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RIFAX 600S, first high-speed facsimile machine for offices, succeeds in transmitting a message between Tokyo and New York

RIFAX 600S was the world's first high-speed facsimile machine for offices, designed to be able to transmit an A4 page in 60 seconds—an outstanding performance compared to the three to six minutes required for contemporary standard models at the time.

The product was also capable of international transmission. At the product launch conference held in April 1973, a transmission demonstration was successfully conducted between Tokyo and New York via satellite communications, establishing the global reputation of Ricoh as a leading technology brand.

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RIFAX 600S exported to the USA (1975)



RIFAX 600S (1974)



RIFAX 600S high-speed facsimile enabling an astonishingly fast 60-sec. transmission, presented at the product launch conference at Keidanren Kaikan in April 1973, with Prime Minister Eisaku Sato (left) and Ricoh President Mikio Tatebayashi

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RIFAX 600S: The World's First High-speed Digital Facsimile for Offices, Capable of Connecting to Public-line Networks

<http://www.ricoh.com/about/company/history/1970/rifax600s.html>