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And the Best All-in-One LED/S-LED Printer is...

There's always been some confusion among consumers regarding the difference between a printer using laser technology and one that uses LED technology. In truth, both use the same underlying print technology, which is using static electricity to apply toner to paper. What differs however, is how light is being transmitted to form the image on the drum. In the simplest terms possible, a laser printer uses an optical, laser scanning system, while an LED printer uses a print head that's made up of an array of light emitting diodes.

Proponents of the LED camp will tell you that the latter technology results in printers that are more compact, quieter (due to fewer moving parts) and more affordable, compared to their laser counterparts. In the past, the biggest complaint about LED printers was their low resolution, but that's a weak argument these days. So if you're shopping for a laser printer today, don't forget to check out LED-based ones at the same time.

OKI MC361DN

When it comes to speed, the \$899 Oki MC361dn blows the rest out of the water. Its only weakness is that colors occasionally ran a bit off. With 256MB of memory (upgradable to 768MB) and a 533MHz processor, this beast is capable of handling large print jobs without choking. You also get auto duplex and better media handling. All things considered, it earns our Best Performance award.



EPSON ACULASER CX17NF & FUJI XEROX CM205 FW

There isn't much that separates the Epson AcuLaser CX17NF and the Fuji Xerox CM205 fw. One thing's for sure: one of them is a rebadged version of the other. That being said, you can't go wrong with either; you get fast print and copy speeds (ADF color copy is the only exception), outstanding resolution, and a footprint that's not that much larger than a 4-in-1, ADF-equipped inkjet AIO. Maintenance is easy too; the only consumables you need to replace are the toner cartridges. That being said, you can't just swap the toners between the two. If you don't need wireless connectivity, we recommend getting the CX17NF; at \$545, it offers tremendous value for the money. If you need the Wi-Fi, then it's a no-brainer to plump the extra dollars for the CM205 fw. Ultimately, both are deserved winners of our Best Value award.



BROTHER MFC-9320CW

So which LED/S-LED printer should you get if you've got \$1000 to blow? The Brother MFC-9320CW hits most of the right notes in its feature set, such as a 250-sheet paper capacity, a 35-sheet ADF, and integrated Wi-Fi. It prints and copies extremely fast too, though dithering is also more visible than the rest. Despite not being the most decked out model in this roundup, at \$948, it's the priciest of the lot.

