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Magnus VLF with APL: Switching From Automatic to Manual Bypass Mode

These procedures tell you how to switch to manual bypass loading mode on a Kodak® Magnus™ VLF platesetter that has the Automatic Pallet Loader (APL) option. See the APL visual reference guide for the bypass loading procedure.

The first procedure describes how to switch from automatic loading (picking from the APL) to manual bypass mode. The second procedure describes how to return to automatic loading. These procedures can be done either in the middle of a production run or while the device is idle between production runs.

To switch from automatic loading to manual bypass mode:

1. In the Print Console Operation pane, click **Disconnect**.

   This initiates a pause during which Print Console will not send workflow jobs to the platesetter.

2. In the Print Console Status mode, check the **Queue** tab to see if any jobs are currently in the drum stage or the unload table stage (the two topmost queue rows).

   If so, allow them to complete imaging and unload.

3. To prevent any more plates from being picked from the APL pallets:
   a. In the Print Console software, go to **Tools > Pallet Tool**.
   b. For each pallet location, set the **Pallet online** parameter to **No**.
   c. Click **Apply**.
4. If the device status is **Attention!**, do the following steps. If not, go to step 5.
   a. In the **Messages** tab, follow the instructions in the recovery message to resolve the condition that caused the device to suspend operation and click **Release** or **Cancel**.
   b. If this message appears in the Messages tab after you resolve the error, click **Retry**:

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   Print Console has recovered from a media error. Do one of the following actions:

   Click RETRY to attempt imaging the job again.
   Or, click DISCONNECT to take the workflow offline so that you can investigate the
   device problem.
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5. In the Print Console Operation pane, click **Connect** to re-establish the connection between the device and the workflow software.

6. Each time you receive this message, click **Manual Load**:

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The APL cannot pick from any pallet locations with media size {0}.

If pallet locations are offline, select each pallet location in the Pallet Tool.
If a pallet location has media size {0}, set Pallet online to Yes.
Click Apply and the APL will automatically resume picking plates.

If pallets are empty or slip sheet bins are full, click Open APL in the Pallets tab.
Open the APL doors.
Reload the pallets and/or empty the slip sheet bins.
Close all APL doors.
Update the Pallets tab and click Close APL.
When the APL is ready, it will automatically resume picking plates.

Or, click MANUAL LOAD to use the manual bypass option.
Click the Help button or refer to the visual quick reference guide for the procedure.
Or, click CANCEL to cancel the image in the workflow software.
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7. Follow the instructions in the visual reference guide for imaging a plate in bypass mode.

To resume automatic loading:

1. In the Print Console software, go to **Tools > Pallet Tool**.
2. For each pallet location, set the **Pallet online** parameter to **Yes**.
3. Click **Apply**.

The APL will automatically pick plates when workflow jobs are queued to the device.

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