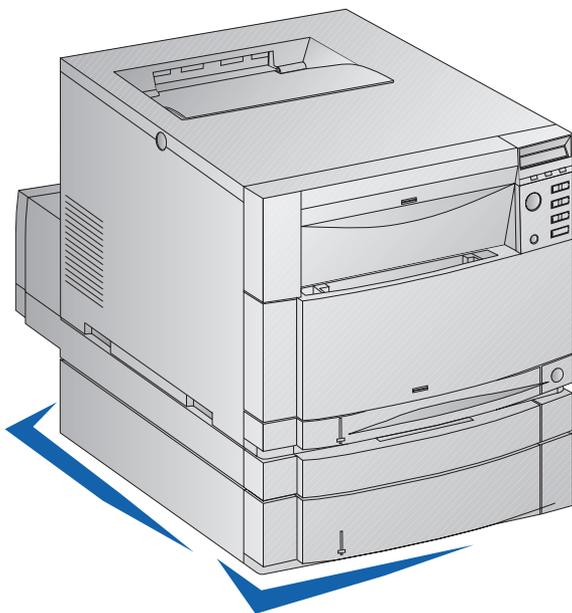


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Warning messages alert you to the possibility of personal injury.



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# Printer description

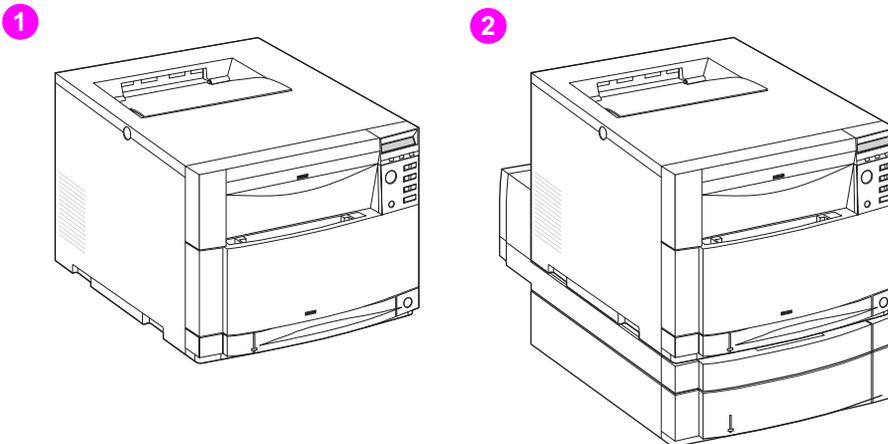
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## Printer features

The HP LaserJet 4500 printer family pictured in Figure 1-1 has three models.

- The HP LaserJet 4500 printer is the base model; it includes 32 MB of RAM.
- The HP LaserJet 4500 N printer includes the base model with an HP JetDirect 600N print server (network card) and 64 MB of RAM.
- The HP LaserJet 4500 DN printer includes the base model with an HP JetDirect 600N print server (network card), a 500-sheet paper feeder, a duplex unit, and 64 MB of RAM.



**Figure 1-1** HP Color LaserJet 4500 family printers

- 1 HP Color LaserJet 4500 and 4500 N printers
- 2 HP Color LaserJet 4500 DN printer

This printer combines the quality and reliability of Hewlett-Packard printers with the features listed in Table 1-1 below. For more information on printer features, refer to the Hewlett-Packard website at <http://www.hp.com>.

