

# How to Use a Custom Profile using ICM on Windows (for all programs)

ICM mode is a special method of installing an ICC profile directly within the Windows operating system. This allows you to use ICC profiles even on programs that don't offer color management options, such as: Cricut Design Space, Silhouette Studio, GIMP, and many more!

## Step 1: Download and move the profile

1. Download the profile you need either from our website or from an email we sent you.
2. Once downloaded, you will need to move the file to the system folder on your computer where all of your profiles are stored. The location will depend on what version of Windows you are running. Refer to the list below:

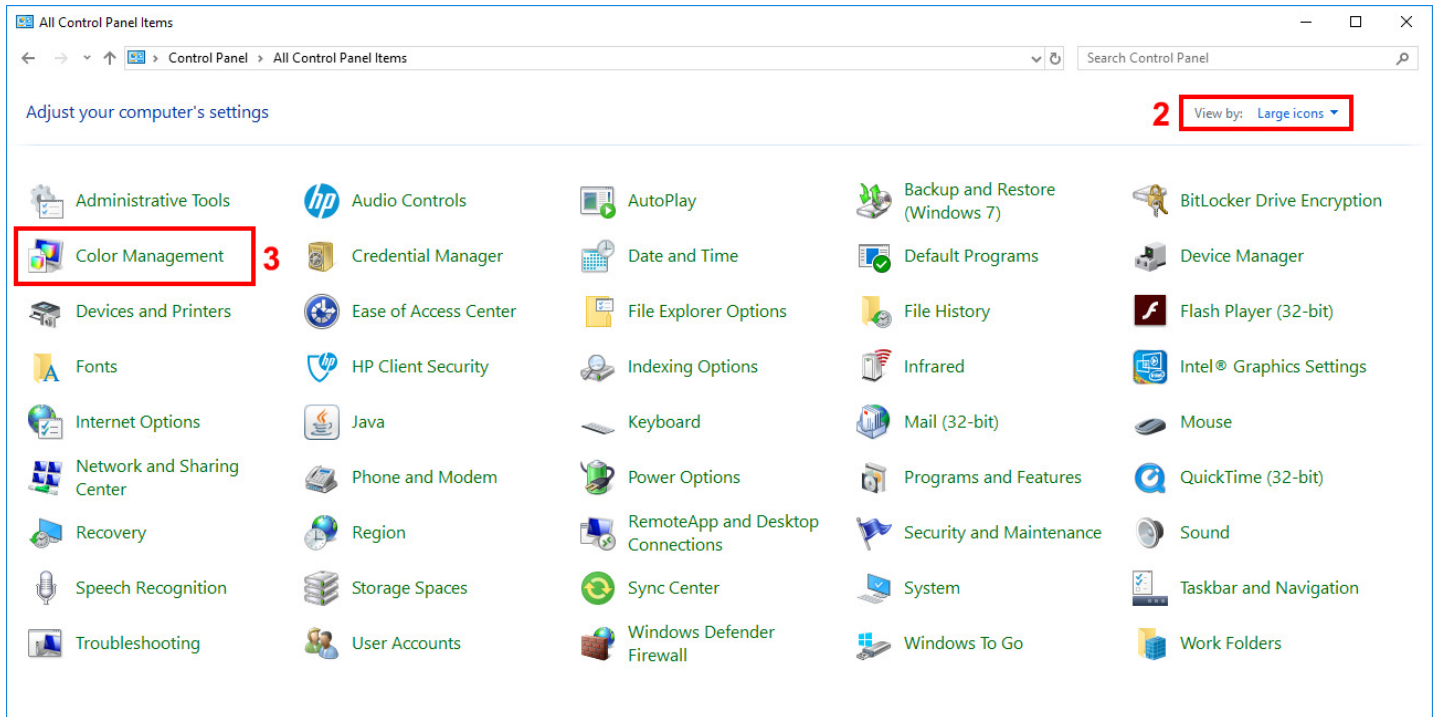
### **Windows 98/ME**

C:\Windows\System\Color\

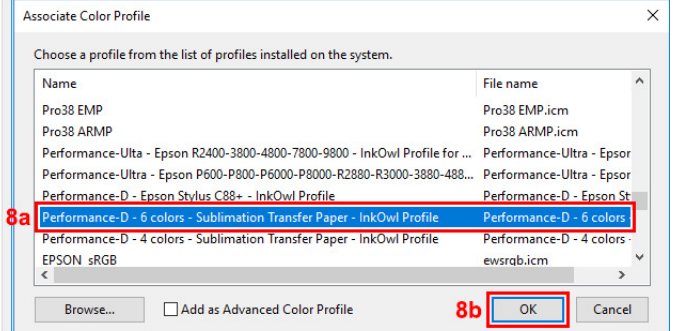
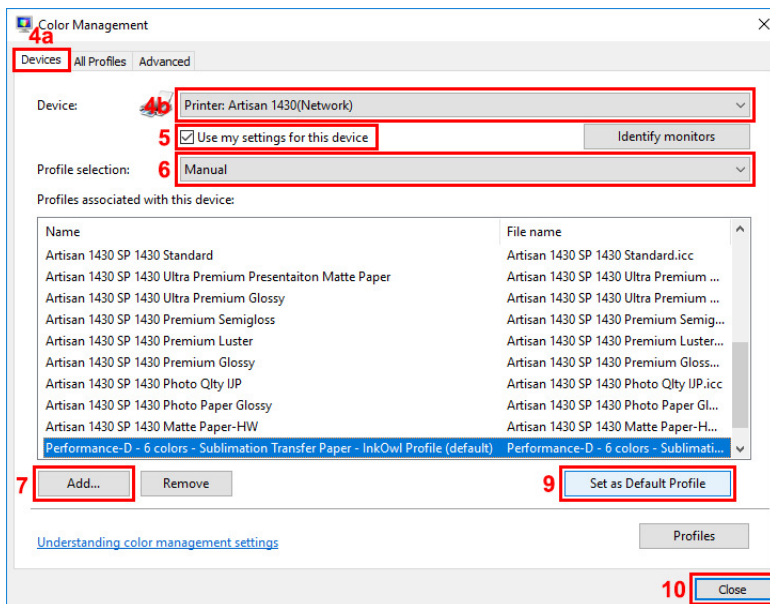
### **Windows XP/Vista/7/8/10**

C:\Windows\System32\Spool\Drivers\Color\

## Step 2: Set up the profile



1. Open the Control Panel.
2. Set *View by:* to *Large icons* (if it isn't already set that way) so that the Control Panel looks like the image above.
3. Click on *Color Management*.

