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status, hostname, network name, and more. Print wireless network test report. The wireless network test report will display the diagnostics results for the status of the wireless network, wireless signal strength, detected networks, and more. Restore network settings to default settings. Press the Wireless button and the Start Copy Black button from the printer control panel at the same time.

Press the Wireless button and the Cancel button from the printer control panel at the same time, and then hold them for 5 seconds. Press the Wireless button from the printer control panel. Wi-Fi Protected Setup (WPS – requires WPS router) on page 48 Turn wireless on or off. Establish a WPS connection. 6 Chapter 2 Get to know the HP Deskjet 2540 series ENWW Status lights When the printer is turned on, the On button light will be lit. When the printer is processing a job, the On button light will be blinking. Additional blinking lights signal errors that you can resolve. See below to learn about blinking lights and what to do. Light behavior Attention light is blinking. Cause and Solution □ Output tray closed when printing is attempted.

Open the output tray. □ Scanner is not working. Turn off and turn on the printer. If the problem persists, contact HP. The printer still prints even if the scanner is not working.

Attention light and both cartridge lights are blinking. □ Cartridge access door is open. Close the cartridge access door. For more information, see Prepare trays on page 70. □ Cartridge access door □ The printer is establishing a wireless network connection.

WPS is in progress. Wireless status light is blinking and the wireless strength indicator is solid on. There is no wireless signal. □ □ Make sure your wireless router or access point is powered on. Move the printer closer to the wireless router. Wireless status light and the wireless strength indicator are blinking. The printer has a problem establishing the wireless network, an error occurs or overlap session is detected when using WPS. Turn off wireless by pressing the Wireless button to clear the error. ENWW Status lights 9 Auto-Off Auto-Off is automatically enabled by default when you turn on the printer. When Auto-Off is enabled, the printer will automatically turn off after 2 hours of inactivity to help reduce energy use.

Auto-Off turns the printer off completely, so you must use the On button to turn the printer back on. For printer models with wireless or Ethernet network capability, Auto-Off is automatically disabled when the printer establishes a wireless or Ethernet network connection.



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Even when Auto-Off is disabled, the printer enters Sleep mode after 5 minutes of inactivity to help reduce energy use. You can change the Auto-Off setting from the printer software. To change Auto-Off setting 1. Depending on your operating system, do one of the following to open the printer software: □ □ Windows 8: On the Start screen, right-click an empty area on the screen, click All Apps on the app bar, and then click the icon with the printer's name. Windows 7, Windows Vista, and Windows XP: From the computer desktop, click Start, select All Programs, click HP, click HP Deskjet 2540 series, and then click HP Deskjet 2540 series. 2. 3. In the printer software, select Print & scan, and then select Maintain Your Printer to access the printer toolbox. In the printer toolbox, click Advanced Settings, and then follow the on-screen instructions. Once you change the setting, the printer maintains the setting that you choose. 10 Chapter 2 Get to know the HP Deskjet 2540 series ENWW 3 Print This section contains the following topics: □ □ □ □ □ Print documents Print photos Print envelopes Print with HP wireless direct Print using the maximum dpi Tips for print success ENWW 11 Print documents Load paper 1. 2. Make sure the output tray is open.

Make sure you have paper loaded in the input tray. To print a document 1. 2. 3. From your software, click the Print button. Make sure your printer is selected. Click the button that opens the Properties dialog box. Depending on your software application, this button might be called Properties, Options, Printer Setup, Printer Properties, Printer, or Preferences. 4. Select the appropriate options. □ □ □ 5. 6. On the Layout tab, select Portrait or Landscape orientation. On the Paper/Quality tab of the print driver, select the appropriate paper type and print quality from the Media drop-down list. Click Advanced to select the appropriate paper size from the Paper Size drop-down list.

Click OK to close the Properties dialog box. Click Print or OK to begin printing. To print on both sides of the page 1. 2. 3. From your software, click the Print button. Make sure your printer is selected. Click the button that opens the Properties dialog box. Depending on your software application, this button might be called Properties, Options, Printer Setup, Printer Properties, Printer, or Preferences. 4.

Select the appropriate options. 12 Chapter 3 Print ENWW □ □ □ 5. 6. 7. 8. On the Layout tab, select Portrait or Landscape orientation. On the Paper/Quality tab, select the appropriate paper type and print quality from the Media drop-down list. Click Advanced to select the appropriate paper size from the Paper Size drop-down list. On the Layout tab, select an appropriate option from the Print on Both Sides Manually dropdown list. Click OK to print.

After the even numbered pages of the document have been printed, remove the document from the output tray. Follow the on-screen instructions, reload the paper in the input tray with the blank side up and top of page down, and then click Continue. ENWW Print documents 13 Print photos Load photo paper 1. 2. Make sure the output tray is open. Remove all paper from the input tray, and then load the photo paper with side to be printed on facing up. To print a photo on photo paper 1. 2. 3. On the File menu in your software, click Print.

Make sure your printer is selected. Click the button that opens the Properties dialog box. Depending on your software application, this button might be called Properties, Options, Printer Setup, Printer Properties, Printer, or Preferences. 4. Select the appropriate options. □ □ □ On the Layout tab, select Portrait or Landscape orientation. On the Paper/Quality tab of the print driver, select the appropriate paper type and print quality from the Media drop-down list. Click Advanced to select the appropriate paper size from the Paper Size drop-down list. NOTE: For maximum dpi resolution, go to the Paper/Quality tab and select Photo Paper, Best Quality from the Media drop-down list. Then go to the Advanced tab and select Yes from the Print in Max DPI drop-down list.

If you want to print Max DPI in grayscale, select High Quality Grayscale from the Print in Grayscale drop-down list. 5. 6. Click OK to return to the Properties dialog box. Click OK, and then click Print or OK in the Print dialog box.

