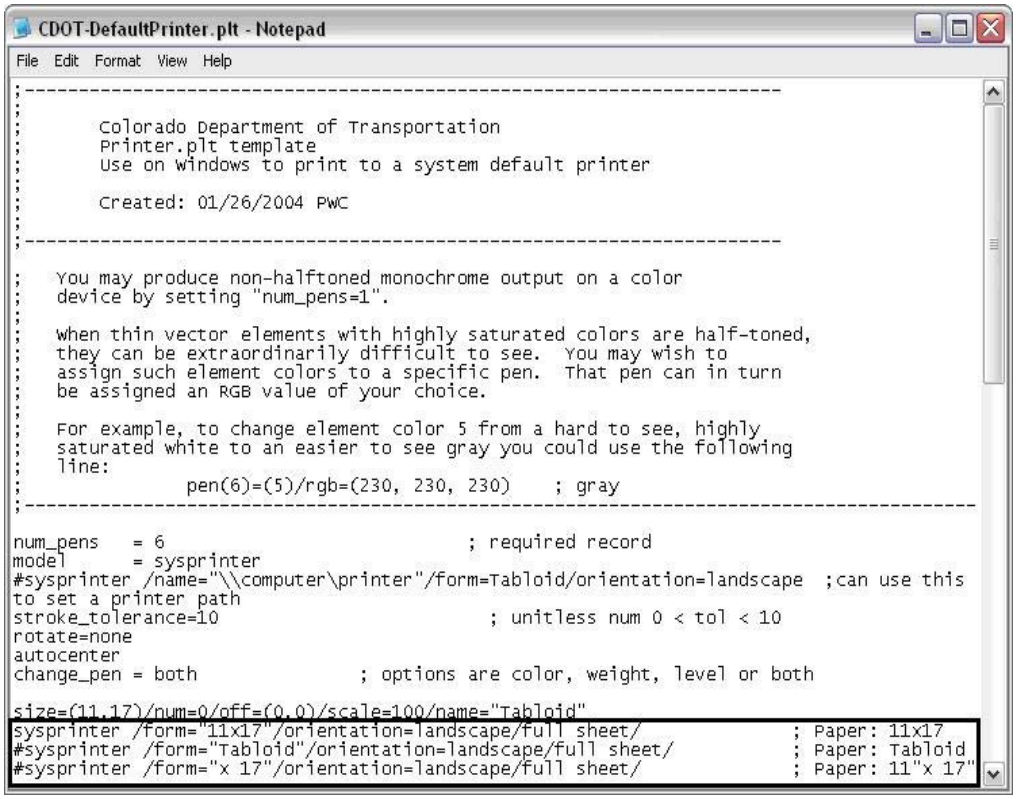
CDOT Printer Driver Adjustments

The default Print Driver for MicroStation has been set up for 11x17 printing and should not have to be edited. However, printers can vary in the naming convention for 11x17 inch sized paper. If the default paper size does not set automatically, you should try making the following adjustments. The CDOT default printer driver is located under: **C:\Program Files\Workspace-CDOT\Standards-Global\MicroStation\Plotter Driver**.

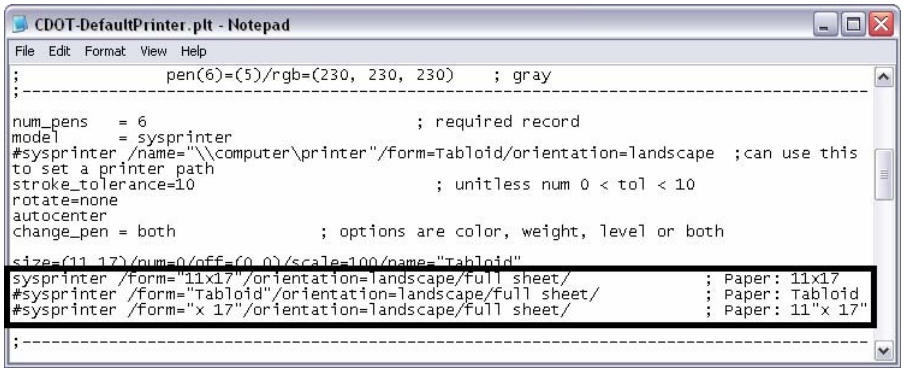
The name of the file is **CDOT_DefaultPrinter.plt**. Open the file using Notepad. You will see this display after the file is opened.



The line items highlighted in the above screen capture need to be edited to enable the system printer feature in the printer driver.

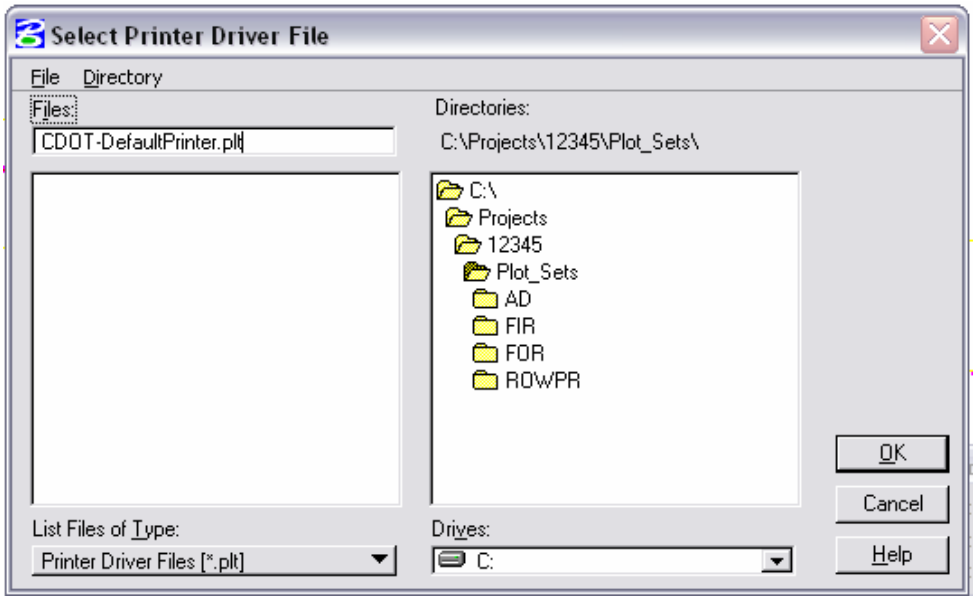
The first line item is active by default because it does not have the "#" symbol in front of the line. Having the "#" symbol at the beginning of the line disables that command line.

