

Using Crane's Lettra™ on Ink Jet and Laser Printers

Important properties of Crane Lettra paper:

- Lettra is an uncalendered, paper with heavy internal sizing but no surface sizing. This allows us to create an “airy” or softer feel that produces a wonderful letterpress “bite.” The paper retains enough stiffness for card and other applications.
- The sheet has a somewhat textured surface due to the absence of calendering. There is a definite pattern difference between the two sides of the sheet. Most letterpress printers use the more pronounced pattern side for greatest effect. Offset printers may want to use the smoother side for best results.
- The standard weight is 110# cover or 300 gsm. Lettra also comes in a 32# (120 gsm) writing weight and a duplexed 220# (600 gsm) weight.
- The 300 gsm sheet has a 21 point caliper.
- Lettra is made using only cotton fibers. It is 100% cotton.

Ink Jet Printers

There is a wide variety of inkjet printers, but the surface of Lettra is not designed for ink delivery systems. Most ink jet printer media guides describe paper properties that do not match well with a high quality letterpress sheet. Some printers have had success running Lettra on inkjet printers, but Lettra is not guaranteed for use on ink jet printers.

Laser Printers

Lettra is very bulky with a high sheet caliper. High bulk and caliper, the absence of surface sizing, and the textured surface can create print, sheet feeding and toner adhesion problems on laser printers. Most laser printer media guides describe paper properties that do not match well with a high quality letterpress sheet. Lettra is not guaranteed for use on laser printers.