This two-column Word document contains four identical tables. Microsoft Word (X and 2004) displays them correctly on the screen, but misprints the upper right table when printing it, cutting off the bottom of the “a”, which is in a merged cell. (The misprint is also apparent in the Word 2004 Print Preview.) The problem seems to be specific to merged cells in tables that appear at the top of a column other than the first.

This bug is sneaky. Any small change to a document that prints perfectly may change where the columns break, causing a perfectly good table to misprint because it now happens to be at the top of a column.

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