

Canon U.S.A., Inc.

2026 A3 Line of the Year Award



Canon U.S.A., Inc., has claimed the prestigious BLI 2026 A3 Line of the Year Award from Keypoint Intelligence thanks to its...

- Broad, refreshed portfolio with a strong feature set and output speeds that addresses the evolving needs of hybrid and multi-user workplace environments
- Consistent and exceptional usability that helps maximize productivity
- Notable image quality that ensures professional-looking output
- Robust security offering designed to protect data and device at every stage of document handling

“Canon’s A3 portfolio continues to impress across generations, with the latest imageFORCE devices delivering the high level of performance we have come to expect from Canon. All devices excelled throughout lab testing, while proving the ability to meet the evolving needs of workplace and hybrid environments. Our evaluations highlighted consistently impressive productivity, professional image quality, robust security features, and exceptional usability,” said Rachel Dean, Technical Editor in Keypoint Intelligence’s Workplace Group. “A trio of the eight devices tested, which span Segments 3-5, earned Pick Awards, and this latest win marks the company’s 13th A3 Line of the Year Award, which is the most in the industry. Canon’s ability to claim a Line of the Year Award for another new generation of hardware underscores the innovation and performance of its technology to constantly set industry standards.”

“We are incredibly proud to be honored with this Line of the Year Award, which speaks volumes about the consistency and excellence of Canon’s A3 printer portfolio. This award highlights our commitment to meeting the diverse needs of the modern workplace,” said Kiyoshi Oka, Executive Vice President & General Manager of Canon U.S.A., Inc’s Marketing Strategy Unit. “As the digital landscape shifts, our focus continues to be on striking the right balance between reliability and innovation to help ensure our customers have the tools to stay ahead in today’s competitive market.”

Elevating the A3 Experience

“The introduction of the imageFORCE series represents a strategic evolution of Canon’s A3 offering,” said Pete Emory, Director of NA/APAC Research & Lab Services at Keypoint Intelligence. “Designed to support increasingly complex workflows and higher expectations around productivity, imageFORCE devices demonstrated strong job stream performance, fast first-print-out times, and reliable output across both short- and long-run workloads during testing. These attributes make the devices effective in multi-user environments where efficiency and responsiveness are critical. Along with polished output suitable for internal and customer-facing documents, Canon’s performance-driven approach positions imageFORCE as a natural next step for organizations seeking to modernize their print infrastructure without sacrificing the reliability Canon is known for.”

Exceptional Usability

Canon’s A3 devices stood out for their exceptional ease of use, offering a thoughtfully designed interface that allows users to complete tasks quickly and with minimal training. Clear on-screen guidance and intuitive navigation reduce friction for everyday operations, while streamlined maintenance routines help keep devices running efficiently, maximizing device uptime and employee productivity. Canon’s clear help guides and intuitive interface make these devices approachable for users while remaining powerful enough to support demanding office and hybrid working environments. This latest series of products from Canon provides several mobile printing options and the ability to access many cloud services for flexible ways of working and collaborating.

The dynamic design extends to IT management as well, with web-based tools enabling administrators to configure devices remotely and address maintenance needs efficiently. These benefits ensure smooth operation in any work environment and empower users to focus on core responsibilities.

Robust Security

Security remains a core strength of Canon’s A3 portfolio. The enterprise-grade security architecture is designed to protect information across increasingly complex and distributed work environments. Canon delivers a cohesive approach that addresses document, device, and network security. Strong protections for sensitive data are provided throughout the entire document lifecycle, from secure user authentication and controlled access to encrypted data handling and protected output. This layered strategy helps organizations mitigate risk while maintaining productivity—an increasingly critical balance as hybrid work models continue to expand. This solid approach allows IT administrators to deploy and manage Canon A3 devices with confidence, even with evolving security requirements during testing.

Family Ties

A total of eight Canon A3 MFPs tested in 2025 earned an overall rating of Highly Recommended in their lab reports:

Canon imageFORCE C5140

Canon imageFORCE C5150

Canon imageFORCE C5160

Canon imageFORCE C5170

Canon imageFORCE C7165

Canon imageFORCE 6155

Canon imageFORCE 6160

Canon imageFORCE 6170



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Canon imageFORCE C7165

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About Line of the Year Awards

Line of the Year Awards salute the companies that provide a broad range of hardware or software that consistently performed above average throughout testing. Much consideration is also made by Keypoint Intelligence analysts and technicians in areas such as ease of use, features, and value, across an entire portfolio for that product area. Blending these factors with market research, the end result is the most prestigious Keypoint Intelligence Awards offered.



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