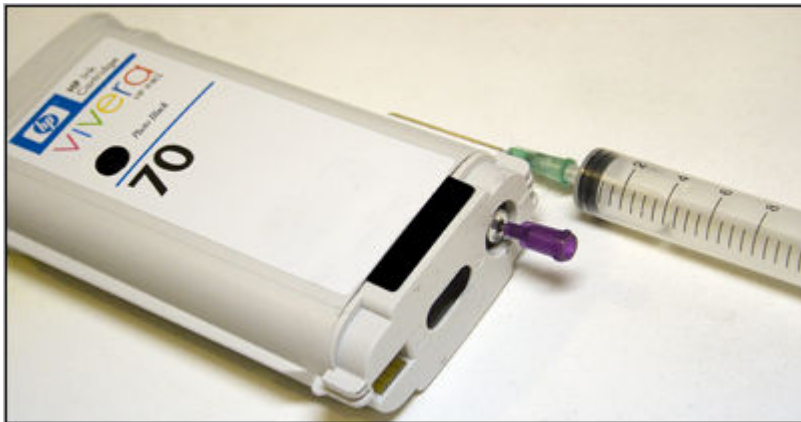


Hewlett Packard PK Pigments

The HP Z3100 cartridges are a convenient source of these neutral black pigments. With a syringe and a sharp needle the ink is easily removed from the Z3100 carts. (See the photo below. If the cart is used to store the ink, a dull needle would probably be better for subsequent withdrawals.) These carts are competitively priced at sources like Atlex.com, particularly the dual packs. (See http://www.atlex.com/hp_designjet/z3100.htm)



The HP pigments have done significantly better than Epson pigments in Wilhelm Research fade tests. (See <http://www.wilhelm-research.com/hp/Z3100.html>) In fact, HP claims to have the “best photo permanence on the market.” (See http://h10088.www1.hp.com/cda/gap/display/main/gap_content.jsp?zn=gap&cp=1-315-374-392%5E27752_4000_100) While I believe 100% carbon is more stable, there are no comparable tests of the Carbon/Eboni-6 approach. I suspect HP may be correct if they are talking only of OEM printing approaches.

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