

UB-04 Printing Requirements

It has come to our attention that some laser printers are having difficulty meeting the print specification of the UB-04 form.

The UB-04 form and the UB-92 contain identical margin specifications. Both forms are 82 characters across. To accommodate the 80 character limitation of some laser printers, many users of the UB-92 form developed workarounds that basically “cheated” on the printing layout. This was commonly accomplished by starting in the second position and ending in the 80th position, basically ignoring the first column on the left and the last column on the right. The UB-92 had no critical data elements in these fields.

In order to meet the UB-04 print specifications, users should utilize laser printers that have “edge-to-edge” print capability (4 mm margins on the left and right) or wide carriage impact printers (dot-matrix or line printers).