

Memory-Map **TECH SUPPORT** **Bulletin #5**

TO SET UP YOUR SYSTEM FOR PRINTING MAPS AT STANDARD SCALES

Overview: While the development team work out the best way to overcome the vagaries of windows print drivers, here are two methods for setting your system to print at standard scales.


1 Adjusting the Printer

This method is best suited when only a minor adjustment is necessary. More advanced print drivers have a percentage scale option found under printer properties. To alter the scale of your printed maps, adjust the zoom or scale percentage + or - until you have a satisfactory result with each grid square measuring 20mm for 1:50,000 or 40mm for 1:25,000

If your printer does not feature scale adjustment, you can achieve similar results by customising the paper size.

2. Resizing the Window

This is a more general solution, it gives the maximum printed area and with a little practice, is quick and easy to setup.

- Measure the width of the map printed from your printer. On my printer it is 262 mm. At 1:50k, the 262 mm represents 13.1 km. (divide by 20) or 6.5 km at 1: 25k
- Click on the **Restore** button  and **Resize** the window by dragging and dropping the edges so that a visible width of 13.1 km is the width of the window. Use the **Route** tool or the grid lines to measure the distance.
- Make sure the height of the window is proportionally smaller than the height of the landscape page.
- Your window is now set for printing to scale, select an image and run some test prints at different zoom settings.

You can **Maximise** the window for normal use and **Restore** when you want to print. The **Restore** command will restore the window to its last sized setting.