Laser & Inkjet Printers

When comparing the advantages of laser or inkjet print technology, it all comes down to what you're using it for.



LASER

Uses toner

Toner is essentially a powder; a heat fusing process bonds the toner to the paper. Toner doesn't need to dry after printing like ink does.



INKJET

Uses ink

Ink is a liquid; tiny nozzles spray the ink onto the paper. Ink needs to dry when it comes out of the printer on a printed page. Inkjet printing does not use heat, meaning there is no paper curling.







Produces vivid colours and high quality images / photos

Prints on plain paper

Can't use photo paper with a laser printer - they print through a heat fusing process which can melt photo paper





Prints on plain or photo paper & on heavier stock

Photo paper will produce brilliant images with rich colours

Can manage high print volumes





Only has inks to replace - no drum

Prints up to A3 size*





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Examples of where lasers can work well

For printing high volumes that are text heavy, such as reports, invoices, proposals

Professional services (legal, accounting) • healthcare • retail • insurance







Examples of where inkjets can work well

For printing image/graphic heavy documents, such as posters, photography, floor plans

Creative & arts • designers • architecture • education • real estate











