

## Clean the Encoder Strip

The Encoder Strip should not normally require cleaning during the life of the printer. However, it may require cleaning in the following cases:

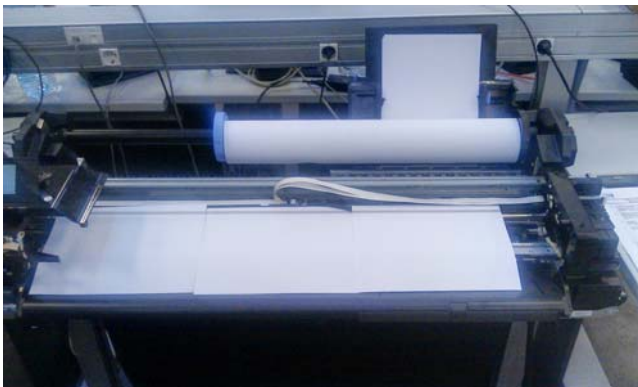
- When droplets of ink get into the encoder. This may happen under certain environmental conditions, with very heavy use of the printer, high ink concentrations, and system errors affecting the scan axis.
- When there is grease on the Encoder Strip. This may happen if the Encoder Strip is allowed to touch the Carriage rail during repair operations or while clearing a paper jam.

### Cleaning procedure

1. Switch off the printer and remove the power cable.
2. Move the Carriage Assembly to the capping position and uncap the printhead.



3. Place some paper over the slider rod in order to protect the lubricant and avoid cross-contamination with grease and alcohol.



4. Dampen a cloth with alcohol.



5. Clean the encoder strip carefully, not moving the papers underneath and not stretching the strip.



6. Move the Carriage towards the center of the printer and clean the remaining portion of the strip.



7. Return the Carriage to the capping position and cap it manually.

8. Remove the papers carefully in order not to remove grease from the slider rod.

