

Help File for the Brother 9-Pin Printer Driver (BROTH9.DRV)

Epson Emulation Mode

The Brother M-1809 and M-1909 printers should be set to run in Epson emulation mode in order to work correctly with Windows. This can be done from the front panel of your printer. It will only need to be done once, since the printer will save these settings, even when it is shut off or unplugged. If this is not done, your printer will print garbage when you try to print from Windows.

To change the printer to Epson emulation, from the front panel of your printer:

- 1) Take the printer off line by pressing the SEL button so the ON LINE light goes out.
- 2) Get into function mode by pressing the FUNCTION button so the light goes on over the button.
- 3) Select the emulation menu by pressing the MENU button until the printer display says EMULATE MENU.
- 4) Press the ITEM button once. The display should say IBM* or EPSON*.
- 5) Use the up/down buttons to select Epson mode.
- 6) Press the SET button to save this setting. A star should appear next to EPSON if there wasn't previously a star there.
- 7) Press the FUNCTION button so the light above it goes out.
- 8) Press the SEL button to put the printer back on line.

For a more detailed explanation, see Chapter 4, "Printer Control Switches" in your printer manual.

Halftoned Graphics

This printer offers an option called halftoning. You'll see this in the "Print Quality" section of the printer setup dialog box--one option will say "Halftoned" after it. Halftoning is a way of creating different levels of gray when printing in black and white. Halftoned graphics generally photocopy better than the normal graphics. However, color is never available with halftoning. So if your printer supports color, and you want to print in color, don't use a resolution with halftoning. Print Quality options not marked "Halftoned" use an alternate method of gray scaling called dithering. You may want to print some black and white graphics to get a feel for the difference between these options.

Paper Source

Use "Auto" for automatic cut sheet feeders, and use "Tractor" for tractor feed (also known as continuous feed) paper. The top and bottom margins are different for these paper sources, and if you mismatch them, your printing will not at all match the length of your pages. Certain printers offer additional options. Be sure to match the right Paper Source selection to the method you use for feeding paper into your printer.