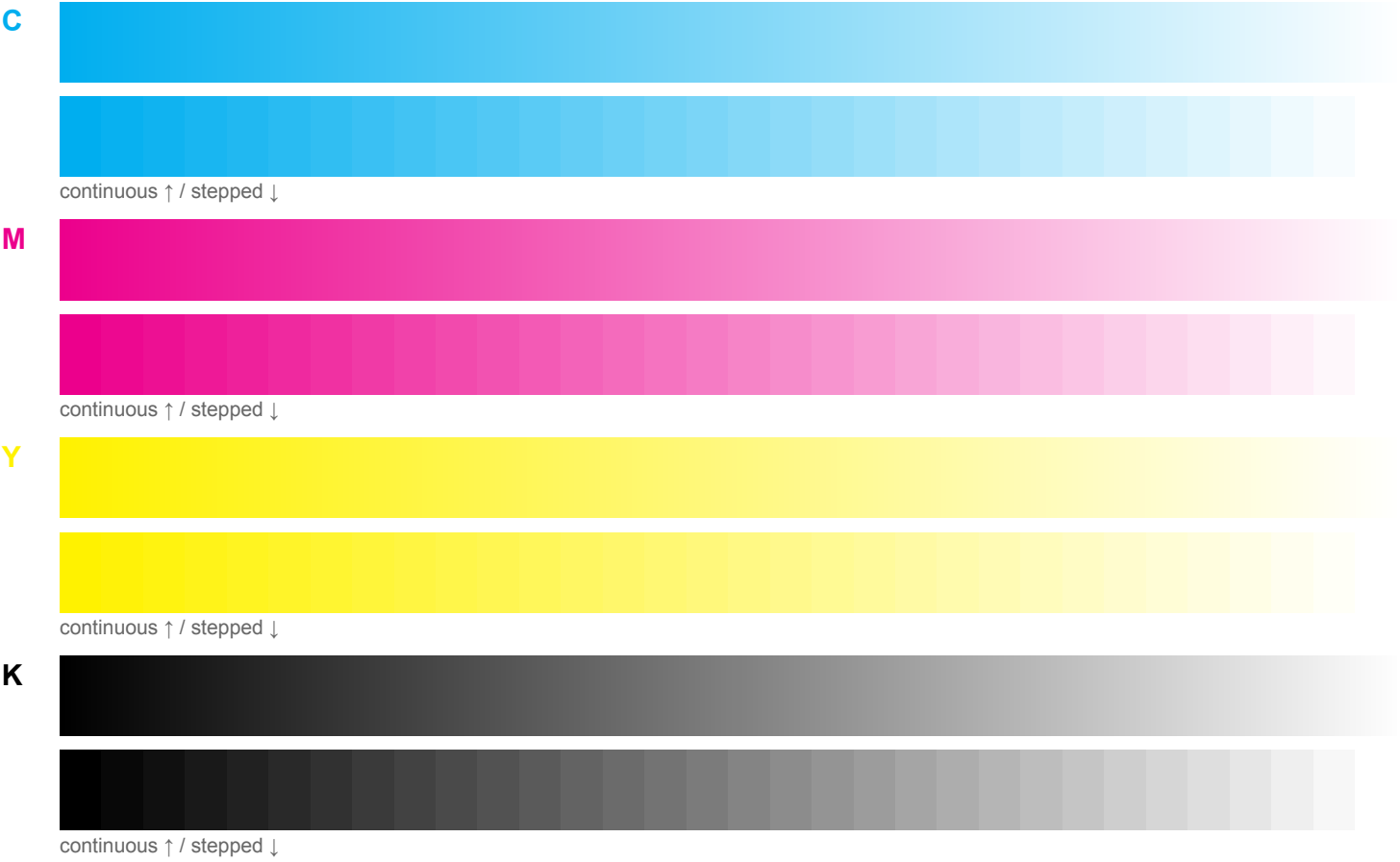


GRADIENT & BANDING TEST PAGE

Stepped ramp beside a continuous ramp exposes banding hidden by solid bars.



Diagnosis

- Stepped ramp shows hard jumps = banding from clogged or misfiring nozzles.
- Continuous ramp is smooth but steps are uneven = ink density or calibration issue.
- Both smooth and even = good. Re-run after any head cleaning to confirm improvement.