**Table 1-1 Printer features**

Feature	Description
Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bidirectional parallel port (requires a “C” connector)</li> <li>● Two enhanced input/output (EIO) slots</li> <li>● Optional HP JetDirect 600N print server (network card) (included with the HP Color LaserJet 4500 N and 4500 DN printers)</li> </ul>
Duplex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Optional duplex unit; mounts directly beneath the printer for two-sided printing (duplex unit is standard with the HP Color LaserJet 4500 DN)</li> <li>● Requires 40 MB of memory. 64 MB of memory is recommended for optimal duplex printing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> If the 500-sheet paper feeder (Tray 3) is installed, the duplex unit must be positioned between the printer and Tray 3.</p>
Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PowerSave setting (meets ENERGY STAR guidelines)</li> <li>● High content of recyclable components and materials</li> </ul>
Fonts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 80 internal fonts</li> <li>● HP FontSmart software</li> </ul>
Memory—standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 32 MB RAM (Base)</li> <li>● 64 MB RAM (HP Color LaserJet 4500 N/4500 DN)</li> <li>● Memory Enhancement Technology (MEt), which automatically compresses data to use RAM more efficiently</li> </ul>
Memory—optional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Install 4, 8, 16, 32, or 64 MB DIMMs into the printer's three DIMM slots. Synchronous SDRAM modules do not need to be configured in pairs (in corresponding left and right slots). The printer will only recognize 208 MB of RAM. If you install more than 208 MB of RAM, it will not be used by the printer.</li> </ul> <p><b>CAUTION:</b> The HP Color LaserJet printer uses 100-pin, non-parity, synchronous SDRAM DIMMs. Extended Data Output (EDO) DIMMs are not supported.</p>

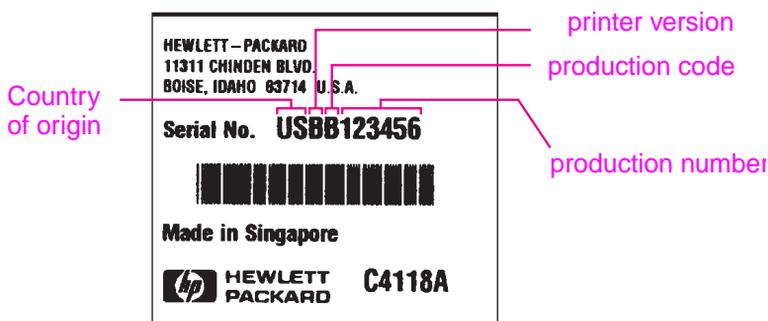
**Table 1-1 Printer features (continued)**

Feature	Description
Paper handling—input (tray capacity)	The capacities will vary depending on the media being used (for example, transparencies, labels, heavier media, and envelopes): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Tray 1:</b>* 150-sheet multipurpose tray</li><li>● <b>Tray 2:</b>* 250-sheet standard cassette</li><li>● <b>Tray 3:</b>* Optional 500-sheet paper feeder</li></ul> *Quantities based on 75 g/m <sup>2</sup> (20 lb) media.
Paper handling—output (face-down, correct order output)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Top output bin holds up to 250 sheets of standard paper</li><li>● Rear output bin holds up to 100 sheets of standard paper. (The output of the rear output bin is in reverse order, facing up.)</li></ul>
Printer language support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● HP PCL5c</li><li>● PostScript™ Emulation</li><li>● Auto language switching</li></ul>
Paper sizes supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● A4/Letter</li><li>● Legal</li><li>● Executive</li><li>● JIS B5</li><li>● A5</li><li>● Custom (B5 ISO)</li></ul>
Print speed—monochrome printing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 16 pages per minute (ppm)</li><li>● 8 ppm for transparencies, heavy paper, and glossy paper</li></ul>
Print speed—color printing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 4 ppm</li><li>● 2 ppm for transparencies, heavy paper, and glossy paper</li></ul>
Standard interfaces	The printer comes equipped with two enhanced input/output (EIO) slots  <b>Note:</b> If the printer is not configured with a network interface card, connect the printer using a bidirectional parallel cable (IEEE-1284 compliant) with a “C” connector.

# Identification

## Model and serial numbers

The model number and serial numbers are listed on identification labels located on the rear of the printer. The model number is alphanumeric, such as C4084A for the HP Color LaserJet 4500. The serial number contains information about the country of origin; the printer version; production code; and the production number of the printer (see Figure 1-2). For information on determining the version of printer you are servicing, see page 146.



**Figure 1-2** Serial number information

**Table 1-2** Model names and numbers

Model Name	Model Number
HP Color LaserJet 4500	C4084A
HP Color LaserJet 4500 N	C4089A
HP Color LaserJet 4500 DN	C4094A

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### Note

Two versions of the HP Color LaserJet 4500 series printers are available. Before servicing the printer or ordering parts, you will need to identify which printer version you are servicing. For more information, see page 146.

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## Power and regulatory information

The identification labels on the rear of the printer also contain power rating and regulatory information as shown in Figure 1-3.