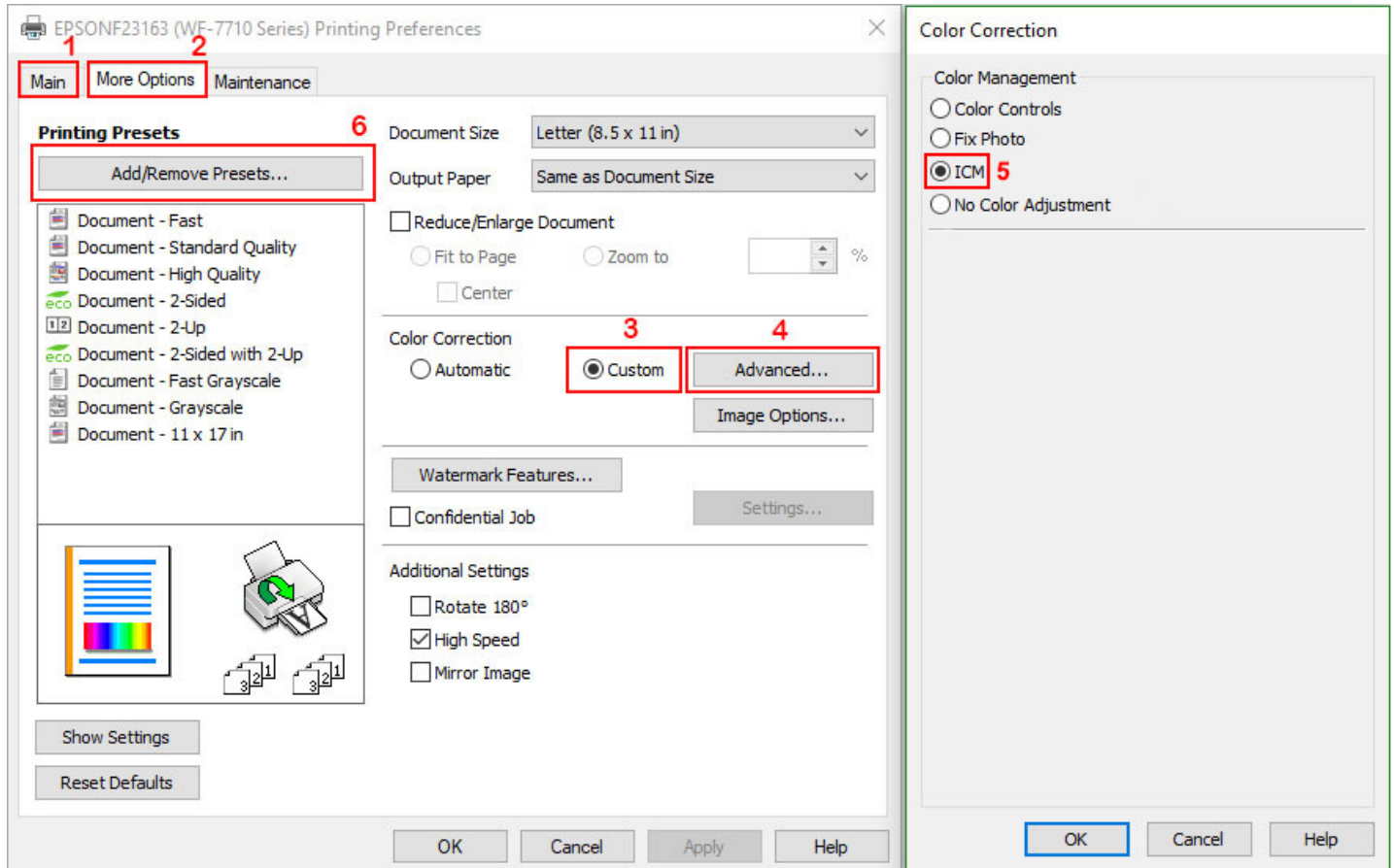


4. Under the *Devices* tab (4a), for *Device* (4b), select your printer from the dropdown menu.
5. Check the box labeled *Use my settings for this device*.
6. For *Profile selection*, choose *Manual*.
7. Click on *Add...*
8. Click on the profile you just downloaded and then click *OK*.
9. Select the added profile then click on *Set as Default Profile*.
10. Click *Close*.

### Step 3: Printing with ICM mode

This step will vary, depending on the printer that you are using. Here are three common layouts that Epson drivers use:

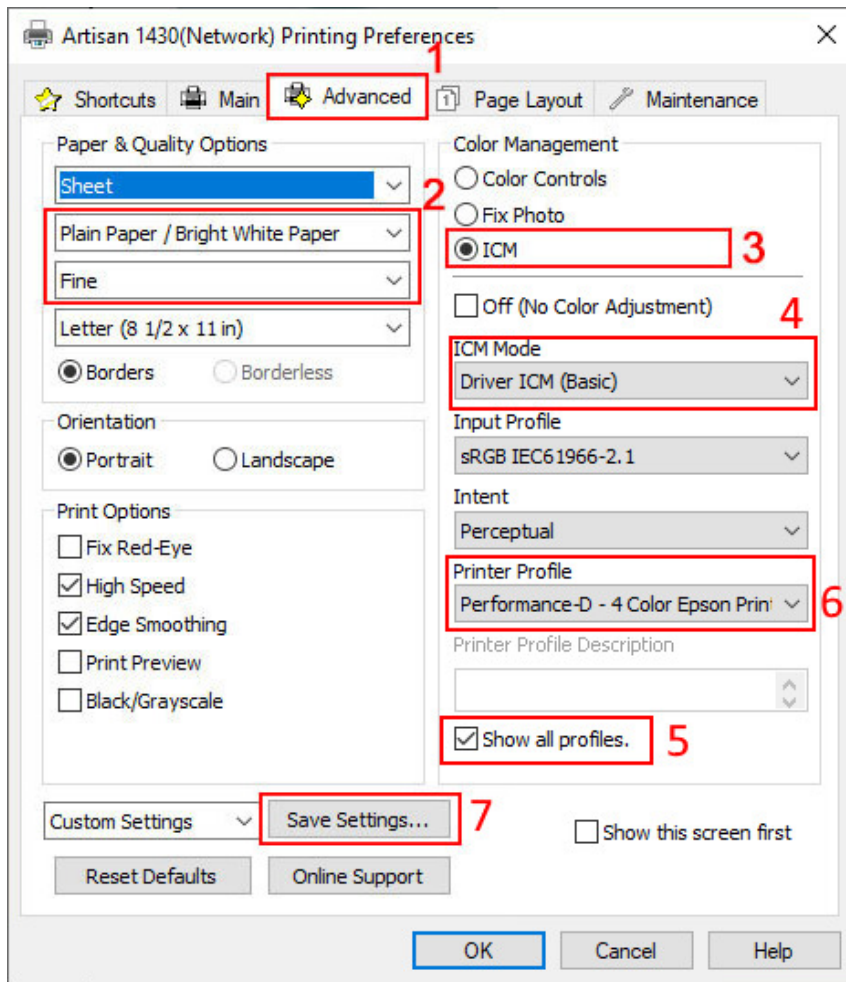
#### Version 1



1. On the *Main* tab, select the appropriate media type and quality setting for your print.  
(For sublimation, we recommend setting the paper type to *Plain Paper* and setting the quality to the highest setting. You will also usually want to print your images mirrored, so you should check the *Mirror Image* box on the next tab.)
2. Select the tab labeled *More Options*.
3. Set *Color Correction* to *Custom* to enable the *Advanced...* button.
4. Click on *Advanced...* to open the *Color Correction* menu.
5. Select *ICM* and press *OK*.
6. To avoid having to do all this each time you print, we recommend saving a Preset. Press the *Add/Remove Presets...* button, give the preset a name, choose an icon and then click *Save*.