NOTE: After the printing is finished, remove unused photo paper from the input tray. Store the photo paper so it does not start to curl, which could reduce the quality of your printout. 14 Chapter 3 Print ENWW Print envelopes You can load one or more envelopes into the input tray of the HP Deskjet 2540 series. Do not use shiny or embossed envelopes or envelopes that have clasps or windows. NOTE: For specific details on how to format text for printing on envelopes, consult the help files in your word application.

Load envelopes 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. Make sure the output tray is open. Slide the paper-width guide all the way to the left. Place the envelopes in the right side of the tray. The side to be printed on should face up. Push the envelopes into the printer until they stop.

Slide the paper-width guide firmly against the edge of the envelopes. To print an envelope 1. 2. 3. On the File menu in your software, click Print. Make sure your printer is selected. Click the button that opens the Properties dialog box. Depending on your software application, this button might be called Properties, Options, Printer Setup, Printer Properties, Printer, or Preferences. 4. Select the appropriate options.

□ □ □ 5. On the Layout tab, select Portrait or Landscape orientation. On the Paper/Quality tab of the print driver, select the appropriate paper type and print quality from the Media drop-down list. Click Advanced to select the appropriate paper size from the Paper Size drop-down list. Click OK, and then click Print or OK in the Print dialog box.

ENWW Print envelopes 15 Print with HP wireless direct With HP wireless direct, you can print wirelessly from a computer, smart phone, tablet, or other wireless-capable device—without connecting to an existing wireless network. When using HP wireless direct, note the following guidelines: □ Make sure your computer or mobile device has the necessary software: If you are using a computer, make sure you have installed the printer software provided with the printer. □ If you are using a mobile device, make sure you have installed a compatible printing app. For more information about mobile printing, visit www.hp.com/global/us/en/eprint/mobile_printing_apps.html.

Make sure HP wireless direct is turned on in the printer and, if necessary, security is enabled. For more information, see Connect wirelessly to the printer without a router on page 53. Up to five computers and mobile devices can use the same HP wireless direct connection. HP wireless direct can be used while the printer is also connected to a computer using USB cable or to a network using a wireless connection. HP wireless direct cannot be used to connect a computer, mobile device, or printer to the Internet.



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Click here to go online for more information. NOTE: At this time, these websites might not be available in all languages. □ □ □ This section contains the following topics: □ □ Print from a wireless-capable mobile device Print from a wireless-capable computer Print from a wireless-capable mobile device Make sure you have installed a compatible printing app on your mobile device.

For more information, visit www.hp.com/global/us/en/eprint/mobile_printing_apps.html. 1. 2. Make sure you have turned on HP wireless direct on the printer. For more information, see *Connect wirelessly to the printer without a router* on page 53. Turn on the Wi-Fi connection on your mobile device. For more information, see the documentation provided with the mobile device.

NOTE: If your mobile device does not support Wi-Fi, you are not able to use HP wireless direct. 3. From the mobile device, connect to a new network. Use the process you normally use to connect to a new wireless network or hotspot. Choose the HP wireless direct name from the list 16 Chapter 3 Print ENWW of wireless networks shown such as HP-Print-**-Deskjet 2540 series (where ** are the unique characters to identify your printer).

If HP wireless direct is turned on with security, enter the password when prompted. 4. Print your document. Print from a wireless-capable computer 1. 2. Make sure you have turned on HP wireless direct on the printer. For more information, see *Connect wirelessly to the printer without a router* on page 53 for more information. Turn on the computer's Wi-Fi connection. For more information, see the documentation provided with the computer. NOTE: If your computer does not support Wi-Fi, you are not able to use HP wireless direct. 3. From the computer, connect to a new network. Use the process you normally use to connect to a new wireless network or hotspot. Choose the HP wireless direct name from the list of wireless networks shown such as HP-Print-**-Deskjet 2540 series (where ** are the unique characters to identify your printer). If HP wireless direct is turned on with security, enter the password when prompted.

4. Proceed to step 5 if the printer has been installed and connected to the computer over a wireless network. If the printer has been installed and connected to your computer with a USB cable, follow the steps below to install the printer software using the HP wireless direct connection. a. Depending on your operating system, do one of the following: □ □ Windows 8: On the Start screen, right-click an empty area on the screen, click All Apps on the app bar, and then click Printer Setup & Software. Windows 7, Windows Vista, and Windows XP: From the computer desktop, click Start, select All Programs, click HP, click HP DESKJET 2540 series, and then click Printer Setup & Software. b. c. Select Connect New Printer. When the Connection Options software screen appears, select Wireless.

Select HP DESKJET 2540 series from the list of detected printers. d. 5. Follow the on-screen instructions. Print your document.

ENWW Print with HP wireless direct 17 Print using the maximum dpi Use maximum dots per inch (dpi) to print high-quality, sharp images on the photo paper. Printing in maximum dpi takes longer than printing with other settings and requires a large amount of disk space. To print in Maximum dpi mode 1. 2. 3.

On the File menu in your software, click Print. Make sure your printer is selected. Click the button that opens the Properties dialog box. Depending on your software application, this button might be called Properties, Options, Printer Setup, Printer Properties, Printer, or Preferences. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

Click the Paper/Quality tab. From the Media drop-down list, must select Photo Paper, Best Quality to enable printing in maximum dpi. Click the Advanced button. In the Printer Features area, select Yes from the Print in Max DPI drop-down list. Select the appropriate paper size from the Paper Size drop-down list. Click OK to close the advanced options. 10. Confirm Orientation on the Layout tab, and then click OK to print. 18 Chapter 3 Print ENWW Tips for print success To print successfully, the HP ink cartridges should be functioning properly with sufficient ink, the paper should be loaded correctly, and the print should have the appropriate settings. Print settings do not apply to copying or scanning.

Ink tips □ □ Use original HP ink cartridges. Install both the black and tri-color cartridges correctly. For more information, see *Replace ink cartridges* on page 41. □ Check the estimated ink levels in the ink cartridges to make sure there is sufficient ink. For more information, see *Check estimated ink levels* on page 38.