### CAUTION

Converting the voltage on the printer can damage the printer. Do not use any voltage other than the operating voltage. Any attempt to convert operating voltages will void the product warranty (for example, attempting to change a 110V printer to a 220V printer).



Figure 1-3 Sample label

## Site requirements

The printer must be kept in a proper location to maintain the performance level that has been set at the factory. In particular, be sure that the environment adheres to the specifications listed in this chapter.

Below are recommendations for the printer location and placement.

Make sure the printer has the following:

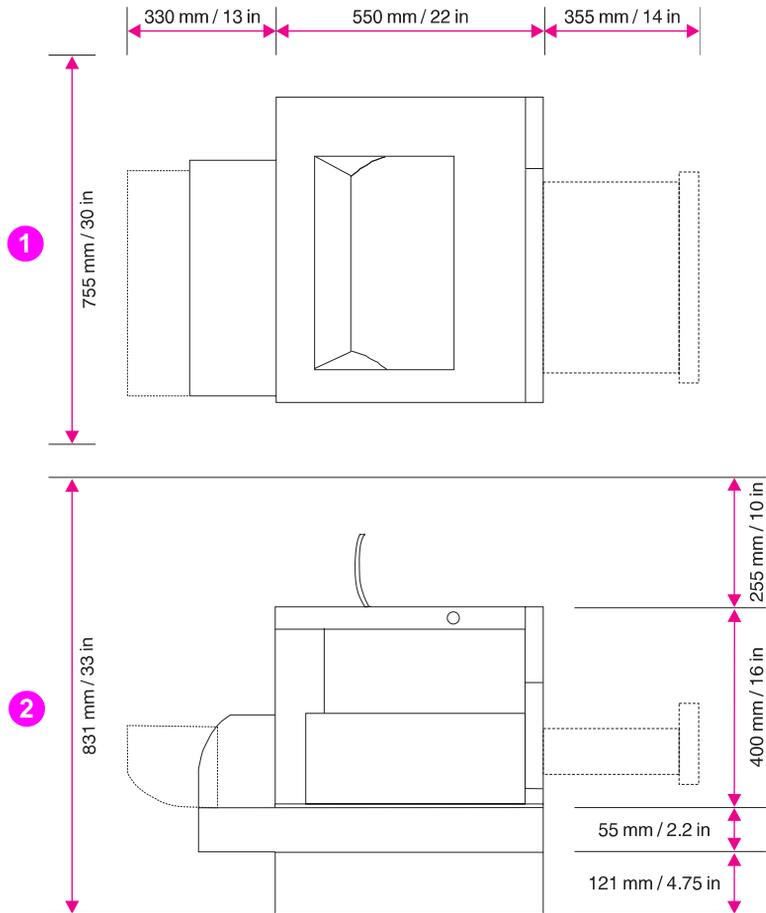
- a well-ventilated, dust-free area
- a hard, level surface (not more than a 2° angle):
  - for the HP Color LaserJet 4500 and 4500 N, the surface must support 51 kg (112 lb)
  - for the HP Color LaserJet 4500 DN, the surface must support 77 kg (169 lb)
- a level surface that supports all four corners of the 500-sheet paper feeder
- a constant temperature and humidity. (Do not install near water sources, humidifiers, air conditioners, refrigerators, or other major appliances.)

Make sure to keep the printer:

- away from direct sunlight, dust, open flames, or ammonia fumes
- away from walls or other objects. There must be enough space around the printer for proper access and ventilation. See Figure 1-4 on page 8.
- away from the direct flow of exhaust from air ventilation systems

# Space requirements

The printer must have the following amounts of space above and around it.



**Figure 1-4** Space requirements

- 1 Top view
- 2 Side view

## Electrical specifications

Table 1-3 lists the electrical specifications required to run the printer safely.

**Table 1-3 Electrical specifications**

Item	110-volt models	220-volt models
Power requirements	100-127 V (+/- 10%) 50/60 Hz (+/- 2 Hz)	220-240 V (+/- 10%) 50/60 Hz (+/- 2 Hz)
Power consumption (typical) During printing During standby <sup>1</sup> During PowerSave	470 W (average) 80 W (average) < 45 W	480 W (average) 90 W (average) < 45 W
Minimum recommended circuit capacity for typical product	16.0 A at 120 V	7.1 A at 220 V

<sup>1</sup> When the printer is in standby (off) mode, a minimal amount of energy is still consumed.

