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**Amazon Kindle Keyboard (Model D00901)**



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Bill Buxton’s Notes

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Like all previous kindles, the Kindle Keyboard had an e-ink display. This is a display technology which reflects light like paper, rather than emits light like most TVs and laptop displays. Hence, without light shining on it, one cannot read what is on the display. On the other hand, the screen is much sharper than a typical laptop screen at the time. However, in bright sun, such as on the beach, the e-ink is far superior for reading.

To address the reading in the dark issue, the Amazon Book has 2 slots on the left side into which its optional Lighted Leather Cover binding can snap into. These not only lock the Kindle Book to its cover’s binding, they also provide an electrical connection between book and cover, which enables electricity from the Kindle’s battery to power a reading light integrated into the cover to illuminate the Kindle’s screen when the light is extended from the cover.

Device Details

Company: Amazon | Year: 2010 | Original Price (USD): $139.00 (w/o 3G) / $189.00 (with 3G)

Design: XXX

Degrees of Freedom: 2

Dimensions (L x W x H): XXX x XXX x XXX (mm) / 7.5” x 4.8” x 0.335”

Key Words

Primary: e-Reader

Secondary: Handheld, Keyboard

Links

* Amazon Product Announcement, July 30th, 2010: <https://web.archive.org/web/20100730012342/http://www.amazon.com:80/>
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