

Responsive to the Static Control comment

Summary:

Manufactures should be prevented from creating a monopoly on replaceable parts via embedding simple or unnecessary copyrighted "things" into those parts. If Lexmark is allowed to create this monopoly, what is to stop GM to embed copyrighted "stamps" in all parts such that you are unable to buy an oil filter except from GM.

Argument:

The DMCA and other copyright "extensions" and "improvements" have failed to foster improvements in the arts and science. Instead it has made a world where unbridled monopolies are the norm. Look to Microsoft and Intel for examples. Now Lexmark is starting in that grand tradition of a single source market.

Single source market is bad for consumers and the environment. With printers being as cheap as razors, and the ink cartridges being very expensive because of single source. Either the user will be gouged for buying expensive ink cartridges or the environment will be gouged by having people throw away working printers and buying new ones that are cheaper.

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