



Fujitsu ScanSnap S1500M review

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The compact silver and white [Fujitsu](#) ScanSnap S1500M is solidly built and connects to your PC via USB 2.0. Its fold-up design allows it to take up little desktop real estate when not in use.

Fujitsu's ScanSnap Manager software offers a colourfully pleasing interface, with intuitive controls and easy to recognize icons. The Fujitsu ScanSnap S1500M doesn't ship with a TWAIN driver, which would let you initiate a scan into TWAIN compliant apps such as Acrobat Professional 8, a powerful, and expensive, application which the ScanSnap actually includes. You can, however, use the ScanSnap Manager to send the scanned files to these applications.

The ScanSnap Manager software comes with presets for scanning to a printer, to a folder, or to email. ScanSnap Manager also shows presets for two bundled applications, CardIris business card scanning software, and Abby Fine Reader. The CardIris software worked fine, though a bit of editing cleanup was required.

In terms of speed, the Fujitsu ScanSnap S1500M wasn't the fastest document scanner we've tested, but was still impressively quick, taking just 36 seconds for our 10-page test and 18 seconds for our scan to Acrobat test. Its one-page test result, at 17 seconds, was the slowest score of four recently tested document scanners, which had scores between 7 and 15 seconds.

In our scanning quality tests, we found the Fujitsu ScanSnap S1500M to be a solid performer, earning Good ratings in all three of our evaluation categories (detail, colour and OCR accuracy).

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Specifications

Colour desktop document scanner; Max Supported Document Size: 216x360mm; 292x159x158mm; 3kg; optical resolution: 600x600dpi; Automatic Duplexing ; Dual CCD scan element; Ultrasonic Double Feed Detection; Max Document Size: 216x863mm; Autoload Document Feeder; Document Storage Capacity: 50 sheets; Hi-Speed USB - 4 PIN USB Type B; RoHS; EPA [Energy Star](#) Compliant; Power adapter - external: AC 120/230 V (50/60Hz)



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Verdict

For those looking to reduce the amount of paper in their life, the space-saving, [easy to use](#) Fujitsu ScanSnap S1500M offers competitive price and solid performance.