

How To Choose the Right Multifunction Printer/Scanner Miami



A Multifunction printer/scanner Miami sounds like the perfect way to go for office needs. After all it prints, which is why you're buying a printer in the first place; plus you can copy photos and documents into a USB drive or a PDF; Fax, usually in color, and make copies. But keep in mind, these machines aren't small. Do you have a space for it? Also, who's going to carry it to where it needs to go? Do you need all those extra functions? If not, maybe a smaller machine is better for you. For a lot of small offices, multifunction printers (MFPs), or as some prefer to call All-in-Ones, are the best thing to happen for them since sliced bread. By combining scanners, printers, photocopiers and fax machines into one single machine, these small businesses are saving a ton of money. Want to get one? Of course you do. And Restored Digital Solutions is the place to go for new or used multifunction copiers in Miami.

Unfortunately, the other side of this convenience is that getting all the features in the areas that are important to you may create consequences in other areas.

So the first step in finding the right multifunction printer is determining exactly which features you really need. There are a lot of MFPs in the market, they generally feature three functions: scanning, printing and faxing.

Printing Function

The main considerations when buying any printer are initial investment, quality and ongoing cost. The problem with MFPs is the ongoing costs for all of the unit's functions.

If you normally make a lot of copies and receive a lot of faxes you'll need to factor these expenses into your decision.

Scanning Function

Scanning is an important function in a MFP because you need it to import images, but it also helps with faxing and photocopying as well.

Most MFPs these days come with at least 600 dpi and 24-bit resolution output. This is plenty for faxes and also sufficient for good photocopies, non-professional photos and document archiving.

Don't be swayed by interpolated resolutions with giant numbers. You don't need it. Just focus on optical resolution. Just be sure this number is high. If scanning is an every day need in your office, a separate higher quality machine may be a better solution.

Of course, if you just scan documents and forms, speed is more important. Of course the faster the speed, the less time you have to wait for the scan. The other factor is the method used. A flat-bed scanner means you'll have to change pages after each one, while a sheet fed scanner will allow you to feed multiple copies all at one time (at least 30 letter-sized sheets of paper), giving you more time for other business work.

Faxing Function

Faxing is going away, what with the prevalence of email. But if your needs still call for a lot of faxes, you'll need for your MFP to be used as a standalone fax machine, but also be able to use your computer's built-in fax capabilities. If your business uses a lot of faxes, you may be better off with a separate fax machine with higher speed capabilities.

Copy Function

Just like scanning, having a copy machine is great. But think about how you're going to use it. Need to make a lot of color copies? Then a laser all-in-one isn't going to cut it (unless you spend a minimum of \$500 for a low-end color version.) Do you just need a personal copier? Most inkjets will do the trick.

Software Capabilities

You'll want to research to be sure your new MFP can be used in conjunction with your computer.

Also, if your new MFP can connect with your computer and people in a work group will use it; be sure you can share faxing and scanning capabilities over your network. With this set-up, all you need to do is share the printer. The other users will be able to scan and fax without having to take control of any of the other computers.

When something goes bad.

Sooner or later something will fail on your MFP. So now what? Do you get a new machine, get Miami used copiers from RDS, get a special device to replace the broken function, or do you do without the broken function?

Most have drawbacks. Getting a specialized machine would be costly and take up more space in your office. Replacement of the MFP is almost always the best option. When shopping for a new MFP, look for one that is cheaper than if you had to buy all functions separately. That way, if you have to replace the MFP, the decision becomes a much easier one.

The Bottom Line.

MFPs have a lot of drawbacks and pitfalls and you might question whether this purchase is a smart one. You'll probably never find an inexpensive MFP that will give you top line features in every function. Just think of the MFP as a commodity product that does a lot of things well, but be ready to replace it if any of those functions fail. The best solution for all of these potential problems is to lease from RDS. Then if you have any issues, your lease will cover everything.