In the future, you can just click on your newly saved preset. You are now ready to print!

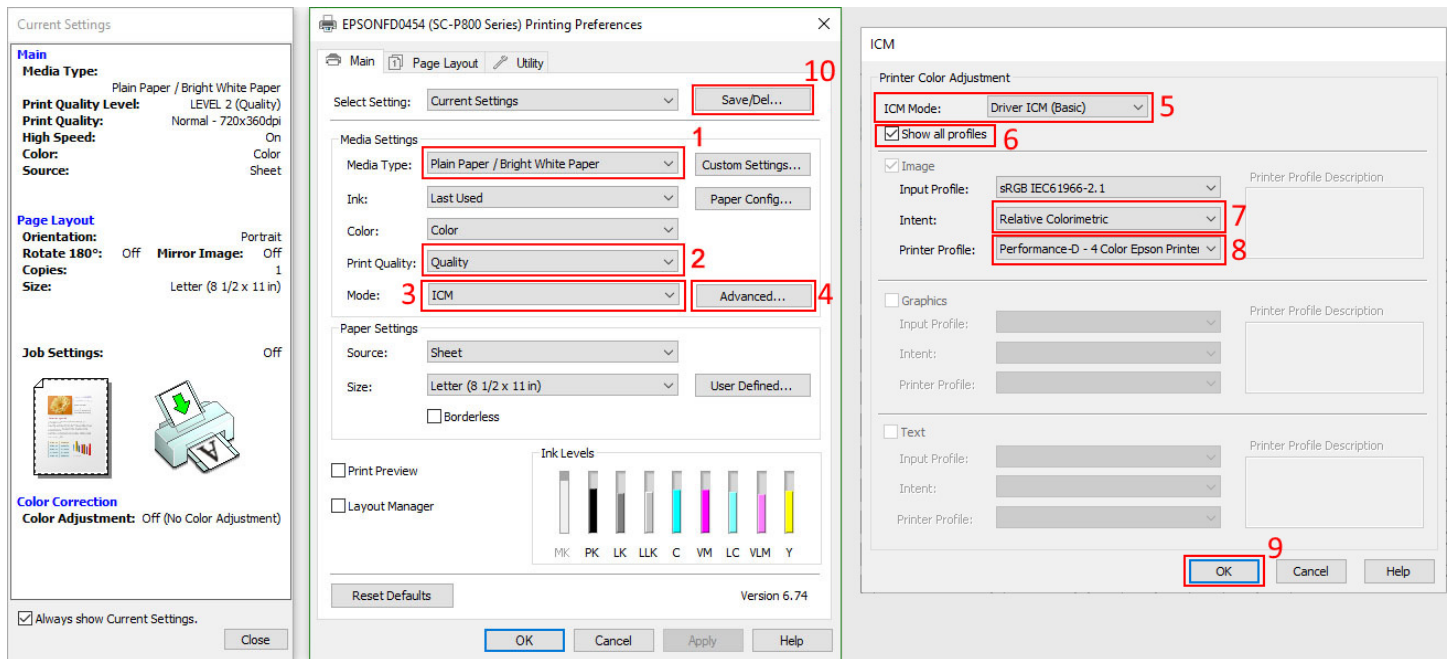
## Version 2



1. Select the *Advanced* tab.
2. Select the appropriate media type.  
(For sublimation, we recommend setting the paper type to *Plain Paper* and setting the quality to the highest setting. You will also usually want to print your images mirrored, so you should check the *Mirror Image* box on the next tab.)
3. Under *Color Management*, select *ICM*.
4. Ensure that the *ICM Mode* is set to *Driver ICM (Basic)*.
5. Tick the box labelled *Show all profiles*.
6. Select the color profile you installed earlier.
7. To avoid having to do all this on each print, we recommend saving a Preset. Press the *Save Settings...* button to configure a new preset.

In the future, you can just click on your newly saved preset. You are now ready to print!

## Version 3



1. Select the appropriate media type.  
(For sublimation, we recommend setting the paper type to *Plain Paper*. You will also usually want to print your images mirrored, so you should check the Mirror Image box on the next tab.)
2. Set *Print Quality* to *Quality*.
3. *Mode* should be set to *ICM*.
4. Click on the *Advanced...* button.
5. Ensure that the *ICM Mode* is set to *Driver ICM (Basic)*.
6. Tick the box labelled *Show all profiles*.
7. Set *Intent* to *Relative Colorimetric*.
8. Select the color profile you installed earlier.
9. Click *OK*.
10. To avoid having to do all this each time you print, we recommend saving a Preset. Press the *Save/Del...* button to configure a new preset.

In the future, you can just click on your newly saved preset. You are now ready to print!