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Lexmark T640dn

*Outstanding Mid-Size Workgroup Printer,
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An ideal choice for mid-size workgroups, the Lexmark T640dn has earned a Fall 2005 "Pick of the Year" award for "Outstanding Mid-Size Workgroup Printer." The T640dn, which accommodates up to legal-size paper, provides very good quality output at a competitive price. Also proving to be highly reliable, the Lexmark T640dn completed its 100,000-impression test with no misfeeds logged and no service calls required.

"The Lexmark T640dn zipped through all of the complex file types we use in our test suite," said Senior Printer Analyst Marlene Orr. "Not only does this printer offer fast first-page-out times, but it also gives users an easy-to-use control panel equipped with a convenient USB port for direct printing of files saved on a USB thumb drive."

Ease of use is enhanced by Lexmark's recently redesigned control panel, which consists of a four-line text and graphical display; intuitive navigation buttons; and a numeric keypad, which greatly simplifies entering PIN numbers for confidential printing. The display provides graphical help messages that instruct users how to change consumables and remove misfeeds. It also has a job cancel button that allows user to select a specific job to cancel while leaving others in the queue. Further enhancing ease of use is the very good feedback provided by MarkVision Professional and the status window utility of the print driver.

Also providing very good image quality, the T640dn produced text that was crisp and cleanly formed, with very minimal toner spray. In addition, lines forming the circumference of circles were of



consistent line weight, with no evidence of drop-out, and diagonal lines were smooth and well-formed, with no signs of stair-stepping.

With an estimated street price of \$1,249, the competitively priced T640dn offers a cost

per page that is competitive with tested printers in this class. The Lexmark T640dn is highly recommended by BLI for mid-size to large workgroups with monthly print volumes of up to 15,000 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, 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 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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