



Kyocera FS-1128MFP

Outstanding Personal Monochrome Multifunction Printer



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Delivering a strong value including a cost per page that's among the lowest for comparable MFPs, the Kyocera FS-1128MFP earned a Summer 2010 BLI "Pick" Award because of its robust feature set and highly reliable performance during BLI's exhaustive two-month, 10,000-impression durability test.

"The FS-1128MFP is a solid all-rounder that won't break the budget," noted David Sweetnam, BLI's European laboratory and research Manager. "It packs all the features a workgroup will need – standard print, copy, scan and fax, and even a standard RADF – and also has a USB port on the control panel that lets users easily print files from a USB memory stick."

The FS-1128MFP's robust design garnered high praise from BLI technicians and includes a host of standard security features; a RAM Disk feature that lets administrators allocate a portion of RAM for form storage and secure printing; very good feedback to workstations; and above-average standard and maximum memory capacities.

Sweetnam was also impressed by the FS-1128MFP's administrative utilities, noting, "The unit is easy to manage using KMnet Viewer, which can assign specific alerts to different recipients, while the Kyocera Command Center provides users with a very in-depth level of detail about device status, paper size, approximate percentage of paper remaining and toner supplies."

The FS-1128MFP also earned high marks for output, with BLI technicians citing crisp and cleanly formed text and above-average production of fine lines.

Adding to the device's versatility, the FS-1128's bypass tray can handle paper stocks that are heavier than usual for MFPs in its class, allowing users to easily create report covers, tab separators, post cards and other documents that use thick card stock.

BLI highly recommends the Kyocera FS-1128MFP for workgroups with average monthly monochrome print volumes of up to 3,000 impressions per month.

About BLI's Picks

Twice a year with its "Pick" 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 half the monthly duty cycle over 15 days, with five days at the maximum daily 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 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" is a hard-earned award that buyers and IT directors can trust to better guide them in their acquisition decisions.

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