", click ["Adjust the quality of the scanned picture"](#) or the ["Custom settings" button](#), and adjust the brightness and contrast in the screen that appears.

## If part of the image from the back side of the original appears in the preview scan.

If you are using a TWAIN-compliant application and the back side of the original appears faintly in the preview image, try adjusting the Brightness and Contrast settings.

Click the ["Brightness/Contrast" button](#) in the Preview screen to change to the Brightness/Contrast screen, and adjust the "Brightness" and "Contrast" values. A preview of the image using the new values appears under "After". When the image of the back side disappears and you can get only the needed image, click the "Apply" button to apply the new settings, and then click the "Scanning" button to scan the image.

# The Scanned Image is Incorrectly Positioned

If the scanned image is incorrectly positioned, refer to the check list shown below.

## CHECK1 Have you placed the original straight?

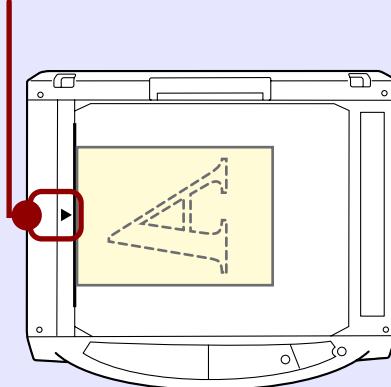
Place the original straight on the original table.

**Reference:** Refer to "ORIGINAL PLACEMENT" in the Operation Manual for the detail on how to set the original.

## CHECK2 Have you set the original correctly on the original table?

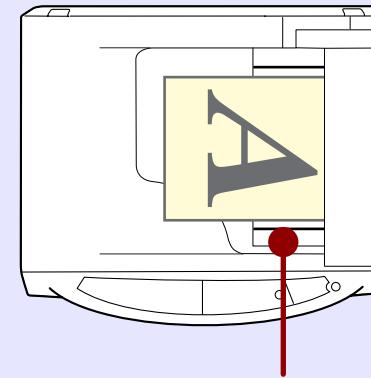
Place the original on the original table in the direction as shown in the illustration below.

Align the center of the original with (►) mark.



## CHECK3 Have you set the original correctly on the SPF/RSPF?

To scan from the SPF/RSPF, align the guide to the original as shown in the illustration below.



Align the guide to the original.

# Unable to Scan the Image

If you cannot scan the image, turn off your computer. Press the power switch on the unit to turn it off, unplug the unit from the power source, and then plug it back in. Restart your computer. Try scanning again. If scanning is still not possible, refer to the check list below.

## CHECK1 Is your application compliant to TWAIN?

If you are using Windows 98/Me/2000 and your application is not TWAIN compliant, the application cannot acquire images. Use an application that is TWAIN compliant, such as the included Sharpdesk.

## CHECK2 Have you selected the scanner driver of this unit on your application?

Make sure that the "SHARP Personal MFP series" or "WIA-SHARP AL-XXXX" is selected on your application.

Reference: [Scanning an Image from a TWAIN-Compliant Application](#)

## CHECK3 Have you specified all scanning preferences appropriately?

Setting a large area with full color together with a high resolution setting, makes the data size large, resulting in extended scanning times. It is recommended to set the scanning preferences depending on the type of original to be scanned, i.e., Text, Text/Graphics, Photograph, Color, Black & White.

## CHECK4 Is there enough computer memory?

Your computer may not have enough available memory to hold the document you want to scan. Lower the scan resolution.

## CHECK5 Has the specified period of program timeout already elapsed?

Neither printing nor scanning jobs can be sent to the unit from your computer during the specified period of program timeout after copying.

To send a printing or scanning job immediately, press the clear (  ) key on the unit twice to clear all the settings for the unit.

Reference: For more detail, refer to "USER PROGRAMS" in the Operation Manual.

## CHECK6 Are you trying to scan multiple originals in the SPF/RSPF at once?

When multiple originals are loaded in the SPF/RSPF, it depends on your application whether only one original can be scanned in a single operation, or whether multiple originals can be scanned. Check which is possible in your application. (Sharpdesk allows multiple originals to be scanned in a single operation.)

