

I2S ESCAN OPEN SYSTEM

Bordeaux-based i2S is a firm with some 35 years experience of camera and imaging systems, and its new book scanner, eScan Open System, has been developed as a modular solution that can be built to suit the exact needs of a variety of different types of organisation.

Scanning books requires a very specific set of technical capabilities: while most of the large scanner manufacturers offer at least one book-scanning model, they are relatively limited in their functionality when compared to a specialist device such as this. It is perfectly suited to scanning large or delicate documents, (especially, but not exclusively, books) and thus is ideal for environments such as libraries, museums and other public bodies where there is a requirement to allow members of the public to use the technology. Indeed the eScan has a specific 'kiosk mode' with a software interface designed for non-technical users such as students. Other configuration options include tabletop or workstation setups.

More relevant to our readers perhaps is the idea of adding an eScan to an



The camera is mounted overhead and will comfortably scan images up to just over A2 in size. A built-in LED light ensures there will never be shadow or reflection spoiling an image. The proprietary Limb Capture software can auto-select the image area or the user can 'drag to scan' via the intuitive and straightforward touchscreen interface.

Adjustable settings include scan resolution (150, 300 or 400 dpi) and output type (TIF, JPG or PDF), as well as selection of the destination folder - typically on a network via LDAP access, although users could even specify to save images to a USB stick if required.

The high quality of the camera (which of course is where i2S has made its name over many years) ensures very detailed and accurate scans every time - which as well as being crucial for archival/sharing of ancient books and manuscripts, would also be important for business projects such as registries, health records or legal case folders. Indeed all of these are actual business applications that i2S has already sold these devices into either here in the UK or in Europe.

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existing BPO/bureau environment, giving these businesses a way to add value to their standard scanning offerings. This is where UK distributor Spigraph Network sees significant potential business scope.

The eScan Open System has clearly been designed by experts who understand the specific needs of users in the book scanning market. It is easily adjustable for different heights (e.g. standing for occasional/kiosk use, or seated for use in a bureau/production environment). The scan 'cradle' is cleverly designed in two sections, left and right, with an adjustable gap between for the spine of any size of book. These two sections are independently adjustable for height so as to adjust to suit any size of book opening and thickness of spine.

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The eScan Open System is ideally suited to BPOs as well as office dealers/resellers who can sell it into corporate customers (banks, insurance companies), hospitals, universities, and other public sector environments which have self-service or kiosk scanning environments for scanning identity documents, applications and the like.