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Colortrac releases next generation SmartLF Gx+ 56 / Gx+ T56 extra-wide format scanners

Allied Images, UK and Ireland distributor for Colortrac's large format scanners, is pleased to make known the availability of the recently announced Colortrac SmartLF Gx+56 extra-wide format scanner range. This new 56" image width scanner is the widest sheet feed scanner available in the market. These 600dpi optical high definition (HD) resolution scanners, which combine fast high-fidelity colour graphics scanning and the ability to resolve fine line detail in technical documents, are targeted at the aerospace, aeronautics, automotive and reprographics industries where the ability to capture non-standard, oversize 1:1 scale documents, as well as poster or billboard-size advertising artwork, is a common requirement. The scanners offer instant-on, walk-up scanning and fast network distribution of colour, greyscale or monochrome images via Gigabit Ethernet. The recommended list price of the entry-level 600dpi optical resolution SmartLF Gx+ 56m (monochrome) scanner including straightforward SmartLF All-in-One scan, copy and email software is an extremely competitive £11,745.

The combination of fast high-fidelity colour graphics scanning and the ability to resolve fine line detail in technical documents is targeted at the aerospace, aeronautics, automotive and reprographics industries where the ability to capture non-standard, oversize 1:1 scale documents, as well as poster or billboard-size advertising artwork, is a common requirement. The ability to scan A0/ E-size and architectural E-size documents in landscape, right reading with no time-consuming post-scan rotation can also be very useful when creating digital archives for large volumes of CAD drawings, maps, plans and other landscape orientation technical documents, or when copying documents to the wider LF printers.

The major new innovation in the SmartLF Gx+ 56 scanners is the Colortrac designed and manufactured bi-directional (2D) LED illumination system. Colortrac's use of LED technology is a major benefit to customers who will enjoy; instant-on colour calibration, lower ENERGY STAR® qualified running costs, lower

consumable / service / disposal costs and greater reliability from the solid state digital LED design. Compared with previous generation SmartLF CCD scanners, SmartLF Gx+ 56 uses 30% less power in operation as the LEDs are only on when actually scanning and 94% less when idle as the LEDs are switched off. The estimated working life of the LED system is 50,000 hours, which equates to 6 years constant operation 24 hours per day, 7 days per week - with no vacation time!

This, and other innovations like Gigabit Ethernet connectivity, give the SmartLF Gx+ 56 / Gx+ T56 scanner range a significant productivity and cost advantage over competing scanners using fluorescent tubes and lower specification connection interfaces.

Steve Morin, Allied Images' MD, said "with exceptional value for money as its core principle, Colortrac makes the SmartLF Gx+ 56 / Gx+ T56 (thick media) scanners available in affordable monochrome (m), colour (c) and express (e) colour scanner models. Their options and prices ensure the best value for money for every buyer in any application. The SmartLF Gx+ 56m model has an RRP of £11,745 rising to £13,995 for the SmartLF Gx+ T56e including the ready-to-run SmartLF All-in-One scan, copy and email software. SmartLF scanners can be quickly and easily upgraded on-site from a monochrome to colour or express colour by exchange of emails. Colortrac's customers benefit from the unique ability to buy a mono or colour scanner that meets their current requirements knowing that they can protect their investment and upgrade should their needs change in future."

Colortrac will begin shipping the extra-large format SmartLF Gx+ 56 / Gx+ T56 (Thick media) scanner range during March.

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About Allied Images Limited

Allied Images Limited has been established since 1989 and are Scanning Technology Specialists offering a comprehensive range of products and services to an extensive market place including Local and Central Government, Reprographics, Copy Shops, Manufacturing, GIS, CAD, and AEC. Allied Images is committed to stay in the forefront of this continually expanding industry enabling it to satisfy users demands with the latest technology and training. www.allied-images.com

About Colortrac

Founded in 1989 Colortrac Ltd is a dedicated manufacturer of large format scanners and scanning software based in St Ives, Cambridgeshire, UK, a region of British excellence in science and technology. As an acknowledged wide format innovator and industry leader, Colortrac can claim a number of notable "firsts", most importantly the development of the first large format colour scanner. Not bound by doctrine or technology, Colortrac was the first wide format scanner manufacturer to recognise the individual merits of CIS and CCD sensor technology. Colortrac use both technologies to provide practical solutions that meet the divergent needs of the Graphic Arts, AEC, CAD, GIS, EDM and FM technical documents scanning markets to best effect. The Colortrac range of SmartLF large format scanners, now in their fifth generation, excels in meeting the specific requirements of these markets while offering unrivalled price and performance benefits. Colortrac Ltd also has offices in Beijing & Suzhou in P.R. China and in Golden CO, USA.