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● **Okion OfficeStyle™ Office Cordless Desktop Set**

by [t0rc] on Saturday 11 December 2004

Peripherals, especially the mouse and keyboard cannot be overlooked. They can be modded, re-arranged, have different layouts, and look pretty but without solid performance they are worth nothing and a simple waste of space. Check out this review of another wireless set from Okion, right here at The Moditory.

- Product:** Okion OfficeStyle™ Office Cordless Desktop Set
- Manufacturer:** Okion
- MSRP:** \$82.99 USD
- Where to Buy:** [Check Here for a Retailer](#)
- Submitting Company:** Okion

- Features:**
  - 27MHz Carrier Frequency
  - 256 of ID
  - Working Distance of (Max)2.5 meters (Keyboard and mouse)
  - Wireless
  - Office functions
  - Rechargeable mouse
  - Optical mouse
  - 6 Keys mouse
  - Scrolling wheel keyboard
  - Multimedia keyboard
  - Internet keyboard
  - PS/2
  - USB
  - Scroll Wheel

- Further Specifications:**
  - Keyboard Battery Life: over 300 hours on 2 AA
  - Mouse Battery Life: Over 150 hours on 2 AA



\*Specifications found at the Okion [OfficeStyle™ Office Cordless Desktop Set](#) page.

We once again have a Okion product on our test bench, so here is some base info, a statement from their website, about Okion.

*"With unflinching commitment to quality product, our mobile computing peripheral and consumer electronics products are designed and manufactured by people who love innovation. Our Research and development center with a team of senior technicians engaging in product development and design of product exterior. With unlimited creativities and ideas, they create innovative and value-added mobile computing solutions for day to day life. Our extensive product line and solutions enable consumers and businesses worldwide to enjoy computing confortably without boundry limitation."*

*"With offices in London, Hong Kong, and San Fransico; OKION is targeting:*

*"To continue as a highly respected mobile computing solution company  
To become a leader in the IT hardware industry  
To always be a creative and dynamic company. " "*

*"Our central philosophy is to put the customer at the heart of our business. We aim to provide our customers the best quality mobile computing peripheral and consumer electronics products and solutions at a reasonable price. With any product from OKION, you can be certain that you will receive full customer and technical support at all times. This philosophy permeates everything we do, from product design and development through sales, distribution, environmental preservation and cultural support activities."*

You can find these statements and more about Okion at their [Company](#) page.

The Okion OfficeStyle™ Office Cordless Desktop Set came courtesy of our favorite and frequent visitor, Mr. Brown Box. It was packed with the other keyboard we recently reviewed; the contents were properly secured and packaged, resulting in no shipping damages whatsoever. Inside the box we found the mouse, keyboard, dock/receiver, 4 AA batteries (2 rechargeable for the mouse), drivers CD, and an AC Adapter which allows you to charge the mouse without having your PC powered up.

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The whole set looks fairly modern with it's implementation of rounded corners, smooth curves, and an off/dirty-silver and black color scheme. It would look a bit better if it was a true silver instead of the off tone, but nonetheless it's not an eyesore.. You can see the dock which connects to both PS/2 ports and the AC Adapter. By using the AC adapter the mouse is able to be recharged whether your PC is on or not, a welcome addition. The scroll wheel on the mouse glows red when it's charging.



Unfortunately when using this dock it flashes as you type or stays a solid color when you move the mouse; an extreme annoyance, especially if you're on the PC in the evening with minimal/no lighting and there is a flashing light in your field of vision. With the keyboard, comes a wrist rest, which this time around is beneficial to use. As is plainly visible, there are many hot-keys on this keyboard. The top set of hot-keys allow for launching of applications such as MS Word, Excel, Outlook, and PowerPoint, along with the calculator and some internet functions such as Favorites, Home, Forward, Back, Stop, and Refresh. There's also the multimedia keys that control your media player such as Play/Pause, Next Track, Previous Track, etc., and volume (up, down, mute). I found them to be very useful. There are even more hot-keys when using the alternate "F" function. The top row of keys (F1, F2, etc., etc.) gain a different individual function when you hit the function mode key. This was useful in some cases, but it got slightly confusing until I realized that the light color on the dock corresponds to which mode your in. If the light is green, you are in normal mode, and if it is a peach/orange color the keyboard is in the function mode. The left side hot-keys are perhaps the more useful ones. They include more common functions such as Copy, Cut, Paste, Close Current Window, and a few others. With 31 hot-keys, not counting the function mode hot-keys, this keyboard is an application launching hub.



