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Great value with exceptional style: the PIXMA iP2600 photo printer



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Amstelveen, The Netherlands, 24 January, 2008: Canon continues to open up high-quality home photo printing to a wider group of users with the launch of the PIXMA iP2600. This new entry-level printer replaces both the PIXMA iP1800 and PIXMA iP2500 and is targeted at users looking for great value, high quality photo printing. Producing a 10x15cm borderless photo in just 55 seconds, the PIXMA iP2600 produces photo lab quality 4800x1200 dpi prints. The integrated print head FINE¹ cartridge produces 2pl ink droplets for the finest imaging in the PIXMA iP2600's class.

Re-styled for 2008 with a lower profile and output tray, the PIXMA iP2600 delivers great design with value. The printer ships with Easy-PhotoPrint EX software,² allowing users to print images simply. Auto Image Fix – included in the package – uses face detection and scene analysis to fine-tune colour, contrast and brightness settings.

“In the entry-level photo printing market, print quality is key,” said Mogens Jensen, Head of Canon Consumer Imaging Europe. “Not only does the design of the PIXMA iP2600 communicate its quality, its high resolution photo-printing gives users exceptional looking prints for a great value package.”



¹ See *Technologies Explained*.

² See *Additional Information*.

The new PIXMA iP2600:

- Stylish new low profile design with output tray
- 4800 x 1200 dpi photo lab printing, FINE cartridges and 2pl 'Micro Nozzles'
- Photo lab quality 10x15cm borderless photo prints in 55 secs
- High speed document printing: 22ppm mono/17ppm colour
- Photos that last as long as 100 years with ChromaLife100¹

Designer home photo lab

The PIXMA iP2600 is finished in piano black with silver accents. The design exudes a tangible sense of quality that is normally associated with more expensive printers.

Exceptional speed

A photo lab quality print is available in seconds. Employing Micro-Nozzles to eject ink droplets as small as 2pl onto the page, the maximum 4800x1200dpi FINE print head delivers amazing image clarity. Combining precision with speed, the PIXMA iP2600 delivers a single 10x15cm (4"x6") borderless photograph in approximately 55 seconds. Prints last as long as 100 years when stored in an album, thanks to the ChromaLife100 system.³

Document print speeds are 22 ppm (mono) and 17 ppm (colour). The FINE Cartridge system employs a separate black pigment ink to render deeper blacks for stronger text printing.

PIXMA excellence

As a new member of the PIXMA range, the PIXMA iP2600 features superior Canon image quality together with impressive ease-of-use. A superb value home photo printer, the PIXMA iP2600 utilises Canon's FINE cartridges and genuine Canon print-media for exceptional photo and document printing quality.

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About Canon Consumer Imaging (CCI), Canon Europe

Canon Europe is a subsidiary of Canon Inc., founded in Japan in 1937. CCI is a leading provider of digital products for the home and the office, including: photo, video, ink jet and laser printers, All-in-One devices, projectors, scanners and fax machines.

Canon's corporate philosophy is kyosei, a Japanese concept that focuses on living and working together for the common good. As an environmentally aware organisation Canon is a Conservation Partner of the WWF.

Further information about Canon Europe is available at: www.canon-europe.com

³ See *Technologies Explained*

Additional Information

Software

The PIXMA iP2600 is bundled with Canon Easy-PhotoPrint EX software:

- Canon Easy-PhotoPrint EX – User-friendly software for photo printing and creative projects, such as calendars or photo albums. As well as assisting with options such as paper type selection and size, Easy-PhotoPrint EX includes features like Canon's Auto Image Fix, Face Sharpener for out-of-focus face correction, Red Eye Correction and Digital Face Smoothing.

Compatibility

The PIXMA iP2600 is compatible with Windows Vista, XP (SP2), 2000 Professional (SP4) and Mac OS X v 10.3.9 to 10.5.

Media

Canon's competitive advantage in printer hardware technology is fully realised when genuine Canon photo grade media and inks are used. The diverse and growing range of Canon media is developed specifically to work in combination with Canon's FINE inkjet print technology. Photo papers and media are available in a wide range of formats (including mini stickers), finishes (from matte to semi-gloss to glossy) and sizes: from credit card, 10x15cm (4"x6") and 10x18cm Wide size (4"x7.1") to 8"x10" (20x25cm) and A4. Glossy Photo Paper "Everyday Use" (GP-501) is ideal as an affordable way of sharing digital photographs. The flagship Photo Paper Pro (PR-101) offers the highest grade professional results with ultimate durability. A double-sided photo paper (PP-101D 13x18cm (5"x7") and PP-101D A4) is also available together with a high quality Photo Album Kit (PAK-101).

Technologies Explained

FINE (Full-photolithography Inkjet Nozzle Engineering)

Canon's patented FINE semi-conductor manufacturing technique is used to create print heads with exceptionally high nozzle count and density. This enables Canon printers to achieve market-leading print speeds and photo quality for photo and document printing.

The FINE print heads of the PIXMA iP2600 achieve virtually grain free photo lab quality by delivering millions of microscopic, 2 picolitre droplets each second with extremely high consistency and accuracy from minimum 10 µm diameter Micro-Nozzles.

ChromaLife100

For improved fade resistance, PIXMA supports Canon's ChromaLife100: a system of genuine Canon dye-based inks, which deliver an exceptionally broad colour gamut, and Canon photo paper designed to work together with FINE print heads. This technology 'triangle' of print head, ink and media produces prints that rival silver halide quality and longevity. Prints resist fading for 100 years when album-stored, 30 years when displayed under glass and 10 years when exposed to the effects of the air.⁴

⁴ All figures are estimates based on accelerated tests and are not guaranteed. 100 year figure applies to PR-101, PP-101/PP-201, SG-201, GP-401, GP-501 media, images stored behind plastic cover sheet. 30 year figure applies to PR-101 and PP-101 media, 10 year figure to PR-101 only. Lightfastness and gas fastness figures assume a typical indoor environment avoiding direct sunlight.