



A Buyers Laboratory Document Imaging Device Assessment

Kyocera KM-8030

80 PPM Segment 5 Monochrome Device
Copy • Print • Scan



Overall Rating	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Ease of Use.....	★★★★★
Copy Productivity	★★★★★
Print Productivity	★★★★★
Image Quality.....	★★★★★
Multitasking.....	Lab Test Report Only
Utilities.....	Lab Test Report Only
Reliability	Lab Test Report Only
Feedback to Workstations	Lab Test Report Only
Toner Yield/Cost per Page	Lab Test Report Only

* Based upon a five-star rating system, with five being the best.

Suggested retail price: £22,099 base unit. (Complete specifications information for this unit, including pricing for accessories and options, is available through bliQ™, at www.buyerslab.com/bliq.)

Testing method: The unit's copy/print capabilities were tested using a Windows 2000 workstation with a crossover cable, the Kyocera Print System V controller and the KPDL3 print driver (version 3.1.1424). The crossover cable eliminates network traffic, allowing for optimal productivity of the unit. Tests were conducted using U.S. letter/ledger paper and A4/A3 results may vary.

Comparative Analysis

Designed for large corporate departments, the Kyocera KM-8030 offers standard standalone copy functionality, as well as optional network print and scan capabilities, for an exceptional price. This 80-page-per-minute (ppm) unit offers 128 MB of standard memory and a 40 GB hard disk drive (HDD). It is equipped with a duplex single pass feeder (DSPF), which features dual scan heads and offers the highest capacity (200 sheets) among competitive models. The DSPF allows scanning of both sides of a two-sided document in a single pass, increasing productivity and decreasing the chance that misfeeds will occur. The dual-scan-head design contributes to an overall copy efficiency in 2:2 mode that, at 83.3%, is the highest for competitive units tested to date. BLI found the unit to be productive in some print tests as well, with the highest duplex print efficiency and one of the highest job stream efficiencies for the group. In addition, BLI field test technicians found the unit's image quality to be competitive overall.

Please note that the following document is based on tests conducted on a Kyocera KM-8030 sold in the United States market. BLI has updated this report to reflect the specifications and features available on the Asia / Pacific version of this model. Although there may be slight differences in features and pricing, both models are manufactured by the same parent company, share many of the same components, and are based upon a common engine.

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