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CANON IMAGECLASS MF4150

CUTE, COMPACT ALL-IN-ONE POWERHOUSE

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\$250 street



PROS Fast print speed. Scans, faxes, copies. Automatic document feeder.

Duplex (two-sided) printing.

CONS Graphics and photo quality typical for that of a monochrome laser but a touch below the best available.

ONSIDERING BUYING AN ALL-IN-ONE (AIO) for a small office but don't need to print in color? One new entry nearly has it all. The feature-rich MF4150 has small size, impressive speed, and fine output quality.

This monochrome laser AIO measures just 17.7 by 15.4 by 16.8 inches (HWD) and weighs only 28.2 pounds. It works as both a standalone copier and a fax machine. You can scan to e-mail by opening a new e-mail message and attaching the scan as a file. The MF4150 is a whiz at paper handling, with a 250sheet paper tray, built-in duplexing, and a 35-page automatic document feeder (ADF) to handle multipage documents for faxing, copying, and scanning.

This is the fastest AIO I've seen at its price point, and its output is none too shabby. Text quality is superb, just this side of perfect. Its graphics and photo output are typical of monochrome lasers, a half step below the best available. Photos showed some visible problems but are good enough for Web pages or client newsletters.

With small flaws in graphics such as dithering and disappearing thin lines, you might hesitate in handing the MF4150's output to a client you want to impress. But otherwise, what's not to like about this tiny powerhouse? —M. David Stone

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