

System Requirements

- Operating System: Microsoft Windows 2000 or Microsoft Windows XP x86 (Professional or Home), Windows Vista x86 (Home Basic, Home Premium, Business, Ultimate)
- CPU/RAM: Must meet or exceed the requirements for the operating system being used. In all cases, the faster the CPU, the better and the more RAM, the better.
- Free hard drive space: 1GB, plus additional room for embroidery designs as needed
- Video: Video card with 1024 X 768 resolution, 17" or larger monitor recommended
- Ports: USB or parallel port for security key

If using Embroidery Network System (ENS) for communicating with Melco EMC Embroidery Machines:

- StarLAN (Melco Net) network card (available from Melco Parts at 800-877-4272)

If using Embroidery Network System (ENS) for communicating with Melco EMT Embroidery Machines:

- 10 Megabit capable, dedicated, IPX Protocol Ethernet Adaptor. By "dedicated" it means that the Ethernet card that connects to the ENS network be isolated from an office-style LAN network. Also, the network should be isolated from an Internet connection and from an AMAYA network. The Ethernet Adaptor should be installed into the PC/laptop per the Ethernet Adaptor manufacturer's guidelines.

If attaching to a digitizing tablet, the following additional requirements must be met:

- Serial COM port
- A digitizing tablet capable of meeting the following specifications:
 - Baud Rate: 2400
 - Parity: None
 - Stop Bits: One
 - Echo: Off
 - Proximity Transmission: Off
 - Grid Diagnostics: Off
 - Resolution: Metric Low (254 lines per inch)
 - ASCII Counts Report Format: Off
 - Report Format: Binary
 - ASCII Report Terminator: Off
 - ASCII Decimal point: Off
 - Report Collection Mode: Point Mode

DesignShop and AMAYA OS

- You can install and run AMAYA OS and DesignShop on the same computer. However, for optimum performance of both of these programs, the guidelines listed on the next page should be followed.
- It is recommended that you install AMAYA OS/DesignShop on a dedicated PC. That is, the PC on which AMAYA OS/DesignShop are installed should not be used to run any other software applications.
- ENS should not be installed on any PC on which AMAYA OS is installed.
- On the AMAYA OS/DesignShop PC, when running AMAYA OS, avoid performing hardware-intensive tasks such as scanning. Also, it is recommended that extensive digitizing be performed on a different PC.

Incompatible Hardware / Software

DesignShop users should avoid the HP Deskjet G55 printer Driver. Users have reported unspecified problems with DesignShop when this driver is installed.

Product Levels

The following DesignShop product levels are available. This list also provides a brief overview of what features are available in each level. The feature availability is described in more detail throughout the manual.

- DesignShop Lite (Lettering, Limited manipulation of designs, such as scaling)
- DesignShop (Lettering, Manipulation of designs, Editing, Digitizing)
- DesignShop Pro (Lettering, Editing, Digitizing, Auto-Digitizing)
- DesignShop Pro Plus (Lettering, Editing, Digitizing, Auto-Digitizing, Vector File Support)