

Customer Release Notes

EFI Fiery Central, version 1.8.1

This document contains important information about this release. Be sure to provide all users with this information before proceeding with the installation.

NOTE: The term “Fiery print controller” is used to refer to the Fiery connected to the Fiery-driven device.

New Features

- Enhanced feature functionality for Tab printing and archived jobs
- Localized Administrator and User Guides, and online Help
- Supported printers are at www.efi.com/products/production/fierycentral/support/product-documentation.asp. Click the flag to view the EFI Supported Printers (PDF) document.

Updating Procedures

When you update Fiery Central software from version 1.8.0 to version 1.8.1, you must do the following:

- Backup the Printer Groups using the Fiery Central Manager
- Install the Fiery Central 1.8.1 Update patch
- Restore the Printer Groups using the Fiery Central Manager

Backup the Printer Groups

The Fiery Central Manager allows you to back up Printer Group information so your Printer Groups can be restored after the Fiery Central update.

The following information is backed up:

- Printer Group information
- Paper Catalog
- Paper Catalog mapping
- Flow module data (if Flow is enabled and a Flow server configured)



For information about backing up and restoring printer groups, see Fiery Central Manager Help.

TO BACK UP FIERY CENTRAL

- 1 Click **Backup** in the Printer Groups tab of the Fiery Central Manager.
- 2 Select a location to save your backups.
- 3 Click **OK**.

Install the Fiery Central 1.8.1 Update patch

You must apply the Fiery Central 1.8.1 Update patch on the Fiery Central server using one of these methods:

- Install the patch using System Updates

or

- Download the patch from the Fiery Central Support web page at www.efi.com/products/production/fierycentral/support.

NOTE: Your Fiery Central software must be at version 1.8.0 to use Fiery Central 1.8.1 Update.

Following the completion of the Fiery Central 1.8.1 Update patch installation, you must update the Printer Groups to install the Fiery Central Driver help files and apply supported Fiery print controller updates.

TO UPDATE FROM FIERY CENTRAL VERSION 1.8 TO VERSION 1.8.1 USING SYSTEM UPDATES

- 1 Launch System Updates from Start > Programs > Fiery.
- 2 Click Check Now to check for available updates.
- 3 Choose the Fiery Central 1.8.1 Update (1-1BTCMH) in the list, click Install, and then follow the instructions that appear on the screen.

TO UPDATE FROM FIERY CENTRAL VERSION 1.8 TO VERSION 1.8.1 USING THE FIERY CENTRAL WEB PAGE

- 1 Go to www.efi.com/products/production/fierycentral/support to download the software patch.
- 2 Click the Downloads & Demos link, log in as a registered user or register if not already registered, click the EFI Software link, and then choose Fiery_Central 1.8 in the EFI Software list to locate the 1.8.1 update patch.

The update patch is a .zip file. You must extract and save the contents to a location on your desktop before you can install the software patch.

- 3 Double-click the FieryCentral_181update.exe and follow the instructions that appear on the screen.

Restore the Printer Groups

The Fiery Central Manager allows you to restore the Fiery Central Backup, which restores the Printer Group information, Paper Catalog, Paper Catalog mapping, and Flow module data that you previously backed up.

NOTE: All existing Printer Groups must be deleted before you can restore from a backup. You cannot merge backed up Printer Groups with existing Printer Groups.



For information about backing up and restoring printer groups, see Fiery Central Manager Help.

TO RESTORE FIERY CENTRAL

- 1 Click Restore in the Printer Groups tab of the Fiery Central Manager.
- 2 Browse to the location of the backup folder.
- 3 Select the backup files you want to restore.
- 4 Click OK.

Note the following:

- During the restore process, Paper Catalog map will be opened to restore Paper Catalog mapping. You can check the restored mapping.
- A Printer Group cannot be restored if any of the printer devices are no longer accessible on the network.
- If there are jobs on the Fiery Central server, they will be set to the default Balance Printer Group after the restore is complete. Before you print the jobs, the jobs will need to be set to the appropriate Printer Group. To set the Printer Group, right-click the job in the Command WorkStation Held list and choose Set Printer Group.

Fiery Central Documentation and Help

Localized documentation and Help

This release includes the localized Administrator and User Guides, and online Help. The localized guides are located in the C:\EFI\user_sw\Documentation folder or the root drive letter may be different if Fiery Central was installed to a different drive. When you click Help in the Fiery Central Manager window or in Fiery Central Driver from a non-English Fiery Central Server, the localized Help is displayed.

Issues fixed with version 1.8.1

Importing an archived job from Fiery print controller

When you import an archived job from a Fiery print controller into Fiery Central, the Printer Group is verified that it is a valid one. If the Printer Group does not exist, the job is assigned to the default Balance Printer Group.

Importing an archived job with Paper Catalog media

When you import an archived job with Paper Catalog media into Fiery Central, the Paper Catalog media is added to the Fiery Central Paper Catalog only if an exact match does not already exist.

Archived jobs in Command WorkStation Archived tab

When you archive a job, you can save it to Server Internal or you can specify an external location. After you archive the job, the job is listed in the Archived tab in Command WorkStation, even when the Fiery Central server is restarted. All jobs listed in the Archived tab in Command WorkStation are preserved.

Adding a PostScript file to Fiery Central

A PostScript file from a Fiery print controller can be added to Fiery Central using either the Command WorkStation Actions > Send To command or the drag-and-drop operation.

Importing an archived PostScript job

You can import an archived PostScript job from a Fiery print controller to Fiery Central.

Colored tab text prints in black

Colored text on tab inserts will print on Fiery print controllers that do not support the Mixed Media Insert Tab functionality.

Printing Mixed Media jobs using EFI Seequence Compose

When you print mixed media jobs, you must use Paper Catalog assignments, otherwise the job will print only on Letter paper.

Known Issues

Printing Color Split jobs with mixed media

Color Split jobs using the “No Cover Sheet – Inline Merge” Merge option and containing Mixed Media may produce incorrect output. As a workaround, print the job using a different Load Balance Type.

Online Help

Browser versions

The Help files for the Fiery utilities are developed for use with Microsoft Internet Explorer v5.5 through v7.0. If you use other browsers, such as Safari or other versions of Internet Explorer, the Help might not display properly.

Pop-up blocker and script errors

If your browser uses a pop-up blocker, it may block Help files. If this occurs, temporarily disable your pop-up blocker to display Help files.

If your browser has the advanced Internet option enabled to display notifications about script errors, it might display a warning window before displaying a Help file. To avoid the warning window, clear the “Display a notification about every script error” option on the Advanced tab in the Internet Options dialog box. A warning message might also appear in the Status bar, but the content of the Help file is not affected by this error.

Internet Explorer 8 and 9

When you display Help files for the Fiery Central utilities, all steps start with the number “1.” To view Help files correctly, use another browser or an earlier version of Internet Explorer.

EFI Controller-specific Issues and Notes

Canon imagePASS-U1, version 1.1

When you print a Color Split job, the color printer prints the color pages only. The Canon imageRunner waits for the color sheets to be inserted into its Interposer Tray, then begins printing the black and white pages, and inserts the color pages.