## Environmental specifications

Keep the printer within the environmental conditions shown in Table 1-4 for optimum performance.

**Table 1-4 Environmental specifications**

Item	Operating
Temperature Recommended Allowed	20 to 26° C (68 to 79° F) 15 to 30° C (59 to 86° F)
Humidity Recommended Allowed	20 to 50% RH 10 to 80% RH
Altitude Allowed	0 to 3100 m (0 to 10,000 ft)

## Consumable storage requirements

The life of consumables is greatly affected by their storage environment. Use Table 1-5 to determine the shelf life of stored consumables.

**Table 1-5 Consumable storage requirements**

Item	Storage time	Storage condition
Temperature	Normal (maximum of 2.5 years)	0 to 35° C (32 to 95° F)
	Severe (maximum of 18 days)	High 35 to 40° C (95 to 104° F) Low 0 to -20° C (32 to -4° F)
Maximum temperature change rate	40 to 15° C (104 to 59° F) within 3 minutes -20 to 25° C (-4 to 77° F) within 3 minutes	
Humidity	Normal (maximum of 2.5 years)	35 to 85% RH
	Severe (maximum of 18 days)	High 85 to 95% RH Low 10 to 35% RH
Atmospheric pressure	460 to 760 mm Hg (18.1 to 29.9 in Hg)	
Average storage time	1 year	

# Printer specifications

Table 1-6 describes the dimensions of the printer.

**Table 1-6 Printer dimensions**

	<b>HP Color LaserJet 4500, 4500 N</b>	<b>HP Color LaserJet 4500 DN</b>
Height	395 mm (15.6 inches)	578 mm (22.8 inches)
Width	500 mm (19.7 inches)	500 mm (19.7 inches)
Depth	559 mm (22 inches)	709 mm (27.9 inches)
Weight	57 kg (125 lb)	75 kg (165 lb)

Table 1-7 lists the acoustic emissions of the printer when it is printing and when it is in standby mode.

**Table 1-7 Acoustic emissions**

<b>Operating position</b> Printing Standby	Per ISO 9296, DIN 45635, T.19 $L_{PA}$ 58 dB(A) $L_{PA}$ 49 dB(A)
<b>Bystander 1m</b> Printing Standby	Per ISO 7779, DIN 45635, T.19 $L_{PA}$ 52 dB(A) $L_{PA}$ 45 dB(A)
<b>Sound power</b> Printing Standby	Per ISO 9296 $L_{WA_d}$ = 6.6 bels(A) $L_{WA_d}$ = 5.8 bels(A)

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## Note

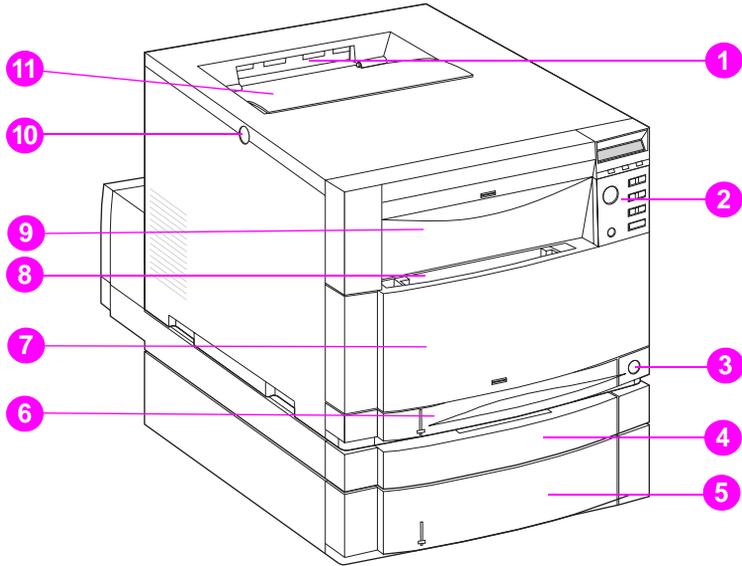
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This product emits a sound intensity level,  $L_{WA_d}$ , at 6.4 bel during printing. Do not place the printer in close proximity to users.

