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Hp photosmart 5520 printer cost

Designed primarily for home use, without office-centric features like faxing or an automatic document feeder, the HP Photosmart 5520 e-All-in-One (\$129.99 direct) is a different kind of multifunction printer. On the one hand, it offers a slew of features—from Wi-Fi to direct printing from iOS and Android devices—that are anything but low end. The result is a printer that's basic in some ways, highly sophisticated in others, and well worth considering for home use or for the dual role of home and light-duty home office printer. The 5520 seems inspired by the same underlying design philosophy as the office-centric HP Officejet 6600 e-All-in-One (\$149.99 direct, 3.5 stars) that I recently reviewed. This is certainly true to the extent that both take a pass on a lot of common extras like an Ethernet connector while offering lots of less common extras. For example, both use touch screens for their front panel controls, with well designed menus that make them easy to use. More significantly, both offer a collection of features that earn them HP's designation of e-All-in-One. For the 5520, being an e-All-in-One means that it supports HP ePrint (HP's approach to printing through the cloud), HP Web apps (a collection of apps available through the Web), Apple AirPrint (for printing from iOS devices), and the HP ePrint Home & Biz print app (for printing from both Android and iOS devices). Note that to take advantage of ePrint, AirPrint, or HP's Web apps, it's not enough for the printer to be connected by a USB cable to a computer that's on a network. The printer itself has to be connected to a network by WiFi. And for ePrint and Web apps, the network has to be connected to the internet. However, the HP ePrint Home & Biz print app can connect to the printer directly, whether you have a WiFi network or not. BasicsThe 5520's basic MFP features are limited to printing, scanning, and copying. It can also print from or scan to memory cards, but it lacks a USB type A port for printing from PictBridge cameras or for printing from and scanning to USB keys. Like many home-oriented printers, however, it includes built-in templates you can print from commands in the front-panel menu system, including choices for notebook paper, graph paper, music paper, and games, with unlimited variations on mazes and Sudoku puzzles generated by built-in algorithms. The paper capacity is limited to just 80 sheets, but the printer also includes automatic duplexing (for printing on both sides of the page), which is a welcome option for saving paper. One benefit of a low paper capacity is that the printer doesn't have to be very large. With the trays fully extended, the 5520 measures 16.3 by 17.5 by 22.6 inches (HWD), but the printer body is only about 12 inches deep. You shouldn't have any trouble finding room for it on your desk. Setup, Speed and Output Quality Setting up the 5520 is standard fare. For my tests, I connected it by USB cable and installed the drivers and software on a system running Windows Vista. On our business applications suite, (timed with QualityLogic's hardware and software), the printer came in at a reasonably fast 3.7 pages per minute (ppm). That's a bit slower than the less expensive Brother MFC-J430w (\$100 street, 4 stars), but MFC-J430w's fast speed is one of the reasons why it's an Editors' Choice. To put both speeds in context, note that the somewhat more expensive Editors' Choice Brother MFC-[825DW (\$150 street, 4 stars) scored 4 ppm. Also, note that the 5520's output quality overall is reasonably good, but not impressive. Text quality is a step above par for an inkjet, but it's balanced by graphics quality that's a step below par. Photo quality is dead on par. Text is easily good enough for home use or most business use. I wouldn't use it for a resume or other output that needs to look fully professional, but some fonts qualify as highly readable even at sizes as small as 4 points. Graphics are also high enough quality for most business needs, but I saw subtle banding and occasional streaks of white in solid areas in my tests. Color photos are a match for what you can expect from drugstore prints. However, images with dark areas aren't as contrasty as they should be, and a black and white photo in my test showed different color tints at different shades of gray. I'd like this printer better if it included an Ethernet connector, so you wouldn't be forced to have Wi-Fi to use most of