



2006 Pick of the Year

Outstanding Large Workgroup Monochrome Multifunction Printer, Spring 2006



Lexmark X854e MFP



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The Lexmark X854e MFP has earned a Spring 2006 BLI "Pick of the Year" award for "Outstanding Large Workgroup Monochrome Multifunction Printer." Proving to be highly reliable, the X854e MFP provided an impressive performance in BLI's two-month evaluation, completing a 150,000-impression durability test without a single service call or misfeed.

Targeted to large workgroups in need of a high-volume device, the Lexmark X854e MFP, which supports up to tabloid-size output, offers monochrome copy, fax and network print functionality, as well as color and monochrome scanning, in its standard configuration. Equipped with an integrated A3 flatbed scanner, 75-page ADF and 10/100BaseTX Ethernet interface, this multifunction printer has a paper capacity of 3,100 sheets (upgradeable to 5,100 sheets) and offers an optional 3,500-sheet finisher, included on BLI's test unit, which provides stapling, hole punching and offset stacking.

The X854e MFP also offers very good output quality and excellent multitasking capabilities, with users able to program multiple copy jobs, limited only by memory capacity, while another copy or print job is in progress. Offering excellent overall ease of use, the X854e MFP features a well-designed color touch-screen control panel that makes use of the copy, scan to e-mail and fax functions very intuitive. The X854e also provides copy functionality normally not found on printer-based devices, such as job build, a job interrupt key and paper-size sensing to automatically copy mixed-size originals onto the correct size paper.

"The Lexmark X854e is a highly reliable workhorse that provides users with standard print, copy, fax and scan functionality at a much lower acquisition cost than competitive copier-based devices," said BLI Senior Printer Analyst Marlene Orr. "The control panel design, with its large customizable color touch screen, is the best we've seen on printer-based multifunction products to date. This design is very intuitive to use for walk-up functions and the convenient USB flash drive on the control panel allows users to scan and print files without a PC."

The X854e can also be enhanced with Lexmark's new Embedded Solutions Framework (eSF), which is a platform that allows for the development of Java-based applications to run embedded on

Lexmark MFPs. In many cases, the Lexmark eSF eliminates the need for a server to run customized software applications. Customers in large enterprise environments will benefit from this new scalable architecture because Lexmark's eSF allows solutions to expand as more devices are added without the need for additional servers.

"Lexmark has taken its already strong security offerings to the next level with the X854e MFP," said BLI's Orr. "With encryption, authentication, the ability to disable various functions and to set up accounts using MarkVision to restrict access to various functions, its offering of security features is very impressive."

At \$16,999, the X854e is priced more than \$1,000 lower than the average for competitive multifunction printers and its supplies cost per page is the lowest of models in this class tested to date. The Lexmark X854e MFP is highly recommended by BLI for large workgroups requiring monochrome printing, copying, faxing and color scanning for monthly print volumes of up to 85,000 impressions.

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, multi-tasking 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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