

HP Ipaq 112 Classic Handheld PDA



This one was my first PDA, which I purchased for AU \$349 in December 2007.

This PDA has a 3.5" screen, which is crisp and pleasing to the eye. It is also coloured.

The PDA runs on windows mobile6, which is easy to use and synchronises easily with my Windows Vista laptop.

With no prior knowledge of MobiPocket, I was able to load the program to the PDA with ease. Because this PDA has WiFi, I was able to connect to the internet and download direct from the Mobi Pocket site to the PDA.

Once I had successfully downloaded MobiPocket, I thought I was flying and would be reading eBooks in no time at all. Nahnah... I became confused about whether to use the Windows mobile sync on my vista laptop or open MobiPocket and Add a new device to MobiPocket. After a fair bit of stuffing around I went for the MobiPocket Add new device option and voila, I had it done in a further 5 minutes.

Note to self: Dont bother with Windows Sync and just worry about MobiPocket if you only need the PDA for eBooks.

The battery life of this PDA is amazing. I get about 14 hours continuous with this device (yes, I have tried this).

The PDA is small (Measuring 11.7x1.4x6.9cm it is extremely slim) and fits easily into my jeans or jacket pocket. I now use this PDA when on the run.

This PDA takes a standard SD memory card and I have 516 books on my 2GB card. This hasn't even used 1GB on the card.

Remember when we set up MobiPocket we selected zip files, well this means that the books take up stuff-all space.

My wife also had one of these, but I decided she didn't use it enough so I gave it to a friend. This friend knew nothing about eBooks nor PDA's when she received it in the mail. I was able to assist her

in MSN to get the PDA loaded and up and running. BTW, I don't think my wife has noticed it is gone yet.

This PDA also has a standard audio jack, therefore you can listen to listening books with it. Oh yeah, you can use it for MP3 too, but I'm talking eBooks and lesfic here.

To charge this PDA, you use a mini-USB cable or the supplied AC adapter. This cable is also used to sync your PDA via MobiPocket.

The PDA also comes with a classy leather pouch.

Navigate the PDA with a stylus and touch screen. If you have fingernails you will not need the stylus.

Overall I would say:

5/5 for portability

5/5 for ease of use

4/5 for battery life

4/5 for price (given that it has wifi, this is a good price).

IMHO, this PDA is a brilliant eReading device.

Kudos

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