

## OPEX DS2200

It has been suggested that more than two-thirds of the cost of any scanning operation is in document preparation and post-scan processing - i.e. the menial repetitive tasks around sorting paper into batches, removing items such as cheques, checking for staples, tears and folds; the list is almost unending. But document prep is often ignored by organisations when considering (and cost-justifying) an imaging solution - largely because it is something of an invisible or unquantifiable cost. It is for exactly this situation that OPEX has designed the DS2200 device, which they describe as a 'mixed document capture platform'. Building on the success of the DS1225, the DS2200 offers a number of advances that make it even more attractive to bureau/BPO type users as well as end user organisations with high document volumes.

As well as OPEX's own CertainScan software, the DS2200 also comes with VRS embedded in the device - providing the industry-leading image enhancement software on a license basis like this as opposed to the more common 'per-image charge' makes it massively more affordable, and improves the ROI of the whole offering.

The DS2200 is far more than just a high volume scanner - the device incorporates a complete imaging workstation including operator screen with touchscreen interface, OPEX's unique drop-feed feeder mechanism, and output hoppers that can be used to split



cheques or other important items from a mixed batch, or batch separator sheets for re-use (separator sheet production in itself can form a large part of the 'unseen' cost of imaging prep). A unique 'operator assist' sensor next to the feed path allows the user to interrupt processing at any time with a single intuitive movement.

OPEX, with its pedigree of mailroom solutions, have over 30 years experience in dealing with envelopes and their contents, so it is only logical that the DS2200 would sit as well in a digital mailroom setting as a bureau - it will recognise and process envelopes, correspondence, forms, invoices and more, all with equal ease. It is easy to imagine insurance firms or healthcare organisations, who need a solution capable of handling mixed documents of varying quality, colour and size, finding much to like in this device.

Quality control and statistical reporting are powerful and user-friendly, letting user organisations know the exact cost of specific jobs and routines - crucial for businesses that re-charge for imaging such as bureaux and BPOs.

In an environment where all the documents to be scanned are uniformly 'clean' and high quality, it might be hard to see the justification for a device as robust and versatile as the DS2200. It could be argued, though, that such environments these days are very few and far between. For the rest of us, with requirements to scan varied batches of mixed documents of often decidedly 'scanner un-friendly' quality, the DS2200 offers a solution that has been designed for the real world. At around £26,000 it compares very favourably with many high-speed volume scanners that, frankly, offer far less flexibility.

**More info:** [www.opex.com](http://www.opex.com)

## VERDICT

Perhaps the first truly 'all-purpose' high-speed document scanner, the DS2200 stands alone in its ability to process any kind of document you might want to throw at it from credit cards to ECGs, from onion-skin paper to file folders. For high volume capture of mixed document types, we've seen nothing to compete with this.