

2006 Pick of the Year

Outstanding Mid-Size Workgroup Console Monochrome Multifunction Printer, Fall 2006

Xerox WorkCentre 4150xf





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For exceptional ease of use that sets a new standard for multifunction printers, the Xerox WorkCentre 4150xf has been recognized with a BLI Fall 2006 "Pick of the Year" award for "Outstanding Mid-Size Workgroup Console Monochrome Multifunction Printer." A very compact model that supports up to legal-size originals and output, the WorkCentre 4150xf gives customers copy, network print, color scanning and fax functionality at a fraction of the cost of similar-speed copier-based multifunction products. Reliability is another strength of this model, which completed a 200,000-impression durability test without a single service call and only four misfeeds. The WorkCentre 4150xf also offers very good print quality and good productivity.

Said Pete Emory, manager of laboratory testing for BLI, "The Xerox WorkCentre 4150xf is an impressive achievement. It features the same very well-designed control panel offered throughout the company's line of copier-based multifunctional products, and with its modular design and automated installation procedures, it offers considerable ease of setup."

The default screen can be set to the "All Services" screen, which enables users to select from copy, scan or fax functions, or one of the other screens. The copy screen enables programming of most of the features required for typical copy jobs—including duplexing, stapling, paper drawers and reduction and enlargement—eliminating the need to access sub-menus. Detailed job status information on all types of jobs, as well as a wide range of meter count information, and device information, such as consumables gauges, is available at the control panel. Moreover, the control panel graphically displays the status of scan jobs, indicating when pages are being scanned, the document is being transferred and when the scan is complete.

"Borrowing from Xerox's experience in the copier world, the WorkCentre 4150xf includes some features not typically found on multifunction printers," said Marlene Orr, senior printer analyst for BLI. "While with most printer-based products, the job queue is held on the network, with the 4150xf, the queue can be viewed at the control panel and priority jobs—print or copy—can be moved up in the queue. Another unique feature, the unit's 'print-around' capability boosts productivity by skipping over problem jobs in the queue, allowing the next job in line to be output." For example, if a legal-size job

is sent to the device and the drawer contains letter-size paper, the problem job will be held, allowing other jobs that can be completed to be printed; once the correct paper has been loaded, the held job will be printed.

"The WorkCentre 4150 multifunction printer was designed to provide customers an affordable, easyto-use device with true multitasking capabilities for workgroups," said David Bates, vice president of product marketing, Xerox Office Group. "We are honored to receive a 'Pick of the Year' award for the WorkCentre 4150. This recognition reinforces Xerox's position as a leader in multifunction printing."

The WorkCentre 4150xf (\$4,999, estimated retail price) is highly recommended by BLI for users in need of a legal-size multifunctional product for monthly volumes of up to 30,000 impressions.

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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