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## DOCUMENT IMAGING PRODUCTS 2005: BLI'S PICKS OF THE YEAR

### RISO RZ220UI

*Outstanding Digital Duplicator  
(Legal-Size Imaging),  
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Offering strong reliability and the lowest price for digital duplicators on the market (\$5,995), the RISO RZ220UI has been awarded a Spring 2005 "Pick of the Year" for "Outstanding Digital Duplicator" in the legal-size imaging category.

In its commendable overall performance in BLI's rigorous lab test, the RZ220UI demonstrated flawless reliability, logging 500,000 impressions in its durability test without any service calls or even a misfeed occurring. Further contributing to high uptime for this model is a preventive maintenance interval that, at 500,000 impressions, is higher than that of most digital duplicators.

The unit, which supports 8-1/2" x 14" imaging and printing, also proved to be easy to use, with simple and clean procedures for replacing the ink cartridge, master roll and master waste container. Furthermore, compared with other tested digital duplicators, its copy quality is good overall. While network printing is available for this unit, the model tested was configured as a standalone unit. In addition to demonstrating good overall performance, the RZ220UI offers a competitive feature set that includes an adjustable speed of 60 to 130 ppm. In contrast, most digital duplicators offer a top speed of 120 ppm.

"The extremely aggressive pricing of the RZ220UI, along with its good overall performance, and its high ink yield and better-than-average per-page supplies cost, make this model an excellent value," said BLI Senior Test Technician Tony Maceri. A highly reliable



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and economical choice, the RISO RZ220UI is recommended by BLI for monthly volumes of up to 400,000 impressions.

"RISO is committed to making it possible for any company or organization to enjoy the benefits of digital printing. Our end users have varied requirements and

budgets, and we strive to meet each of those needs," said Bob Gregorowicz, senior product manager with RISO. He added, "The RZ Series of Printer-Duplicators allows them to obtain the speed, flexibility, reliability, and

high quality that they require, at affordable prices. RISO is pleased that these RZ Series Printer-Duplicators [referring also to the RZ390UI] have been recognized as 'Picks of the Year' by Buyers Laboratory."

### ***ABOUT BLI'S PICKS OF THE YEAR***

Twice a year with its "Pick of the Year" awards, BLI gives special recognition in each category to those products that provided the most outstanding performances in BLI's exhaustive lab tests.

BLI's awards stand alone in that they are based on a rigorous battery of lab tests that takes approximately two months to complete and includes an extensive durability test, during which each unit is run at the manufacturer's maximum recommended monthly volume. BLI's durability test is unique among office product evaluations and uniquely qualifies BLI to assess reliability, which is a critical factor for buyers and IT directors, given that virtually all of the products are designed for use on networks.

In addition to assessing reliability, in terms of the number of service calls and PM (preventive maintenance) calls required, as well as misfeed frequency, BLI's comprehensive evaluation includes an assessment of copy and print quality, productivity, ease of use and economy, as well as connectivity issues such as feedback to workstations, administrative utilities, print drivers, multitasking and scanning solutions. Each product that successfully passes BLI's lab test earns BLI's "Recommended" or "Highly Recommended" seal and a BLI "Certificate of Reliability" and qualifies as a "Pick" award contender. Consequently, a BLI "Pick of the Year" is a hard-earned award that buyers and IT directors can trust to better guide them in their acquisition decisions.

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