



2007 Pick of the Year

*Outstanding Entry-Level Sheet-Fed
Workgroup Scanner, Spring 2007*



Xerox DocuMate 152



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A Spring 2007 BLI “Pick of the Year” award has been given to the Xerox DocuMate 152 based on its excellent reliability and overall ease of use at a very low price of \$595. “This model makes it very easy for companies to bring scanning into their business workflows—in terms of its incredibly low price and excellent ease of use,” said BLI Associate Editor George Mikolay.

BLI Test Technician Joe Ellerman noted that the DocuMate 152 stands out from the crowd in clearly walking users through the installation process. Also contributing to the unit’s excellent overall ease of use are its nine customizable “One Touch” button settings that enable quick and convenient scanning from the control panel. The buttons are pre-configured with the most popular scanning requirements and the average user will be able to use the buttons immediately after installation without training or further configuration. The model’s control panel also features dedicated “Simplex” and “Duplex” hard keys, which BLI test technicians found to be convenient. Ease of user maintenance is outstanding, as the feed rollers are expected to last the life of the device. The ADF pad is the only component that requires replacement, and a replacement ADF pad ships with the unit. Replacing it is very simple.

The device proved to be highly reliable, scanning 7,500 pages in BLI’s tests with just two misfeeds occurring. With a speed of 15 pages a minute (or 30 images a minute for two-sided documents), the DocuMate 152 is also integrated with Kofax VRS 4.1 Basic technology, which offers an array of image enhancement features to improve OCR performance.

BLI highly recommends the DocuMate 152, which has a maximum daily duty cycle of 1,500 scans, for users with either letter- or legal-size scanning needs.

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 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. In the case of document scanners, performance attributes evaluated include reliability, image processing features, ease of use, media handling, productivity, file size 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 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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