

IBM 6400 to Vector II Comparison

	6400	Infoprint 6500
Controller	CFX	Power PC – Faster processing for graphics, bar codes, and overlays
Operator Panel	10+ years old. IBM unique.	IBM unique. Brand new. Similar function. More reliable. Attention light.
Consumables	20 Million Char. Ribbon. 30 Million Char. Ribbon (\$0.82 per M char.). Printer will accept both IBM & non-IBM ribbons. Distribution through PFS.	50 Million Char. Ribbon = 160% more life & 37% lower SCOP (\$0.52 per M char.). Printer will only accept IBM ribbons. Distribution through PFS.
Branding	Machine Type/Model branding 10+ years old.	New Infoprint branding.
Color	Pearl White.	Business Black.
Cabinet	Cabinet design 10+ years old.	New modern top cover design.
Pedestal	Limited room for loading ribbons & paper.	New clamshell design improves ease of use. Larger wheels for improved mobility.
Quick Setup Menu	N/A	New Quick Setup Menu improves ease of initial setup by gathering together the most often used configuration items.
Wireless Ethernet	Symbol support only.	Support for Symbol & Lucent.
Blue operator touch points	N/A	Operator controls are clearly marked in blue to enhance user friendliness.

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Parallel interface	The parallel interface is inaccessible when the Ethernet 10/100BaseT NIC is installed.	The parallel interface is always accessible.
Windows Drivers	Good	Enhanced for higher performance.
Intelligent Ribbon System	Requires some user intervention.	Fully automatic with no user intervention required. Unacceptable output and costly reprints are avoided.
Auto platen return lever	N/A	Once platen adjustment is set, the position can be locked to ensure that proper adjustment is maintained following ribbon & paper loading. Potential for ribbon failures and paper jams due to improper adjustment is minimized.
IGP/Code V, IPDS	Field Upgrades performed by Customer Engineer only. IPDS unique to IBM.	Field Upgrades can be quickly and easily performed by customer. IPDS unique to IBM.