

LEXMARK X8350

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At first glance, it's obvious that the Lexmark X8350 is more of a business machine rather than just a photo printer with extra features. With memory card slots and PictBridge connectivity for direct photo

prints from flash memory cards, colour preview LCD, flatbed colour scanner and built-in copy and fax capabilities, this is more of an all-in-one printer. Connectivity to your PC is provided by USB, with the

option to add on Ethernet or 802.11g connectivity, but at added cost.

Installation was mostly hassle free, but took more than a couple of minutes to complete, thanks to the multitude of software and applications that the CD dumps into your system along with the printer drivers.

Where print quality is concerned, everything looks fine when looked at on its own, but when compared to the other printouts from the other printers, it immediately became obvious that there was a strong yellowish cast over everything, except for white. Everything was reasonably sharp, but the undersaturation was simply the biggest flaw. If anything, the Lexmark X8350's saving grace

has to be its mono print speed, topping out at 22PPM. The A4 and 6"x4" borderless prints both managed six minutes 39 seconds and two minutes 42 seconds respectively – not exactly the fastest in the group, but also just slightly ahead of the slowest printer tested.

Overall, the Lexmark X8350 might find its niche for office use where the print speed might come in handy. As a photo printer however, we'd go with any of the other printers tested, just not with this one.