□ If the print quality is not acceptable, see *Improve print quality* on page 58 for more information. Paper loading tips □ □ □ Load a stack of paper (not just one page). All of the paper in the stack should be the same size and type to avoid a paper jam. Load the paper with side to be printed on facing up. Ensure that paper loaded in the input tray lays flat and the edges are not bent or torn.

Adjust the paper-width guide in the input tray to fit snugly against all paper. Make sure the paper-width guide does not bend the paper in the input tray. For more information, see *Load media* on page 24. Printer settings tips □ □ On the Paper/Quality tab of the print driver, select the appropriate paper type and print quality from the Media drop-down list. Select the appropriate paper size from the Paper Size drop-down list in the Advanced Options dialog box. Access the Advanced Options dialog box by clicking the Advanced button on the Layout or Paper/Quality tab. To change default print settings, click Print & Scan, and then click Set Preferences in the printer software. Depending on your operating system, do one of the following to open the printer software: □ □

Windows 8: On the Start screen, right-click an empty area on the screen, click All Apps on the app bar, and then click the icon with the printer's name. Windows 7, Windows Vista, and Windows XP: From the computer desktop, click Start, select All Programs, click HP, click HP Deskjet 2540 series, and then click HP Deskjet 2540 series. □ □ If you want to print a black and white document using black ink only, click the Advanced button.

From the Print in Grayscale drop-down menu, select Black Ink Only, then click the OK button. ENWW Tips for print success 19 Notes □ Original HP ink cartridges are designed and tested with HP printers and papers to help you easily produce great results, time after time. NOTE: HP cannot guarantee the quality or reliability of non-HP supplies. Product service or repairs required as a result of using a non-HP supply will not be covered under warranty. If you believe the purchased original HP ink cartridges, go to: www.hp.com/go/anticounterfeit □ Ink level warnings and indicators provide estimates for planning purposes only. NOTE: When you receive a low-ink warning message, consider having a replacement ink cartridge available to avoid possible printing delays.



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You do not need to replace the ink cartridges until the print quality becomes unacceptable. □ You can print your document on both sides of the paper. 20 Chapter 3 Print ENWW 4 Paper basics You can load many different types and sizes of paper in the HP Printer, including letter or A4 paper, photo paper, transparencies, and envelopes. This section contains the following topics: □ □ Recommended papers for printing Load media ENWW 21 Recommended papers for printing If you want the best print quality, HP recommends using HP papers that are specifically designed for the type of project you are printing.

Depending on your country/region, some of these papers might not be available. ColorLok □ HP recommends plain papers with the ColorLok logo for printing and copying of everyday documents. All papers with the ColorLok logo are independently tested to meet high standards of reliability and print quality, and produce documents with crisp, vivid color, bolder blacks, and dry faster than ordinary plain papers.

Look for papers with the ColorLok logo in a variety of weights and sizes from major paper manufacturers. Photo printing □ HP Premium Plus Photo Paper HP Premium Plus Photo Paper is HP's highest-quality photo paper for your best photos. With HP Premium Plus Photo Paper, you can print beautiful photos that are instant-dry so you can share them right off the printer. It is available in several sizes, including A4, 8.5 x 11 inch, 4 x 6 inch (10 x 15 cm), 5 x 7 inch (13 x 18 cm), and 11 x 17 inch (A3), and in two finishes - glossy or soft gloss (semi-gloss).

Ideal for framing, displaying, or gifting your best photos and special photo projects. HP Premium Plus Photo Paper delivers exceptional results with professional quality and durability. □ HP Advanced Photo Paper This thick photo paper features an instant-dry finish for easy handling without smudging. It resists water, smears, fingerprints, and humidity. Your prints have a look and feel comparable to a store-processed photo. It is available in several sizes, including A4, 8.5 x 11 inch, 10 x 15 cm (4 x 6 inch), 13 x 18 cm (5 x 7 inch). It is acid-free for longer lasting documents. □ HP Everyday Photo Paper Print colorful, everyday snapshots at a low cost, using paper designed for casual photo printing. This affordable photo paper dries quickly for easy handling.

Get sharp, crisp images when you use this paper with any inkjet printer. It is available in glossy finish in several sizes, including A4, 8.5 x 11 inch, and 10 x 15 cm (4 x 6 inch). For longer-lasting photos, it is acid-free. Business documents □ HP Premium Presentation Paper or HP Professional Paper 120 These papers are heavy two-sided matte papers perfect for presentation, proposals, reports, and newsletters. They are heavyweight for an impressive look and feel. □ HP Brochure Paper or HP Professional Paper 180 22 Chapter 4 Paper basics ENWW These papers are glossy-coated or matte-coated on both sides for two-sided use. They are the perfect choice for near-photographic reproductions and business graphics for report covers, special presentations, brochures, mailers, and calendars. Everyday printing □ HP Bright White Inkjet Paper HP Bright White Inkjet Paper delivers high-contrast colors and sharp text. It is opaque enough for two-sided color usage with no show-through, which makes it ideal for newsletters, reports, and flyers.

It features ColorLok Technology for less smearing, bolder blacks, and vivid colors. □ HP Printing Paper HP Printing Paper is a high-quality multifunction paper. It produces documents that look and feel more substantial than documents printed on standard multipurpose or copy paper. It features ColorLok Technology for less smearing, bolder blacks, and vivid colors. It is acid-free for longer lasting documents.

□ HP Office Paper HP Office Paper is a high-quality multifunction paper. It is suitable for copies, drafts, memos, and other everyday documents. It features ColorLok Technology for less smearing, bolder blacks, and vivid colors. It is acid-free for longer lasting documents. □ HP Office Recycled Paper HP Office Recycled Paper is a high-quality multifunction paper made with 30% recycled fiber.

It features ColorLok Technology for less smearing, bolder blacks and vivid colors. Special projects □ HP Iron-On Transfers HP Iron-on Transfers (for light or white fabrics) are the ideal solution for creating custom T-shirts from your digital photos. ENWW Recommended papers for printing 23 Load media Select a paper size to continue. Load full-size paper 1. Raise the input tray. 2. Lower the output tray and pull out the output tray extender. 3. Slide the paper-width guide to the left. 4.