Check the preferences on the printer you will be printing to for the sheet size defined by the printer. Typically the sizes will be one of the three: ***11x17***, ***Tabloid*** and ***11"x17"***. If the printer defines a sheet size other than ***11x17,*** you will need to edit the **CDOT-DefaultPrinter.plt** file.

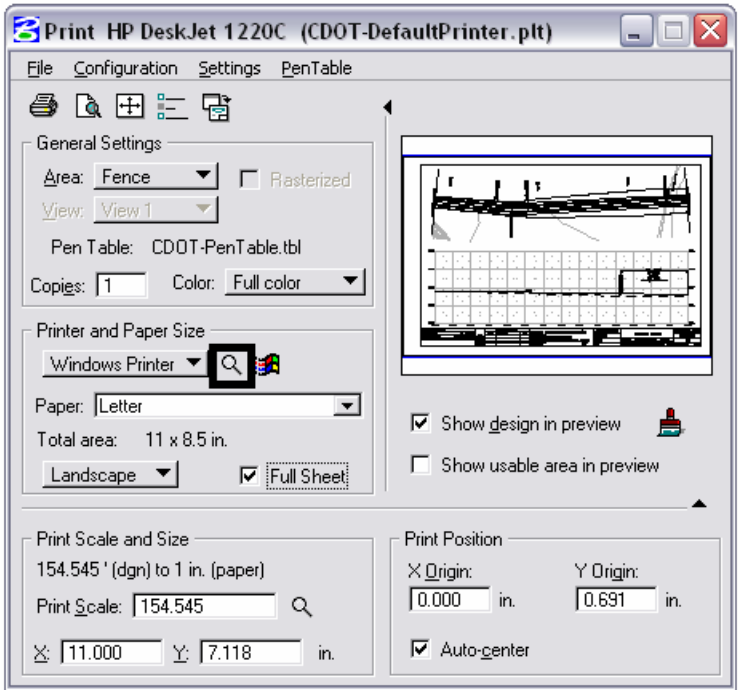
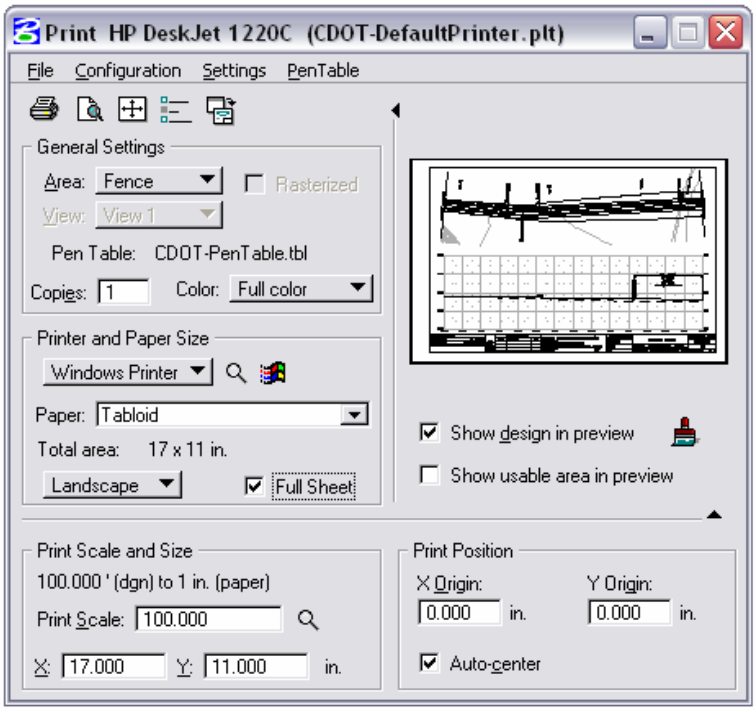


To edit the ***plt*** file with the correct sheet size preference, add a "**#**" symbol to the beginning of the 11x17 sheet size line. This will make the ***11x17*** option inactive and allows you to select either the ***Tabloid*** or the ***11"x17"*** option. Simply remove the "*#*" symbol from the line for the option needed.

Once the file has been edited, save a copy of **CDOT-DefaultPrinter.plt** in your project's **Plot_Sets** folder. If you save the changes back to the original file located at **C:\Program Files\Workspace-CDOT\Standards-Global\MicroStation\Plotter Driver\,** the file will be overwritten the next time you log into your workstation.



In the **Print** dialog box, **<D>** the **Search** icon next to ***Windows Printer***. Navigate to your project's **Plot_Sets** directory and select the edited ***plt*** file. This will now become the default settings until you select a different ***plt*** file.



Once you have selected the correct ***plt*** file, you will notice the Paper size is defaulting to these new settings and the print preview is now correct.