

Canon imagePROGRAF iPF780/785

Outstanding 36" Color Wide Format
Technical Printer



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Superior productivity, excellent reliability and paper handling and very good print quality have earned the Canon imagePROGRAF iPF780 BLI's 2015 Pick as Outstanding 36" Color Wide Format Technical Printer. The unit's performance was very strong across the board in all aspects of testing, but the highly reliable model's productivity results are the most impressive.

"Whether printing a single page, multi-page files or multiple technical documents of different formats in quick succession, the imagePROGRAF iPF780 outperformed its competitors, in some cases by a very large margin," said David Sweetnam, head of BLI's European Research and Lab Services. The device also delivered very good color and black image quality, with BLI technicians citing above average density on plain paper using default settings, and AEC graphics and halftone range that were both rated excellent.

Having received BLI's Highly Recommended rating, the iPF780 offers end users a bevy of strong features. This single-roll unit's excellent paper-handling capabilities include support for a wide range of media types. In addition to the many pre-supported types, users can add new media types and customize up to 13 device settings for each. In addition, it features a well-designed output stacker that can be positioned as either an ordinary catch basket or as a more practical sheet collection stacker that, in testing, neatly collected up to 30 D-size prints, and kept them in the correct order.

Another strength contributing to the iPF780's Pick status is its ease of use—both from its control panel, which provides virtually all the information users will need, as well as from its easy-to-navigate print driver. Further enhancing the imagePROGRAF iPF780's ease of use are its "Free Layout" nesting function and sup-

port for printing from mobile devices, along with Canon's iPF Direct Print & Share utility. This file storage service enables engineering and other technical professionals to share and print files from the cloud, eliminating the need for more time-consuming and restrictive methods of sharing files.

While BLI tested the iPF780 (MSRP, \$4,495), the iPF785 (MSRP, \$4,995), which adds a hard drive, shares the award. Two other Canon wide format models also won 2015 Pick awards in their respective categories.

"Canon is excited and honored to receive three 2015 Wide Format Pick Awards," said Rich Reamer, director of large format product marketing for Canon U.S.A.'s Business Imaging Solutions Group. "The Canon team has worked hard to develop and launch products like the iPF680, iPF780 and iPF785 that provide our customers exceptional quality when printing large format prints. We will continue to focus on ease of use, reliability and exceptional quality in order to maintain positive customer experiences."

About BLI Pick Awards

With its Pick awards, awarded once a year for wide format devices, BLI gives special recognition in each category to those products that provided the most outstanding performances in BLI's exhaustive lab tests.

BLI's awards stand alone in that they are based on a rigorous battery of lab tests that takes approximately two months to complete. The evaluation includes an extensive durability test that is unique among office product evaluations and uniquely qualifies BLI to assess reliability, a critical factor for buyers and IT directors.

Other performance attributes evaluated include ease of use, media handling, productivity and image quality, among others. Each product that successfully passes BLI's lab test earns BLI's Recommended or Highly Recommended seal and a BLI Certificate of Reliability, and the best performers qualify as Pick award contenders. Consequently, a BLI Pick is a hard-earned award that buyers and IT directors can trust to better guide them in their acquisition decisions.

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