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Xerox CopyCentre/WorkCentre Pro C2636

*Outstanding Full-Color Multifunctional Imaging System
for General Office Applications, Spring 2005*

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The Xerox WorkCentre Pro C2636 has been awarded a Spring 2005 BLI "Pick of the Year" award for "Outstanding Full-Color Multifunctional Imaging System for General Office Applications". Offering speeds of 26 ppm in color and 36 ppm in black, the unit comes standard as a copier and network printer, but was also tested with its optional fax and scan capabilities. A reliable unit, it completed its 105,000-impression durability test with 11 misfeeds, for a misfeed rate of one per 9,545 impressions, and just one service call, which occurred near the end of the test and was simply to replace parts that had reached their expected lives. It also offers very good print productivity in both black and color modes and good overall efficiency in color copy mode.

Other strengths of this model include its image quality, which earned good ratings for color output and very good or excellent ratings for all categories of black output evaluated. And, like other Xerox models, the C2636 offers excellent ease of use and multitasking capabilities. BLI test technicians also liked its print drivers, which provide detailed status information, such as amount of available paper, at the point of need—before sending a job.

Competitively priced at \$14,495, the WorkCentre Pro C2636 is recommended by BLI for monthly volumes of up to 75,000 impressions. This unit is also offered in a copier-only configuration, the CopyCentre C2636.



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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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