

# KYOCERA

**Kyocera TASKalfa 620**  
62ppm



**Kyocera TASKalfa 820**  
82ppm

**Sum-up: A family with Kyocera's fastest digital copier to date.**

These new black-and-white models are similar to the slightly slower KM-6030 and KM-8030. They are sold under the TASKalfa name, which represents refurbished engine and design for Kyocera copier-multifunctionals. It also has a handsome new design in black. The 62ppm TASKalfa 620 has a list price of \$19,500, while the TASKalfa 820 is priced at \$26,830.

The TASKalfa 620 and 820 are identical except for their speed and prices, and they have the same options and accessories. They are multifunctional copiers that offer optional printing and scanning.

**Paper handling:** These models come standard with dual 525-sheet and dual 1,500-sheet paper trays, along with a 100-sheet bypass. These can handle ledger-size paper up to 90lb. index through the main trays, up to 110lb. index on the bypass.

Kyocera also offers a choice of two large capacity trays, one for 4,000-sheet large-capacity tray letter-size pages and another for up to 4,000 ledger-size pages. Automatic duplexing is standard. You can add paper to the input trays while the machine is in operation.

On the output side, the machines offer a finisher with a 3,000-sheet main tray and a 200-sheet sample tray. It is capable of multiposition stapling of up to 50 sheets. The unit has several further options. A 2/3-hole punch can be added. A saddle-stitch unit with booklet maker fold up to 16 sheets. There is a five-bin mailbox option for the finisher.

These machines come standard with a 250-sheet single-pass duplex document feeder that processes originals at 82ipm.

These TASKalfa models come standard with a 40GB hard drive and 128MB of RAM for image storage. Besides storing additional copy jobs, the hard drive can act as an on-demand printing system. Users are able to store documents such as forms and manuals on the hard drive and then copy them on an as-needed basis.

**Multifunctionality:** The 620 and 820 use an optional embedded print controller.

It is powered on a 600MHz processor and comes standard with 64MB of memory, upgradeable to 576MB. The device includes PCL, PostScript, and Ethernet, as well as Kyocera Mita's PRESCRIBE printer language. There is also an optional hard drive, which supports features such as proof and hold, secure print, and barcode printing.



*Kyocera TASKalfa 820 - With an 82ppm speed, this is Kyocera's fastest copier to date.*

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Ethernet, USB, and parallel ports are standard.

Both models offer optional scanning. The scanning function has scan-to-email, scan-to-PC, and TWAIN-based network scanning. The scan software supports color or grayscale scanning and supports both PDF and TIFF file formats. Note that the scanning function supports network authentication, and the scan-to-email feature supports the LDAP protocol. This allows users to tap into their company's email server to access email addresses using the copier's control panel.

In addition, these models offer Kyocera Mita's KYOCapture scanning software as an upgrade. The server-based software is Kyocera's version of AutoStore, an application sourced from Notable Solutions, Inc. (NSi).

An optional data security kit that features a hard drive erase function is also available.

**Conclusion:** The TASKalfa 620 and 820 are strong machines, and while you'll have to talk to your dealer, they may offer good per page cost savings, a typical Kyocera advantage. Note that if you run high-output volumes, the models should have attractive operating costs and can offer significant savings over some competitors. We give these models our Editor's Choice Award.

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## Vendor Profile

Kyocera Mita America is the office equipment arm of the Japanese conglomerate Kyocera, which is best known as a maker of advanced ceramics and electronics. Kyocera Mita was formed when Kyocera acquired Mita in 1999.

Unlike most of the other Japanese manufacturers featured in this guide, Kyocera Mita is an office equipment specialist

— its business is devoted solely to copiers, fax machines, multifunctional devices, and printers. Copiers account for the lion's share of its business.

The company has its roots in the low- and mid-volume sectors of the market but has over the years also marketed a solid high-volume product range.

**Product strategy:** Kyocera Mita's copiers all carry the KM prefix. The company currently makes its own black-and-white multifunctional models in speeds up to 80ppm. In the past they have adapted other manufacturers' engines, but the current crop is all Kyocera Mita's.

One of Kyocera's strengths is its use of Kyocera controller technology. The parent company has been in the printer business for years and has considerable expertise. Another Kyocera strength is operating costs, which are among some of the most attractive on the market due to its long-life photoconductors.

Kyocera machines come with software called KX SpoolCenter, which allows you to share print jobs among several Kyocera machines on the network, permitting both cluster printing (dividing a job between several devices) and tandem printing (the ability to print multiple copies on different machines).

**Kyocera brand:** Kyocera Mita has dropped the Mita name from its office products brand. Part of a global strategic rebranding effort, the "Kyocera" brand name is found on new products launched in the U.S. since January 2004.

For the present, the company retains the Kyocera Mita name.

**Copystar brand:** Kyocera Mita also sells its machines under the Copystar name, which is a brand originally created for its smaller dealers, but which now sells a pretty full range of products. The Copystar models are identical to the equivalent Kyocera ones and sell at the same prices.

**Distribution:** Kyocera Mita sells its copiers primarily through dealers, though it has recently been expanding its direct organization.

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