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Fuji Xerox DocuPrint C525A

Performance This very capable printer ranked first in the mono text document test with a time of one minute and 56 seconds. While it's a four-pass colour printer, it also fared reasonably well on the PowerPoint and PDF colour tests, ranking second and fourth respectively, with prints of excellent quality. The JPEG photo test revealed impressive colour accuracy and depth, while the test pattern had razor-sharp detail.

The toner also produced vibrant colours on the PowerPoint quality test, with little banding and perfect colour registration. Text printing in colour and monochrome were very crisp and sharp.

The only problem was noise. At 64dB, the DocuPrint was at least 10dB louder than all the other printers tested. (The Samsung CLP-500 was the quietest printer, rated at just 48dB, while the others were all rated around 52-53dB.)



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hardware sub-\$800 colour laser printers

Details

Contact	Fuji Xerox
Phone	1300 793 769
Online	www.fxprinters.com
Price	\$799
✓	Fastest mono printing; top quality colour printing.
✗	Noisy.

Verdict



Features The Fuji Xerox has 64MB of memory and a 9,600 x 600 interpolated print resolution. It can hold 200 sheets of paper, while 250- or 500-sheet feeder trays are available for an additional \$291.50 and \$440 respectively. The two-line LCD display means you can make settings directly from the printer itself, and the directional controls are easy to use. While not as small as the Konica Minolta, it's fairly compact compared to the OKI or Samsung.

Running costs Printing costs are rated at 5 cents per mono page and 20 cents for colour. The one-year onsite warranty is fairly standard.



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"The Fuji Xerox DocuPrint C525A wins the coveted Editor's Choice award for its high resolution print speed and quality. It topped the mono printing tests, and ranked second and fourth in the maximum resolution colour tests. It's a relatively compact unit, and offers good value, with 64MB of RAM as standard and a reasonable one-year onsite warranty."

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