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Kyocera KM-6030

Outstanding Segment 4 Multifunctional Imaging System (51-60 ppm), Fall 2005

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One of the best overall values for the price in the MFP market, the Kyocera KM-6030 has earned a Fall 2005 BLI "Pick of the Year" for "Outstanding Segment 4 Multifunctional Imaging System" because it combines strong performance with a robust feature set, for a price that is among the lowest for comparably equipped competitive models ($21,499). The 60-ppm device demonstrated strong reliability during BLI's rigorous two-month, 350,000-impression durability test, requiring only one service call and misfeeding only five times.

The KM-6030's stand-out features include a standard dual-head automatic document feeder, which scans both sides of a two-sided document in a single pass, increasing productivity, particularly when scanning or copying duplex pages. The device's document feeder also has the highest paper capacity (200 sheets) of any competing product in the marketplace.

Workflow management is another strong point of the KM-6030, which can be used with the optional KYOcapture software to seamlessly scan documents directly into a number of applications.

The unit also earned high marks from BLI test technicians for strong multitasking capabilities and for its unique print driver, which combines PCL and PostScript emulations into a single driver for simple installation and better use of resources.

Kyocera often boasts about its products' low cost of ownership, and with good reason. The KM-6030 utilizes Kyocera's ECOSYS® print system, which was designed to

be environmentally friendly as well as budget-friendly. The Kyocera ECOSYS design features an amorphous silicon image drum, which lasts for 3,600,000 impressions – about triple the average drum life of units in this range and the highest among competitors. Toner supplies are housed – and disposed of – separately. Not only does this design help

"With its excellent reliability, feature set and low cost of ownership, the KM-6030 offers tremendous value for workplaces with monthly volumes up to 325,000 impressions," said Pete Emory, BLI's manager of laboratory testing.

ABOUT BLI'S PICKS OF THE YEAR

Twice a year with its "Pick of the Year" awards, BLI gives special recognition in each category to those products that provided the most outstanding performances in BLI's exhaustive lab tests.

BLI's awards stand alone in that they are based on a rigorous battery of lab tests that takes approximately two months to complete and includes an extensive durability test, during which each unit is run at the manufacturer's maximum recommended monthly volume. BLI's durability test is unique among office product evaluations and uniquely qualifies BLI to assess reliability, which is a critical factor for buyers and IT directors, given that virtually all of the products are designed for use on networks.

In addition to assessing reliability, in terms of the number of service calls and PM (preventive maintenance) calls required, as well as misfeed frequency, BLI's comprehensive evaluation includes an assessment of copy and print quality, productivity, ease of use and economy, as well as connectivity issues such as feedback to workstations, administrative utilities, print drivers, multitasking and scanning solutions. Each product that successfully passes BLI's lab test earns BLI's "Recommended" or "Highly Recommended" seal and a BLI "Certificate of Reliability" and qualifies as a "Pick" award contender. Consequently, a BLI "Pick of the Year" is a hard-earned award that buyers and IT directors can trust to better guide them in their acquisition decisions.

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