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I. Introduction

A. Preface

ViewPlus Color InkConnect User's Manual

Congratulations on owning a ViewPlus Color InkConnect! This Inkjet attachment for your Elite or Premier embosser allows you to easily add ink to all your tactile documents. This manual will introduce you to the basic information regarding your new ink attachment. The ViewPlus website is another resource for information on your ViewPlus product, including examples, tutorials, and other useful downloads.

Visit the website at: <http://www.viewplus.com>
Model Number VPTT2500-00

B. FCC Compliance Statement

Compliance Statement (USA)

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.
- FCC Warning: Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Compliance Statement (Canada)

This digital apparatus is in conformity with standard NMB-003 of Canada.
Cet appareil numérique est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

Compliance Statement (Germany)

Bescheinigung des Herstellers/Importeurs:

Hiermit wird bescheinigt, dass der Drucker der Maschinenlärminformationsverordnung 3. GSGV, 18.01.1991 entspricht: Der höchste Schalldruckpegel beträgt 70 dB(A) oder weniger gemäß EN27779-1991.

Compliance Statement (Europe)

Warning: This product meets the interference requirements of EN55022. In a domestic environment, this product may cause radio interference in which case, the user may be required to take adequate measures.

Compliance Statement (Korea)

This apparatus complies with CISPR22 requirements.

International Compliance



EN55022:2006	Emissions series
EN55024:1998	Immunity characteristics
EN61000-3-2:2006	Power line harmonics
EN61000-3-3:1995	Power line flicker
EN55024:1998	Electrostatic discharge
EN55024:1998	Radiated susceptibility
EN55024:1998	Electrical fast transient/burst
EN55024:1998	Surge
EN55024:1998	Conducted immunity
EN55024:1998	Input voltage interruptions/DIPS

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Compliance

ViewPlus BV complies with EU Directive 2002/96 regarding WEEE recycling; upon the conclusion of the product lifecycle, please contact ViewPlus BV concerning proper disposal.

C. Safety Instructions

Read all the following safety instructions before using the ViewPlus Color InkConnect for your VP Elite. In addition, always follow all warnings and instructions marked on the printer itself. All safety instructions listed in your VP Elite series embosser manual continue to apply.

- Do not place printer with ink attachment on an unstable surface.
- Do not place printer with ink attachment near a radiator or heat source.

- Do not block or cover slots and openings in the printer's cabinet; do not insert objects through slots.
- Use only the type of power source indicated on printer's label.
- Connect all equipment to properly grounded electrical outlets.
- Do not connect the ink attachment to any external power supply.
- Do not use frayed or damaged power cord.
- The use of an extension cord with the printer is not recommended.
- Detach printer from power during the ink attachment installation or removal process.
- Unplug printer before cleaning it; always clean it with a piece of damp cloth only.
- Do not spill liquid into printer or the ink attachment.
- Only adjust those controls that are covered by the operating instructions.
- Except as specifically explained in the user's manual, do not attempt to service the printer by yourself.
- Detach the printer from power source and refer to qualified service personnel under the following conditions:
 - If the power cord or plug is damaged.
 - If liquid has entered the printer or the ink attachment.
 - If printer or ink attachment have been dropped or the cabinet is damaged.
 - If the printer or ink attachment do not operate properly or exhibit a distinct change in performance.

D. Specifications

	ViewPlus Color InkConnect for VP Elite
Character Sets	Use any font at any size
Print Resolution	600 dots per inch
Print Mechanism	ViewPlus Color InkConnect
Paper Feed Method	Tractor feed only
Paper Size	Any tractor-fed braille or office paper 4-12 inches wide
Paper Weight	Any weight from thin computer paper (starting at 75 g/m ²) to thick card stock, photo paper or braille paper (up to 230 g/m ²)
Dimensions Length Width Height Weight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elite Standalone: - Height: 8.8 in (224 mm) - Width: 22.3 in (569 mm) - Depth: 13.8 in (351 mm) - Weight: 60 lbs (27.2 kg) - With Color InkConnect: - Height: 8.8 in (224 mm) - Width: 22.3 in (569 mm) - Depth: 21 in (533 mm) - Weight: 75.2 lbs (34.1 kg)

