

## New MFPs at Stand-Alone Printer Prices

INKJET MFPs continue both to proliferate and to drop in price, to the point where buying a stand-alone printer almost doesn't make sense anymore. The two new models (both of them from Canon) that we looked at this month—the Pixma MP210 and the Pixma MP470—cost \$80 and \$100, respectively, and they aren't the only MFPs vying for thrifty buyers in this price range. The Pixma MP210 is best suited for light use, given its spartan design and limited copy functions. For just a little more money, its Pixma MP470 cousin offers a much better design, with a



**CANON'S PIXMA MP470 prints nice photos and costs just \$100.**

1.8-inch LCD and two media-card slots, so you can print photos without ever firing up your computer.

Want even more? Check out the recently introduced HP Photosmart C5280—it has a bigger LCD plus the ability to print onto CDs and DVDs. With this MFP, HP bundles scanning and photo-editing software that automates common tasks such as scanning to a PDF or creating a greeting card.

—Melissa Riofrio

### PC WORLD TOP 10 INKJET MULTIFUNCTION PRINTERS

MODEL	PCW Rating	Performance	Features and specifications
<b>1</b> <b>BEST BUY</b> Canon Pixma MP600 \$180 <a href="http://find.pcworld.com/55963">find.pcworld.com/55963</a>	<b>83</b> VERY GOOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text quality: Good</li> <li>Graphics quality: Good</li> <li>Tested speed (ppm): 11.9 text/3.7 graphics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30 ppm text</li> <li>24 ppm graphics</li> <li>9600-by-2400-dpi maximum true-color resolution</li> </ul>
<b>BOTTOM LINE:</b> The MP600 prints high-quality text and photos; it has a duplexer and dual paper trays, but no film scanner.			
<b>2</b> Canon Pixma MP470 \$100 <b>NEW</b> <a href="http://find.pcworld.com/58433">find.pcworld.com/58433</a>	<b>80</b> VERY GOOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text quality: Good</li> <li>Graphics quality: Very Good</li> <li>Tested speed (ppm): 8.7 text/2.1 graphics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22 ppm text</li> <li>17 ppm graphics</li> <li>4800-by-1200-dpi maximum true-color resolution</li> </ul>
<b>BOTTOM LINE:</b> For \$100 you get full photo capabilities; a 1.8-inch LCD; and good scanning, copying, and printing features.			
<b>3</b> HP Photosmart C5280 \$150 <a href="http://find.pcworld.com/58163">find.pcworld.com/58163</a>	<b>80</b> VERY GOOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text quality: Good</li> <li>Graphics quality: Very Good</li> <li>Tested speed (ppm): 7.3 text/2.4 graphics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30 ppm text</li> <li>22 ppm graphics</li> <li>9600-by-2400-dpi maximum true-color resolution</li> </ul>
<b>BOTTOM LINE:</b> This feature-rich inkjet MFP deftly handles everyday copies and scans, as well as photo and CD/DVD printing.			
<b>4</b> Canon Pixma MP960 \$400 <a href="http://find.pcworld.com/55964">find.pcworld.com/55964</a>	<b>80</b> GOOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text quality: Fair</li> <li>Graphics quality: Good</li> <li>Tested speed (ppm): 11.7 text/3.1 graphics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25 ppm text</li> <li>17 ppm graphics</li> <li>4800-by-1200-dpi maximum true-color resolution</li> </ul>
<b>BOTTOM LINE:</b> A big LCD and scroll wheel make the MP960 a snap to use. It prints top-quality photos quickly and scans film.			
<b>5</b> Canon Pixma MP510 \$150 <a href="http://find.pcworld.com/55965">find.pcworld.com/55965</a>	<b>79</b> GOOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text quality: Fair</li> <li>Graphics quality: Good</li> <li>Tested speed (ppm): 8.2 text/3.3 graphics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>29 ppm text</li> <li>19 ppm graphics</li> <li>9600-by-2400-dpi maximum true-color resolution</li> </ul>
<b>BOTTOM LINE:</b> This basic multifunction printer with dual paper trays produces high-quality photos, but its color LCD is small.			
<b>6</b> Canon Pixma MP530 \$180 <a href="http://find.pcworld.com/57390">find.pcworld.com/57390</a>	<b>78</b> GOOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text quality: Good</li> <li>Graphics quality: Good</li> <li>Tested speed (ppm): 8.9 text/3.2 graphics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>35 ppm text</li> <li>34 ppm graphics</li> <li>4800-by-1200-dpi maximum true-color resolution</li> </ul>
<b>BOTTOM LINE:</b> The MP530 manages several home-office functions, but it can print digital photos only from your PC.			
<b>7</b> HP OfficeJet Pro L7680 \$399 <a href="http://find.pcworld.com/57391">find.pcworld.com/57391</a>	<b>77</b> GOOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text quality: Fair</li> <li>Graphics quality: Fair</li> <li>Tested speed (ppm): 13.1 text/4.2 graphics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24 ppm text</li> <li>20 ppm graphics</li> <li>1200-by-600-dpi maximum resolution</li> </ul>
<b>BOTTOM LINE:</b> It has a high price for an inkjet MFP, but you get small-office features for less than a color laser MFP would cost.			
<b>8</b> Canon Pixma MP210 \$80 <b>NEW</b> <a href="http://find.pcworld.com/58439">find.pcworld.com/58439</a>	<b>77</b> GOOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text quality: Good</li> <li>Graphics quality: Very Good</li> <li>Tested speed (ppm): 8.6 text/2.1 graphics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22 ppm text</li> <li>17 ppm graphics</li> <li>4800-by-1200-dpi maximum true-color resolution</li> </ul>
<b>BOTTOM LINE:</b> Buy the low-priced Pixma MP210 only if you can tolerate a confusing control panel and scant copy capabilities.			
<b>9</b> HP Photosmart C5180 \$200 <a href="http://find.pcworld.com/55966">find.pcworld.com/55966</a>	<b>76</b> GOOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text quality: Fair</li> <li>Graphics quality: Fair</li> <li>Tested speed (ppm): 7.3 text/2.8 graphics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>32 ppm text</li> <li>31 ppm graphics</li> <li>4800-by-1200-dpi maximum true-color resolution</li> </ul>
<b>BOTTOM LINE:</b> Priced attractively for a networked MFP, the C5180 delivers nice photos, but it could do better on plain paper.			
<b>10</b> Epson Stylus Photo RX580 \$120 <a href="http://find.pcworld.com/55967">find.pcworld.com/55967</a>	<b>73</b> GOOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text quality: Poor</li> <li>Graphics quality: Poor</li> <li>Tested speed (ppm): 3.9 text/2.8 graphics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30 ppm text</li> <li>30 ppm graphics</li> <li>5760-by-1440-dpi maximum true-color resolution</li> </ul>
<b>BOTTOM LINE:</b> This easy-to-use model fails to offer any outstanding features to compensate for its mediocre print quality.			

CHART NOTE: Prices and ratings are as of 9/12/07. Speeds are in pages per minute (ppm); resolutions are in dots per inch (dpi).

**MORE ONLINE** For more information about inkjet MFPs and for details on how we test them, go to [find.pcworld.com/58645](http://find.pcworld.com/58645).