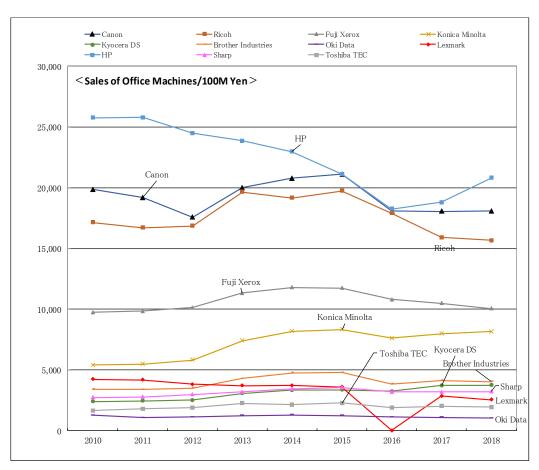


Research Report

[2019 Version of Supply Chain Market Forecast]

"The Rapidly Changing Face of the Office Equipment Industry and Its Supply Chain"

=A decade-long history of the supply chain of copiers, laser printers, toner and its related materials, photoconductors and their related materials, as well as functional components =





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<Overview>



I. Theme

"The Rapidly Changing Face of the Office Equipment Industry and Its Supply Chain"

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II. Abstract

The Japanese office equipment industry characterized by dominant market share of Japanese makers boasting their globally recognized technology and collective strengths is now struggling.

Development and manufacturing technology, sales network, and support system, based on a combination of electricity, electronics, chemistry, machinery, and software among others are a must for manufacturing copiers and laser printers in the office equipment industry. Japanese manufacturers did all it could in every single field to maintain their current leading position; they quickly adapted to the transition from analog to digital and supported the advent of smaller products and evolving imaging technology. However, as the market is becoming overcrowded, the overall industry is going slowly out of tune.

Development of hardware products has made little progress, leading makers to save costs, while parts makers are forced out of business because they could make little profit out of products they were told to supply at as low a price as possible. Behind this was the fast-growing presence of Chinese makers whose growth is supported by Japanese engineers who were asked to join them after being dismissed by their Japanese employers worried too much about their company's future to care for the retention of their engineers. Such Chinese makers supported by their government naturally grew quickly and are squeezing the profitability of Japanese makers.

If Chinese makers start manufacturing their own copiers, Japanese makers will have no choice but restructure their industry.

Against this background, this special report describes how much change the supply chain has gone through over the last decade in terms of hardware machines, functional parts, toner, photoconductors, and other items analyzed by each hardware maker. We hope the report will be beneficial to all readers and be a good reference for them to lay out business strategy.

III. Items and Makers

- 1. Target Items
- 1-1. Hardware makers
- 1-2. Functional parts makers
- 1-3. Toner related makers
- 1-4. Photoconductor related makers
- 2. Target makers
- 2-1. Hardware makers (11 companies)
- 1) Canon 2) Fuji Xerox 3) Ricoh 4) Konica Minolta 5) Sharp 6) Kyocera Document Solutions
- 7) Toshiba TEC 8) Brother Industries 9) Oki Data 10) Lexmark 11) HPPK



2-2. Functional parts makers (total of 125+ makers)

- 1) Charge roller (11+ companies) 2) Magnetic roller (10+ makers) 3) Developer roller (13+ companies)
- 4) Toner adder roller (9+ companies) 5) Transfer roller (13+ companies) 6) Intermediate transfer belt (11+ companies) 7) Heat roller/Fuser belt (19+ companies) 8) Pressure roller/Pressure belt (18+ companies)
- 9) Cleaning blade (8+ companies) 10) Paper feeder and Transporting roller (13+ companies)
- 2-3. Toner related makers (total of 48+ makers)
- 1) Toner makers (17+ makers) 2) Toner resin makers (7+ companies) 3) Carrier makers (4+ makers)
- 4) Magnetic oxide makers (4+ makers) 5) Colorant makers (5+ makers) 6) CCA makers (4+ makers)
- 7) External additives makers (7+ makers)
- 2-4. Photoconductor related makers (total of 28+ makers)
 - 1) Photoconductor makers (9+ makers) 2) Photoconductor's substrate makers (5+ makers)
 - 3) Photoconductor's coating material makers (14+ makers)

IV. Research Period and Methodology

1. Research Period

From 2010 to 2019

- 2. Methodology
 - 1) On-site and in-person interviews with target makers
- 2) Analysis and review of open literatures, materials, statistics, and other sources
- 3) Analysis of Data Supply's own proprietary database

V. Format and Report Preparation Period

1. Research Form

This is a multi-client study.

2. Research Period

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