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SUMMARY: A low cost monochrome printer that's great for printing documents and it receives our Editor's Choice Award for speed and price
PRICE: \$149



There are usually a couple of concerns that come about when you are contemplating the purchase of a laser printer for a work area, small office or home. Either they cost too much or you have concerns about the performance of a low cost unit. The Lexmark E120n Laser Printer offers the performance of competitive models that normally cost twice as much and it wins our Editor's Choice Award for speed and price.

Most printers that are priced under \$150 usually have some sort of limitations whether it's the speed, resolution or necessary add-ons. We were impressed with the 600x600dpi resolution of the printed product and can hardly tell any differences in text printing when comparing to more expensive models. If you need a monochrome printer for the production of documents with line art we think you'll like the quality that it provides. Graphics on the other hand does show some moire patterns, however we should mention that this is not uncommon for 600dpi printers as a whole.

At times, low cost monochrome laser printers are limited when it comes to the speed of producing a document. The Lexmark E120n Laser Printer pro-

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duced an average of 17-pages per minute with a moderately busy text page when we tested it in our lab. A full page of six-point font text was slightly lower but still acceptable for this type of document production. Adding line art to the document slowed it down a bit further but the biggest hit will be noticed when you add graphics which slowed it down to around 8 ppm in our lab. We

connect to the E120n through a standard high speed USB 2.0 port however we found it quite easy to install and configure into a network using the printer's 10/100Base-T Ethernet connection.

The Lexmark E120n Monochrome Laser Printer is an excellent choice if you're looking for this type of printer and it is definitely affordable with an internet price of \$126 from several online reseller locations. Technical specifications are available on the company's web site at www.lexmark.com.



were impressed with font production on the printed documents and found it easy to read fonts down to the 4-point size. The printer's maximum 16MB buffer assists in the performance of this Lexmark product.

Other features of the Lexmark E120n Laser Printer include a 150-sheet input tray, a 50-sheet output tray and a 15-sheet priority feeder that can be used for printing on envelopes, paper labels, transparencies and card stock. There are no optional trays that are available for purchase with this laser printer. The printer comes with drivers for the Windows 98SE+ and Macintosh OS 9.x and above. You can

