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Product	Price*	Speed (ppm)	Network Interface	Resolution (dpi)	Performance	Usability
LaserJet 4M Plus Hewlett-Packard (800) 752-0900	\$1,899	12	10Base-T Ethernet	600	**** A top-notch performer in all tests.	**** Easy installation and great software.
DEClaser 3500N Digital Equipment Corp. (800) 777-4343	\$1,999	12	10Base-T Ethernet	600	*** Turned in fast text times, but average on everything else.	*** Fairly easy setup, but lacks network-control software.
microLaser PowerPro Texas Instruments (800) 527-3500	\$1,590	12	10Base-T Ethernet	600	*** 1/2 The fastest performer for mixed PCL and PostScript.	** 1/2 Network software should provide more information.
QMS 1060E QMS (800)523-2696	\$2,399	10	10Base-T Ethernet	600	** 1/2 Slow engine but good graphics performance.	*** Tricky driver installation; no printer control software.
Xerox 4510ps Xerox (800) 275-9376	\$1745 list	10	10Base-T Ethernet	600	** 1/2 Slow in mixed PCL and PostScript tests.	*** 1/2 Good printer-management software.

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Ecosys FS-1600A Kyocera Electronics (800) 232-6797	\$1,599	10	10Base-T Ethernet	600	*** The fastest 10- ppm printer, except with mixed PCL and PostScript.	* 1/2 Poor documentation and difficult software.
Canon LBP-1260 Canon (800) 848- 4123	\$1,299	12	10Base-T Ethernet	600	**Decent text speeds; slow when printing graphics.	**Problem hardware interface, no printer-control software.
*Estimated Street Price of Configuration Tested (Including Ethernet and 6MB to 7MB or RAM) Unless Noted Otherwise						
Guide to the Ratings:						
***** Excellent						
**** Good						
*** Acceptable						
** Poor						
* Unacceptable						

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Technology	Verdict
**** Modular network card with excellent connectivity.	**** 1/2 A sure-fire solution for printing in small workgroups.
*** 1/2 Above- average print engine speed.	*** 1/2 A fine choice for offices that print primarily text.
*** 1/2 Good page-description language switching.	*** Strong performance, but software holds it back.
*** Slow print engine, but good network technology.	*** No-nonsense printer with average output.
*** A solid printer in every respect.	*** Easy- to-use software and nice-looking text output.

