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Print-then-cut cheat sheet

Siser Romeo · Leonardo Design Studio · Epson EcoTank Photo ET-8550. Print registration jobs at 100% / actual size. No Fit to Page, Zoom, or Borderless. Test-cut the real material (and laminate, if you use it) before a finished sheet.

Cut quality

You see	Try this first	Source
Hard to weed, incomplete shapes	Raise force, then slightly more blade; test again.	Siser Beginner's Guide
Liner cut through, or you feel the cut from the back	Lower force, then less blade.	Beginner's Guide
Random missing cut segments	Inspect the blade for stuck vinyl or a chip; replace if dull.	Siser 5 Tips
Chewed corners or tearing	Lower speed; check roller hold-down and holder seating (groove below the knob).	Beginner's Guide; Accessories guide
New blade, old force now too deep	Re-test and log the blade change. Abrasive films wear blades faster.	Siser 5 Tips

Registration and alignment

You see	Try this first	Source
Marks red in Leonardo	Use Page Marks or smaller mark spacing, then reprint.	LDS Manual
Marks cropped or scaled	Reprint at 100%. Turn Borderless off.	ET-8550 User's Guide; LDS Manual
Cutter beeps, never cuts	Square mark at bottom left, under the blade holder. Place the on-screen plus on the mark.	Siser print-and-cut guide
Camera misses only shiny film	Adjust camera light; flatten bubbles on marks. Romeo's camera can read many glossy materials — still test.	Print-and-cut guide; Romeo manual
Same shift on every shape	Run cutter calibration and the blade-offset test. Check contour offset. Mirror must be off.	LDS Manual
Error grows down the sheet	Rollers on grit marks, tension, mat tack, cutting strip, and sheet curl.	Romeo manual; Siser 5 Tips

Printer

You see	Try this first	Source
Bands or missing colors	Nozzle check on Cassette 2, then clean (up to 3 times, wait 12 hours, then Power Cleaning if needed).	ET-8550 User's Guide
Blurry or split verticals; bands after nozzles are clear	Print Head Alignment — Vertical or Horizontal as described in the guide.	User's Guide
Wrong color	Match paper type; use EPSON Standard; check ink visually; dry unstacked.	Epson color FAQ
Sheet ejects blank from the rear slot	Start the job first, then load when the printer prompts.	User's Guide
Missing media types in the dialog	Use the genuine EPSON ET-8550 Series driver, not a Microsoft IPP queue.	User's Guide driver controls
Smear on card stock	Enable Thick Paper and Envelopes. Rear slot: 0.61–1.3 mm, listed sizes only, 20 mm bottom margin.	User's Guide

Laminated stickers

Color and photo inks on the ET-8550 are **dye-based**; only the plain-paper Black is pigment (Epson ink specs). Those dye inks are not waterproof by themselves. Dry prints unstacked until the surface is not tacky, laminate, then cut so the cut can seal the film edge (community practice — not a Siser/Epson joint spec). Test-cut the finished stack. Third-party sticker paper is not on Epson's official media list; the User's Guide cautions against “papers that have stickers.”

When you are stuck, open the diagnosis-decision-trees skill in the full pack, or message the seller with your Leonardo version, the material name, and a photo of the test cut. Follow the current official manual if it differs from this sheet. Fairpage Studio is not affiliated with Siser or Epson. This sample does not include third-party card or game art.