



● COLOUR LASER PRINTER

# Oki C5400n

PRICE £649 (£763 inc VAT)

DELIVERY Free

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VERDICT Great all-round performance and quality will reward workgroups that can afford it.

Oki's workgroup colour lasers have impressed us greatly in the past. The latest evolution, the C5400n, continues the tradition. The printer itself is very sturdy and well built – not a flimsy panel in sight. Inside is a web server, which can also email you alerts.

Our 50-page text document appeared at a rate of 18.6ppm – not quite the quoted 24ppm, but not bad. Quality was flawless. Processing time matched the quoted nine seconds, helped along by 64MB of RAM and a speedy 400MHz processor. Adding colour only slowed the rate to 15.5ppm, as it prints in just one pass.

Our mono document, which combines various-sized fonts with fades, shades and a high-quality mono photograph, was one of the best we've seen from a laser. The 1,200 x 600dpi resolution produced good transitions, detail and very little grain. Only a minor blue cast was a negative. It appeared in 18 seconds.

On changing to high-quality colour-image testing, we were again most impressed. Our

photomontage saw impressive colour accuracy, very good detail and relatively fine grain. This took 22 seconds (only 13 seconds processing).

Few could complain with the quality in our 24-page DTP document, which combines various fonts with diagrams and photographs. It appeared at a rate of 15.2ppm. Printing our colourful Excel workbook caused few problems, as low contrast text and backgrounds were fully readable and graph shading was uniform. Print time slowed a little to 14.4ppm, though.

An alternative is the TallyGenicom 8008 (see issue 118, p69). Its running costs are slightly lower than Oki's with 6p (colour) and 1p (mono) per page prices, and few features are missing despite costing £382. It even offers 30ppm mono speeds. However, colour speeds are only 8ppm and processing takes twice as long. Quality is similar, but Oki's pictures are more vibrant. If your workgroup prints large colour jobs and doesn't like waiting, the Oki's a gem.

NICK ROSS



The C5400n is a solidly built machine that offers great quality and decent speed.

## PC PRO RATINGS

PERFORMANCE	★★★★★
FEATURES & DESIGN	★★★★★
VALUE FOR MONEY	★★★★★
OVERALL	★★★★★

**SPECIFICATIONS** Colour laser; 1,200 x 600dpi; A4; 24ppm quoted print speed (16 ppm colour); 400MHz processor; 64MB (max 320MB) RAM; 10/100 BaseT port; USB 2 port; parallel port; PCL6 and PostScript 3 emulations; 400-sheet input cassette, 250-sheet output tray; drivers for Windows 95 onwards, Mac OS 8.6 onwards, Linux, Unix, NetWare. Dimensions: 400 x 528 x 342mm (WDH). Weight: 20kg.

**RUNNING COSTS** Mono toner (3,000 pages), £23; colour toners (3,000 pages), £56; mono toner high-yield cartridge (5,000 pages), £25; colour toner high-yield cartridges (5,000 pages), £70. Overall cost per A4 page: mono, 1.2p (high-yield toner) and 1.5p (standard toner); colour, 6p (high-yield toner) and 7.5p (standard toner).