

Best Portable Scanner?

My last portable scanner (a bit of a dinosaur) died and I need to get a new one. Does anyone have a suggestion for a scanner that won't cost an arm and a leg? My primary practice is estate planning so an adf feature would be a definite bonus.

Hands down the Fujitsu ScanSnap is, to me, the best investment any attorney could ever make. I have the S1500 (but I bought mine a few years ago, so there may be a newer model), but it does color, b&w, two sides at one pass, fast, different size papers, etc. I highly recommend it.

Robert Thurston

I'm a big fan of the 1500, but the problem is that it really isn't all that portable. Great for the office but not necessarily for the road.

Ling Chu

I've heard only good things about ScanSnap. From all that I've read and heard, that's a great recommendation. Here's a link <http://lawyerist.com/fujitsu-scansnap-ix500-desktop-document-scanner-review/> to Sam Glover's latest review at Lawyerist.

Good luck!

Niki
Nicole Black, New York

Get yourself a Scansnap---any other purchase will lead to a) premature death of your houseplants and b) you being less attractive to members of the opposite sex. ;)

Other members of the cult will be momentarily to testify to this essential truth.

Dave Rakowski, Pennsylvania

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Sorry, think I forgot to clarify. I have the scansnap as the desktop scanner. What I'm looking for is a portable scanner. Any suggestions for something that can be hauled around?

Ling Chu

I would argue it is easily portable. I took mine from Philadelphia to St. Thomas, V.I. for a case. All I needed was the ScanSnap, my laptop, the two power cables, and the USB cable. (Unless you are thinking about a different model ScanSnap). If you try to get anything smaller, you will lose (a) speed; (b) capabilities; (c) accuracy; and (d) versatility. You will also waste your money on something smaller. I've seen some of those smaller ones, but they go about 1/10 the speed of the Fujitsu and you will then be spending all that extra time sitting waiting for pages to scan. Not a good use of yours or your client's time. IMHO.

Robert Thurston

I think the latest ScanSnap will scan to your phone. About \$500 with Adobe Acrobat

<http://lawyerist.com/best-scanner/> are some comparisons.

Dan X. Nguyen, California

Scansnap!

I have an older S510 I still use at my desk, my secretary has a S1500, and they really are not that big, but I also picked up a S300 which is about 2/3 the footprint and about 1/3 the weight/size. It does not come with Adobe and is not quite as fast.

Randy Birch, Utah

<http://scanners.fcpa.fujitsu.com/scansnap11/s1100.html>

HTH,
Ross Kodner, Wisconsin

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I have an S1100 and it works great for scanning a few documents in court. It also does a better job than a regular scan snap of scanning small items like photos or anything fragile.

Emilie Fairbanks, District of Columbia

In addition to my suggestion for the ScanSnap S1100 earlier (which is great), v. the S1300 (which I had and found just to big and clunky to really be portable), there's another option for lower volume, ultra-portable scanning:

The VuPoint MagicWand - I have their standard model 415 which is only 6.3 oz and runs on AA batteries (some models use lithium ion rechargeables - here's a comparison chart:

http://www.vupointsolutions.com/magic_wand_comparison_chart.php). It's a hand-held unit that you swipe over a page to be scanned, one at a time. It stores them instantly as a JPG on the not-included Micro-SD card. You can then either pop the MicroSD card in an adapter and read it (i.e. USB or SD card adapter) or connect the Mini-USB cable - the scanner appears like a digital camera with a DCIM folder on the Micro-SD card.

Resolution is fantastic and scanning accuracy is equally terrific. With the rollers, the swipe is easy - much easier than the old legendary HP Capshare device from years back. Then you can convert to PDF and let Acrobat do text recognition. Results have been VERY good for me. This unit is available for around \$62 (example:

http://www.amazon.com/VuPoint-Solutions-Magic-Portable-Scanner/dp/B004EFXW6Q/ref=sr_1_3?s=electronics&ie=UTF8&qid=1363133669&sr=1-3).

There are two other versions - same as the above but with WiFi to transfer - haven't actually tried it yet for around \$100 (

http://www.amazon.com/Vupoint-Solutions-PDSWF-ST44-VP-Portable-Scanner/dp/B008DWH0VY/ref=sr_1_10?s=electronics&ie=UTF8&qid=1363133669&sr=1-10).

They also have a \$150 new model which is essentially the 415 model I have but with an automatic feeder dock that it plugs into. So if you're planning on lighter volume, travel with the 6.3 Wand. With more pages to scan, bring the dock which brings it up to 1.4 lbs (

http://www.amazon.com/VuPoint-Magic-Portable-Scanner-Auto-Feed/dp/B008MF77RE/ref=sr_1_6?s=electronics&ie=UTF8&qid=1363133669&sr=1-6).

I really prefer the VuPoint over the ScanSnap S1100 because it's totally mobile - doesn't have to be tethered to a computer to scan. Since it scans to JPG, there's no software that needs to be installed - meaning the

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devices are Mac/Windows agnostic - another plus. You can even pull the scans right into an iPhone/iPad with an SD card to Dock/Lightning adapter (tried it - works great) and also into my Nexus 7 via a Micro-USB to Mini-USB cable (like this one:

http://shop.crackberry.com/motorola-mini-usb-to-micro-usb-charging-adapter/5A18A3062.htm?utm_source=GoogleProducts&utm_medium=shopping_engine&utm_campaign=store&gclid=CKOYmva1-LUCFe4-Mgod4QwA3A0.

Very, very slick and a perfect companion to my ScanSnap ix500 in the office and the ScanSnap S1500 and S510 we use at home.

HTH.

Ross Kodner

I bought the Xerox Mobile Scanner a few months ago, and love it. (\$201 on Amazon) Wireless via included SD-card, nice carrying case and comes with some add-on software programs. I also like that it has a 10 second delay to scan multiple pages.

It's the lawyerist pick for Best Mobile Scanner.

<http://lawyerist.com/best-scanner/>

Paul J. Perez, New York