Connectivity	USB or LAN connection
Power Consumption	Standby < 0.5 W Average Print 90 mA @ 5 V, 1.67A @ 24 V

Computer Requirements Operating System Memory	Current Windows Supported OS
Embosser Requirements Embosser type	ViewPlus Elite
Firmware	Version 1.7.88 or later

II. Installation

A. Items in the Box

- 1 ViewPlus Color InkConnect and ViewPlus Elite
- 1 installation USB with user's manual in html
- 1 ink cartridges
- 2 USB cable
- 1 PC style power cable
- 1 Power supply cable for Color InkConnect

B. Unpacking

- Remove the Color InkConnect and all its accessories from its packaging.
- Inspect the unit and its packaging for any damage.
- **Save the packing material and box.** If any damage occurred during shipping, most shipping companies require the box and the packing material in order to settle the insurance claim. The packing material must also be used to ship the Color InkConnect for warranty maintenance service.
- Follow the ViewPlus Color InkConnect Setup Instructions included with your other materials.

C. Hardware Attachment

Before attaching the Color InkConnect, make sure that your Elite embosser is turned off.

To attach the Color InkConnect to the embosser, line up the hooks on the Color InkConnect with the pegs in the back of the embosser. Insert the Color InkConnect hooks straight into the embosser and lower the Color InkConnect onto the embosser pegs.



Shows the locations of the pegs in the back of the embosser



Shows the hooks on the Color InkConnect

Connect the Color InkConnect's USB port to the embosser's USB port with the provided USB cable.



Shows the locations of the USB port connectors on the embosser and ink attachment

D. Printer / Computer Connection

To connect the computer to the printer via the Color InkConnect, use the appropriate cable:

- For USB Connection: Connect the provided USB cable to the USB port on the Color InkConnect and the corresponding USB port on your computer.
- For Ethernet Connection: Connect the Color InkConnect to your local network by plugging an Ethernet cable into the Ethernet port on the Color InkConnect and the other end into your network hub or switch.

These connections will ensure that the printer communicates properly through the Color InkConnect for both ink and embossing operations.



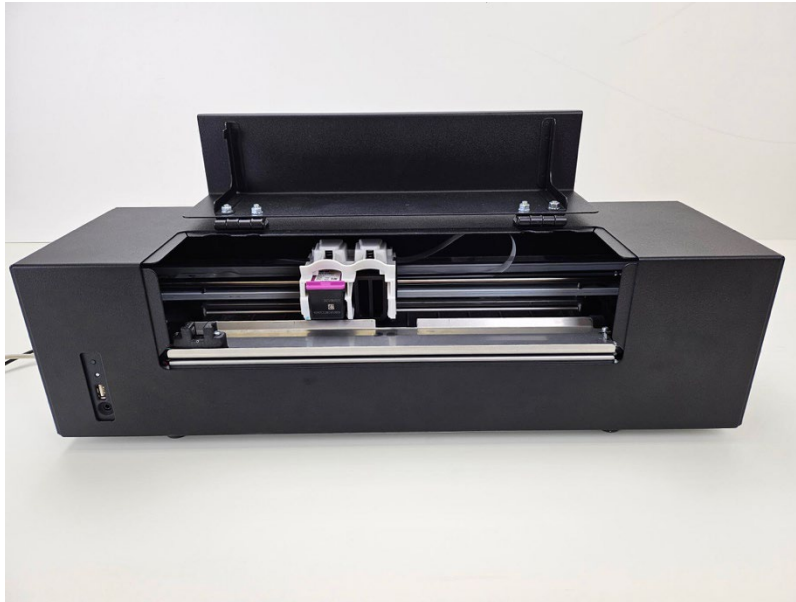
Shows the locations of the USB and Ethernet ports on the ink attachment for connecting to PC

E. Software Installation

Please follow the easy steps that are part of your Setup Instructions to install your Color InkConnect driver. They can also be found on your installation USB.

