

# Simple To Use Elegant Printer

Lexmark C500n

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The Lexmark C500n is the company's answer to the color laser printer market. In comparison to other color laser printers of its class, it takes up little space, seems light and delivers excellent printing for both documents as well as graphics. At first glance, the Lexmark C500n is simple and elegant, both in design as well as function. Despite its 29 kilogram weight, the C500n is surprisingly light. The weight distribution is so good that it feels a bit lighter than your average color laser printer, and it also takes up less space.

The C500n's construction is very sturdy with almost no flimsy parts. The controls are no nonsense, with no labels at all beyond fairly intuitive icons for each function. There is the standard cancel, left, right and menu buttons. The menu button is multifunctional, acting to call up the menu as well as to resume printing. The 2-line LED display above the controls provides just enough information to get by with a red LED which lights up for errors. The top opens up, for a virtually painless toner head cartridge installation. The front opens to reveal a simple yet effective shelf like design for the color cartridges as well as the detachable toner waste bottle. The 250 sheet paper tray at the bottom is adjustable for various

document sizes. The C500n can also be installed with a 530 sheet optional paper tray.

The printer connects through USB2.0 as well as a standard Ethernet network port. It takes about 30 seconds or less to warm up and finish calibrating. Installation was painless for the PC as well as the Mac. It comes bundled with all the appropriate cables from the USB printer cable to the Ethernet connector adaptor.

Performance wise, the Lexmark C500n works fairly well despite only having a 1200 x 600 DPI capability for both color as well as black and white printing. Text was crisp and clear and the C500n printed documents about 10 seconds faster than its competitors. What really caught our eye was the amount of detail in quality in the graphic printing. Even the black and white printing resulted in glossy photograph quality prints on A4 paper. The color laser printing did have some banding but it was almost unnoticeable unless you really look for it. Printing noise was more or less the same as a normal laser printer.

The C500n comes prepacked with drivers, manual, guide and cables. Other normal sized

documentation such as transparencies, envelopes and labels can also be printed as long as you don't need to print flashcard size stuff.

Overall the Lexmark C500n is a compact, seemingly light, space-saving laser color printer that provides glossy photo paper quality text, graphics and photos. The shelf front loading design makes maintenance a breeze. The lower specifications still deliver excellent prints for both color and black and white at exceptional speeds.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Color	A4 to Legal	1200 x 600 DPI	USB2.0, Network (optional)	RM 1499
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**Resolution:** 1200 x 600 DPI  
**Paper Tray Size:** A4, B5, A5, Legal, Letter, Executive, Envelope DL, Envelope CDM10, Envelope CS, Envelope Monarch, Envelope B5, Index Card, Custom Paper Size (width 76.2 to 215.9 mm, length 127.0 to 355.6 mm)  
**Paper Tray Capacity:** 250 sheets at 64g/m<sup>2</sup>, optional 530 sheet tray at 64 g/m<sup>2</sup>  
**Print Cartridge Yield:** 2500 pages (Black), 2000 pages (Color)  
**OS Support:** Windows 98, ME, XP, x64, NT 4, 2000, Mac OS 9.2, 10.2  
**Dimensions/Weight:** 385 (H) x 480 (W) x 420 (D) mm / 29kg  
**Warranty:** One-year on site  
**Contact:** Digital Paper Sdn Bhd  
**Telephone:** (03) 5569 2002  
**URL:** www.lexmark.com.my

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## HWM'S VERDICT

Physique: **8.5**  
Features: **8.5**  
Print Speed: **8.0**  
Print Quality: **8.5**  
Value: **8.0**

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Out of 10

Good and compact color laser printer for the space conscious masses



Our Elsevier printout looked as good as we've ever seen



You get good color printouts at fast speeds to boot

Tests:	Timing (Min:Sec)
600 DPI printing tests (Normal settings)	
25 pages of text with color graphics (Doc)	03:17
25 pages of text (Doc)	02:38
25 pages of B&W text with graphics (Doc)	03:05
8 pages of text with monochrome graphics (PDF)	00:50

\* Timing was calculated from the moment the printer picked up the paper till the paper was released