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**Amazon Kindle Keyboard Lighted Leather Cover, Apple Green**



Short Description: This is a leather “book-jacket” for the Amazon Kindle Keyboard e-reader – the third generation Kindle offered. Besides providing protection to the device, and giving it a far more organic feel, it has a built-in reading light which enables the e-ink reflective display to be read in a dark space.

Bill Buxton’s Notes

The Amazon Kindle e-reader uses reflective e-ink display technology. That is, it behaves much like electronic paper: in light you can see what is displayed on the screen, but unlike a laptop, in the dark, you cannot. While this significantly increases battery life, it means that you cannot read in bed unless you have suitable task lighting - lighting which may not be available. What this cover introduced was a built-in retractable reading light. Located in the top right corner of its back, the light is normally hidden. When pulled out, the extended light turns on automatically, and is powered by the Kindle’s battery.

Released August 27th, 2010, the cover is made of pebble-surfaced leather, and is available in 7 colours:

* Burnt Orange
* Hot Pink
* Chocolate Brown
* Burgundy Red
* Apple Green
* Steel Blue
* Black

Besides softening the feel of an otherwise hard plastic gadget, making it feel far more book-like, and providing an always available reading light, it also does an excellent job of protecting the Kindle.

Device Details

Company: Amazon | Year: 2010 | Original Price (USD): $59.99

Design: XXX

Degrees of Freedom: NA

Dimensions (L x W x H): 197 x 130 x 9.5 (mm) (Closed)

Key Words

Primary: e-reader Cover

Secondary: Light

Links

* Review: <https://obviate.io/2010/09/01/review-kindle-lighted-leather-cover/>
* Amazon Product Page, August 2nd, 2010: <https://web.archive.org/web/20100802090108/http://www.amazon.com/Kindle-Lighted-Leather-Display-Generation/dp/B003DZ167K>
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