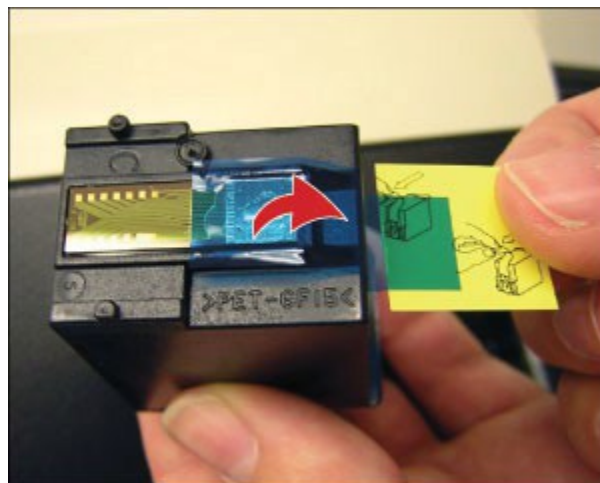
F. Ink Cartridge Installation

To install the ink cartridge, rotate the back lid of the Color InkConnect up.



Shows the Color InkConnect with the back lid open

The ink cartridge carriage will be accessible through the opening. Unpack the ink cartridge included with the Color InkConnect. Carefully remove the plastic tape covering the ink cartridge nozzles without touching the nozzles.



Shows the plastic tape covering the ink cartridge nozzles

Hold the cartridge with the nozzles pointing down (the label will be up). The flat plastic tab should be toward you so that the writing on the label is upside down. Insert the cartridge into by placing the nozzle end in first and then pressing the side with the tab forward into the Color InkConnect until the cartridge snaps into the holder.

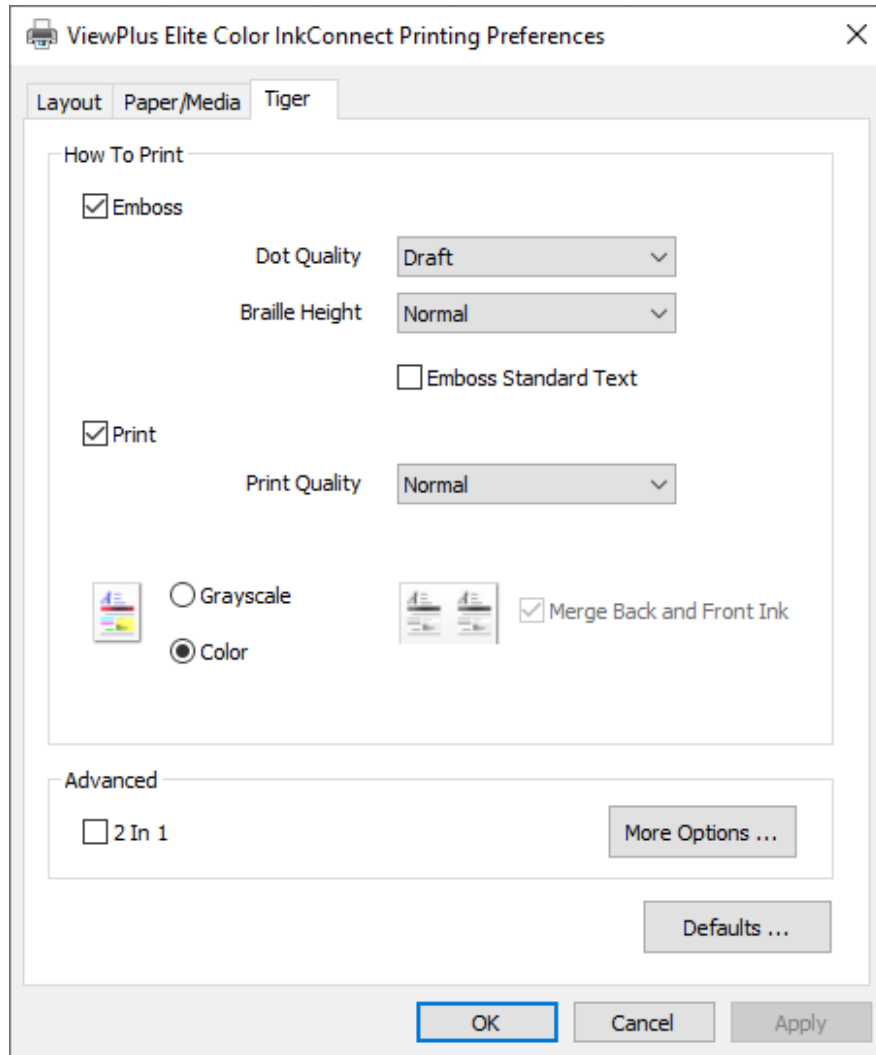
III. Set Defaults for the Printer

A. Windows Printer Defaults

After installation and setup are completed, changing your default settings to settings that will be used the most often will save time in the future.

