



OneTouch 5600 USB

Flatbed scanner



Visioneer is a big name in the bundling market – that is, when you buy a PC and the generous vendor chucks in a scanner, printer, joystick and so on to provide you with a complete computing setup. But Visioneer also has its own range of standalone scanners that offer higher quality than these giveaway models. The OneTouch 5600 USB flatbed scanner is the latest addition to its range.

The unit is fairly typical of modern-day scanners, offering an optical resolution of 600x1,200dpi (dots per inch) with an A4 scanning bed. The scan quality can be improved by interpolating the resolution to 2,400dpi which, while a surprisingly low figure in these days of over-

inflated specifications, is more than enough

for most people's purposes. Besides, a £60 scanner isn't designed to appeal to demanding professionals.

The USB suffix gives away the 5600's connection method, and setup is straightforward enough

when you follow the step-by-

step instructions. As with other

OneTouch models, the 5600 comes with

the PaperPort application. In conjunction with the scanner's control buttons – Scan, Copy and E-mail – this provides a one-touch operation. Used in this way, the 5600 produces fine results, taking just under 50 seconds to zip through an A4 scan at 300dpi; and a 5x7in photograph is captured in less than half a minute.

As is the current trend, the 5600's look can be customised by clipping on different coloured lids – blue, smoke and purple – but despite its USB connection and use of translucent coloured plastic, you can't use the 5600 with a Mac.

Verdict

Like most Visioneer scanners, the OneTouch 5600 is a competent operator with little to criticise. It combines quality scanning with ease of use and reasonable speed – worth a look. ■

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Specifications: 42bit; A4 flatbed scanner; max resolution 600x1,200dpi; max interpolated resolution 2,400dpi; USB interface; PaperPort software.

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Build quality	8
Features	8
Performance	8