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Product of the Year



SoMo 650



Socket Mobile SoMo 650

Main Features:

Mobile computer in a PDA form

Other Info:

Includes Wi-Fi connectivity.

Price - \$675

VERDICT

+ It's a durable and highly functional PDA.

- No negative comments

Easy % - 100

Value % - 100

Support % - 100

Overall % - 100

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There are several business environments that require a manager or another employee to carry a functional computer of sorts with them wherever they go. This is one reason for the popularity of PDA products on the market today. While it doesn't offer all of the functionality of a true-blue PC, it does offer compatibility with business software, email and other Windows-based products. The Socket Mobile SoMo 650 is a highly competitive PDA and it wins our Product of the Year Award for performance and value.

The SoMo 650 is powered by an Intel Xscale 624MHz processor and it includes both 256MB of flash memory and 128MB of RAM. If desired, you can add a memory card as the unit sports both a Secure Digital and Type II CompactFlash slots. Some of these cards can also give you the option of using a CF or SD Scan Card, CF Mag Stripe Reader Card and RFID reader. There is also a 3.5-inch diagonal touch-screen display that has a maximum resolution of 240x320. We think you'll be impressed with the overall clarity of this screen in comparison to other products.

We think you'll also appreciate, especially in a corporate environment, the Bluetooth 2.0 and Wi-Fi 802.11-b/g technologies that are available with this particular model. You'll be able to use the Bluetooth technology with cordless hand scanner models such as the Series 7 or Series 9. For security reasons, the SoMo 650 PDA offers several different encryption/authentication methods such as AES, 802.1x, WPA and WPA2. If you're business has multiple access points located through-

out your location, the device can change from one AC to another in less than 200ms.

If you're familiar with PDA's that run Windows Mobile 5.0, then you know that most companies also throw in the Windows Pocket versions of Microsoft's popular programs. The applications include PowerPoint, Excel, Word, Internet Explorer and a decent email client program call Pocket MSN. There are several other utilities and program included with the device including some developed by Socket Mobile. You can also develop your own programs with a SDK (software development kit) that is available for this PDA.

Other features of the Socket Mobile SoMo 650 include a docking station that includes two USB ports located near the rear of the unit. Users can import images, file data and other media from a USB stick onto one of the memory cards for use with a PDA program. It also is used to synchronize data between your PC and the SoMo 650 itself. It come standard with a 1200 mAh battery that offers around 4 hours of usage however an extended life battery is available if you want to pay for the extra.

The Socket Mobile SoMo 650 is the perfect PDA for someone that works inside a plant that wants the convenience of a portable PDA computer by their side. Cost of the PDA starts out at \$695 and other options can be purchased with the device. Visit the company's web site for additional information and specifications at www.socketmobile.com.