To select the paper size you will most commonly use, click the 'Printing Preferences...' button on the General tab. On the Layout tab of the Printing Preferences page, click the 'Advanced...' button. You will now be able to select the paper size you will usually use from a drop down list. Please note that if you later wish to use a paper size larger than what you have chosen on this page, you will need to adjust this setting before printing.

Now you need to set your Tiger printing preferences. Please read the descriptions below to help you make your selections. The default settings on the Tiger tab will be appropriate for most users most of the time. When you are finished making your selections, be sure to click the OK button to save your settings.



Shows Tiger Tab

- **Duplex** - From this drop down you may choose to print single-sided or double-sided (interpoint).
- **Insert an empty page to the front/back of a graphics page** - If this option is checked, a blank page will be inserted so that graphics print on a separate page. This prevents graphics within a text document from having braille or other graphics printed on the back side, potentially distorting the image.
- **Inverse Landscape** - If inverse landscape is checked, multiple pages of a spreadsheet will be printed so the information is continuous.
- **Emboss** - When this option is checked, the printer will create embossed output.
- **Ink** - When this options is checked, the printer will create inked output.
 Note: When both **Emboss** and **Ink** are checked (default), the printer will create both embossed and inked output.

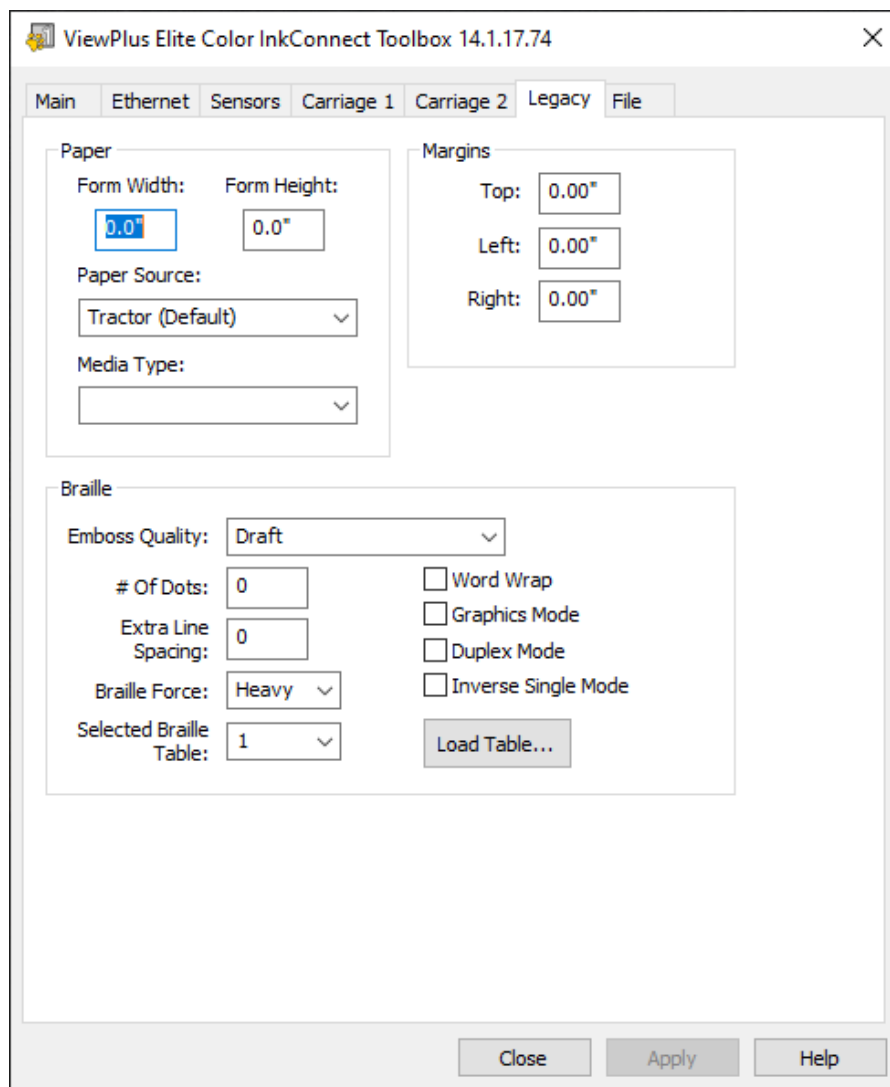
- **2 in 1** - When this option is checked, the printer will generate embossed output from every odd page and inked output from every even page of the document. This is useful if editing is done on either the embossed page or the printed page.
- **One Pass Print Ink and Two Pass Print Ink** - When the duplex option is set to double-sided (interpoint) and the ink option is checked, the one pass print ink and two pass print ink options become available. Selecting one pass print ink will print the ink corresponding to both the front and back sides of each page on the front of the page, and the braille and all the ink will be printed in one pass of the paper through the printer. Selecting two pass print ink will print the braille for both sides and the ink for the front sides of the pages in one pass, then require the paper to be flipped over and reinserted into the printer to print the ink on the back sides of the pages. An extra sheet of blank paper at the end of the embossed pages is required when using the two pass print ink option.
- **Ink Quality** - From this drop down you may select draft, normal or best ink quality. Draft print quality uses half the amount of ink as normal print quality, while best print quality uses twice as much ink as normal print quality.