Insert a stack of paper into the input tray with the short edge forward and the print side up, and slide the stack of paper down until it stops. 24 Chapter 4 Paper basics ENWW 5. Slide the paper-width guide to the right until it stops at the edge of paper. Load small-size paper 1. Raise the input tray. 2. Lower the output tray and pull out the output tray extender. 3. Slide the paper-width guide to the left. ENWW Load media 25 4.

Insert a stack of photo paper with the short edge down and the print side up, and slide the stack of paper forward until it stops. 5. Slide the paper-width guide to the right until it stops at the edge of paper. Load envelopes 1. Raise the input tray.

2. Lower the output tray and pull out the output tray extender. 3. Slide the paper-width guide to the left and remove all paper from the input tray 26 Chapter 4 Paper basics ENWW 4. Insert one or more envelopes into far-right side of the input tray and slide the stack of envelopes down until it stops.

The side to be printed on should face up. The flap should be on the left side and facing down. 5. Slide the paper-width guide to the right against the stack of envelopes until it stops. ENWW Load media 27 28 Chapter 4 Paper basics ENWW 5 Copy and scan □ □ □ □ Copy documents Scan to a computer Tips for copy success Tips for scan success ENWW 29 Copy documents NOTE: All documents are copied in normal quality print mode. You cannot change the print mode quality when copying. 1-sided original to 1-sided copy 1. Load either small photo paper or full-size paper in the input tray. 2. Load original.

a. Lift the lid of the printer. b. Load original print side down on the right front corner of the scanner glass. 30 Chapter 5 Copy and scan ENWW c. Close the lid. 3. Start copy. □ Press either Start Copy Black or Start Copy Color. Increase the number of copies by pressing the button multiple times.

ENWW Copy documents 31 Scan to a computer NOTE: To scan to a computer, the HP Deskjet 2540 series and computer must be connected and turned on. Single page scan 1. Load original. a. Lift the lid of the printer.

b. Load original print side down on the right front corner of the scanner glass. c. Close the lid. 2.

Start scan. a. Start the scan job using the printer software. Depending on your operating system, do one of the following to open the printer software: 32 Chapter 5 Copy and scan ENWW □ □ Windows 8: On the Start screen, right-click an empty area on the screen, click All Apps on the app bar, and then click the icon with the printer's name.



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Windows 7, Windows Vista, and Windows XP: From the computer desktop, click Start, select All Programs, click HP, click HP Deskjet 2540 series, and then click HP Deskjet 2540 series. b. In the printer software, select the Print & Scan tab, and then select Scan a Document or Photo under Scan. You will see scan options that you can select on-screen. ENWW Scan to a computer 33 Tips for copy success □ Load your original print side down on the right front corner of the scanner glass. □ □ To resize the copy, scan the original to the computer, resize it using an application on the computer, and then print the resized document.

Clean the scanner glass and make sure that there are no foreign materials adhering to it. Click here to go online for more information. 34 Chapter 5 Copy and scan ENWW Tips for scan success □ Load your original print side down on the right front corner of the scanner glass. □ Clean the scanner glass and make sure that there are no foreign materials adhering to it. Click here to go online for more information. ENWW Tips for scan success 35 36 Chapter 5 Copy and scan ENWW 6 Work with ink cartridges This section contains the following topics: □ □ □ □ □ □ Check estimated ink levels Order ink supplies Choose right ink cartridges Replace ink cartridges Use single-cartridge mode Cartridge warranty information Tips for working with cartridges ENWW 37 Check estimated ink levels You can easily check the ink supply level to determine how soon you might need to replace an ink cartridge. The ink supply level shows an estimate of the amount of ink remaining in the ink cartridges. To check the ink levels 1. Depending on your operating system, do one of the following to open the printer software: □ □ Windows 8: On the Start screen, right-click an empty area on the screen, click All Apps on the app bar, and then click the icon with the printer's name. Windows 7, Windows Vista, and Windows XP: From the computer desktop, click Start, select All Programs, click HP, click HP Deskjet 2540 series, and then click HP Deskjet 2540 series.

2. In the printer software, click Estimated Ink Levels. NOTE: If you have installed a refilled or remanufactured ink cartridge, or an ink cartridge that has been used in another printer, the ink level indicator might be inaccurate or unavailable. NOTE: Ink level warnings and indicators provide estimates for planning purposes only. When you receive a low-ink warning message, consider having a replacement ink cartridge available to avoid possible printing delays. You do not have to replace the ink cartridges until the print quality is unacceptable. NOTE: Ink from the ink cartridges is used in the printing process in a number of different ways, including in the initialization process, which prepares the printer and cartridges for printing, and in printhead servicing, which keeps print nozzles clear and ink flowing smoothly. In addition, some residual ink is left in the ink cartridge after it is used. For more information, see www.hp.com/go/inkusage.

38 Chapter 6 Work with ink cartridges ENWW Order ink supplies Before ordering cartridges, locate the correct cartridge number. Locate the cartridge number on the printer □ The cartridge number is located inside the cartridge access door. Locate the cartridge number in the printer software 1. Depending on your operating system, do one of the following to open the printer software: □ □ Windows 8: On the Start screen, right-click an empty area on the screen, click All Apps on the app bar, and then click the icon with the printer's name. Windows 7, Windows Vista, and Windows XP: From the computer desktop, click Start, select All Programs, click HP, click HP Deskjet 2540 series, and then click HP Deskjet 2540 series. 2. In the printer software, click Shop, and then click Shop For Supplies Online. @@@@2. 3.

Check that power is on. Load paper. Remove the ink cartridge. a. @@@@ Do not open or untape cartridges until you are ready to install them. Leaving tape on the cartridges reduces ink evaporation. Insert the cartridges into the correct slots. @@ Make sure the cartridges snap into place. Align the printer for best print quality.

