

THRIFTY ON QUANTITY, NOT QUALITY

Epson ME 960FWD

Printers have evolved in terms of functionality since its original conception of being capable of only printing out pages to having other functions fit into it as well, such as copying, scanning and in some cases, even fax. But if there ever is one thing in common these printers share, it would be that most of the time, these multifunction printers guzzle ink faster you can realize.

Fresh off a recent launch, the Epson 960FWD is not only packed with features, but also reiterates Epson's desire to help its customers cut printing costs caused by reducing the amount of ink use in each printout from the printer.

Featuring a sleek black exterior, one of the 960FWD's main features lies in its extensive arrays of functions. Print, scan and copy are a standard on all multifunction printers (MFP) these days, and Epson goes one step further from this and has added a fax function, which is still an uncommon feature in a lot of MFPs these days.

Functions on the printer are easily accessible as the printer comes with a fully functional 2.5" LCD screen with interactive interface that allows users to easily jump between print, scan, copy and fax functions. The 960FWD also comes equipped with WiFi and ethernet capabilities, which lessens cable clutter if you have a WiFi network in the office. You can also choose to install the printer via wireless, which is very convenient for office environment where there are a lot of computers, and they can share one printer that is located at just one place in the office.

The 960FWD is also capable of reading a multitude of card types, such as CF, SD and memory sticks. The card reader can be used to print from the card itself, and even save scanned papers onto the memory cards in PDF format.

Where printing is concerned, the 960FWD's main claim to fame is in its capability to save more ink than most of its competitors through its new Micro Piezo printheads that Epson claims can also print as well as laser printers. We did not manage to test Epson's claims of reducing ink usage, but the printouts that

came out were of excellent quality. There aren't any blotches at all, and the colours were spot on. And to build on Epson's desire to help users save costs, the 960FWD also comes with a built in duplexer, which helps users print on both sides of a paper without having to manually flip the pages yourself.



- 1. Panel provides easy-to-use function via 2.5" LCD screen
- 2. Wifi support lessens cable clutter
- 3. Support for multiple card types is great.

Specification:

Dimensions :
 Ink system : 4 colour
 Ink type : Epson DURABrite Ultra Ink
 Print speed (draft) : 38ppm (black text), 14 sec. per photo (colour, with border)
 Connectivity : USB, WIFI

Verdict:

Great-looking printer with great technology to help preserve the environment.

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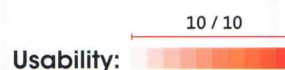
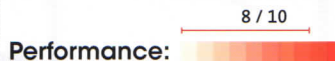
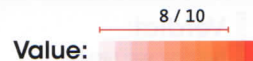
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