



Konica Minolta bizhub 423

**Outstanding 41- to 50-ppm A3/Ledger
Monochrome MFP**



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A highly impressive overall performer, the 42-ppm Konica Minolta bizhub 423 has earned a Winter 2011 BLI "Pick" award for "Outstanding 41- to 50-ppm A3/Ledger Monochrome MFP."

"The bizhub 423 demonstrated the tried-and-true capabilities we have come to expect from Konica Minolta—reliability, productivity and very good image quality—and clearly distinguish the model from the pack in its speed range," said George Mikolay, senior product editor, A3/Copier MFPs.

The bizhub 423 demonstrated near-flawless reliability over the course of its 150,000-impression durability test. In addition, rated drum life exceeded its yield in testing, as did toner yield by approximately 3,000 impressions. The toner-impressions-per-gram yield is also among the highest of the group. A toner supply gauge and job queue display conveniently located right on the main control panel screen means that users do not need to navigate through additional screens and menus to access device status information. Add it all up, and users are looking at a device that can be counted on day in and day out to perform reliably in the rigors of the office environment.

Outstanding print productivity and very good image quality are other hallmarks of the device. The bizhub 423's efficiency when printing BLI's job stream from the PCL driver was among the highest of the group, meaning that the device should be productive when put in real-world office environments which entail multiple users sending multiple types of jobs to the device at once. Plus, efficiency when printing sets in duplex mode is the second highest of the group, which is crucial as users attempt to lower running costs and improve environmental friendliness. In print mode, text, line art and halftones earned very good marks. Text is fully formed and dark, fine lines are distinct and consistent and halftones are smooth and visible over a very good range with distinct separation between levels.

Security features are robust, including standard hard drive overwriting. With the MyTab feature, a Spring 2009 BLI "Outstanding Achievement" winner, commonly used print job selections can be saved on the main tab of the driver, which can be different for each user. As all required features can be viewed at a glance, this capability allows users to take full advantage of the driver feature set with less risk of errors. In addition to the excellent overall print drivers, other strong network connectivity attributes of the device include the ability to install multiple drivers on multiple devices in one installation instead of having to start over for each device.

The bizhub 423's scan functionality is also robust. In addition to support for both black-and-white and color scanning, the device supports not only encrypted PDF for safe scanning but also searchable PDF, which enables users to more easily find information in their scanned files. Scan to/print from USB functionality is standard, and users can also scan to multiple types of destinations in a single session.

With a base price of \$11,126, the bizhub 423 is priced well below the average of the group when comparably configured, and offers a strong overall feature set, including high memory and hard drive capacities and an above-average bypass capacity. In addition, modular finishing allows users to easily and affordably upgrade to more robust finishing capabilities, including saddle-stitching for booklets up to 60 pages. Third-party software developers can also integrate their document management and cost accounting solutions with the device via bizhub Extended Solution Technology (bEST).

"The 'Pick' awards from BLI showcase the implementation of our global mission that customers can count on Konica Minolta for their entire gamut of printing solutions including our line of Monochrome Office MFPs," said Kevin Kern, senior vice president, marketing, Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc. "Based on the cumulative test results in BLI's rigorous laboratory evaluations, we understand Konica Minolta has won more A3 'Picks' than any other vendor. We take great pride in this global achievement, and will not rest on our laurels as we prepare for the future additions to our award-winning product line."

The Konica Minolta bizhub 423 is highly recommended for an optimum monthly volume of 26,500 impressions.

About BLI's Picks

Twice a year with its "Pick" 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. The evaluation includes an extensive durability test, during a portion of which each unit is run at the manufacturer's maximum duty cycle. BLI's durability test 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 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" is a hard-earned award that buyers and IT directors can trust to better guide them in their acquisition decisions.

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