See Improve print quality on page 58 for more information. @@@@ See Replace ink cartridges on page 41 for more information. @@@@ To connect the HP Deskjet 2540 series to a wireless network using WPS, you will need the following: □ A wireless 802.11b/g/n network that includes a WPS-enabled wireless router or access point. NOTE: The HP Deskjet 2540 series only supports connections using 2.

4GHz. □ A desktop computer or laptop is with either wireless networking support, or a network interface card (NIC). The computer must be connected to the wireless network that you intend to install the HP Deskjet 2540 series on. NOTE: If you have a WPS router with a WPS push button, follow the Push Button method. If you are not certain your router has a push button, follow the Wireless Settings Menu method.

Push Button Configuration (PBC) method 1. 2. Press and hold the Wireless button on the printer for more than 3 seconds to start WPS push mode. The Wireless status light starts blinking. Press the WPS button on your router. NOTE: The product begins a timer for approximately two minutes while a wireless connection is established. PIN method 1. Press the Wireless button and Start Copy Black button at the same time to print the network configuration page, and then locate a WPS PIN. The WPS PIN is printed at the top of the printed information page. 2.

3. Press and hold the Wireless button from the printer control panel for more than 3 seconds. The Wireless status light starts blinking. Open the configuration utility or software for the wireless router or wireless access point, and then enter the WPS PIN. NOTE: For more information about using the configuration utility, see the documentation provided with the router or wireless access point. Wait for about 2 minutes. If the printer connects successfully, the wireless light stops blinking but remains lit. 48 Chapter 7 Connectivity ENWW Traditional wireless connection (requires router) To connect the HP Deskjet 2540 series to an integrated wireless WLAN 802.11 network, you will need the following: □ A wireless 802.11b/g/n network that includes a wireless router or access point.

NOTE: The HP Deskjet 2540 series only supports connections using 2.4GHz. □ A desktop computer or laptop with either wireless networking support, or a network interface card (NIC). The computer must be connected to the wireless network that you intend to install the HP Deskjet 2540 series on. Network name (SSID).

WEP key or WPA Passphrase (if needed). □ □ To connect the printer 1. Insert the printer software CD in the computer CD-ROM drive. NOTE: Do not connect the USB cable to the printer until you are prompted to do so. 2.

Follow the on-screen instructions. When you are prompted, connect the product to the computer by selecting Wireless in the Connection Options screen.



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Follow the on-screen prompts to enter your wireless network settings. The printer will attempt to connect to the network. If the connection fails, follow the prompts to correct the problem, and then try again. 3. When the setup is finished, you will be prompted to disconnect the USB cable and test the wireless network connection. Once the printer connects successfully to the network, you will not need USB cable when installing the printer on the subsequent computers. Instead, the printer name will appear in the network list and you can select it directly. Connect a new printer If you have not connected the printer to your computer, or you want to connect another new printer of the same model to your computer, you can use the Connect a new printer function to set up the connection.

NOTE: 1. Use this method if you have already installed the printer software. Depending on your operating system, do one of the following: □ □ Windows 8: On the Start screen, right-click an empty area on the screen, click All Apps on the app bar. Windows 7, Windows Vista, and Windows XP: From the computer desktop, click Start, select All Programs, click HP, click HP Deskjet 2540 series. 2. 3. Click Printer Setup & Software. Select Connect a new printer. Follow the on-screen instructions. ENWW Traditional wireless connection (requires router) 49 Change network settings This method is available if you have already installed the printer software.

NOTE: 1. This method requires a USB cable. Do not connect the USB cable until prompted to do so. Depending on your operating system, do one of the following: □ □ Windows 8: On the Start screen, right-click an empty area on the screen, click All Apps on the app bar. Windows 7, Windows Vista, and Windows XP: From the computer desktop, click Start, select All Programs, click HP, click HP Deskjet 2540 series.

2. 3. Click Printer Setup & Software. Select Reconfigure Wireless Settings. Follow the on-screen instructions.

50 Chapter 7 Connectivity ENWW USB connection (non-network connection) The HP Deskjet 2540 series supports a rear USB 2.0 High Speed port for connection to a computer. To connect the printer with the USB cable 1. Insert the printer software CD in the computer CD-ROM drive. NOTE: Do not connect the USB cable to the printer until you are prompted to do so. 2. 3. Follow the on-screen instructions. When you are prompted, connect the printer to the computer by selecting USB on the Connection Options screen. Follow the on-screen instructions.

If the printer software has been installed, the printer will operate as a plug-and-play device. If the software has not been installed, insert the CD that came with the printer and follow the on-screen instructions. ENWW USB connection (non-network connection) 51 Change from a USB connection to a wireless network If you first set up your printer and installed the software with a USB cable, directly connecting the printer to your computer, you can easily change to a wireless network connection. You will need a wireless 802.11b/g/n network that includes a wireless router or access point. NOTE: The HP Deskjet 2540 series only supports connections using 2.4GHz. Before changing from a USB connection to a wireless network, make sure that: □ □ The printer is connected to your computer with the USB cable until you are prompted to disconnect the cable. The computer is connected to the wireless network that you intend to install the printer on. Change from a USB connection to a wireless network 1.

Depending on your operating system, do one of the following: □ □ 2. 3. Windows 8: On the Start screen, right-click an empty area on the screen, click All Apps on the app bar. Windows 7, Windows Vista, and Windows XP: From the computer desktop, click Start, select All Programs, click HP, click HP Deskjet 2540 series. Click Printer Setup & Software.

Select Convert a USB connected printer to wireless. Follow the on-screen instructions. 52 Chapter 7 Connectivity ENWW Connect wirelessly to the printer without a router HP wireless direct allows your wireless devices such as computers, smart phones, tablet, and other wireless, to connect to your printer directly through the wireless network, using the process you currently use to connect your wireless device to new wireless networks and hotspots. With HP wireless direct, you can print directly to the printer wirelessly, without a wireless router, from your wireless enabled devices. To connect wirelessly to the printer without a router, press the Wireless Direct button from the printer control panel.

