

SMART, EASY AND STYLISH



While high paper output and effective document management are the key criteria that the A3 high-performance MFP needs to fulfil, Toshiba Tec's smart and elegant e-STUDIO8508A family sets itself apart in many other ways. Given this potential, FACTS has examined and thoroughly tested the new monochrome series.

Toshiba Tec's e-STUDIO8508A series is part of the monochrome multifunctional systems designed according to the motto 'Connect. Integrate. Simplify'. Toshiba Tec wants to offer its customers a piece of technology in every office environment that ensures advanced functionality, user-friendliness, and security.

Coupled with Toshiba's e-BRIDGE Next technology, the new controller technology in the latest generations of MFP means they can be directly integrated into the workflow and customised to meet individual demands. For instance, their 'embedded apps' functions enable users to easily activate additional apps in the

e-BRIDGE Next systems. These systems facilitate the use of cloud and mobile-printing solutions (AirPrint, Google Cloud Print, Mopria Print Service, and others), giving users the flexibility to decide where they want to work.

THE POWER OF FOUR

The e-STUDIO8508A black-and-white series includes four systems: e-STUDIO5508A, e-STUDIO6508A, e-STUDIO7508A, and e-STUDIO8508A. The main USP is the various printing and copying speeds of up to 55, 65, 75, or 85 pages per minute.

As shown by the FACTS test, these new systems are a breeze to operate. This is thanks to a nine-inch screen with a tablet-like user interface, which provides

an intuitive and rapid means of setting the whole range of functions. The control panel can even be customised to each user. Users can personalise both the background image and how the buttons are arranged on the control panel, so that even very complex document workflows can be launched at the push of a button.

The efficiency of the high-performance Dual Scan Document Feeder (DSDF) is just as impressive as the systems' speed. During the test, the DSDF was able to scan 240 pages per minute at a resolution of 300 dpi. As FACTS was also eager to find out how the e-STUDIO8508A series performed in standard office jobs, they carried out a productivity and quality test. This showed that the standard PCL6 and PostScript emulations allow print

jobs to be carried out from virtually any environment. The printer driver is also very well structured and can be intuitively operated. Alongside print jobs from Windows applications such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, the system was also able to print and sort large PDF files from Acrobat Reader. The systems performed outstandingly in all tasks.

The test on copying functions involved twenty double-sided templates that needed to be printed in monotone as well as in duotone, in ten and twenty sets. Despite the tough demands, the monochrome MFPs were also able to shine in this test.

Toshiba's systems also passed the 'printing' test with flying colours, achieving the highest score for print jobs involving photos, colours gradients, and small fonts. While the copying quality is still very good for office applications, it

is still not quite as brilliant as FACTS's quality templates.

IDEALLY EQUIPPED

The standard version of the e-STUDIO8508A series is ideally equipped with copying, printing, and scanning functions. It has a paper supply of 2 x 540 sheets and 1 x 2,320 sheets, and comes with a separate 120-sheet stacked feeder.

However, the paper supply can be expanded to a maximum of 6,020 sheets. The models are also available with a fax function, Optical Character Recognition (OCR), or a Multi Station Print function that allows users to collect print jobs from up to ten different Toshiba e-BRIDGE Next systems. Users may request paper-finishing options such as the brochure finisher or multi-position finisher.

The models equally stood out in terms of their environmental credentials, fulfilling

the criteria of major environmental protection programmes and standards including ENERGY STAR and the German 'Blauer Engel' ('Blue Angel') label. Alongside this, the systems in the e-STUDIO8508A series are equipped with modern and effective energy-saving functions that help to conserve valuable resources.

Last but not least, the FACTS editors were impressed by the e-BRIDGE Next models' elegant look. Coming in a stylish shade of black and with a modern design, the printer is right at home in modern office environments.

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UNIQUE IN MANY WAYS:

The MFP's allure comes not only in the array of useful functions, all of which can be operated intuitively with the touch panel, but also in its sleek, black design.



CONCLUSION

With the e-STUDIO8508A, Toshiba Tec welcomes a new addition to its product portfolio in high-volume A3. The four models work extremely productively and generate prints and copies of exceptionally high quality. The systems are also equipped with all the features that a modern MFP should have in terms of functionality, security, and the environment.

Product: e-STUDIO8508A series
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ASSESSMENT

Handling/control:	*****
Copying productivity:	*****
Print productivity:	*****
Quality:	*****
Features:	*****
Overall result:	very good