

SCANNER

Visioneer OneTouch 9020 USB

Quality and precision with breakneck speed – is the new Visioneer scanner just too good to be true?



direct to email. However, that's positively the least of its attractions.

Colour-fast

What makes the 9020 so desirable is the quality of the scans. Compared with the majority of flatbed scanners at the price, the quality of the scans from the Visioneer is stunning. Instead of the usual slightly limp and washed-out looking results so common in the class, photos scanned with our test unit were full of high-impact colour

Quick connections

The sharpness of the results is just as impressive as the colour rendition, which is surprising considering the speed of the scanner. Visioneer claims the 9020 is nearly three times faster than competing USB2.0 scanners, and 5.5 times faster than USB1.1 models.

In our tests (connected to a USB1.1 port), the scanner managed 7 x 5-inch photos at 300dpi in 20 seconds, which is certainly very respectable, and the warm-up time for the cold cathode fluorescent light source was swift at

just 15 seconds. Using a USB2.0 port won't improve warm-up time, but you can expect to halve the scanning time.

Quality on the slide

The superb results for reflective scanning took a nose dive when we tried scanning transparencies. The 35mm slide and negative masks were easy enough to use but, like most non-dedicated film scanners, the results were blurry and muddy, even when using the maximum resolution of 4,800dpi. However, if prints are your priority, you can't go far wrong.

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INFORMATION

PRICE £130 **EX VAT** £111
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SPECIFICATIONS

48-bit colour, 1,200 x 4,800dpi, USB2.0, includes transparency adaptor

LINUX SUPPORT

Not supported

Visioneer's new slim-line model is a full-on, 1,200 x 4,800dpi flatbed scanner with built-in light head for transparencies or negatives, and all the speed advantages of USB2.0.

The new OneTouch 9020 USB does exactly what it says on the box (not everything comes in tins, after all). A handy row of buttons along the front of the scanner gives one-touch simplicity to tasks such as scanning, faxing, copying (in conjunction with a printer), OCR and capturing pictures

PC Plus verdict

VISIONEER ONETOUCH 9020 USB

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| ✓ Stunning colour, contrast and sharpness | ✗ Maximum transparency adaptor size is 35mm |
| ✓ Fast, even using standard USB1.1 | ✗ Poor quality from slide and negative scanning |