the features that make it an e-All-in-One. If you already have a Wi-Fi based features, that's not an issue. In any of these scenarios, if you need a printer at home with reasonably fast speed and suitably high-quality output, the HP Photosmart 5520 e-All-in-One is a more than reasonable choice. More Multi-function Printer Reviews: Sign up for Lab Report to get the latest reviews and top product advice delivered right to your inbox. This newsletter may contain advertising, deals, or affiliate links. Subscribing to a newsletter indicates your consent to our Terms of Use and Privacy Policy. You may unsubscribe from the newsletters at any time. At a GlanceGood output qualityCheap to buyScanner lid doesn't telescopeNo automatic document feederThis low-cost multifunction printer offers the duplexing and layout options that its predecessor lacked, making it a better buy for low-volume use. Its touchpad makes it more stylish, too. The \$129 (as of May 9, 2012) HP Photosmart 5510 e-All-in-One-a handsome but disappointing product that lacked manual duplexing and layout support. The Photosmart 5520 makes amends big-time, offering an automatic duplexer as well as both booklet and multipage printing. In other aspects, the units are virtually identical. Paper handling with the Photosmart 5520 is rudimentary, but adequate for low-volume use. An 80-sheet input tray sits at the bottom of the unit. Output exits just above that, falling onto the back of the input tray, where a swivel-out extension catches it. The design is clever only until you need to feed more paper, but it's workable overall. As mentioned, the Photosmart 5520 has an automatic duplexer to ease two-sided printing chores. You won't find an automatic document feeder to go along with the A4/letter-size scanner, however, so the Photosmart 5520 isn't suitable for scanning long documents. The scanner lid is solidly constructed, but the hinges don't telescope to accommodate thicker items such as books. You manage the Photosmart 5520 directly via a 2.65-inch color LCD touchscreen with contextually lit (lit when needed, dark when not) navigation buttons. The Wi-Fi and ePrint buttons are always visible, as is the power button-the only mechanical control on board. The trouble (not really) with the control panel is that it looks removable; it's not, so don't yank on it. The other salient feature on the front of the unit is a dual SD Card/Memory Stick reader for offloading scans and performing direct photosmart 5520's printer driver is a relatively simple affair, it does offer layout options for booklets and multiple pages-amenities lacking in the Photosmart 5520 supports push scanning (that is, scanning to a PC using the printer's control panel) and printing via email using HP's ePrint. The Photosmart 5520 is a nice performer for a sub-\$150 MFP, albeit a tad slower than the Photosmart 5510. In our tests, monochrome pages printed at 4.1 ppm to plain paper and 1.0 ppm to glossy paper. Full-page photos printed on the Mac were a little slower than average at 0.4 ppm. The Photosmart 5520 produced nice-looking draft-mode documents very quickly. Scans and copies were acceptably quick as well. Output from the Photosmart 5520 generally looks good when it arrives. Though a tad on the light side, photos have a largely realistic color palette (with a slight pinkish cast) on both plain and glossy photo paper. Text is dark, crisp, and sharp. Scans have a slightly cool temperature but are more than acceptable. The Photosmart 5520 uses a four-cartridge ink system (HP's 564 line). Costs are actually fairly low for an MFP in this price range if you use the largecapacity supplies. In the standard size, black costs \$12 and lasts for 250 pages (4.8 cents per page), while the standard cyan, magenta, and yellow color cartridges are \$10 each and last for 300 pages, or 3.3 cents per page. The resulting 14.8-cent four-color page is a little cheaper than average. The high-yield "XL" cartridges lower costs more for color than for black. The cyan, magenta, and yellow cartridges are \$18 for 750 pages, or 2.4 cents per page a single cent per page. A four-color page with the XL supplies is 11.4 cents per page. If you want an MFP that's better than average-looking and covers all the basics for light use, the HP Photosmart 5520 is definitely worth a gander. If you're checking out other printers in this price range, the Brother MFC-J625DW (\$130) is the most comparable. The Canon Pixma MG4120 (\$130) and the Epson Stylus NX430 (\$100) have pricier inks.