If this is the first time you turn on HP wireless direct, a How to Connect information page will be printed out. Follow the instructions on the printed information page. NOTE: HP wireless direct with security is enabled by default when you turn it on. The HP wireless direct password can be found by printing the information page. NOTE: The information page may not be available in all languages. It only can be printed automatically when you first enable HP wireless direct. To print the information page, press and hold the Wireless Direct button for more than 3 seconds. If HP wireless direct is turned on, the Wireless Direct status light is solid on. ENWW Connect wirelessly to the printer without a router 53 Tips for setting up and using a networked printer Use the following tips to set up and use a networked printer: □ When setting up the wireless networked printer, make sure your wireless router or access point is powered on. The printer searches for wireless routers, then lists the detected network names on the computer.

If your computer is connected to a Virtual Private Network (VPN), you need to disconnect from the VPN before you can access any other device on your network, including the printer. Learn how to find your network security settings. Click here to go online for more information. Learn about other troubleshooting tips. Click here to go online for more information. Learn about the HP Print and Scan Doctor. Click here to go online for more information. Learn how to change from a USB to wireless connection. Click here to go online for more information. Learn how to work with your firewall and antivirus programs during printer setup.

Click here to go online for more information. □ □ □ □ □ 54 Chapter 7 Connectivity ENWW Advanced printer management tools (for networked printers) When the printer is connected to a network, you can use the EWS to view status information, change settings, and manage the printer from your computer. NOTE: To view or change some settings, you might need a password. You can open and use the EWS without being connected to the Internet. However, some features are not available.

□ □ To open the embedded web server About cookies To open the embedded web server You can access the EWS through either the network, the printer software, or HP wireless direct. Open the embedded web server through network NOTE: The printer must be on a network and must have an IP address.



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The IP address for the printer can be found by printing a network configuration page. □ In a supported Web browser on your computer, type the IP address or hostname that has been assigned to the printer. For example, if the IP address is 192.

168.0.12, type the following address into a Web browser: <http://192.168.0.12>. Open the embedded web server from printer software 1. Depending on your operating system, do one of the following to open the printer software: □ □ Windows 8: On the Start screen, right-click an empty area on the screen, click All Apps on the app bar, and then click the icon with the printer's name. Windows 7, Windows Vista, and Windows XP: From the computer desktop, click Start, select All Programs, click HP, click HP Deskjet 2540 series, and then click HP Deskjet 2540 series. 2.

Click Print & Scan, and then click Printer Home Page (EWS). Open the embedded web server through HP wireless direct 1. 2. From the printer control panel, press the Wireless Direct button to turn on HP wireless direct. For more information, see Connect wirelessly to the printer without a router on page 53. From your wireless computer, turn wireless on, search for and connect to the HP wireless direct name, for example: HP-Print-**-Deskjet 2540 series. If you have HP wireless direct security on, enter the HP wireless direct password when prompted. In a supported Web browser on your computer, type the following address: <http://192.168.223>.

1. 3. About cookies The embedded Web server (EWS) places very small text files (cookies) on your hard drive when you are browsing. These files let the EWS recognize your computer the next time you visit. For example, if you have configured the EWS language, a cookie helps remember which language you have ENWW Advanced printer management tools (for networked printers) 55 selected so that the next time you access the EWS, the pages are displayed in that language.

Though some cookies are cleared at the end of each session (such as the cookie that stores the selected language), others (such as the cookie that stores customer-specific preferences) are stored on the computer until you clear them manually. You can configure your browser to accept all cookies, or you can configure it to alert you every time a cookie is offered, which allows you to decide which cookies to accept or refuse. You can also use your browser to remove unwanted cookies. NOTE: Depending on your printer, if you disable cookies, you also disable one or more of the following features: □ □ □ Starting where you left the application (especially useful when using setup wizards) Remembering the EWS browser language setting Personalizing the EWS Home page For information about how to change your privacy and cookie settings and how to view or delete cookies, see the documentation available with your Web browser. 56 Chapter 7 Connectivity ENWW 8 Solve a problem This section contains the following topics: □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ Improve print quality Clear paper jam Unable to print Clear print carriage Identify a defective cartridge Prepare trays Resolve copy and scan issues Printer failure Ink cartridge problem Older generation cartridges Networking HP support ENWW 57 Improve print quality NOTE: To protect the cartridges from drying out, always turn the printer off using the On button, and wait until the On button light goes out.

To improve print quality 1. 2. Make sure you are using original HP ink cartridges. Check the printer software to make sure you have selected the appropriate paper type and print quality from the Media drop-down list. In the printer software, click Print & Scan and then click Set Preferences to access the print properties. 3. Check the estimated ink levels to determine if the ink cartridges are low on ink. For more information, see Check estimated ink levels on page 38. If the ink cartridges are low on ink consider replacing them. 4.

Align the ink cartridges. To align the ink cartridges a. b. Load letter or A4 unused plain white paper into the input tray. Depending on your operating system, do one of the following to open the printer software: □ □ Windows 8: On the Start screen, right-click an empty area on the screen, click All Apps on the app bar, and then click the icon with the printer's name. Windows 7, Windows Vista, and Windows XP: From the computer desktop, click Start, select All Programs, click HP, click HP Deskjet 2540 series, and then click HP Deskjet 2540 series. c. In the printer software, click Print & Scan and then click Maintain Your Printer to access the printer toolbox. The printer toolbox appears. d.

Click Align Ink Cartridges on the Device Services tab. The printer prints an alignment sheet. 58 Chapter 8 Solve a problem ENWW e. Load the cartridge alignment sheet print side down on the right front corner of the scanner glass. f.

5. Press the Start Copy Black button. The printer aligns the ink cartridges. Recycle or discard the cartridge alignment sheet. Print a diagnostics page if the ink cartridges are not low on ink.

