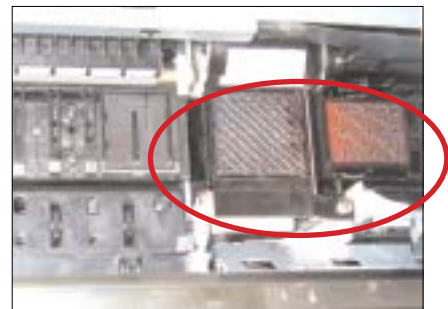


# TECH TIP

## EPSON 4000/4800 PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

- Release the print head by pressing the powder blue plastic “pin” on the 4800 (it is black on the 4000) on the front of the print head. You will hear an audible click. You can then freely move the print head to the left side of the printer. If the print head catches, release the “pin” until it disengages again.
- The right rectangle piece is the “docking cup”, and the square piece directly to the left is the “spit cup”. Remove the spit cup by unscrewing the small Phillips head screw to the bottom right side of the “spit cup”. Be careful not to drop the screw into the printer, as it is only about 1/4” long. Push down gently on the “spit cup” about 1/8” and move to the right about the same amount. The “spit cup” will lift right out of the printer.
- Take the “spit cup” to a sink, and rinse it well with warm water.
- Pull out the Waste Ink Tank.
- You will be able to see where the ink drips from the white chute that angles down from the back left side of the Waste Ink Tank area.

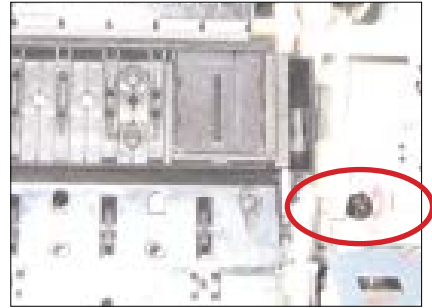


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- Place a small container or cup into the Waste Ink Tank area under the chute, so that it will catch liquids during the cleaning process.
- You will see the hole where the spigot from the bottom of the spit cup runs into the printer.
- Take a regular pipe cleaner and dip it into Windex. Pre-curl it slightly, and poke it into the hole so that it goes off to the right side of the printer. It will only be able to move about 2" into the hole. If you wiggle it while looking into Waste Ink Tank area, you should be able to see ink forced out of the chute into the cup you placed there earlier.
- Now fill a small plunger syringe with Windex (Simple Green may also be used). Place the end of the syringe into the hole, and slowly and gently squirt Windex into the hole without overflowing the hole. If you look into the Waste Ink Tank area while you are doing this, you should see dark colored liquid (ink mixed with Windex) running off the chute, into the cup. Repeat this step several times until the Windex runs through quickly. Remember not to back up the Windex out of the hole. If the Windex does not flow through, you may need to repeat the pipe cleaner step, to clear a hole through the clotted ink in the chute.
- Once the Windex flows unimpeded, you can replace the "spit cup", and waste ink tank. Lock the print head, by sliding it back on the right side. Your printer should be ready to use.



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