BLI Winter 2017 **Pick Award**

Canon imagePROGRAF PRO-4000S/PRO-6000S Series

Outstanding Poster and Indoor Signage Wide-Format Printer Series





The Canon imagePROGRAF PRO-4000S/ PRO-6000S Series, BLI's Pick for "Outstanding Poster and Indoor Signage Wide-Format Printer Series" for the Winter 2017 test season, offers...

- Minimal downtime, thanks to flawless reliability, simple routine maintenance procedures and the ability to replace depleted ink cartridges while the unit is printing.
- Excellent photographic images and graphics, with vibrant colours and superb fine detailing.
- High productivity, particularly in its Standard and High quality modes.
- Direct Print & Share utility allows users to scan to and retrieve files from cloud storage for printing.

"The imagePROGRAF PRO-4000S and 6000S models displayed excellent performance, even in their highest quality modes," said Martin Soane, BLI's UK Lab Manager. "Image quality was a standout feature, and rated excellent for graphics and photographs, with large colour gamuts, bright, saturated colours and natural-looking skin tones. While we saw no banding during testing, users do have a fallback option to avoid banding by using Canon's unidirectional printing feature, which is a notable advantage over some of its rivals."

BLI Senior Editor Simon Plumtree added: "Contributing to their selection as Pick winners was their outstanding feature set including a standard 320-GB hard drive; Canon's unique hot-swap ink tank system that enables on-the-fly ink tank replacement; and a highly graphical SG Raster print driver which offers a more flexible and precise Free Layout nesting function than those offered by rival units, which makes it especially handy when printing smaller jobs on expensive media. The front-loading dual-roll design (standard on the PRO-6000S model and optional with the PRO-4000S), allows users to switch easily between different media types or sizes without the need to reload rolls each time".

About **BLI Pick Awards**

Twice a year with its Pick awards, BLI gives special recognition in each category to those products that provided the most outstanding performances in BLI's exhaustive lab tests. Its Outstanding Achievement awards acknowledge products or capabilities that stand out for attributes such as innovation, usefulness, energy efficiency or value.

BLI's awards stand alone in that they are based on a rigorous battery of lab tests that takes approximately two months to complete. The evaluation includes an extensive durability test, during a portion of which each unit is run at the manufacturer's maximum duty cycle. BLI's durability test is unique among office product evaluations and uniquely qualifies BLI to assess reliability, a critical factor for buyers and IT directors.

Other performance attributes evaluated include ease of use, media handling, productivity and value, among others. Each product that successfully passes BLI's lab test earns BLI's Recommended or Highly Recommended seal and a BLI Certificate of Reliability and the best performers qualify as Pick contenders. Consequently, a BLI Pick is a hard-earned award that buyers and IT directors can trust to better guide them in their acquisition decisions.

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