



# EPSON PICTUREMATE 210

It's cute, white, portable and looks like a little chilly bin – and with it the editor prints perfect photos

**EPSON PICTUREMATE 210**  
RRP \$299

**DESCRIPTION**

➤ Little 10x15cm photo printer

**SYSTEM**

➤ Mac OS 10.2.8 or later (plus Microsoft Windows 2000/XP/XP 64-bit)

**For**

- + Small, quiet
- + No-fuss setup
- + Excellent photos

**Against**

- ✗ Can't print from USB drives
- ✗ Can't actually keep four cold drinks in it

SPEED	93%
NEW FEATURES	81%
STABILITY	94%
PRICE VALUE	92%

**OVERALL 90%**

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A printer like this has one job: to print great photos at the traditional photo size of 10x15cm (aka 4x6 inches). With just one slip-in ink cartridge (four colours) inserted into the back, plug in the supplied power and USB2 cable, move the carry handle back to allow the top to be opened, and press the Open button for the paper tray to fold down. That's pretty much it. The ink is Claria Photographic Ultra High Definition dye-based ink, designed especially for photo printing, so you won't be banging out your company reports on this wee beastly. It's a very specific printer, completely unlike all the multifunction models we've looked at lately. On glossy photo-sized paper, first class photo-prints emerge quietly at just under one per minute.

Having the top open reveals a two-inch LCD screen and enough buttons to let you print independently of your Mac, so you can literally take the printer with you and print straight from your camera, or pop out a camera's flash card, which fits into either of two slots also revealed when the paper tray is opened out. The slots cater to Compact Flash Type 1/2, Memory Stick, Magicgate Memory Stick, Memory Stick Pro, Memory Stick Duo, Memory Stick Micro, Microdrive, SD Memory card/miniSD card, microSD card, SDHC card, miniSDHC card, microSDHC card, MMC/xD-Picture Card, xD-Picture Card Type M and xD-Picture Card Type H.

The top-mounted control buttons include On, Menu, Select All, Open (for the paper tray), OK, left and right menu

navigators, Cancel, Layout (which activates LEDs on successive presses for Borderless, Border, ID and PhotoSticker) plus paper feed. With these it's simple to choose the correct options to get the results you desire.

ID prints one 4x4-inch and two wallet-sized photos on the 4x6-inch photo sheet.

**VERDICT**

This is a no fuss printer that does one job very well – printing photos direct from cards, photos or your computer that cost about the same as those from photo kiosks. The added benefit is that you have all the control. Finally, it's a smart, almost cuddly white unit and folds away in no time – the PictureMate looks good alongside iMacs, minis and MacBooks.

