

Press Release

Canon launches plug-in flatbed scanner to support existing imageFORMULA portfolio

- Canon has introduced the Flatbed Scanner Unit 101, compatible with key imageFORMULA document scanners via a simple USB connection
- Ergonomic features and the fastest high precision scanning speeds incorporated to boost worker productivity

REIGATE, July 01, 2010 – [Canon UK](#), world leader in imaging solutions, today announced the launch of the optional imageFORMULA Flatbed Scanner Unit 101 to bring increased flexibility to how organisations scan documents. Compatible with key [Canon imageFORMULA scanners](#) via a simple USB connection, users can now copy irregular sized documents that cannot be processed through an automatic document feeder.

Featuring high precision scanning of 1,200dpi and the capability to scan up to Legal size (216 x 356mm), the flatbed unit is ideal for office environments where there is often a variety of document types and bound materials. For smaller items such as passports or business cards, the Flatbed Scanner Unit 101 can scan smaller document areas (from A5 size) – speeding up processing to save time and cost.

Interoperability with various Canon scanners means that scanning a batch of documents using both flatbed and an automatic document feeder is an effortless single-scanner operation. The option also allows for images to be saved as a single file, regardless of their origin, for faster more convenient processing.

The Flatbed Scanner Unit 101 has been designed with the user in mind and unlike other similar models on the market captures the document from the top of the page to the bottom. This means that for the first time users are able to process scans in a more natural way - scanning as the page appears - helping to increase turnaround time when scanning a number of pages. Its lightweight,

compact design makes it ideal for sharing across departments where Canon imageFORMULA scanners are used. Where desk space is limited, the unit can be easily stowed away after use.

Trevor Dodsworth, Head of Product Marketing, Business to Business, Canon UK says, “Canon always looks to address the changing needs of its customers. Many organisations today have transferred the benefits of scanning and electronic document processing from back office scanning applications to more general office use. It is in this environment that users regularly scan a combination of books or articles, passports and very thin or fragile documents that could be not suitable for an automatic feeder.

“The launch of the Flatbed Scanner Unit 101 enables a versatile scanning option with the batch scanning capabilities of the existing imageFORMULA portfolio to increase efficiency within organisations.

“Whilst benefiting from the features of key imageFORMULA scanners it’s understandable that from time to time organisations will require a flatbed option. With flatbed scanning speeds of less than 3 seconds per page - more than 50% more productive than other leading competitor models - users can easily add the unit to their batch scans by simply connecting via a USB port as and when required.”

With a folding cover for fast document placement and scanning, the unit also uses a unique ambient light cancelling mode for open scanning. This ensures that users can process scans rapidly whilst maintaining the same quality as when the glass is covered. Other key features of the Flatbed Scanner Unit 101, inherited from Canon’s imageFORMULA scanners, include auto-colour detection, auto-resize, de-skew, and text orientation recognition.

The Flatbed Scanner Unit 101 will begin shipping across Europe from August 2010. The scanner is compatible with the following imageFORMULA document scanners: DR-2010C, DR-2510C, DR-3010C, DR-4010C, DR-6010C, DR-6050C, DR-7550C and DR-9050C.

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