



THE GREAT PRINTER DEBATE

Buying a printer?

There are many things that you should consider. Your priorities in considering a purchase should be:

1. Print Quality (DPI "Dots Per Inch) to higher the number the better quality print.
2. PPM (the number of "Pages Per Minute" you can expect your new printer to produce, again the higher the number the better.
3. Ongoing consumable costs e.g. Ink Tank/ Cartridge replacement (these can vary significantly so check the costs of these consumables for any printer you are considering buying. Local suppliers now carry a fairly large range of replacement cartridges check and see if you can buy your consumables locally.

Another option, there are some good multifunction printer/fax/scanners/photocopiers about, though it is not often one comes into contact with a multifunction machine that it is actually successfully completing multiple tasks. My suggestion is the less bells & whistles then the less bells & whistles there is to break, use the KISS approach when shopping and "Keep It Simple".

With this in mind, if you are out to purchase yourself a new printer I suggest a "Plain Jane" that will meet your printing needs with little ongoing expense on your part. Do you really want to replace 4 ink tanks or would it be easier to keep up with spares if you had only a colour and black tanks to replace. Keep in mind that printers (especially Inkjet printers) are becoming sooooo cheap that they are nearly considered disposable items, most buyers would be happy with a printer around the \$200 mark. But that's just my opinion, till next week!

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