Lift the printer lid. Plug the power lead into the printer and switch on the printer with the power button, situated to the left front of the printer. Watch the movement of the carrier, once it starts moving to the left, pull out the power lead. This allows you to freely move the carriage by hand.

Slide the carriage to the position shown below and you will see, at the top, a small clip. Wiggle this out with a sharp tool. Don't be soft with it, it will come out. This is shown below:



Once you remove the clip, the lid will easily remove, it will look like this below:



Now slide the carriage to the right, by hand, as below:



Now you need to thread the CISS cartridge block under the bar and it will look like this below:



Now stick the small plastic holder to the printer. Leave it open as shown below:



Next step is to stick the long plastic holder to the printer as shown below:



Now place the cartridge block into the carrier and make sure you click each cartridge down, they MUST click in. Make sure they click in in at a time, as shown below:



Then push the carriage as far to the right as you can, see below:



Now you can put the piping into the long clip that you fixed to the printer earlier. Make sue that there is an inch or two give in the bottom stretch of the piping, this allows for the movement of the carriage. Put the piping exactly as below:



Keep the piping straight and now clip into the small clip on the side, as shown below.



Now, look at the picture below. There is a small hole in the position shown. This is the lid sensor hole. You need to put something like a bit of screwed up paper in there tightly, so that the printer "thinks" that the lid is closed. The CISS pipes will make the lid stay open slightly when closing it. The printer will not print if you don't bung the hole, as it "thinks" that the lid is still open. See below on what to do:



Next, go to the inkwell block and pull out the rubber bung to each colour. Place an air inlet "flying saucer" into each hole. Make sure that you put it in by the WIDEST tube of the 2. This makes sure that you can get it in nice and tight. Look at the picture below:



Now you have placed all "flying saucers" in the holes, you are ready to plug the power lead in again, so do it.

DO NOT be concerned if you see air in the ink pipes to the CISS, it will disappear after some printing.

Next, put the printer lid down. DO NOT force it flat, it will sit up about half a centimetre, that is the correct position.

Now switch on the printer with the power button.

You will hear lots of noises coming from the printer. It will be setting up and charging the cartridges, this will take several minutes.

Whilst this is going on, go to your pc and insert your Epson disc. Start the "easy installation" and follow instructions on screen.

When the screen tells you to plug in your usb lead, plug it into both your pc and your printer, the software will automatically recognise the printer and carry on with the installation.

The installation of the software takes several minutes.

Once the software installation is complete, you are ready to remove the ink status monitor, this makes sure that you will never get "low ink" warnings.

Please follow the instructions below:

On your PC, go to Control Panel and click on Printers. You will then see the R285 printer. RIGHT CLICK on it and a box will drop down, as below. Click on properties.



You will then see another box, click on Printing Preferences, as below. Don't be concerned about these pictures having several printer models, your will have the R285 in the printers bos, so that is the one you need.

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	PSON Stylus Phot	o R285 Series		
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You will then see the box below, click on Maintainance, as below.

🖶 EPSON Stylus Photo R285 Series Printing Preferences				
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Type: plain papers	Reverse Order			
Size: A4 210 x 297 mm 👻				
Borders				
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O Portrait D Landscape				
How to Buy				
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OK Cancel	Apply Help			

You will then see the box below, click on Speed & Progress.

🖶 EPSON Stylus Pho	to R285 Series Printing Preferences		
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	Status Monitor 3 (M)		
	Use this utility to automatically check for errors and also check the level of ink remaining.		
	Nozzle Check (N)		
	Use this utility if gaps or faint areas appear in your printout.		
×	Head Cleaning (H)		
	Use this utility if your print quality declines or the Nozzle Check indicates clogged nozzles.		
A•A	Print Head Alignment (P)		
	Use this utility if misaligned vertical lines appear in your printout.		
	Printer and Option Information (0)		
	Use this utility to create or verify settings for your printer and optional devices.		
Version 6.51	😽 Driver Update Speed & Progress		
	OK Cancel Apply Help		

You will see, on the next box, that there is a tick in Show Progress Meter and no tick in the Disable Epson Monitor 3, as below.



Now click on Disable Epson Monitor 3 and a tick will appear. The tick will disappear in the Show Progress Meter, as below.

Speed & Progress
High Speed Copies Show Progress Meter Copies Show Progress Meter Ship Blank Page Always spool RAW datatype
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Now just click on OK, then OK every box until all are closed. You will now never get a "Low Ink" warning. Start printing as you wish.

If at any time you get confused, call me.

DO NOT let your inkwells totally empty. When approaching 30% ink in any well, top up with ink. I sell 100ml of ink for £2.99, that;s the equivalent of 11 cartridges, so the equivalent of 28p per cartridge to refill. If your purchase 100ml of each ink, it is slightly cheaper as a job lot.

My ink is specially formulated for Epson printers. Many people sell "universal" ink, it is very poor. Don't be tempted to save 50p a bottle, the ink is cheaper and inferior.