



2006 Pick of the Year

*Outstanding Mid-Size Workgroup Desktop
Monochrome Multifunction Printer, Fall 2006*



Lexmark X642e MFP



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An outstanding performer with the lowest price of competitive models, the Lexmark X642e MFP has received a BLI Fall 2006 "Pick of the Year" award for "Outstanding Mid-Size Workgroup Desktop Monochrome Multifunction Printer." Earning high marks across the board in BLI's rigorous battery of lab tests, the X642e offers excellent ease of use and very good output quality and multitasking capabilities.

Designed for users in organizations ranging from small offices to large enterprises, this legal-size multifunction printer offers monochrome copy, fax and network print functionality, as well as color and monochrome scanning, in its standard configuration. In addition to demonstrating excellent reliability, completing a two-month, 100,000-impression durability test without experiencing a single misfeed or requiring a service call, this 45-ppm model, which is equipped with a 50-sheet document feeder and a legal-size flatbed scanner, also proved to be a productive unit. In fact, it earned above-average marks in all the print and copy efficiency tests.

"The X642e represents a lower-cost alternative for mid-size workgroups looking for an entry-level device," said BLI Senior Printer Analyst Marlene Orr. "At \$1,499, the X642e is the lowest-priced multifunction printer in this speed range, making it a very good value. What's more, despite its low price, the X642e includes higher-level features and functionality, as well as Lexmark's outstanding management software, solutions and security."

The X642e features an easy-to-use monochrome touch-screen eTask interface, which can be customized to simplify complicated business processes with the touch of an icon. Like other Lexmark products, the X642e supports direct printing of files from a USB flash drive using the USB interface on the operator panel. Users can also scan a document and save it to a USB Flash drive. For security reasons, administrators can use MarkVision Professional to disable printing from or scanning to the USB drive.

The unit also includes additional security features not typically found on devices in this price range. For example, an administrator can set up user and/or group accounts to limit access to the control panel, status utility, fax and other device settings using MarkVision Professional. In addition, IPSec, which can be set up between the MFP and up to five hosts, protects network communications over the

IP protocol via encryption. The Lexmark X642e MFP also offers Confidential Printing with enhanced personal ID number (up to 10 digits) management, including lockout, job expiration and invalid PIN protection. After the job is printed, the printer deletes the job from the printer memory. The administrator can also lock or disable certain operator panel menus to prevent users from making unauthorized changes to device configuration.

"Customers of all sizes—from small office users to large enterprise workgroups—are asking for simple printing solutions to save them time and money," said Paul Rooke, Lexmark executive vice president and president of its Printing Solutions and Services Division. "The Lexmark X642e brings big-business functionality to a manageable MFP solution for workgroups with smaller budgets as a part of Lexmark's wide range of solutions to meet the varying needs of our customers."

A very strong value, the Lexmark X642e MFP is highly recommended by BLI for mid-size workgroups with monthly print volumes of up to 30,000 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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