

Hewlett-Packard LaserJet 4350n
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55ppm

Sum-up: High-speed office printers that print in letter/legal size only.

The LaserJet 4350 family is a faster version of the 45ppm LaserJet 4250 family covered in our *Office Laser Printer Guide* (see back cover for details). It's unique in this guide in that it prints in letter or legal format only and cannot print a full ledger-size page. That makes it even more of an office printer than some other 50ppm printers, including the LaserJet 9050.

The 4350 family is 10ppm faster than the 4250 family, which it resembles in most details. There are three members of the LaserJet 4350 family. They are:

- The 4350n, which comes with Ethernet connectivity (\$1,649)
- The 4350tn, which adds a second 500-sheet paper drawer as a standard feature, for a total of 1,100 sheets of input (\$1,899)
- The 4350dtn, which adds duplexing (\$2,179)

The 4350 family has very good features, as you might expect. For example, it prints at native 1,200dpi resolution. The printers have a 460MHz processor, quite adequate for most workloads. An optional 20GB hard disk can be added to help in processing complex electronically collated jobs.

The 4350n and 4350tn models start with 80MB of RAM and max out at 512MB. The 4350dtn starts with 96MB, expandable to 512MB.

The printers come with PostScript 3 and PCL 6. PDF printing is available if you get 128MB of memory. Like other HP printers, the models have an embedded Web server and can be administered remotely.

Parallel and USB connectivity are standard, as is Ethernet. Wi-Fi and Bluetooth are options. Duplexing is available as an option on the base model, standard on the others (the ones with the "d" in their names). The duty cycle is 250,000 pages per month, which is quite strong for office printers.

This printer family has a modest cost per page, which comes in at a little under 1.1 cents, quite good for this level of the market and especially for HP.

HP is justly proud of its control panel, with an easy-to-use, larger (and animated) LCD display. HP has been working hard to improve its user interfaces, and while a printer (as opposed to a multifunctional) is not all that complicated, the upgrade is welcome.

The LaserJet 4350 family members all come with a 100-sheet bypass and two 500-sheet paper trays (except for the 4350n, which starts with one such tray). They can also add a 1,500-sheet high-capacity feeder, for a potential total of 2,600 sheets. In addition, the models can all be configured with an optional envelope feeder.

On the output side, these models come up rather short. The default is a mere 250-sheet tray, with a 50-sheet tray for the bypass. That can be optionally supplemented by a finisher that can staple up to 25 sheets in a single position and includes a 500-sheet

stacker. That means a total capacity of 750 sheets. This is not very good if you run large multipage jobs, but it may be OK for a typical office workgroup.

This 55ppm family is a reasonable choice for what it delivers, but you wouldn't mistake it in any way for a production printer series. It makes most sense if your need is simply to produce lots of standard pages. Even then, the shortage of output capacity may be an issue for some users. If output capacity and sophisticated finishing are not big requirements, this is an accomplished printer series at a good price. It gets our Editor's Choice award.