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Xerox Phaser 6180MFP/N Xerox Phaser 6180MFP/D

Laser

Print at 31ppm black, 20ppm color

Sum-up: Small-workgroup models with good features at very affordable prices.

The Phaser 6180MFP/N and 6180MFP/D are based on Xerox's Phaser 6180 printers. In addition to copy, print, scan, and fax functions, these color models offer good speed, network connectivity, and reasonable paper handling. Even more impressive is the reasonable \$999 price for the 6180MFP/N, and \$1,149 for the 6180MFP/D.

These machines print at 31ppm in blackand-white and 20ppm in color, very good speeds for the price. Copy speeds are slower, at 7ppm in color and 20ppm in black. They are powered by a 400MHz processor and start with 384MB of memory. You can add to the memory, up to a full gigabyte. Xerox rates these models for up to 60,000 pages per month.

Ethernet, USB, and parallel connectivity are all standard on both models. Xerox offers an optional Wi-Fi adapter box as well. PostScript and PCL printing are standard.

These units come with a 50-sheet document feeder. Both network scanning and scan-toemail are supported.

The fax function is based on a 33.6kbps modem. LAN fax is supported.

Paper handling starts with a 150-sheet multipurpose bypass tray and a 250-sheet standard drawer. You can add an optional 550sheet tray (\$399) for a total of 950 pages of input. All three input feeds handle up to 80lb. cover stock, which is heavier stock than 110lb. index. Duplexing, as noted above is optional on the 6180MFP/N, standard on the 6180MFP/D. The output tray holds up to 300 sheets.

Per-page costs run at 2.4¢ for black-andwhite and 12.2¢ for color. That's not cheap, but in the price range of these MFPs, that's pretty reasonable. The use of Xerox's organically grown EA toner is also a plus for a machine in this class.

These MFPs are a strong combination of print speed, solid functions, low sticker price, and reasonable cost per page, with enough paper handling for the day-to-day work of a small office or a small workgroup. All this earns these Phaser 6180 models our Editor's Choice Award.



Xerox Phaser 6180MFP family - Small-workgroup models with good features at very affordable prices.

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Vendor Profile

Xerox was a leader in the laser printer multifunctional arena until a few years ago. But it dropped its products and exited the market as the company tried to focus on more profitable areas. That effort was a success, and Xerox has gone from near-bankruptcy to profitability and stability.

Over the past few years, Xerox has started reintroducing printer-based multifunctionals to complement its large line of copier-based multifunctionals. These newer machines, under the WorkCentre brand, are based on Samsung originals. In addition, a few small Samsung-derived copier-based machines are used to offer a full range of solutions for Xerox's biggest customers. The models come with different software from that of the Samsung originals.

The most interesting product in Xerox's product line is its solid ink jet-based color multifunctionals in the new Phaser 8560MFP family. Competitively priced, they are among the more affordable of the new color laser-quality multifunctionals on the market.

Xerox multifunctionals are sold both through direct sales and copier dealers.

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