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# LEXMARK C500N

**W**ith its roots as a spin-off from IBM, Lexmark is no stranger to the corporate office environment. The C500 is one of Lexmark's latest additions to its Small-Medium Business products, and is competitively priced for a business color printer.

The overall dimensions of the C500 can be considered familiar for an office-use laser printer. Looking like a tall box, the design allows for a smaller footprint than length-wise printers – a boon to SOHO setups where space for office equipment is scarce. The four color toner cartridges are front-loading for convenience, while the photo-developing roller is mounted vertically. Lexmark's High Yield cartridges are rated to last 3,000 pages for color printing and up to 5,000 pages for black; though your results may vary depending on your individual printing habits. For paper, the C500N has a 250-page tray, which can be expanded with an optional 530-sheet cabinet making a total of 780 pages available. Ethernet connectivity also comes standard via the use of the included RJ-45 dongle. A host of network protocols are supported, such as Zero Config and Dynamic DNS which allow easy setup and functionality. Running the C500N is a

200MHz processor and 64MB of built-in memory, which is not upgradeable. Users who routinely run large print jobs might find the C500N taking a little longer to complete the print process.

Printing performance was average for full-color printing at 8 pages per minute. Black and white prints, however, zoomed by at 31 pages per minute. But whether you're printing black or color, what impressed us was the consistently clean and accurate dot placement throughout. Color saturation was also good, showing discernable prints down to 10% saturation. The output resolution of 1,200x600 is pretty much standard for business laser printers these days. The C500N also has a unique feature where via the print driver, the user can set a custom message to display on the LCD display. Perhaps, "Don't touch my prints!" may be useful in a multiuser office environment, unless of course, your boss doesn't appreciate such displays of office humor.

While not particular fast in color prints, the Lexmark is plenty fast for everyday office documents and the occasional color-charted pages. Useful network connectivity and good looking prints make strong points for the C500N despite being marketed for price-conscious businesses.

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