

Reviews

Review: Energy LEGO® Tablet 8"

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Some time ago while browsing on the internet, I saw an advert about a "LEGO® tablet". I was curious about it and clicked the advert. I saw a nice picture of a yellow tablet with the LEGO logo. Investigating a little bit more, I discovered that this tablet was produced by a Spanish company (unbelievable). I decided to write them and ask for one to review. They quickly responded and kindly sent me one to have a look at.

When I opened the bag from the courier, I discovered inside a very nice yellow packaging, consistent with LEGO Group's colour scheme. Without opening the box you can see that they put a lot of efforts to give a high quality product, following the LEGO standard.





On the front side there is a picture of the front and rear side of the tablet, all on a yellow background. On the right side there is the logo of the brand "Energy Sistem" and on the left there is the LEGO logo and some 2x2 bricks. On the rear side there is an explanation of the features of the tablet, including the LEGO features.



Once you open the box, you find the tablet. The size of the screen is 8 inches. The first impression is quite nice. Although it's made of plastic (well, it is LEGO® after all ;D), it looks and feels like a quality product. The back cover has the same yellow paint scheme as the box. It also has the LEGO logo and the message "It includes LEGO content".

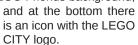


The plastic sheet protecting the screen is also LEGO special, and explains the basic characteristics of the tablet:

- Windows 10
- Intel Atom processor
- 8" IPS HD screen
- 1 GB RAM
- 16 GB eMMC

Moreover, this plastic sheet explains the different ports and buttons featured on the device.

By now it's time to switch it on! After configuring language and user, it's time to search the LEGO features. First of all, the wallpaper is LEGO related and includes a CITY and two Friends minifigures. There is one icon on the screen with the LEGO logo. After pressing it the application starts and there is a menu with 4 options. The top of the menu has a LEGO Friends background,





The section "music" allows you to hear different songs. In this case I think these songs come from an US group of teenager singers that

are LEGO Friends related. There are 5 songs available.

In the section "Images" there are 5 wallpapers with images well known by LEGO Friends fans.

There are three "Activities" to do some handicraft stuff like jewellery or decoration.

Pressing the LEGO CITY icon, the application switches to the LEGO CITY Theme. The options in this section are almost the same as those in LEGO Friends section. In this case there are 9 videos, 9 wallpapers and 6 activities, including coloring books, playmats and much more. For the CITY section, there is a game in place of the music section. To play the game, the application redirects you to the application store and allows you to download the game for free. It's curious to see that although the section is about LEGO CITY, the game is LEGO HERO FACTORY related. The name of the game is: "INVASION FROM BELOW" and it's a fighting game. This is a bit surprising for me because there are some fun games related to LEGO CITY and I can't quite understand why they chose to add a LEGO HERO FACTORY game.



I expected some more LEGO related content. The look of the tablet is great, and the application is nice, but the LEGO related features stop there. No other LEGO applications, icons or skins are available, and it is a little bit disappointing. It's cool to have a tablet with the LEGO logo on the back, but I would have expected there to be more personalized features.

The tablet itself is perhaps a bit heavy for its size. Of course it is not a high performance and expensive device, so for me it's ok. The performance is enough to play, and run the tablet for most kid's use. Being Microsoft based makes the device somehow distant from the rest of the world, where most of the devices are Android or iOS based. But taking in to account that this tablet is kid oriented, and it has some connection with the XBOX, I don't think it's a big problem.

Besides the tablet, there is a small folder with some documentation about the tablet... and LEGO stickers!!! Cool! Moreover, there are two boxes, one with a charger and the other one with a USB cable.

The LEGO Energy Tablet 8" is a nice device for kids, and even for AFOLs. The device works quite well and as an added bonus looks cool. Windows is perhaps not the best choice but we can survive with it, and gives compatibility with PC and XBOX. The LEGO content is quite nice and I am sure kids will enjoy it, and will encourage them to find more LEGO related stuff on the net.

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