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## READ THIS FIRST!

### Quick Start Guide

Here are some important tips to get you started with your Xyron® Wishblade®!

#### **Installation Tips:**

**\*\*When loading your software, it is best to load the Create & Cut™ software first.**

**\*\*Before installing your Wishblade® software, be sure to unplug all printers, scanners and other USB corded hardware before you begin the installation process.**

**\*\*As with any software or hardware application, your Wishblade® software may sometimes conflict with other programs or peripherals you have previously installed on your computer. Signs that this might be the case with your machine show in two common fashions. Your computer may have difficulty finding your new hardware when you plug in your Wishblade® for the first time. Or you might get a “Cannot Open Port” error when you try to cut. If you experience these problems when connecting to the Wishblade®, check your Printers folder to make sure there is an icon for the Wishblade®. If there is not one, you will need to manually load the Wishblade® as a printer by following the steps below:**

Manually Install the Wishblade®/Printer---Insert the Wishblade® disk into the CD drive.

1. Go to Start > Control Panel.
2. Make sure that you are in the Classic View of the Control Panel (should have a white background). If not, Click ‘Classic View’ on the left side of the screen.
3. Double click the ‘Printers’ folder.
4. On the left side, click “Add a Printer.” (this is at the top of the screen in Vista) and run the wizard
5. Select "existing driver" and run through these steps. (If choosing "existing driver" doesn't work, try steps 1-5 again, but choose "replace driver" and select CD driver –your disk must be in the drive!!)
  - i. Select “Local printer attached to computer” option
  - ii. Use LPT1 port
  - iii. Select “Xyron® Wishblade®” from list on the left
  - iv. Keep existing driver (recommended)

- v. Select "No" to set as default printer
- vi. Select "No" to Share printer
- vii. Select "No" to Print test page

**\*\*If this is not successful the first time, repeat all steps but change step iv. to "Replace existing driver". Search on CD for driver.**

This issue seems to occur more often with the Wishblade® software than the Create & Cut, so try to install both programs even if one fails. If the solution above does not solve your issue, please visit our website **HYPERLINK** "<http://Xyron®.com>" <http://Xyron®.com> and contact our Technical Support team for additional assistance.

### **Vista Operating System:**

**\*\*The software included with this Wishblade® is Windows Vista compatible. However, you may get an error message stating:**

**"An unknown error has occurred. It's recommended you close this application."**

**Follow the steps below to fix this error:**

1. Click Ok.
2. The program will give you the chance to save your design. Save and hit Ok.
3. Create & Cut will now close.
4. Reopen the program.
5. Go to Edit > Preferences > Tools Tab.
6. At the bottom of the tab, uncheck "Connect to local Production Manager using TCP/IP" and click Ok.
7. You can now reopen your saved project and cut. You will no longer receive this error.

## **Setting your Defaults and Preferences:**

**\*\*When creating your first project in Create & Cut™, be sure to set your default paper size to “letter”. Follow the steps below to do so:**

1. Click View > Design Central.
2. On the pull down menu, change 'Architecture D' to 'letter'.
3. Click the small arrow button to the right of the pull down menu and choose 'set as default'

**\*\*You can add a grid to your Create & Cut™ workspace by selecting View > Show > Show Grid. To change the grid size, select View > Ruler & Grid.**

**\*\*The Wishblade® is designed to cut different thickness of media to accommodate your endless creativity. In order to make successful cuts, you will need to change the pressure setting within the Create & Cut™ program as well as change the colored caps on your blade. Here are some general cutting guidelines:**

### **Thick cardstock and other thick media (Bazzill cardstock, etc.):**

Pressure Setting: 3  
Blade Cap: Pink

### **Medium weight scrapbook paper (SEI and other heavier pattern paper, thin cardstock)**

Pressure Setting: 3  
Blade Cap: Yellow

### **Thin media (vinyl, vellum, lightweight paper)**

Pressure Setting: 3  
Blade Cap: Blue

To change the pressure setting in the Cut/Plot screen, click on the Options tab, click on the cut line color (usually Black) or click the Edit button. A pop up screen comes up where you can change the pressure setting.

**\*\*If your cuts are not going all the way through the paper, try these troubleshooting tips:**

1. Increase the number of passes. On the Cut/Plot screen, click on the Options tab. At the bottom right side of this tab, find “Passes” and increase the number accordingly. Mac Users-this option is found under the "Advanced" tab.
2. Make sure your blade is installed properly. When you are using the cutting mat, the notch needs to be at 3 o'clock. When you are not using the cutting mat, the notch needs to be at 6 o'clock. These instructions are on the inside of the top cover.

\*The only instances you would choose not to use the cutting mat that came with your machine would be if you have ran your paper through the Xyron® 9” Creative Station and applied adhesive backing to it (decrease pressure and make a test cut) or if you are cutting vinyl that already has backing applied.

3. Make sure the blade has been pushed all the way into the blade holder. When pushing the blade into the holder, be sure to hold the casing by the blue locking handle. This will ensure that the blade tip does not push deeply into the cutting strip causing the tiny tip to snap off. If this happens, you often cannot tell by inspecting the blade tip with the naked eye.

**\*\*Sometimes the Xyron® Wishblade® may slow down or pause during normal cutting operations. This is not a defect; it is a routine function to protect against overheating. If it does slow down or stop, please allow the Wishblade® to finish cutting the current item, then leave it to cool for 20 minutes before unplugging and re-plugging in the power cord.**

Another function that will sometimes cause your machine to pause while cutting is cutting your True Type Fonts. Each letter of those fonts is built using a specific formula to create it. Some of the algorithms used to create the formulas are more detailed than others and it can take the machine a bit of time to 'catch up' with the specific font or letter you are cutting.

### **Print & Cut:**

**\*\*When using the Print and Cut feature, an optical eye is used to 'read' the registration marks you have printed around the image you wish to cut. For optimal viewing, it is helpful to place a piece of black plastic over the machine lid so the the Wishblade® can successfully find the registration marks on your design.**

**The print and cut feature is currently only available in the Windows Wishblade® Software and the Mac Version of Create & Cut™.**

### **Mac Users:**

**\*\*We have included an additional tutorial in the back of the Mac section of this manual specifically for the Auto-trace and Print and Cut features. These functions are highly advanced and will require a small bit of patience and concentration which is why we have added extremely detailed instructions. :0)**

### **Finally:**

Be sure you visit our website and register your new Wishblade®. We will be updating our site often with additional Tips & Tricks, tutorials, videos and actual software updates as we strive to continue our journey of making this machine answer all of your Cutting Wishes!!