



Swingplate (fuser drive) Failure

HP LaserJet 4200/4240/4250/4300/4350/4345MFP/M4345MFP

The above HP printer series is well known to have the fuser and fuser drive gears wear out, causing a distinct “hum” or grinding noise – which can happen at a wide page count range due to duty use and printing environment. This typically requires the swing plate (fuser drive assembly) and fuser assembly to be replaced if the problem is not fixed in a timely manner. However if this is noted or made aware of before the gears deteriorate there is a kit available which includes the swing plate assembly and fuser drive gear # 5851-2766.

Below is a picture (fuser removed) of a worn swing plate gear. The gears will disintegrate into a dust/powder which will be apparent after removing the fuser. Some of the original gears are a cream color with the others being black.

