

COPYSTAR

Copystar CS-2540

25ppm

Copystar CS-3040

30ppm



Sum-up: Solid models offering a good range of options.

The 25ppm CS-2540 (\$5,805) and 30ppm CS-3040 (\$5,945) come with optional printing. Both machines, however, do offer optional fax functionality. You'll want to note that scanning is not available on these models. (Look at the related CS-2560 and CS-3060 models if scanning is a necessity.)

Overview: The CS-2540 and CS-3040 copy (and optionally print) at 600dpi and have scan-once/print-many copying as a standard feature. These machines offer an optional reversing document feeder, which has a 75-sheet capacity and costs \$1,265.

The standard paper-feed system includes two 500-sheet paper trays, plus a 200-sheet multipurpose (bypass) tray. That bypass tray can hold paper up to 110lb. index in weight. Additional paper capacity is available through purchasing a unit with two more 500-sheet paper trays (\$1,286). That's a maximum capacity of 2,200 pages. Stackless automatic duplex is standard on both models.

These models offer two finishers. The first is an internal finisher that has 30-sheet single-position stapling and a 500-sheet output capacity. List price is \$995. The second is an external finisher, also with 30-sheet single-position stapling, but with a 1,000-sheet exit tray. It lists for \$1,400.

In a step up from previous models, these machines have a monochrome touchscreen control panel.

Multifunctionality: Optional printing for both models is powered by a 400MHz processor. The 64MB of standard memory is upgradeable to 576MB. That memory is shared with the copy functions and the optional fax. PCL and PostScript, along with

direct PDF printing and Ethernet connectivity, are standard features of the print function.

Both models allow you to store business forms directly on the device for printing on demand. There is also an optional microdrive available for these models.

The fax option, which is based on a state-of-the-art 33.6kbps modem, includes JBIG compression. Memory is shared with the print controller.

Conclusion: The CS-2540 and CS-3040 have stronger features than their predecessors running at the same speed. They give you a choice between a straight-up copier that can optionally provide multifunctional support for a small-workgroup. Both models also offer improved paper capacity and a larger document feeder than their predecessors. All this makes them worth a look, and we're giving them our Editor's Choice Award.



Copystar CS-2540 – Upgraded small-workgroup copier-multifunctional with standard printing.

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Vendor Profile

Copystar is Kyocera Mita's secondary brand and has been used for its smaller dealers. The Copystar models are, for the most part, identical to the equivalent Kyocera ones and sell at the same prices (occasionally there are minor differences).

Kyocera Mita used to sell some of its models under the Royal Copystar brand, though these were typically models that ran at speeds of 25ppm and faster. Kyocera Mita has since decided to consolidate the two brands and uses the Copystar brand regardless of the speed at which they operate.

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