When typing the keyboard is quite quiet; not silent, but very quiet. It's shape is inviting and the overall layout is well done. In the top left region of the keyboard there is also a scroll wheel, making it very easy to navigate documents and websites without taking your hands from the keyboard; indeed a handy feature. Near the scroll wheel is another good item to have on a wireless keyboard, a battery charge warning light. I did find one thing that I disliked about the keyboard. When you're inserting the batteries, they seem to be possessed in the fact that they jump out of their place at any chance they get. I'd get the batteries in, reach for the cover, and they'd come flying out. This is a minor nuisance. I went ahead and dropped the keyboard onto my desk and the result was one of the prongs (the side that only has one prong on it) that held the battery cover on, broke. It snapped off and I feel that it's a combination of the prong being too thin and under extra stress from the batteries trying to escape. For this reason alone, I wouldn't recommend it to any gamer who thinks they may slam the keyboard down. Of course this keyboard is made with the office in mind, hence the name, but if the keyboard is knocked off a desk or wherever it's perched and the prong/tab breaks, you're short a keyboard and gluing the minute yet mandatory prong on is easier said than done. Either the battery enclosure needs to be re-designed to keep the batteries from trying to force their way out or the prongs on the cover need to be thickened or there should be more of them. If both of these issues were fixed, the set's score would undoubtedly increase significantly.





The mouse is a battleground for the heavily-weighted fight of Aesthetics vs. Functionality. In short, the mouse looks great but can't function in a gaming environment; office use, as is it's primary purpose, is not affected.



A very attractive design, the mouse makes good use of black and silver. The mouse has six buttons, 5 which are customizable. You have a button on each side, which allows for you to use either hand on the mouse. The left and right click buttons, the middle mouse button (press scroll wheel), and then the small button you see behind the mouse scroll wheel. This button is not customizable. It's sole function is to bring up a quick launch menu in Windows. This quick launch menu is helpful and when your using windows does help. I found this button to be not only unnecessary, as the keyboard has hotkeys that do nearly everything on the menu that is brought up, but also hard to click without moving your whole hand back on the mouse. The suggested charge time for the first charge is 12 hours, which you can do while you use the computer if you just plug the dock into a wall outlet and put the mouse in the dock. When not in use, the mouse will shut off to the extent that in order to "wake it up" you have to click with one of the mouse buttons. This feature is great because if the mouse falls off the dock, or gets bumped, it won't waste battery life. With 800 DPI, this mouse is in the middle range of sensitivity. It's more than enough for office use and for some gaming but not an extreme gamer who craves the highest degree of DPI possible. The issue with games is that the mouse 3, mouse 4, and mouse 5 buttons register as the same button when assigning them in a game. When I ran through a few rounds of Onslaught in UT2K4, I was trying to get into a vehicle it would jump in and out real quick. This successfully disables three buttons in the gaming arena. However, when functioning in windows, the buttons do not have this issue.





Even though the bottom of the mouse suggests use at home and in the office, I wouldn't recommend this in either situation if it involves gaming.



In summation, the Okion OfficeStyle™ Office Cordless Desktop Set is a very good office keyboard, providing both functionality and a modern look for almost any office. With that said, it's not a gaming set by any stretch of the imagination. In either environment, the flashing dock light, the battery cover, and enclosure issues need to be dealt with before this keyboard warrants any award past a low silver and a 78% rating.



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Rating:

78%

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