

Lexmark CS510 Series

Outstanding A4 Colour Laser Printer for Small Workgroups



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“The Lexmark CS510de highly reliable and easy to use,” said BLI Associate Editor Carl Schell. With Lexmark embedded Solutions Framework, ‘green’ features and, in Lexmark Markvision Enterprise, access controls, organizations have the tools to help them expand functionality and reduce the bottom line even more. For these reasons and many others, the Lexmark CS510 Series has won the BLI Summer 2013 “Pick” for “Outstanding A4 Colour Laser Printer for Small Workgroups,” based on the performance of the aforementioned “de” configuration.

In a traditional sense the Lexmark CS510de gave a very nice showing. Said BLI Senior Test Technician Tony Maceri, “The unit provides image quality that’s ideal for internal presentations and short-run marketing materials. It recorded fast first-print times from overnight sleep and ready mode, too, so it’s clear that it can keep up with the demands of small workgroups.” A high RAM capacity and an optional 160+-GB hard drive, along with the customizable Lexmark e-Task interface, which has an intuitive flash-enhanced menu system that makes viewing and printing jobs at the control panel easy, add to the package.

But the Lexmark CS510 Series doesn’t stop there. The open platform enables organizations to download time- and money-saving software (there are some preinstalled solutions) developed by the manufacturer or third parties, to be run on the display. Support for printing from smartphones and tablets is important in today’s mobile business world, while administrators will appreciate compatibility with the Lexmark Universal Print Driver (streamlines driver deployment) and Markvision Enterprise (for management of a fleet of mixed hardware and to limit/prohibit, among other things, colour usage). On the environmental front, standard automatic duplexing contributes to less paper waste, toner-save mode extends the life of the toner cartridges and, according to the manufacturer, Eco-mode reduces power consumption—all of these help lower TCO. Two additional strong features are print from USB and the Lexmark Coverage Estimator, which informs users of the amount/percentage of toner coverage on printed pages.

“Amazing value, that’s just another thing this series delivers in spades,” Schell said. “From a great performance in testing to a stellar feature set, Lexmark certainly has packed a lot of power and functionality into these two desktop printers.”

“Lexmark’s CS510 colour laser printer family offers numerous enterprise-level capabilities with robustness and quality that Lexmark has brought down through its product lines to reach small and medium-sized workgroups—all in a compact footprint,” said Marty Canning, Lexmark executive vice president and president of Imaging Solutions and Services. In addition, the colour output and colour-matching capabilities for an A4 product like this are unparalleled in the industry. We are pleased to have the Lexmark CS510 Series honoured with this ‘Pick’ award distinction from BLI.”

BLI highly recommends the Lexmark CS510de for environments with monthly volumes of up to 5,000 impressions. The other device in the family, the Lexmark CS510dte, is identical to its sibling except that it has a standard paper capacity of 900 sheets (the “de” configuration’s is 250 sheets).

About BLI Pick Awards

Twice a year with its “Pick” 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. The evaluation includes an extensive durability test, during a portion of which each unit is run at the manufacturer’s maximum duty cycle. BLI’s durability test is unique among office product evaluations and uniquely qualifies BLI to assess reliability, a critical factor for buyers and IT directors.

Other performance attributes evaluated include ease of use, media handling, productivity and value, among others. Each product that successfully passes BLI’s lab test earns BLI’s “Recommended” or “Highly Recommended” seal and a BLI “Certificate of Reliability” and the best performers qualify as “Pick” contenders. Consequently, a BLI “Pick” is a hard-earned award that buyers and IT directors can trust to better guide them in their acquisition decisions.

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