To print a diagnostics page a. b. Load letter or A4 unused plain white paper into the input tray. Depending on your operating system, do one of the following to open the printer software: □ □ Windows 8: On the Start screen, right-click an empty area on the screen, click All Apps on the app bar, and then click the icon with the printer's name. Windows 7, Windows Vista, and Windows XP: From the computer desktop, click Start, select All Programs, click HP, click HP Deskjet 2540 series, and then click HP Deskjet 2540 series. c. d. In the printer software, click Print & Scan and then click Maintain Your Printer to access the printer toolbox. Click Print Diagnostic Information on the Device Reports tab to print a diagnostics page. ENWW Improve print quality 59 e.

Review the blue, magenta, yellow, and black boxes on the diagnostics page. 6. Clean the ink cartridges automatically, if the diagnostic page shows streaks or missing portions of the color and black boxes. To clean the ink cartridges automatically a. b. Load letter or A4 unused plain white paper into the input tray. Depending on your operating system, do one of the following to open the printer software: □ □ Windows 8: On the Start screen, right-click an empty area on the screen, click All Apps on the app bar, and then click the icon with the printer's name. Windows 7, Windows Vista, and Windows XP: From the computer desktop, click Start, select All Programs, click HP, click HP Deskjet 2540 series, and then click HP Deskjet 2540 series. c. d.

In the printer software, click Print & Scan and then click Maintain Your Printer to access the Printer Toolbox. Click Clean Ink Cartridges on the Device Services tab. Follow the on-screen instructions. 60 Chapter 8 Solve a problem ENWW If the above solutions do not resolve the problem, click here for more online troubleshooting. ENWW Improve print quality 61 Clear paper jam Use the following steps to clear a paper jam.



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Clear a paper jam from the input tray 1. 2. Press the Cancel button to try to clear the jam automatically. If this does not work, the paper jam will need to be cleared manually. Pull the paper gently out of the input tray.

3. Press the Start Copy Black or Start Copy Color button on the control panel to continue the current job. Clear a paper jam from the output tray 1. 2. Press the Cancel button to try to clear the jam automatically. If this does not work, the paper jam will need to be cleared manually. pull the paper gently out of the output tray. 3. Press the Start Copy Black or Start Copy Color button on the control panel to continue the current job. Clear a paper jam from the cartridge access area 1.

Press the Cancel button to try to clear the jam automatically. If this does not work, the paper jam will need to be cleared manually. 62 Chapter 8 Solve a problem ENWW 2. Open the cartridge access door and slide the print carriage to the right to access the paper jam. 3. Press the Start Copy Black or Start Copy Color button on the control panel to continue the current job. Clear a paper jam inside of the printer 1. 2. Press the Cancel button to try to clear the jam automatically. If this does not work, the paper jam will need to be cleared manually.

Open the cleanout door located on the bottom of the printer. Press tabs on both sides of the cleanout door. 3. Remove the jammed paper. ENWW Clear paper jam 63 4.

Close the cleanout door. Gently push the door towards the printer until both latches snap into place. 5. Press the Start Copy Black or Start Copy Color button on the control panel to continue the current job. If the above solutions do not resolve the problem, click here for more online troubleshooting.

Prevent paper jams □ □ □ □ □ □ Do not overfill the input tray. Remove printed papers from the output tray frequently. Ensure that paper loaded in the input tray lays flat and the edges are not bent or torn. Do not combine different paper types and paper sizes in the input tray; the entire stack of paper in the input tray must be the same size and type. Adjust the paper-width guide in the input tray to fit snugly against all paper. Make sure the paper-width guide does not bend the paper in the input tray. Do not force paper too far forward in the input tray. Do not add paper while the printer is printing. If the printer is about to run out of paper, wait until the out of paper message appears before adding paper. If the above solutions do not resolve the problem, click here for more online troubleshooting.

64 Chapter 8 Solve a problem ENWW Unable to print If you are having trouble printing, you can download the HP Print and Scan Doctor, which can troubleshoot this issue for you automatically. To get the tool, click the appropriate link: NOTE: The HP Print and Scan Doctor may not be available in all languages. Take me to the HP Print and Scan Doctor download page. Resolve print issues Make sure that the printer is turned on and that there is paper in the input tray. If you are still unable to print, try the following in order: 1. 2. Check for error messages from the printer software and resolve them by following the on-screen instructions. If your computer is connected to the printer with a USB cable, disconnect and reconnect the USB cable. If your computer is connected to the printer with a wireless connection, confirm that the connection is working. Verify that the printer is not paused or offline.

3. To verify that the printer is not paused or offline a. Depending upon your operating system, do one of the following: □ Windows 8: Point to or tap the upper-right corner of the screen to open the Charms bar, click the Settings icon, click or tap Control Panel, and then click or tap View devices and printers.

Windows 7: From the Windows Start menu, click Devices and Printers. Windows Vista: From the Windows Start menu, click Control Panel, and then click Printers.

Windows XP: From the Windows Start menu, click Control Panel, and then click Printers and Faxes. □ □ □ b. c. d. 4.

Either double-click the icon for your printer or right-click the icon for your printer and select See what's printing to open the print queue. On the Printer menu, make sure there are no check marks next to Pause Printing or Use Printer Offline. If you made any changes, try to print again. Verify that the printer is set as the default printer. To verify that the printer is set as the default printer a. Depending upon your operating system, do one of the following: □ Windows 8: Point to or tap the upper-right corner of the screen to open the Charms bar, click the Settings icon, click or tap Control Panel, and then click or tap View devices and printers. Windows 7: From the Windows Start menu, click Devices and Printers. □ ENWW Unable to print 65 □ □ b. Windows Vista: From the Windows Start menu, click Control Panel, and then click Printers. Windows XP: From the Windows Start menu, click Control Panel, and then click Printers and Faxes.