- **Braille Dot Quality** - From this drop down you may select standard, better or best braille dot quality. The standard setting will print standard Tiger braille dots, the better setting will print more rounded braille dots and the best setting will print more conventionally sized and rounded braille dots.
- **Braille Dot Height** - This combo box allows you to choose high, normal or low braille dots. This can be useful if you are having difficulty reading the dots due to them being too high or too low.
- **Media Type** - This allows you to select the type of media you are printing on to load pre-set punch force values that optimize printing on that media. You may view the values for pre-set media types, or you can add your own if you are printing on a special type of media.
- **Invert Colors** - This might be used for special effects for images that would emboss better with the light colors embossed as dark and the dark colors embossed as light colors.
- **Contrast** - The default setting is 0. The range is from -100 to 100. Increasing the contrast increases the dot height difference of two colors that have intensities that are nearly the same. By increasing the contrast, light colors get lighter and dark colors get darker.
- **Brightness** - The default setting is 0. The range is from -100 to 100. Increasing the brightness would be useful if you want to increase the intensity of all the colors. This would be useful if the lines in the drawing are thin and light.
- **Apply Chessboard Pattern** - If this option is checked, solid color areas of graphics will be printed with every other dot removed, creating a chessboard pattern. This option is often helpful for large, dark graphics where the embossing might be likely to wrinkle the paper.
- **Thin Line Intensity** - If lines on the graphics are too thin to emboss correctly, slide the indicator to the right.
- **Collate** - When the collate box is checked and multiple copies of a document are desired, one complete document will be embossed at a time. If the collate box is left unchecked multiple copies of each page will be embossed.
- **Preview** - If this option is checked, a preview of the document will be shown in Tiger Viewer or Tiger Designer instead of printing.
- **Reset to Default** - This button restores all options on the Tiger tab to the factory default values

The Tiger tab also displays important information about your printer. On the Tiger tab you can find the printer driver version number. If you are locally connected to your printer and it is turned on, you can also

find the serial number for your Elite or Premier and its firmware version number, as well as the serial number and firmware version number for your Color InkConnect.

B. Legacy Printer Defaults

Now that you have set your Windows printer defaults, you should also set your legacy printer defaults. These are adjustable from the Legacy Settings tab of the printer properties window. Below is a description of the options on the Legacy Settings tab.



