The WideTEK 36C stainless steel paper guide is very long lasting, easy to clean and does not place any stress on the scanned documents. The stainless steel surface does not accumulate static electricity, unlike like the plastic paper guides found on many of the competing CIS scanners. The surface is not flat but textured in such a way, that thousands of air pockets form during transport. These air pockets avoid having documents with a smooth surface stick to the scanning bed or the transport area, which greatly reduces the risk of skew, slip and paper jams.

Competing CIS scanners almost all have a scanning bed made of plastic or coated metal, which also carries imprinted marks for various paper sizes. This looks nice at the time of purchase but after a couple of hundred scans of old drawings, those marks begin to wear off. The plastic surface also shows signs of usage – dirt, scratches, discoloration; and the scanner will look very used, very fast.

On the WideTEK 36C, there is no print on the scanning bed. It is not necessary to guide the user in positioning the document because the scanner has center feed an automatically determines the width and position of the document itself at scan time.

The upper cover still has a ruler to measure the document size but this is used only for reference. This ruler is also normally not touched by the scanned document; therefore, it doesn’t wear out.

The paper guide consists of only one piece -- including the scanning bed, the scanning area and the exit part. There are no edges or catches which could cause a paper jam. If necessary, the entire paper guide can be removed by unscrewing a few easily accessible screws, allowing full access to the transport drums and the background drums.

- Antistatic stainless steel paper guide
- Textured surface for trouble free transport
- Easy to clean
- Extremely long lasting