

Top 10 Color Laser Printers

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Oki Data Oki C7200n 87 11.9/2.3 Excellent/
Good

FEATURES: Rated 20 ppm monochrome/12 ppm color. Standard 64MB of RAM, 1200-by-600-dpi maximum resolution, 530 sheets input, 500 output. **SUMMARY:** This LED model ranks among the faster printers on the chart, especially for graphics. Text quality is impressive too, with thick, dark letters, though colors appear too bright. Price has dropped by \$46 since April.

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WHAT'S HOT: Another new color laser prints fast enough to replace its monochrome brethren. Oki Data's Oki C7200n, based on the same LED engine as the Xerox Phaser 1235 that we tested for the March 2001 issue, plows through monochrome text at 11.9 pages per minute. (Color graphics print at 2.3 pages per minute--fast compared with other color printers.) The faster text speed is more than an incremental improvement: It makes opting for a color model feasible in busy offices that can't afford to let work back up inside a poky printer. It also prints very nice black text that rivals a monochrome laser.

Paper runs through the Oki C7200n in a straight path that is completely exposed when you pop the lid open, so if a page jams it will be easy to clear. And the driver lets you print color separations or send password-protected documents that wait in memory until you enter a code at the printer's control panel.

WHAT ELSE: You can expand the paper-handling capabilities by adding one or two 530-sheet paper feeders and a duplexer. Oki Data provides a spiral-bound reference guide printed on heavy stock that is designed to stay with the printer, so if you run into mechanical problems--a paper jam, for example--the information you need is right at hand.

BEST USE: The C7200n's speed should be welcome in an office that has an occasional need for color and a frequent need for ordinary text documents. We are hoping to see revised drivers or firmware that will improve the color quality.

Buying Information

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Very good **FEATURES:** Rated 26 ppm monochrome/21 ppm color. Standard 128MB of RAM, 1200-by-600-dpi maximum resolution, 650 sheets input, 600 output. **SUMMARY:** Most expensive unit here prints text and graphics extremely quickly, on sheets as large as 12 by 18 inches. Text looks sharp and narrow lines appear distinct; color images, though detailed, look too orange.

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WHAT'S HOT: The Oki C9200n isn't your average office printer: It can chow down on 12-by-18-inch paper, an inch bigger each way than the standard U.S. tabloid size of 11 by 17 inches, which should satisfy spreadsheet jockeys and graphic designers alike. The C9200n churns out ordinary letter-size pages of text at 12.8 pages per minute, faster than any other color printer we've tested and challenging the speed of monochrome office lasers.

It prints color graphics at 2.5 ppm, which puts it near the top in that category as well. Its text quality is exceptionally crisp and attractive, and it prints very distinct, evenly weighted narrow lines. In the past Oki has burdened its printers with difficult control panels, but the C9200n's control panel is a paragon of clarity, with perfect hierarchical menus and buttons to step through each level. (It's too bad the LCD isn't backlit, though.) Oki provides excellent documentation, including a set-up guide, a spiral-bound "Handy Reference" guide that can attach to the printer, and an extensive manual on CD.

WHAT ELSE: Despite its unusual paper format, the C9200n has a full suite of paper-handling options, including a duplexer, a 550-sheet feeder (you can add two more), and a 1650-page, three-tray paper well. Gray-scale and color graphics look rich and realistic but lack some detail and show a slight dotted texture.

BEST USE: The C9200n makes sense in any office that can afford it and has a use for color, because the text performance and text quality are just as good as the monochrome laser it would replace.

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