

Re: A PostScript printer at home ?

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On Sun, 17 Oct 2004 23:58:13 +0000, Jeff Relf wrote:

- > *Hi all,*
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- > *Does anyone have a PostScript printer at home ?*
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- > *How much does it cost to operate per year ?*

I don't, but let me fill in a little info for you. Most PostScript printers are lasers – there are some high end inkjets, as well. The inkjets are quite expensive and will be quite costly to operate. So, let's talk lasers. There are very few true PostScript printers available any more (probably due to licensing costs due Adobe); most run a PostScript emulator on top of another page description language, and are slower than molasses. New PostScript capable printers are expensive.

I previously used a TI Microlaser 600Plus – it's about 10 years old by now, but one of the fastest PostScript printers in the world (in terms of time to render a page – that's what count, not how long it takes to print 40 copies of the same page, which is what 'pages per minute' refer to). I believe the cartridges are still available – if you could find one it would be very reasonable to operate – one cartridge does a LOT of printing.

You'll find that Samsung and Brother both offer inexpensive (\$120 – \$180) laser printers which will work with Linux. They are PCL, not PostScript, but via GhostScript, will print any sort of postscript document you might have.

Is there a particular reason you require PostScript?