Make sure the correct printer is set as the default printer. The default printer has a check mark in a black or green circle next to it. c. d. 5. If the wrong printer is set as the default printer, right-click the correct printer and select Set as Default Printer. Try using your printer again. Restart the print spooler. To restart the print spooler a. Windows 8 i.

ii. iii. iv. v. vi.

Windows 7 i. ii. iii. iv. v.

Windows Vista i. ii. iii. From the Windows Start menu, click Control Panel, System and Maintenance, Administrative Tools. Double-click Services. Right-click the Print Spooler service, and then click Properties. From the Windows Start menu, click Control Panel, System and Security, and then Administrative Tools. Double-click Services. Right-click the Print Spooler, and then click Properties. On the General tab, next to Startup type, make sure that Automatic is selected.

If the service is not already running, under Service status, click Start, and then click OK. Point to or tap the upper-right corner of the screen to open the Charms bar, and then click the Settings icon. Click or tap Control Panel, and then click or tap System and Security. Click or tap Administrative Tools, and then double-click or double-tap Services. Right-click or touch and hold Print Spooler, and then click Properties. On the General tab, next to Startup type, make sure that Automatic is selected. If the service is not already running, under Service status, click or tap Start, and then click or tap OK. Depending upon your operating system, do one of the following: 66 Chapter 8 Solve a problem ENWW iv. v. Windows XP i.

ii. iii. iv. b. On the General tab, next to Startup type, make sure that Automatic is selected.

If the service is not already running, under Service status, click Start, and then click OK. From the Windows Start menu, right click My Computer. Click Manage, and then click Services and Applications. Double-click Services, and then select Print Spooler. Right-click Print Spooler, and click Restart to restart the service.



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Make sure the correct printer is set as the default printer. The default printer has a check mark in a black or green circle next to it. c. d. 6. 7. If the wrong printer is set as the default printer, right-click the correct printer and select Set as Default Printer. Try using your printer again. Restart the computer. Clear the print queue.

To clear the print queue a. Depending upon your operating system, do one of the following: Windows 8: Point to or tap the upper-right corner of the screen to open the Charms bar, click the Settings icon, click or tap Control Panel, and then click or tap View devices and printers. Windows 7: From the Windows Start menu, click Devices and Printers. Windows Vista: From the Windows Start menu, click Control Panel, and then click Printers. Windows XP: From the Windows Start menu, click Control Panel, and then click Printers and Faxes. b. c. d. e. Double-click the icon for your printer to open the print queue. On the Printer menu, click Cancel all documents or Purge Print Document, and then click Yes to confirm. If there are still documents in the queue, restart the computer and try printing again after the computer has restarted. Check the print queue again to make sure it is clear, and then try to print again. If the above solutions do not resolve the problem, click here for more online troubleshooting. ENWW Unable to print 67 Clear print carriage Remove any objects, such as paper, which are blocking the print carriage.

See Clear paper jam on page 62 for more information. NOTE: Do not use any tools or other devices to remove jammed paper. Always use caution when removing jammed paper from inside the printer. Click here to go online for more information. 68 Chapter 8 Solve a problem ENWW Identify a defective cartridge If both the tri-color and black ink cartridge lights are blinking, and the On button light is on, both cartridges may still have tape on, be very low on ink, or are missing.

First make sure that the pink tape has been removed from both cartridges, and that both ink cartridges are installed. If both ink cartridge lights are still blinking, then one or both cartridges may be defective. To determine if one cartridge is defective, do the following: 1. 2. 3. Remove the black ink cartridge. Close the cartridge access door. If the On button light blinks quickly, replace the tri-color cartridge. If the On button light does not blink, replace the black cartridge. ENWW Identify a defective cartridge 69 Prepare trays Open output tray Output tray must be open to begin printing.

Close cartridge access door Cartridge door must be closed to begin printing. Click here to go online for more information. 70 Chapter 8 Solve a problem ENWW Resolve copy and scan issues HP provides an HP Print and Scan Doctor (Windows only) that can help solve many common "Unable to scan" issues. NOTE: The HP Print and Scan Doctor may not be available in all languages. Take me to the HP Print and Scan Doctor download page. Learn more about how to solve scan issues. Click here to go online for more information. Learn how to solve copy issues. Click here to go online for more information. ENWW Resolve copy and scan issues 71 Printer failure Resolve printer failure Turn the printer off, then on.

If that does not resolve the problem, contact HP. Please contact HP support for help . 72 Chapter 8 Solve a problem ENWW Ink cartridge problem First try removing and reinserting the ink cartridges. If this does not work, clean the cartridge contacts. If your problem is still not resolved, replace the ink cartridges. For more information, see Replace ink cartridges on page 41. Clean the ink cartridge contacts CAUTION: The cleaning procedure should take only a few minutes. Make sure that the ink cartridges are reinstalled in the printer as soon as possible. It is not recommended to leave the ink cartridges outside of the printer longer than 30 minutes. This could result in damage to the printhead or the ink cartridges.

1. 2. Check that power is on. Open the cartridge access door and wait for the print carriage to move to the center of the printer. 3. Remove the ink cartridge indicated in the error message. 4. Hold the ink cartridge by its sides with the bottom pointing up and locate the electrical contacts on the ink cartridge. The electrical contacts are the small gold-colored dots on the ink cartridge. 5.

Wipe only the contacts with a dry swab or lint-free cloth. CAUTION: Be careful to wipe only the contacts, and do not smear any of the ink or other debris elsewhere on the ink cartridge. ENWW Ink cartridge problem 73 6. On the inside of the printer, locate the contacts for the cartridge. The printer contacts are the set of gold-colored bumps positioned to meet the contacts on the ink cartridge. 7. 8. 9. Use a dry swab or lint-free cloth to wipe the contacts. Reinstall the ink cartridge.

Close the cartridge access door, and check if the error message has gone away. 10. If you still receive the error message, turn the printer off, and then on again. NOTE: If one ink cartridge is causing problems, you can remove it and use the single-cartridge mode to operate the HP Deskjet 2540 series with only one ink cartridge. Click here to go online for more information.

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