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Press Release

Konica Minolta ensures accessibility for everyone on bizhub multifunctional systems

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Konica Minolta attaches huge importance to the accessibility of all its bizhub multifunctional systems (MFP). The company therefore complies with European directive EN 301549-M376, earmarking the “European Accessibility Requirements for Public Procurement of Products and Services in the ICT Domain”, which will be obligatory by 2016. Konica Minolta already has accessibility standards in terms of a universal design for its MFPs. These standards guarantee visually impaired employees or employees with a mobility impairment unrestricted access to the bizhub systems. From 20-22 May 2015 Konica Minolta presented its solutions for visually impaired people at SightCity in Frankfurt, Germany’s largest exhibition in the field of aids for the blind and visually impaired.

Improved visibility for people with vision-impairment

Touch displays are considerably more difficult for visually impaired people to operate. The voice guidance included in Konica Minolta’s mobile printing app “PageScope Mobile” provides an easy step-by-step assistance for control panel operations and lets users navigate through the menu so that they can access the different functionalities without any limitations. With “PageScope Mobile”, users can print from and scan to their smartphone or tablet. Documents scanned with Scan-to-Voice, even duplex documents, can be read out loud on the PC with Konica Minolta’s scan and screen reader software solutions.

Furthermore, Konica Minolta offers visually impaired people a plastic, electrostatic film with braille, which can be stuck onto the control panel of the MFP. The braille contains the most frequent functions such as black/white or colour printing and paper tray choice. Users can authenticate themselves on the device with their own badge which is delivered within the package. Currently the film is available in French, but will soon also be available in English and German braille. The braille was displayed by Konica Minolta at SightCity in Frankfurt from 20-22 May 2015. Here, at Germany’s largest annual exhibition in the field of aids for the blind and the visually impaired, which numbered 4,000 visitors last year, Konica Minolta exhibited, as partner, at the Siemens booth (F18).

For an improved and enhanced display, readability letters, numbers and error messages can be enlarged with one touch of the display. Additionally, display colours can be individually adjusted by people with colour recognition problems such as red-green colour blindness.



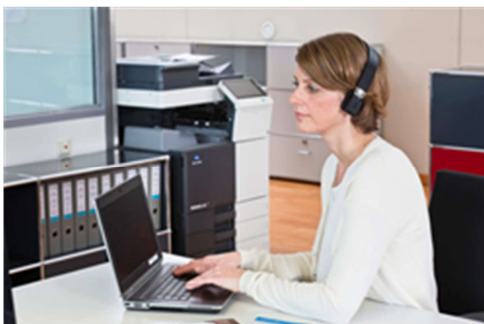
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Enhanced accessibility for users with a mobility impairment

Konica Minolta bizhub devices are designed with up to 9" wide tiltable touchscreens for easy use requiring little physical effort. In addition, with the free app "bizhub Remote Access" the bizhub display can be duplicated on an iOS or Android smartphone or tablet and so be remotely operated from there. The app also allows users to expand or collapse the hardware buttons, rotate the preview screen, zoom in for better visibility, and pinch in and out of an image. The app can be easily downloaded via Google Playstore or iTunes AppStore.

An assist handle enables the document feeder to be lifted easily, even from a seated position. Thanks to the front access to the device, toner can be easily changed in a seated position and paper trays are accessible from the front too.

Further information: <http://www.sightcity.net/>



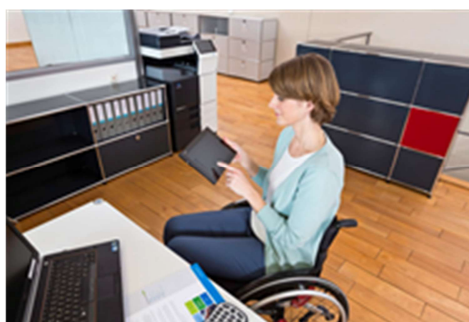
Voice scanned documents can be read out loud on the PC.



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With "bizhub Remote Access" the bizhub display can be operated from a smartphone or tablet.



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