Shows Legacy Settings Tab

- **Paper size** - Standard page sizes or custom page sizes may be selected.
- **Margins** - Set the margins to 0 if you are using a program which sets its own margins.
- **Line Settings**
 - **Automatic text wrapping** - When this option is checked, the text is wrapped to the next line. If it is not checked, it is possible if the line is too long to lose characters.
 - **Extra space between lines** - The default spacing is 0.05 inches with 0.00 extra space between lines. It increases in 0.05 increments up to 0.25 inches.
- **Media Type** - This allows you to select the type of media you are printing on to load pre-set punch force values that optimize printing on that media. You may view the values for pre-set media types, or you can add your own if you are printing on a special type of media.
- **Media Source** - This allows you to select the source of the media. The default is 'Tractor'.
- **Text/graphics mode** - Choose either text or graphics.
- **Dots per character** - Choose between 6 or 8.
- **Download custom braille table** - A user defined braille character set from ASCII value 32 to 127 can be downloaded to the ViewPlus Elite or Premier. The braille character sets are typically stored in braille conversion table files (*.BCT). This file format is editable in Notepad and allows the user to create user definable conversion tables. Go to the ViewPlus Support Page for additional information about this mode.
- **Braille dot height** - This combo box allows you to choose high, normal or low braille dots. This can be useful if you are having difficulty reading the dots due to them being too high or too low.
- **Duplex mode** - When this option is checked, documents will be printed double-sided (interpoint).

C. Service Settings

The service tab provides several servicing functions for your ViewPlus Elite and Color InkConnect. Most users will not need to use anything but the ink servicing functions (accessed through the Ink Skew Alignment, Ink-Emboss Alignment, Cartridge Spacing Calibration and Check Ink Cartridge Level buttons) on this tab. Please **do not** adjust any other settings on this page unless directed to do so by ViewPlus Support. Adjusting embosser settings without the assistance of a trained ViewPlus technician may result in permanent damage to the embosser.

- **Print Head Alignment** - This prints the alignment page for the embossing head. Select which embossing head to align by choosing the button under the "Top" or "Bottom" section. The "Top" settings are used for the front of the page, which is the top side of the paper as it comes out of the embosser. The "Bottom" settings are used for the back side of the page, which is the bottom side of the paper as it comes out of the embosser. In order to produce perfect dots on the special Tiger platen, the embossing head needs to be aligned with the grooves. This procedure prints out a 20 by 24 pattern of dots of which one dot looks perfectly aligned. After the test page has been printed, select the best aligned row and column and enter their values in the "Vertical" and "Horizontal" boxes, respectively. The columns and rows are numbered from the left to right and top to bottom, respectively, starting with 1.
- **Emboss Skew Calibration** - This prints the skew calibration pattern. Select which embossing head to set the print skew for by choosing the button under the "Top" or "Bottom" section. The "Top" settings are used for the front of the page, which is the top side of the paper as it comes

out of the embosser. The "Bottom" settings are used for the back side of the page, which is the bottom side of the paper as it comes out of the embosser. The pattern is 40 dots of which one is perfectly aligned with the dots above and below it in line. Count the number of dots from top to bottom starting with 1. Enter the best dot number.

- **Interpoint Calibration** - This button allows the user to adjust the horizontal placement of interpoint (the placement of dots horizontally on the back side of the page with respect to the placement of dots on the front of the page). The calibration pattern is 11 cells of four dots on the front side and 11 cells of one dot on the back side. The dots on the back side have varying horizontal alignment with respect to the dots on the front. With the four-dot cells facing up, find the cell with the best interpoint alignment and count the cells, from left to right starting with 1, to determine its number. Enter this number in the Figure box.
- **Ink-Emboss Alignment** - This prints the ink/emboss alignment page, which allows the user to change the horizontal and vertical placement of the ink with respect to the embossing. The pattern is two numbered sets of 11 embossed rectangles with 11 ink rectangles overlapping them; one set of rectangles is for the horizontal placement and the other is for vertical placement. To set the horizontal placement, locate the embossed rectangle in the "Horizontal" set that is perfectly horizontally aligned with the corresponding ink rectangle and enter its number into the Horizontal field. To set the vertical placement, locate the embossed rectangle in the "Vertical" set that is perfectly vertically aligned with the corresponding ink rectangle and enter its number into the Vertical field.
- **Ethernet** - This button opens a new dialog displaying the Ethernet information being used for the printer, including its IP address.
- **Print Test Page** - This button will print a test page from the printer.
- **Check Ink Cartridge Level** - This button will display the current estimated fill status of the ink cartridges in the Color InkConnect. .
- **Check Emboss Usage** - This button displays how much of the total printing done by the printer has been done on each print carriage and allows the user to change which carriage is the primary carriage (which carriage prints single-sided print jobs and graphics). Users who frequently print single-sided documents and graphics can extend the life of their printers by changing the primary carriage periodically, which helps even out the wear on the carriages. **NOTE:** When ink print from a Color InkConnect is desired on a document, Carriage 1 must be designated as the primary carriage for correct print results. Carriage 2 may still be used as the primary carriage when printing emboss-only documents with a Color InkConnect attached.

