



2006 Pick of the Year

Outstanding Segment 2 Multifunctional Imaging System, Spring 2006



Toshiba e-STUDIO282



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The Toshiba e-STUDIO282 has been chosen by BLI to receive a Spring 2006 “Pick of the Year” award for “Outstanding Segment 2 Multifunctional Imaging System.” “The Toshiba e-STUDIO282 is a solid overall performer that is distinguished from many of its competitors by its strong feature set,” said George Mikolay, BLI associate editor. “Its large touch-screen display allows for very good ease of use, its print drivers are excellent and it’s one of only a few models in this range to be offered with an optional booklet finisher.” A highly reliable 28-ppm, Segment 2 model, the e-STUDIO282 breezed through BLI’s thorough two-month evaluation, which included a 90,000-impression durability test, with just one misfeed and no service calls required.

The e-STUDIO282 shone in all of BLI’s productivity tests. For example, when compared to other units in this speed range tested to date, the e-STUDIO282’s job stream efficiency was among the highest. The device also stood out in BLI’s print and copy efficiency evaluation. And first-copy times from both the platen and the document feeder are faster than those of most competitors. In addition, the device excelled in BLI’s multitasking evaluation, allowing a user to reserve nine copy jobs while a copy job is in progress.

The device, which received BLI’s “Highly Recommended” rating, also earned high marks for its very well-designed print drivers, which offer a very good feature set and easy procedures for printing booklets.

This easy-to-use device, which has a control panel that can be adjusted to any angle, offers a number of security features that include support for standard network user authentication, secure printing and IP filtering, as well as a disk data overwrite option and a scrambler board option that encrypts data stored on the hard drive.

BLI highly recommends the Toshiba e-STUDIO282 for busy offices, departments and workgroups with monthly volumes of up to 60,000 impressions.

About BLI's Picks of the Year

Twice a year with its "Pick of the Year" awards, BLI gives special recognition in each category to those products that provided the most outstanding performances in BLI's exhaustive lab tests.

BLI's awards stand alone in that they are based on a rigorous battery of lab tests that takes approximately two months to complete and includes an extensive durability test, during which each unit is run at the manufacturer's maximum recommended monthly volume. BLI's durability test is unique among office product evaluations and uniquely qualifies BLI to assess reliability, which is a critical factor for buyers and IT directors, given that virtually all of the products are designed for use on networks.

In addition to assessing reliability, in terms of the number of service calls and PM (preventive maintenance) calls required, as well as misfeed frequency, BLI's comprehensive evaluation includes an assessment of copy and print quality, productivity, ease of use and economy, as well as connectivity issues such as feedback to workstations, administrative utilities, print drivers, multitasking and scanning solutions. Each product that successfully passes BLI's lab test earns BLI's "Recommended" or "Highly Recommended" seal and a BLI "Certificate of Reliability" and qualifies as a "Pick" award contender. Consequently, a BLI "Pick of the Year" is a hard-earned award that buyers and IT directors can trust to better guide them in their acquisition decisions.

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