Maximum duty cycles is 35,000 pages per month.

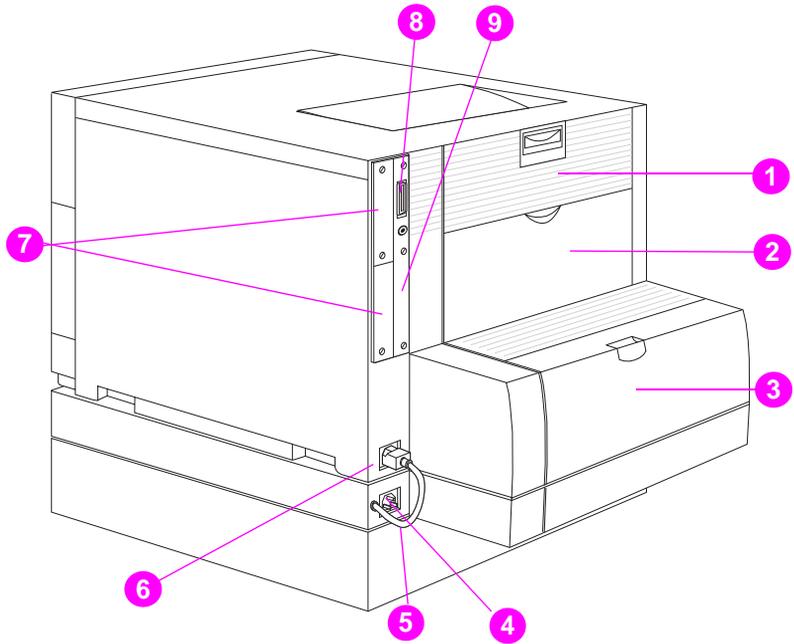
# Printer assemblies

Figures 1-5 and 1-6 show the location of each major assembly in the printer. These assemblies are described in Chapter 3.



**Figure 1-5** Front view (shown with 500-sheet paper feeder and duplex unit)

- 1 Top output bin
- 2 Printer control panel
- 3 Power switch (standby button)
- 4 Duplex unit drawer (optional on 4500 and 4500 N models)
- 5 Tray 3 (500-sheet paper feeder, optional on 4500 and 4500 N models)
- 6 Tray 2 (250 sheets of standard paper)
- 7 ITB drawer (transfer belt access)
- 8 Tray 1 (150-sheet multipurpose tray)
- 9 Drum drawer (imaging drum access)
- 10 Top cover release (toner access) button
- 11 Toner cartridge access cover



**Figure 1-6** Rear view (shown with 500-sheet paper feeder and duplex unit)

- 1 Rear door (fuser access)
- 2 Rear output bin door
- 3 Cover for duplex unit
- 4 Power receptacle for duplex unit
- 5 Duplex unit power cord to the printer
- 6 Printer power receptacle
- 7 EIO slots
- 8 Parallel connector ("C" connector)
- 9 Memory access

## Media requirements

### Selecting print media

You can use many types of paper and other print media with this printer. This section provides guidelines and specifications for selecting and using different print media.

Before purchasing any media or specialized forms in quantity, verify that your paper supplier obtains and understands the print media requirements specified in the *HP LaserJet Family Paper Specification Guide*. The guide is available through HP Direct. See the online user guide for ordering information.

It is possible that media could meet all of the guidelines in this chapter and still not print satisfactorily. This may be due to abnormal characteristics of the printing environment or to other variables over which Hewlett-Packard has no control (for example, extremes in temperature and humidity).

**Hewlett-Packard recommends testing any media before buying it in large quantities.**

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#### CAUTION

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Using media that does not conform to the specifications listed here and in the *HP LaserJet Family Paper Specification Guide* can cause problems that require service. This service is not covered by the Hewlett-Packard warranty or service agreements.

### Media specifications

For optimum results, use conventional 75 g/m<sup>2</sup> (20 lb) xerographic paper. Verify that the paper is of good quality and is free of cuts, nicks, tears, spots, loose particles, dust, wrinkles, curls, or bent edges. Avoid fanning the print media before loading it into the paper trays.

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