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## DOCUMENT IMAGING PRODUCTS 2005: BLI'S PICKS OF THE YEAR

### Xerox CopyCentre/WorkCentre/ WorkCentre Pro 128

*Outstanding Segment 2 Multifunctional  
Imaging System, Spring 2005*

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The Xerox WorkCentre Pro 128 has been named a Spring 2005 "Pick of the Year" for "Outstanding Segment 2 Multifunctional Imaging System" because of its strong reliability and excellent ease of use and multitasking capabilities. This 28-ppm model, which was tested with the standard PCL and PostScript drivers, proved to be highly reliable, completing a 185,000-impression durability test requiring just one service call and misfeeding nine times for a misfeed rate of one per 20,555 impressions.

"It's unusual to find a product in this segment with such exceptional multitasking capabilities," noted Pete Emory, BLI's manager of lab testing. The WorkCentre Pro 128 allows users to program a virtually unlimited number of copy jobs while another copy job or a print job is in progress, with the number of jobs limited only by memory capacity. "Other models in this range are usually limited to a set number of jobs that can be programmed ahead," noted Emory.

BLI technicians also gave high marks to the WorkCentre Pro 128 for its ease of use. For example, network setup for the PCL driver is very simple because the procedures are highly automated—the CD auto launches, the device auto detects the IP address (which the administrator then selects) and the port for network printing is automatically created. Furthermore, configured accessories are automatically detected with both the PCL and PostScript drivers.

Also noteworthy is the WorkCentre Pro 128's very good overall productivity. The unit's performance in BLI's job stream evaluation is among the best for units tested, while its first-print-out times when using the PCL driver are among the fastest for the Word, TIFF, PowerPoint and PDF file formats. Also worthy of mention is this model's output quality, which was excellent overall in copy mode and very good overall in print mode.



**Xerox WorkCentre PRO 128**

The WorkCentre Pro 128's scan function also merits note. In addition to supporting network authentication, which requires users to log in with their network user name and password in order to access scan, e-mail or server fax functions, the WorkCentre Pro 128 comes bundled with Scan to PC Desktop, which features Image Retriever, a software program that automates the retrieval of scanned images so that they are waiting for users at their desktops when they get back to their PC.

Priced competitively at \$10,900, the WorkCentre Pro 128 provides not only standard copy, scan and net-

work print capabilities, but also standard fax functionality. An outstanding overall performer offering a good feature set, including standard duplexing (copying, printing and faxing), the WorkCentre Pro 128 is highly recommended by BLI for offices in need of a multifunctional product for producing monthly output volumes of up to 50,000 impressions. Note that this model is also offered in two other configurations, the copier-only CopyCentre C128 (\$6,665) and the WorkCentre M128 (\$6,335), which features standard copying and network printing and can be upgraded to include walk-up and network fax functions.

### ***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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