

EXCLUSIVE

Kodak Scan Station 710

Kodak's standalone scan factory is perfect for businesses with serious archiving demands

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eed a scanner that can stand on its own two feet? One that doesn't require you to load client software onto everyone's PC? Then Kodak's Scan Station 710 could be the answer.

The 710 has everything it needs to scan documents, convert them to a wide range of formats and send them to multiple destinations. It runs Windows 8.1 Embedded, and has a large 24.6cm colour touchscreen from which users access all scanning tasks.

To configure the scanner, we loaded Kodak's remote administration utility on a Windows PC. This discovers the scanner on the network and provides the functions you need to get set up. We provided a local password to secure administrative access, added an email server and joined the scanner to an Active Directory (AD) domain. We could then easily import users and groups from our AD server using LDAP.

The Scan Station 710 can scan to network shares without AD authentication, but you must provide one local username and password for all systems hosting shared folders. Scan settings use profiles for TIFF, JPEG, DOC, XLS, RTF, PDF and searchable PDF formats, resolutions,

colour or mono, plus duplex and other options such as deskew and blank page detection.

Destinations can be set as network shares, email addresses, FTP, fax and SharePoint servers, printers or Kofax Front Office servers. Setting up jobs is a simple case of linking destinations with settings and groups. Finally, you can save your settings and upload them via the admin utility.

With all this set up, using the Scan Station 710 is as easy as loading a document and tapping the relevant job icon on the screen. This is nicely accessible for users, and it means you don't need to expose the full set of scan settings at the control panel, so you can decide precisely what users are allowed to do.

Another smart touch is the ability to attach a voice message to a job, using the built-in microphone and speaker – an easy way to add a note to a scanned document. This worked fine with scans to email, where the WAV file was sent as an attachment.

ABOVE All scanning tasks can be accessed from the Scan Station 710's big 24.6cm colour touchscreen



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our destination, a duplex mono scan of 30 statements completed at 72ppm at both 200dpi and 300dpi.
Colour scans reduced this, but only to 60ppm; there was a further 30-second PDF-conversion process, but this ran in the background, so the next scan job could be started without delay.

The Scan Station 710

is a strong performer. After

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Converting the statements to a searchable PDF took over five minutes, but scan quality and accuracy were the best we've seen from a desktop scanner. Focus was sharp for all our test documents, and the ADF handled our flimsy till receipts with no jams.

We did have a few minor quibbles with the Scan Station 710. The ADF's adjustable paper guides are fairly loose, so they can get pushed apart, causing documents to skew slightly. And the microphone picks up lots of background noise, so you won't want to locate the scanner in a

noisy area.

The Scan Station 710 is ideal for businesses that don't want to be tied to a host PC, or have to train employees in document-processing software. It's simple to use, output

quality is impeccable, and the tight security means you can strictly control usage.

SPECIFICATIONS

600dpi colour optical resolution • 70ppm at 200dpi mono/colour • simplex/duplex • 75-page ADF • 24.6cm colour touchscreen • Gigabit Ethernet • 2 x USB 3 • 2 x USB 2 • internal microphone/speaker • daily duty cycle, 6,000 pages • external PSU • Windows 8.1 Embedded Industry Pro • 1.99GHz Intel Celeron • 4GB DDR3 RAM • 500GB SATA hard disk • Kodak Remote Administration software • 356 x 382 x 206mm (WDH) • 1yr advanced replacement warranty



