

# Apple LaserWriter Printers vs. the Competition



Apple LaserWriter® 4/600 PS	HP LaserJet 6MP	Apple LaserWriter 12/640 PS	HP LaserJet 5M	Lexmark Optra 5 1250	Apple LaserWriter 8500	HP LaserJet 4MV	Lexmark Optra N Model 245	Apple Color LaserWriter 12/660 PS	HP Color LaserJet 5M
600 dpi	600 dpi	600 dpi, FinePrint standard; PhotoGrade available with additional 8MB of RAM	Up to 12 ppm	Up to 12 ppm (8 ppm at 1200 dpi)	Up to 12 ppm (8 ppm at 1200 dpi)	Up to 20 ppm (letter size); up to 1 ppm (ledger size)	Up to 24 ppm	600 dpi with Color PhotoGrade	HP image RET 1200 provides the equivalent of 1200-dpi output
Printing speed	Up to 8 ppm	Up to 12 ppm	Up to 12 ppm	Up to 12 ppm	Up to 12 ppm	Up to 20 ppm (letter size); up to 1 ppm (ledger size)	Up to 24 ppm	600 dpi with Color PhotoGrade	HP image RET 1200 provides the equivalent of 1200-dpi output
Languages	Adobe® PostScript® Level 2, HP PCL 6	Adobe PostScript Level 2, PCL 5	Adobe PostScript Level 2, PCL 6	PostScript Level 2 (clone), PCL 6	PostScript Level 2 (clone), PCL 6	Adobe PostScript Level 2, PCL 5	PostScript Level 2 (clone), PCL 5	Adobe PostScript Level 2	Adobe PostScript Level 2, enhanced HP PCL 5 with color
Fonts	64 scalable TrueType®, 35 PostScript	64 scalable TrueType; 35 PostScript Type 1	35 PostScript	75 PostScript scalable	75 PostScript scalable	136 PostScript 3 (Type 1 and TrueType)	39 PostScript scalable; 75 PCL scalable; 2 PCL bit-mapped	64 scalable TrueType; 39 PostScript	35 Intelligent; 10 TrueType; 35 PostScript Type 1
Connectivity and networking	LocalTalk port supports AppleTalk® protocol; LaserWriter Bridge 2.0 software allows printer connectivity on Ethernet®, and Token Ring networks using AppleTalk protocol	LocalTalk port supports AppleTalk protocol; LaserWriter Bridge 2.0 software allows printer connectivity on Ethernet®, and Token Ring networks using AppleTalk protocol	LocalTalk port supports AppleTalk protocol; LaserWriter Bridge 2.0 software allows printer connectivity on Ethernet®, and Token Ring networks using AppleTalk protocol	LocalTalk port supports AppleTalk protocol; LaserWriter Bridge 2.0 software allows printer connectivity on Ethernet®, and Token Ring networks using AppleTalk protocol	LocalTalk port supports AppleTalk protocol; LaserWriter Bridge 2.0 software allows printer connectivity on Ethernet®, and Token Ring networks using AppleTalk protocol	LocalTalk port supports AppleTalk protocol; LaserWriter Bridge 2.0 software allows printer connectivity on Ethernet®, and Token Ring networks using AppleTalk protocol	LocalTalk port supports AppleTalk protocol; LaserWriter Bridge 2.0 software allows printer connectivity on Ethernet®, and Token Ring networks using AppleTalk protocol	LocalTalk port supports AppleTalk protocol; LaserWriter Bridge 2.0 software allows printer connectivity on Ethernet®, and Token Ring networks using AppleTalk protocol	LocalTalk port supports AppleTalk protocol; LaserWriter Bridge 2.0 software allows printer connectivity on Ethernet®, and Token Ring networks using AppleTalk protocol
Memory	2MB; supports up to 6MB	4MB; supports up to 6MB	4MB; supports up to 6MB	4MB; supports up to 6MB	4MB; supports up to 6MB	16MB; supports up to 48MB	16MB; supports up to 48MB	16MB; supports up to 48MB	36MB; supports up to 76MB
Paper handling	100 sheets standard	330 sheets standard, expandable to 830 with 500-sheet cassette and feeder	350 sheets standard, expandable to 850 with 500-sheet cassette	350 sheets standard, expandable to 850 with 500-sheet cassette	350 sheets standard, expandable to 850 with 500-sheet cassette	350 sheets standard, expandable to 850 with 500-sheet cassette and feeder	350 sheets standard, expandable to 850 with 500-sheet cassette and feeder	350 sheets standard, expandable to 850 with 500-sheet cassette and feeder	250 sheets standard, expandable to 500 with 250-sheet rear feed unit with single-sheet manual feed
Optional accessories	LaserWriter 4MB memory card	Envelope connectivity	Envelope cassette	Duplex printing assembly	Duplex printing assembly	Envelope cassette	Upgrade kit	Internal hard disk drive	
Average selling price based on AFS May 1997	\$873	\$938	\$1,523	\$1,600	\$1,085	\$1,999-\$2,399	\$2,602	\$3,102	\$4,836

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