

Canon
imageRUNNER ADVANCE Series
Outstanding Achievement in Scanning

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As softcopy and hardcopy convergence continues to be a mission-critical workflow for companies, Canon has raised the bar in the feature set it offers for scanning on its new imageRUNNER ADVANCE MFP range.

To its already impressive offering that includes searchable PDF creation, personal digital signature attachment and compact PDF file sizes smaller than that of most competing units, Canon has added true Adobe PDF into the scanning architecture of its devices. The first MFP vendor to adopt true Adobe PDF, Canon is now able to offer a selection of new scanning features not available on competing vendors' devices, which utilize open architecture PDF technology. These features include direct integration with Adobe Policy Rights Management Server and the addition of Reader Extension Rights. As a result, recipients of a file scanned from a Canon imageRUNNER ADVANCE model receive a much more valuable document than the image file sent from other MFPs—one that can not only be read but edited and annotated with "sticky notes."

Canon has also introduced for the first time on an MFP the ability to convert scan files into Office Open XML (OOXML) files, which can be opened directly into Microsoft Office (currently limited to PowerPoint 2007). Further, Canon has introduced specific low cost direct scan integration module options that allow direct touch-screen integration into Microsoft SharePoint and its own imageWARE Document Manager document management application without the need to purchase additional third-party or other costly generic scan-routing applications.

"All this additional scanning capability is backed up by a new 300-sheet single pass duplexing document feeder and exceptional scan speeds throughout the line that surpass rival units by a considerable margin," said Sweetnam.

"Canon has developed and delivered several monumental technology innovations over the years, and the imageRUNNER ADVANCE Series is no exception," said Sam Yoshida, Vice President and General Manager, Imaging Systems Group, Canon U.S.A. "The Outstanding Achievement Award from Buyers Lab underscores our commitment to delivering innovations that are easy to use and help increase productivity through greater efficiency and simplified workflow."

About BLI's Picks

Twice a year with its "Pick" and "Outstanding Achievement" awards, BLI gives special recognition in each category to those products that provided the most outstanding performances in BLI's exhaustive lab tests, as well as to products and capabilities that stand out for their innovation, usefulness or value.

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 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" is a hard-earned award that buyers and IT directors can trust to better guide them in their acquisition decisions.

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