

## SAVING MONEY

### SOFTWARE SAVES USERS MONEY ON INK CARTRIDGES

Strydent Software (Vancouver, Canada; 800-663-6222) has introduced InkSaver (suggested retail price, \$34.99), a software program that the company claims reduces the amount of ink used by inkjet printers, thereby extending the life of ink cartridges and saving users money. According to Strydent, the program was designed in response to consumer concern about high-priced inkjet cartridges. A typical user may spend more than \$600 on ink over the life of a printer, says the company.

InkSaver, which supports most popular inkjet printers (a list of supported models appears on

Strydent's Web site), optimizes printer data using patent pending software algorithms so that an inkjet printer uses less ink, says the company. Unlike printing in Draft mode, says Strydent, InkSaver provides ink savings even when printing at the highest resolution and quality setting. Once the program is installed, users print the way they normally do, with the program working in the background. Users can customize the level of reduction for black and color ink from 0 to 75 percent, depending on their needs.

The program requires a PC with 20 MB of free hard disk space and running Windows 98, 2000, Me or XP Home or Professional and supports USB, parallel and TCP/IP printer connections.

InkSaver is available from online stores, such as Strydent's ([www.inksaver.com](http://www.inksaver.com)) and Buy.com, and retailers, including CompUSA. A free trial version of the program is available on the company's Web site.