

Canon imagePROGRAF iPF785 MFP M40

Outstanding 36"/914-mm Colour Wide Format
Technical MFP



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BLI's 2015 Pick award for Outstanding 36"/914-mm Colour Wide Format Technical MFP goes to the Canon imagePROGRAF iPF785 MFP M40 for its exemplary performance in BLI's extensive lab test. This five-colour unit, which combines the imagePROGRAF iPF785 printer with a 1016-mm colour scanner, earned BLI's Highly Recommended rating and very good or excellent ratings in nearly all tested categories. "This unit's flawless reliability, very good image quality and stand-out productivity make it an ideal choice for organizations in need of a wide format technical MFP," said David Sweetnam, head of BLI's European Research and Lab Services.

Most noteworthy, the unit's productivity was above average across the board in BLI's tests—and significantly so when printing BLI's wide format job stream. In printing this multi-file suite, which simulates use of a shared device by multiple users at busy times of the day, the iPF785 MFP M40 proved much faster than average. Colour scan speeds, too, were above average at all resolutions and the fastest of models tested at 200- and 300-dpi resolution.

And further contributing to the iPF785 MFP M40's selection as a Pick is its impressive ease of use. Its large, 559-mm touch screen, which is used in conjunction with SmartWorks MFP software, greatly simplifies copy and scan operations versus competitive models— but this is just one of many design details that will help operators. Others include Canon's iPF Direct Print & Share utility, which enables intuitive scanning to and retrieval of files from the cloud, eliminating the need for time-consuming and restrictive methods of sharing files; step-by-step instructions on the control panel for common procedures, such as loading paper; and the ability to initiate maintenance procedures such as nozzle checks not just from the control panel but also from the desktop. This single-roll unit also boasts

an excellent feature set and excellent paper handling that includes support for a wide range of media types plus the ability to add new media types, with users able to customize up to 13 device settings for each type. Plus, the unit's well-designed output tray can be positioned as a stacker to enable neat collection of up to 30 A1 prints. Further, thanks to Canon's unique sub-ink tank system, an operator can replace an ink tank on the fly without interrupting a job in progress. Highlights of the unit's image quality, which was very good overall even in copy mode, include neutral grey half-tone fill and excellent halftone range in print mode, and dark solids in both modes.

Two other Canon wide format devices also received 2015 Picks in their respective categories.

"Canon works very passionately to make the imagePROGRAF range of large format printers the highest quality and most reliable on the market," said Yuichi Miyano, director of Canon Europe's Wide Format Printing Group. "The details of the reports from BLI are very important to us as they show where Canon is achieving its goals and also where our devices can be further improved. It is a sign of our commitment that three of our devices have won BLI Pick awards and we will continue with our innovation and investment to make sure we continue this success in the future."

About BLI Pick Awards

With its Pick awards, which are announced once a year for wide format devices, 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 that 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 image quality, 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 award 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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