



Portable scanner

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- Visioneer: 01483 445 480
- Website: www.visioneer-europe.com
- Price: £128 ex VAT

Specifications

600dpi optical resolution; 24bit output (36bit internal); sheetfed; USB (host powered); 289x51x38mm.

Build quality



Features



Value for money



Flatbed scanners are ideal when you're in the office but they're hardly suited to life on the road. Their sheer size alone means that road warriors and travelling professionals need an alternative scanner and this is where the Strobe comes in.

Measuring just 289x51x38mm, the XP 100 fits into even the smallest notebook bag but still allows you to carry out A4 scans. It works by passing the paper over the scanning element, rather than the other way round, allowing for a small, portable footprint.

Unlike its predecessor, the XP 100 is also USB powered so there's no power supply to cart around. It offers a maximum optical resolution of 600dpi (dots per inch) and an output colour



depth of 24bit – low by current standards, but more than adequate for general use.

The Strobe is speedy, too. Scanning a photo at 600dpi took one minute three seconds, while a sheet of A4 text at 200dpi took just 13 seconds.

Verdict

Obviously a flatbed scanner is your best bet for high-quality scans but if you need to scan something away from your desk then the Strobe is a great alternative. The results are good, it's fast and, at £128, it's reasonably priced too. ■

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