
**Information technology — Method
for the determination of ink cartridge
yield for monochrome inkjet printers
and multi-function devices that
contain inkjet printer components**





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Foreword

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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide a process for determining the ink cartridge yield for a given monochrome inkjet print system (i.e. integrated ink cartridges and ink cartridges without integrated printheads) using a standard test page.

In the case where a cartridge set can be used in multiple printer models, only one yield test needs to be performed as long as the difference between printer models does not impact yield.

NOTE A cartridge supplier can choose to use more than one market identifier for a single physical cartridge. In this case, only one yield test is performed as long as there are no differences in the cartridges other than market identifiers.

This document prescribes the following:

- the test method that manufacturers, test labs, etc., use to determine ink cartridge yield;
- the method for determination of allowable declared yield value from the test results;
- the appropriate method of describing the yield of cartridges in documentation supplied to the consumer by the manufacturer.

The cartridge yield is determined by an end of life judgement, or signalled with either of two phenomena: *fade*, caused by depletion of ink in the cartridge or *automatic printing stop* caused by an ink out detection function.

It is envisioned that one of the uses of this document is for the calculation of cost per page (CPP). While this document measures a portion of this cost, it is not used as the sole component of CPP calculation. Additional factors are considered for CPP calculations.

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1 Scope

The scope of this document is limited to the evaluation of black ink cartridge page yield for ink-containing cartridges (i.e. integrated ink cartridges and ink cartridges without integrated printheads) for monochrome inkjet print systems. This document can also be applied to the printer component of any multifunctional device that has a digital input printing path, including multi-function devices that contain inkjet printer components. Both liquid and solid ink products can be tested using this document.

This document is only intended for the measurement of ink cartridge page yield when printing on plain paper. No other claims can be made from this testing regarding quality, reliability, etc.

This document can be used to measure the yield of any cartridge that is used in a significant amount during the printing of the test page defined in ISO/IEC 19752.

This document is not for use with printers whose minimum printable size is equal to or greater than A3 or for printers designed or configured to print photos (for example, maximum printable size less than A4 or a printer configuration intended for photo only printing). In addition, this document only applies to drop on demand printing systems.

NOTE Integrated ink cartridge is a cartridge that includes at least: an ink containment part, an ink deposition mechanism and an ink transport part (see ISO/IEC 29142-1).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 19752, *Information technology — Office equipment — Method for the determination of toner cartridge yield for monochromatic electrophotographic printers and multi-function devices that contain printer components*