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# Okion WatchIt! ME4 Much more than a card reader

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### Pros

PROS: Portable, flexible, and multi-functional

### Cons

CONS: A really vague user guide.

Okion ME4 looks like a rather large card reader, but a better look at this gray box will reveal a lot of buttons and connections that make it so much more. For starters, one side of the device houses four slots for accommodating a number of flash storage formats, such as CF/Micro Drive, SM, SD/MMC, and MS cards, while the opposite edge features a USB out port for connecting the card reader to a PC or notebook computer, and Audio/Video out connections for hooking up the ME4 to a TV or projector for viewing videos and photos. Six buttons on the top of the box are pretty handy for navigating through files from the hard-wired thumbnail viewer and for skipping through them while going through a slide show.

The package includes a USB cable, A/V cable, a short, 44-pin IDE cable, power adapter, a one-page manual, driver CD-ROM, and a handy full-featured remote for accessing the ME4 multiple functions, the most basic of which is for slide shows and viewing stored video. It also houses a lot of other buttons for more practical uses, like file navigation, instant formatting, file copying, and creating a backup from flash media.

Interestingly, there is a 44-pin IDE connection on one edge of the device, apparently for connecting the device to an external hard drive or CD-ROM. The problem is, we can't find any device that fits the 44-pin IDE cable. The one-page manual didn't help us either, being sort of vague when it comes to giving us an idea of how to connect it to what.

It would have probably been better if there was a built-in USB In port so it could at least accommodate external drive devices with a more familiar -- hence, more common -- interface. An Infrared receiver would also probably be a good addition for importing photos taken from a phone-cam instantly and wirelessly, and saving them to a storage solution that is more manageable such as flash media or your PC hard drive.

Despite the mystery of the IDE connection, it is still pretty handy. It



a card reader, slideshow photo viewer, and instant video player -- that doesn't need to connect to a PC.

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