



2019 Scanner Line of the Year

Panasonic®



Panasonic has been honored with the prestigious 2019 Scanner Line of the Year award from the analysts at Keypoint Intelligence - Buyers Lab thanks to its...

- Lineup of devices that offer exceptional media-handling capabilities that eliminates data loss, protects originals, and keeps information flowing
- Excellent reliability and performance exhibited by a range of scanners tested
- Simple user experience and exceptionally easy setup, maintenance, and administration procedures
- Panasonic Image Capture Plus and Image Capture Plus Express standardize and accelerate scanning tasks

Whether you are a scan operator facing a never-ending deluge of paper or a knowledge worker that needs to capture a handful of office documents, nobody wants to spend a lot of time capturing and digitizing files. You want to drop the pages into the feeder, hit a button or two, and then get back to the task at hand. Panasonic's portfolio of scanners—from desktop devices all the way up to production units—make scanning as simple as possible.

“Users don't have to spend a lot of time configuring jobs, or cleaning up scanned images, or organizing batches, or moving scans from their desktop to the application they use to get the job done,” said Lee Davis, Keypoint Intelligence's Editor of Scanner/Software Evaluation. “All of these things and more are just a button away. It's fast. It's easy. It's convenient. And it's a big part of the reason why Panasonic has been honored with our BLI 2019 Scanner Line of the Year award.”





Feature-Rich and Reliable

Panasonic's lineup of scanners is best characterized by its exceptional media-handling capabilities, simple and easy user experience, and robust software bundles. "Unlike with other OEMs, Panasonic's devices can capture documents of an unlimited length," said Joe Ellerman, Keypoint Intelligence's Director of U.S. Lab Operations. "The latest generation of Panasonic devices offered some of the most granular control over double-feed detection functionality that we've seen in the past. For example, scan operators can adjust the sensors sensitivity and program it to ignore double-feeds based on X/Y coordinates."

In addition, the Panasonic scanners submitted to Buyers Lab for testing in the preceding 12 months proved to be incredibly reliable. "We ran 200,000 pages across five devices without a single jam, misfeed, or malfunction," Ellerman noted. "And we ran 1 million pages—yes, 1 million—through the KV-S8147 and saw only eight misfeeds, which is impressive by any measure."

Notable Features and Functionalities include:

- Dynamic image processing based on X/Y coordinates
- Control sheets enable user change scan conditions in the middle of a job without any interruption
- Auto ReScan enables users to select visually from one of nine versions of the image that best works for that user
- The Auto Preview function enables users to scan and preview the first page of a job, so they can test those scan settings before executing the entire scan job
- Incredibly granular multifeed detection settings can ignore double-feeds based on sensitivity or X/Y coordinates

Panasonic's lineup is flush with workhorse models underwent extended reliability testing, running 1.4 million scans without a single misfeed to verify that the machines could meet the highest quality standards.

Panasonic Software Paves the Way

On the ease of use front, much of the credit goes to Panasonic's proprietary capture solutions, Image Capture Plus and Image Capture Plus Express. Users can create and save single-touch scanning profiles—complete with a ton of image processing and routing instructions—to streamline and standardize all their frequently recurring tasks. The scan settings can be saved to a button on the device's control panel, which means in many cases,





using the scanner is a matter of hitting one button, after which the scanner and bundled software handle the rest.

- **Panasonic Image Capture Plus** is a capture solution built to work specifically with Panasonic's lineup of scanners. The solution provides users with 11 tabs of settings for basic, common, layout,

Outstanding Reputation

Panasonic devices that contributed to this award:

Panasonic KV-N1058X

Summer 2018 Pick award as Outstanding Departmental Scanner
Highly Recommended by Buyers Lab

Panasonic KV-S1037X

Summer 2018 Pick award as Outstanding Workgroup Scanner
Highly Recommended by Buyers Lab

Panasonic KV-S1026C-MKII

Summer 2018 Pick award as Outstanding Workgroup Scanner
Highly Recommended by Buyers Lab

Panasonic KV-S7097

Summer 2018 Pick award as Outstanding Light-Production Scanner
Highly Recommended by Buyers Lab

Panasonic KV-S8147

Highly Recommended by Buyers Lab

Panasonic KV-S2087

Summer 2016 Pick award as Outstanding A4 Departmental Scanner
Highly Recommended by Buyers Lab

Panasonic KV-S1027C

Summer 2015 Pick award as Outstanding A4 Mid-Size Workgroup Scanner
Highly Recommended by Buyers Lab

Panasonic KV-S1057C

Summer 2015 Pick award as Outstanding A4 Departmental Scanner
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Panasonic KV-S5046H

Highly Recommended by Buyers Lab

Panasonic KV-S5076H

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Panasonic KV-S1015C

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Panasonic KV-S1026C

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Panasonic KV-S1026C-MKII



Panasonic KV-S1057C-MKII



Panasonic KV-S8147





binary image, gray image, color image, feed, area, digital imprinter, patch code, and control sheet settings. The solution can also route scans to connected PCs, network folders, cloud services, email, SharePoint, and virtually any business software you can think of. Users can create and save single-touch scanning profiles—and even assign one of these to a button on the device’s control panel—to streamline and standardize frequently recurring scanning chores. While Panasonic might not be the only manufacturer to develop a solution with such capabilities, they are one of the few that don’t charge customers a premium.

- **Panasonic Image Capture Plus Express** is a condensed version of ICP, which enables users to quickly configure scanning, processing, and routing settings. The solution is better suited for creating ad-hoc jobs or quickly accessing existing single-touch scan profiles.
- **Site Central Manager** enables IT professionals to manage an entire fleet of Panasonic devices remotely.

“We are thrilled that our document scanners have been selected as Buyers Lab’s 2019 Scanner Line of the Year. To streamline business-critical processes, companies are looking for technology that is intuitive, reliable and efficient. Winning this award for our document scanner technology stands as a testament to Panasonic’s innovation and legacy as a technology leader.”



Joseph Odore

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North America





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Keypoint Intelligence is a one-stop shop for the digital imaging industry. With our unparalleled tools and unmatched depth of knowledge, we cut through the noise of data to offer clients the unbiased insights and responsive tools they need in those mission-critical moments that define their products and empower their sales.

For over 50 years, Buyers Lab has been the global document imaging industry's resource for unbiased and reliable information, test data, and competitive selling tools. What started out as a consumer-based publication about office equipment has become an all-encompassing industry resource. Buyers Lab evolves in tandem with the ever-changing landscape of document imaging solutions, constantly updating our methods, expanding our offerings, and tracking cutting-edge developments.

About Buyers Lab Line of the Year Awards

Line of the Year awards salute the companies that both provide a broad range of hardware or software and whose products consistently performed above average throughout testing. Much consideration is also made by Buyers Lab analysts and technicians in areas such as ease of use, features, and value, across an entire portfolio for that product area, with the end result being the most prestigious Buyers Lab awards offered.

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