

Affordable Print & Scan!

Lexmark X1270 AIO Color Printer

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It's a tough segment – the printer business that is. With numerous affordable AIO models available in the market, it can be a tricky decision to make as a consumer. Lexmark has thrown their hat into the ring, coming out with the very affordable Lexmark X1270 AIO printer for the home consumer market.

The Lexmark X1270 AIO printer comes in their trademark shape of an upside-down trapezoid. The cover is a glossy white, while the rest of the body is a traditional matte white with the paper input and output tray, base and shortcut keys panel in gray. As this is a basic AIO printer model targeted for the home consumer market, there isn't any memory card reader nor are there any network ports or capabilities.

Lifting the glossy white lid reveals a flatbed scanner, which has a scan resolution of 600 x 1200 DPI though the Lexmark X1270 is capable of scanning at an enhanced resolution of 9600 DPI. Changing inks is just a matter of lifting the upper body of the printer, which the printer will automatically bring the two color and black print heads to view.

In our print benchmark tests, we noted that the Lexmark X1270 did a very good job in printing

black-and-white documents, with sharp-looking texts and dark blacks. Monochrome text printing was also pretty fast with a record of 45 seconds at default settings.

However, we noticed that when printing text documents with a combination of images, print times were noticeably slower. This was the same case when we tried our 25 A4 Page Text and Color benchmark test, which averaged about a minute per page. Colors were bright, but not completely accurate with our test color chart. The black and white colors were depicted accurately though, which reaffirms our belief that the Lexmark X1270 is a natural fit for monochrome printing.

Scan times was good, with full color scans at 300 DPI averaging 33 seconds while grayscale scans of text documents took 11 seconds to be completed. We liked how the flatbed scanner cover lid is flexible enough to accommodate larger books and magazines without the lid sticking out at an angle.

As such, the Lexmark X1270 is more suited for text documents than images, though it does a reasonably good job in printing color images compared to other entry-level printers in this price range. Scan quality and times were also

very good, which makes it useful for scanning something in a jiffy.

All in all, the Lexmark X1270 is a basic AIO printer without the frills, which should benefit consumers who want an everyday AIO printer. This traditional 4-ink color thermal inkjet printer is simple enough to use, and it has all the necessary functions and features for everyday document printing and scanning. And with a price point of RM259, the Lexmark X1270 AIO printer is certainly hard to beat.

SPECIFICATIONS

Type	Print Resolution	Scan Resolution	Ports	Price
Color Inkjet	4800 x 1200 DPI	600 x 1200 DPI	USB 2.0	RM 249

Copy Speed: Up to 15 CPM (black, draft)
Scan Area (maximum): 216 x 297 mm
Duty Cycle (maximum): 2000 pages per month
Standard media size: 10 Envelope, 7 1/2 Envelope, 9 Envelope, A4, A5, B5, Envelope, C5 Envelope, DL Envelope, 6 1/2 Envelope, A2 Baronial, A6 Card, B5, C6 Envelope, Custom (Up to 216 x 432 mm), Hagaki Card, Index Card, Executive, Legal, Letter, 4 x 6", Statement, L, 2L, Chokei 1/4, 40, Kakuqata 3, 4, 5, 6
Ports: USB Compatible with USB 2.0 Specification
Dimensions/Weight: 445 (W) x (D) x 308 (H) mm / 4.4kg
Warranty: One-year
Contact: Digital Paper Sdn Bhd
Telephone: (03) 5569 2002
URL: www.lexmark.com.my

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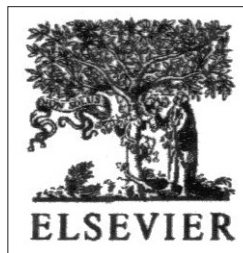
HWM'S VERDICT

Physique: **8.0**
 Features: **8.0**
 Print Speed: **7.5**
 Print Quality: **8.0**
 Value: **9.0**

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Out of 10

This affordable AIO printer is great for monochrome printing and everyday scanning



Slight bleeding in images but text was generally sharp



Good scan quality at 300 DPI

Tests:	Timing (Min:Sec)
600 DPI printing tests (Normal settings)	
5 pages of black text (Word Doc)	00:45
25 pages of text with color graphics (Word Doc)	24:10
8 pages of text with monochrome graphics (PDF)	04:39
1 TrueColor scan (300DPI, 24-bit)	00:33
1 Grayscale scan (300DPI, 256 shades)	00:11

*Timing was calculated from the moment the printer picked up the paper till the paper was released.