The new Ricoh MP C401/C401SR are among the very few color copier MFPs that only print and copy up to legal-sized paper. They are aimed at the midsize workgroup that does not need ledger-sized (11" x 17") handling.

The $5,800 MP C401 and $6,405 C401SR copy and print at 42ppm in both color and black-and-white. Printing, copying, and scanning are standard while faxing is optional. The difference between the base and SR models consists of a standard finisher on the SR model. Another difference is that the optional one-bin 100-sheet tray is only available on the base model.

Both models come standard with a 2GB memory, not upgradable, and include a 320GB hard drive.

Ricoh offers an optional 10.1" Super VGA Smart Operation Panel where users can drag and drop or pinch, flick, and swipe icons, much like a tablet. There is also optional access to cloud-based document management and printing services.

Paper supplies: A 550-sheet tray and a 100-sheet bypass tray are standard. You can optionally add a second two-tray bank for 1,100 more sheets or add a single 550-sheet tray. Maximum paper input is 2,300 sheets.

There is a standard 50-sheet-capacity reversing automatic document feeder (what we call an RADF). Duplexing is standard.

Output and finishing features: The MP C401 starts with a 500-sheet output capacity. The MP C401SR has a standard 250-sheet output tray. A one-bin tray with 100 sheets is available as an option for the MP C401. As mentioned above, the MP C401SR includes a capacity of 250 sheets.

Multifunctional features: As noted above, both machines come standard with printing and scanning. Scan-to functions include email (with LDAP support), folder (SMB and FTP), and URL. Scan-to-media is supported with a USB/SD card, which gives users the capability to scan to a USB flash drive and other similar devices. You can scan to JPEG, PDF, high compression PDF, and TIFF files.

The optional fax kit runs at 33.6kbps with a standard 4MB memory. LAN fax and Internet fax is supported.

The print function includes PCL, PostScript, and XPS. USB and Ethernet connectivity is standard. Wi-Fi is optional. Ricoh offers its Smart Device Print&Scan app for smartphones and tablets, as well as optional HotSpot for printing from mobile devices.

Ricoh's Document Server can store up to 3,000 documents with a maximum of 2,000 pages per document.

There is a variety of security features, including password protected, user-specific authentication, address book encryption, and data overwrite. A new security feature, called Mandatory Security Information Printing, can list the name and time of printing on the output.

Conclusion: These Ricoh MP models are productive machines, with decent paper capacity, standard finisher (on the SR model), and excellent features. We give them our Editor's Choice Award.
Vendor Profile

Ricoh has grown to be a major contender in the color copier market. Quality-wise, Ricoh's reputation in color is quite strong, and the experience of its dealers in supporting this type of product is solid as well.

All of the company's networkable copier-based products are marketed under the family name — this includes both black-and-white and color models. Without question, Ricoh currently offers one of the most comprehensive digital product ranges addressing these two markets.

**Distribution:** Ricoh owns two major copier brands — Lanier and Savin — and both sell an all-Ricoh line. Ricoh also sells its products using a broad network of dealers and direct-sales branches. Ricoh's direct-sales organization has offices in 17 major markets with more than 50 locations in the U.S.

*Ricoh MP C401* - Productive MFP with excellent features, such as legal-sized paper handling.