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"johnhreinhardt@xxxxxxxx" <johnhreinhardt@xxxxxxxx> wrote in <news:1179506738.264108.280180@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>:

On May 18, 12:16 pm, Doug Phillips <dphil...@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On May 17, 4:53 pm, Keith Parris <keithparris_nos...@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Doug Phillips wrote:

I recently bought a Canon MP830 and I'm very impressed with it

after

using HP for years. It has individual photo/color cartridges

(Black,

Yellow, Magenta, Cyan)

HP also sells some printer models with individual cartridges for

each

color of ink.

Didn't say they didn't, but so what if they do? I was talking about the Canon MP830. I liked the fact that the Canon has a 2nd larger black cartridge. The HP's I saw use a single black cartridge for both photo and text. I didn't make comparisons between the two other than that Canon lacked a NIC, but please do tell us about your comparably

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priced HP Multi-Function.

I recently bought a printer for my wife and I looked hard at the Canon MP830 and the MP960 but ended up with an HP C6180. I really didn't want to go with the HP because we had a multitude of driver problems on her Win2K system with an HP 2110 AIO. I also had reservations about the Canon products since we had a bad experience with a MP130 (Constant paper jams and cock-eyed printing). I did a lot of looking in the help forums various places and nobody was reporting any problems with the drivers for these (We print from Mac OS X and Windows). The MP960, while nice, was a bit pricey at the time (\$499 most places) and the MP830 just didn't feel as easy to use. So we got the C6180 at MicroCenter for \$259 (plus tax). So far no complaints. We have printed about 300 pages on it without problems and haven't had the driver issues like before. We've done a little scanning and copying also.

My wife prints to it from her Win2k PC and the kids print from their Mac Mini. I have the HP LJ4050 and not much need for color so I haven't tried printing with my Mac Pro or even from VMS (via LPR and a Mac, I suppose).

The HP c6180 is a 6-color photo printer with fax/scanner/copier functions. Each color has its own cartridge and the black is around twice as big as the other colors. Retail for each color cartridge is \$9.95 and the black is \$14.95. You can get discounts at Sam's Club and other places.

John H. Reinhardt

Really nice, complete review.

Since this appears to be _the_ printer review thread, I'll toss one in too. About a year and a half ago, we I finally got fed up with buying expensive new ink cartridges, defective refilled cartridges and performing the messy job of refilling cartridges. My wife complained about not getting photos to print correctly and the kids always seemed to be printing like crazy as soon as the printer was working again. On top of that, my computer had to be on so others could print.

We went out and looked at new printers. I was interested in a laser, but my wife wanted to be able to print color photos. The next day, I went back to the office store and brought home a Konica-Minolta Magicolor 2430DL. I hooked it up to the network and installed drivers for Windows XP, Windows XP X64 Professional, and Windows 2000. We had no problems printing. A week later, I installed a driver on a Mac running OS 9. Last fall, I installed a driver for a newly installed Linux box. It has handled well. The kids have printed huge amounts for homework. My wife

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has printed some photos. (She's been too busy working at the kids school to get back to her scrapbooking.) I've printed plenty myself.

At about the one year mark, it ran the black toner dry. (I had about 3 weeks warning.) The new black toner cartridge was \$65. I had no problem with that price since I'd been spending over \$100 a year on the old inkjet printers. Of course the laser prints much faster, and is available to all the computers without my computer being in the loop.

As I recall, it's had only 2 real paper jams. All the others were cleared by my opening the top cover to look for problems. My daughter's laptop appears to often cause the printer to get a video underrun error, if she prints a PDF from within a browser window. That's strange. The laptop itself is pretty slow. She knows she can save the PDF locally and then open it with the Adobe Reader application and then print it fine.

Oops. I don't want to forget the price. It was \$279. The only time since then that I've seen it that cheap was as a refurb at Fry's, where it was actually \$180.

Tad Winters

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