- **Printer Status** - At the bottom of the Service tab is a printer status box, which gives information about what the printer is currently doing. If you are receiving an error tone from the printer, check the printer status box for more information about the error.

IV. Braille, Translation and Printing

A. ViewPlus Tiger Software Suite

Most braille should be produced using the Tiger Software Suite. The Tiger Software Suite is part of your embosser package. Instructions for installation and use come with the software package.

B. Fonts

Tiger screen fonts are alternative braille fonts installed during the installation of the ViewPlus embosser driver. They can be chosen as output options in Tiger Software Suite (TSS) and other software programs, like MathType. Tiger screen fonts appear as standard text characters on the screen and print as braille dot patterns.

It is very important to use the default font size and spacing for braille fonts. If the font size or spacing is changed, the braille will not be printed with the correct standards. For Tiger fonts, a point size of 36 is suggested. Most other braille fonts will use a point size of 29.

Characters or text not translated to braille will print as graphic images of the visual character. This enables embossing of visual print characters. More information about the fonts included can be found on your installation CD in the Tiger/Docs folder.

C. Printing

Now the installation is complete, you should be set to print a document. These are the steps that you should follow to print:

- Open the document to be printed.
- Open the program's File menu and choose Print.
- On the Print dialog, make sure a ViewPlus embosser is selected. Click on the printer properties button and ensure that the correct paper size and Tiger printing options are selected. Click OK on the printer properties dialog when you are finished. Then click OK on the Print dialog to start the print job.
- When the printer is finished, press the **up arrow button** to advance the paper enough so you can detach it. Press the **down arrow** button after you have detached the paper to move the paper to the ready position.
- There are example documents and tips for using various Windows applications at: <https://viewplus.com/viewplus-support/downloads>

V. Support, Maintenance and Warranty

A. Training and Support Packages

Tutorials and other support materials are available on the ViewPlus website. For these resources and other support inquiries, please visit <https://viewplus.com/viewplus-support/>.

Additional training and support is available for purchase through your authorized ViewPlus distributor or from ViewPlus Technologies.

B. Maintenance

It is important to choose a suitable location for the VP Elite with Color InkConnect. The cable length between the printer and the host computer should not exceed ten feet (three meters). The location should be sturdy and flat. The printer should not be exposed to direct sunlight, extreme heat, cold, dust or humidity. The AC power outlet must be compatible with the plug of the printer's power cord. Dot quality should be monitored; poor alignment can cause permanent damage to the platen of the Tiger embosser.

Software updates can be downloaded from the ViewPlus Technologies web site. You should occasionally check the web site for the latest developments.

C. Warranty

ViewPlus Technologies has a 1 year full parts and service warranty for the ViewPlus Color InkConnect.

The full warranty information was shipped with your Color InkConnect. In order to get service and technical support, it is necessary to completely fill out and return the warranty form. You will be asked for the serial number of your InkConenct when you call for support or request online support. There are several ways to register the warranty:

- To register by mail, complete the warranty form, cut it out, and mail it to ViewPlus Technologies.
- To register by fax, complete the form and fax it to ViewPlus Technologies at (541) 738-6505.
- To register online, access our website at <https://viewplus.com/viewplus-support/warranty-details/>.