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Model: L3251

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for setting up, operating, and maintaining your Epson EcoTank L3251 printer. The L3251 is a 3-in-1 multifunction device designed for home use, offering print, scan, and copy functionalities with an integrated ink tank system for efficient printing.



Figure 1: Epson EcoTank L3251 Printer. This image displays the front view of the black Epson EcoTank L3251 printer, showing paper loaded in the front output tray and the visible ink tanks on the right side.

2. SETUP

2.1 Unpacking and Initial Preparation

Carefully remove the printer from its packaging. Ensure all protective tapes and materials are removed from the exterior and interior of the printer. Verify that the following components are included:

- Epson EcoTank L3251 Printer
- Charging Chord (Power Cable)
- Set of Ink Bottles (Black, Cyan, Magenta, Yellow)
- Setup Guide / Documentation

2.2 Filling the Ink Tanks

The EcoTank system uses high-capacity ink tanks. Follow these steps to fill them:

1. Open the ink tank unit cover on the right side of the printer.
2. Uncap the ink bottle for the corresponding color (Black, Cyan, Magenta, Yellow). The key-lock bottles are designed to fit only the correct tank, preventing accidental misfilling.
3. Insert the ink bottle into the tank's filling port. The ink will automatically flow into the tank. Do not squeeze the bottle.
4. Once the tank is full, remove the bottle and securely close the tank cap.
5. Repeat for all colors.
6. Close the ink tank unit cover.

Important: After filling, the printer will perform an initial ink charge, which may take several minutes. Do not turn off the printer during this process.

2.3 Power Connection

Connect the power cable to the printer and then to a wall outlet. Press the power button to turn on the printer.

2.4 Software Installation and Wi-Fi Setup

To utilize all printer functions, install the necessary software and drivers on your computer or smart device. The Epson Smart Panel app (available for iOS and other compatible devices) facilitates easy setup and control.

- **For Computers:** Visit the official Epson support website for your model (L3251) to download the latest drivers and utilities.
- **For Smart Devices:** Download the Epson Smart Panel app from your device's app store. The app guides you through Wi-Fi setup and allows for wireless printing, scanning, and monitoring.
- **Wi-Fi Direct:** The printer supports Wi-Fi Direct, enabling a direct connection from your device without needing a router. Refer to the app or printer documentation for specific instructions on activating and connecting via Wi-Fi Direct.

3. OPERATING THE PRINTER

3.1 Loading Paper

The L3251 features a 100-sheet rear paper tray. Ensure paper is loaded correctly to prevent jams and misfeeds.

1. Open the rear paper support.
2. Slide the edge guides to the width of your paper.
3. Load paper print-side up into the rear paper feeder.
4. Adjust the edge guides against the sides of the paper.

The printer supports various paper types and sizes, including A4 and borderless photo printing up to 10x15cm.

3.2 Printing Documents and Photos

To print, send a print job from your computer or smart device. Select the Epson L3251 as your printer and adjust settings such as paper size, print quality, and color options as needed. The printer supports dual-sided printing manually.

- **From Computer:** Use the print function in your application.
- **From Smart Device:** Use the Epson Smart Panel app or other compatible mobile printing solutions.

3.3 Scanning Documents

Place your document face-down on the scanner glass. Use the Epson Scan software on your computer or the Epson Smart Panel app on your smart device to initiate a scan. You can choose scan settings such as resolution, color mode, and destination folder.

3.4 Copying Documents

Place the document on the scanner glass. Press the copy button on the printer's control panel. You may be able to select color or black and white copies directly from the printer's buttons, or adjust more settings via the Smart Panel app.

4. MAINTENANCE

4.1 Checking Ink Levels

Visually inspect the ink tanks on the front of the printer. The transparent tanks allow you to monitor ink levels. You can also check ink levels through the Epson Smart Panel app or your computer's printer utility software.

4.2 Print Head Cleaning

If print quality declines (e.g., missing lines, faded colors), perform a print head cleaning. This can be initiated from the printer's control panel, the Epson Smart Panel app, or your computer's printer utility. This process clears clogged nozzles.

4.3 Nozzle Check

Before performing a print head cleaning, run a nozzle check to diagnose which colors might be affected. This prints a pattern that reveals any clogged nozzles. If the pattern is incomplete, proceed with print head cleaning.

4.4 General Cleaning

Periodically wipe the exterior of the printer with a soft, damp cloth. Clean the scanner glass with a lint-free cloth and a mild glass cleaner. Avoid using abrasive materials or harsh chemicals.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter. For more detailed troubleshooting, refer to the Epson support website or the full electronic manual.

5.1 Printer Not Responding

- Ensure the printer is powered on and connected to a power source.
- Check Wi-Fi connectivity. Verify the printer is connected to the correct network or that Wi-Fi Direct is active.
- Restart the printer and your computer/smart device.
- Ensure printer drivers are correctly installed and updated.

5.2 Poor Print Quality

- Check ink levels and refill if necessary.
- Perform a nozzle check and then a print head cleaning if the pattern is incomplete.
- Ensure you are using appropriate paper for your print settings.
- Verify print settings (e.g., print quality, paper type) in your application or printer driver.

5.3 Paper Jams

- Turn off the printer and unplug it.
- Carefully remove any jammed paper from the input tray, output tray, or inside the printer. Pull paper slowly to avoid tearing.
- Ensure paper is loaded correctly and not exceeding the maximum capacity of the rear tray.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Name	EcoTank L3251
Functions	Print, Scan, Copy (3-in-1)
Printing Technology	Inkjet
Connectivity	Wi-Fi, Wi-Fi Direct
Printer Output	Color
Max Print Speed (Black & White)	33 ppm (pages per minute)
Max Print Speed (Color)	15 ppm (pages per minute)
Max Copy Speed (Black & White)	33 ppm (pages per minute)
Max Input Sheet Capacity	100 sheets (rear paper tray)
Maximum Media Size	8.5 x 11 inch (A4)
Supported Sheet Sizes	A4, 21 x 29 cm, Borderless photo (up to 10x15cm)
Scanner Type	Photo (Flatbed)
Dual-sided Printing	Yes (Manual)
Compatible Devices	Smartphones, Tablets (via Epson Smart Panel app), Computers
Controller Type	iOS (and other compatible OS via app/drivers)
Product Dimensions (D x W x H)	34.7D x 37.5W x 17.9H centimeters
Item Weight	12 Kilograms
Included Components	Printer, Power Cable, Set of Inks

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding your product's warranty, please refer to the warranty card included with your printer or visit the official Epson website for your region. The Epson website also provides comprehensive support resources, including FAQs, driver downloads, and contact information for technical assistance.

Epson Support Website: www.epson.com/support (Please replace with your regional Epson support link if available)