## CHECK7 Does your computer's operating system support the scanner driver?

The operating systems that support the unit's scanner driver are Windows 98/Me/2000/XP.

## CHECK8 Are you using an appropriate interface?

Only the USB interface can be used for the unit's scanning function. Make sure the unit is connected to your computer with a USB cable. If the unit was connected to your computer with a parallel cable when you installed the SHARP Personal MFP series software, uninstall the SHARP Personal MFP Series software. Refer to "INSTALLING THE SOFTWARE" in the Operation Manual for the order of installation of the SHARP Personal MFP series software and connection of the USB cable, and reinstall the SHARP Personal MFP series software.

Reference: [Uninstalling SHARP Personal MFP Series Software](#)

## CHECK9 Have the scanner driver and Button Manager been installed properly?

If normal scanning still cannot be performed even after confirming the items on the above check list, delete SHARP Personal MFP series software and then reinstall it.

Reference: [Uninstalling SHARP Personal MFP Series Software](#)

# Uninstalling SHARP Personal MFP Series Software

If printing or scanning is not possible, or Button Manager does not function correctly, check the items in "[Nothing Prints](#)" or "[Unable to Scan the Image](#)". If you still cannot solve the problem, follow the steps below to uninstall SHARP Personal MFP series software (MFP driver (printer driver/scanner driver), Button Manager), and then reinstall it.



## Caution

*Before uninstalling SHARP Personal MFP series software, close all applications.*

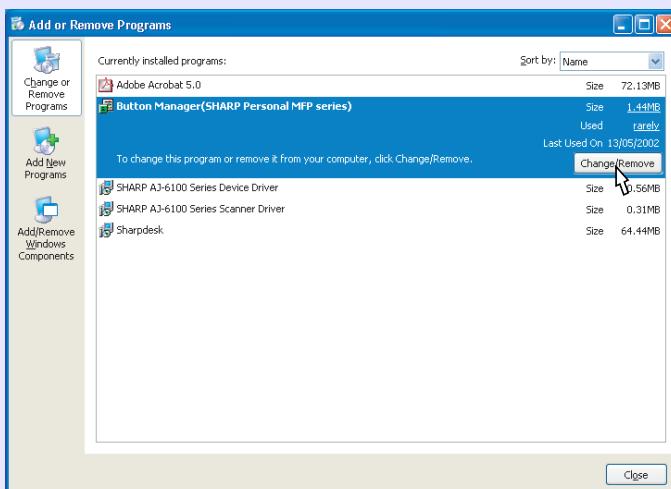
### 1 Click the "start" button, and then click "Control Panel".

On Windows 95/98/Me/NT 4.0/2000, click the "Start" button, select "Settings", and then click "Control Panel".

### 2 Click "Add or Remove Programs".

On Windows 95/98/Me/NT 4.0/2000, double-click the "Add/Remove Programs" icon.

The following dialog box will open.



Delete the "SHARP MFP driver" and the "Button Manager (SHARP Personal MFP series)" from the list of applications. For more information, refer to your operating manual or to the help files for your operating system.

### 3 Restart your computer.

The deletion of the MFP driver and Button Manager is completed when you restart your computer. If you wish to reinstall, follow the instructions in "INSTALLING THE SOFTWARE" in the Operation Manual.

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	"Auto Scan Area Judgement" button	15		Nothing Prints	30	Scanning Overview	11	
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	Border	8		Outline of the Print Status Window	10	Select Device	16	
	"Brightness/Contrast" button	15		Overview		Set-up Screen	14	
	Button Manager	21		Print	2	Settings		
	Button Manager Settings	22		Scan	11	Button Manager	22	
<b>D</b>	Document Style	9	<b>P</b>	Paper Size	7	Printer driver	5	
<b>F</b>	Fit To Page	7		"Preview" button		Scanner driver		
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