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HANDS ON REVIEW

ACI STYLUS O65

NEWEST IN THE GAME

ACI is the latest entrant in the list of Bangladesh smartphone brands and with their first line up of devices, seems to be determined to wreak havoc in the market. And its flagship device Stylus 065 is on the forefront. How well does it play, let's find it out:

DESIGN

At first glance, O65 looks premium through and through. However, take it in your hands and the plastic rear will definitely ruin that first impression. Although the O65, with its sharp rectangular frame and flat, minimalistic surface, is definitely a looker with solid builds and design quality.

HARDWARE

Considering the price, the combination of 1.4 GHz quad core processor with 2 GB RAM and 16 GB internal memory is not bad at all! It comes with Android Kitkat 4.4.2- which is a kind of a let down, but then again, the O65 is in the price range of budget flagships, so this can be looked over.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Cameras on the O65 are standard fares- an 8 MP rear camera with auto focus and HDR and a 2 MP lens in the front for selfies. When HDR is on, the rear camera provides a decent output. However, without HDR, image quality is quite average. The selfie cam on the other hand, despite its 2 MP label, takes pretty good photos!

DISPLAY AND PERFORMANCE

O65 does no lags in the performance quarter. Despite running a whole bunch of apps at the same time and playing power hungry games, performance was relatively smooth and the 5" IPS display did not fail to deliver either. With a 1280x720 resolution and a density of 320 ppi, the O65 offers vivid but grainy image quality. Having said all that, I also must mention that game play does become a little choppy at times.

BATTERY

The O65 comes with a massive 4000 mAh battery which on pen and paper (read: ACI's user manual that came with the box) should be good for 700 hours of standby time or 10-15 hours of continuous talk time on a full charge. Armed with a 98% battery, I ran the phone through a gauntlet of games, apps and then some more games- and not just your average run-for-your-life-through-a-Mayan-temple kind of games; proper, man games with lots of blood and loud cars and also an unhealthy demand for processing power. The 4000 mAh beast did not disappoint at all. After I was done (after a couple hours at least), the battery had lost only 12% charge- way better than what my Moto G can do. The downside is that the rear cover gets a little warm in a short time, and I faced this issue when the phone was charging.

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SPECS

Display: 5" HD IPS Display
CPU: 1.4 GHz Octa Core
OS: Android 4.4.2 Kitkat
ROM: 16 GB
RAM: 2 GB
Camera: Rear- 8MP (AF), Front- 2 MP
Battery: 4000 mAh
Sensors: Accelerometer, Light, Hall, Proximity, Gravity etc.
PRICE:
TK 12,590/-

VERDICT

The Stylus O65 is a decent phone. Once you account for its price, you can't help but give the phone a nod of approval despite some minor issues like old OS and choppy performance. It has good hardware, decent graphics and is definitely way better than some of the entry level smartphone of international brands. So if you are in the market for a budget device with great specs, you should definitely give the ACI Stylus O65 a try.

Keeping tabs on TABS

4TH SMARTPHONE & TAB EXPO COMES TO AN END

4th Smartphone & Tablet Expo, the largest exposition of its kind, came to an end yesterday. According to the organizers, the expo, which started from 13th August Thursday at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center, is the biggest one so far; hosting more than 50k visitors. State Minister for ICT Division Zunaid Ahmed Palak officially inaugurated the expo. Renowned technologist Mustafa Jabbar and Musa Ibrahim- the first Bangladeshi to successfully take on Mount Everest appeared as special guests at the inauguration ceremony. Ikram Kabir, Head of Communications and Corporate Responsibilities at Robi, Kazi Ashfaqul Mani, Managing Director of Elite, Russell Ahmed, Head of Marketing at Goldberg, Abdus Sadat, Head of Sales at Huawei spoke at the program among others.

Brands such as Samsung, Apple, Symphony, Stylus, Goldberg, ZTE, Oppo, Huawei, Maximus, Elite, Asus, Lenovo, Xiaomi, Gionee, OnePlus and many more have participated in this expo. Most of the participants had promotion prices on smartphones and tabs. Robi, the telecom operator, introduced mobile phones sets at affordable prices for the customers. In addition to that, there was also a special pavilion commemorating the national mourning day on 15th August. The main sponsor of this event was Robi Axiata Ltd. Elite Mobile, Goldberg, Huawei, Samsung, Stylus, Symphony, and ZTE were the co-sponsors. Edumaker, Elite Force, People's Radio 91.6 FM and Techshohor were the associates of the event.

TECH HAPPENING

Griffith University & Access to Information (a2i) signs MoU

Access to Information (a2i) of PMO yesterday signed MoU with Griffith University to jointly work on e-learning, e-Waste Management, e-Leadership and many other contemporary issues. The MoU was signed yesterday at PMO premises. Project Director of the a2i programme Kabir Bin Anwar and Lecturer of Griffith University Dr. David Tuffley signed the MoU on behalf their respective organisations.

Bangla music app Radio 2008 now at Google Play Store

SSD-TECH Ltd. has developed an app to spread Bengali music to worldwide Bengali music lovers. They recently launched this app following the launching of www.Radio2008.com which is the portal of Radio 2008. Any android user can download and install this app to listen to different kinds of Bengali music.

Surprise gifts for Ekhanei.com sellers!

The entire last Ramadan, by commenting on competition-centric posts, 8 best commenters won attractive prizes. And the surprise gifts were offered to sellers who uploaded their products on Ekhanei.com website.

BASIS, GP and ICT Division to jointly organise 'Bangladesh Internet Week 2015'

With the goal of creating 1 crore new internet users in the country every year, Bangladesh Internet Week 2015 is being held this year. Along with three major expos taking place in Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet, this internet festival will also be held in 487 upazilas throughout Bangladesh. The country's foremost e-commerce companies, mobile apps development companies, web portals, device manufacturers, as well as all internet products and services companies will be taking part in this event. Bangladesh Internet Week will be held from the 5th to the 11th of September and it is being jointly organized by Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS), GP and the ICT Division of the Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology.

JUST IN

SAMSUNG'S NEW GALAXY TAB E IN THE MARKET

Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. introduces the latest Tablet, Samsung GALAXY Tab E in Bangladesh. This tab has a Quad-core 1.3 GHz Processor with 1.5GB RAM, and OTG support. It has advanced 5M AF Camera with which customers will be able to capture successive moments very quickly changing the shutter settings. The Tab E enables the user's multi-tasking capability with multi-window. It also has high capacity micro SD support.

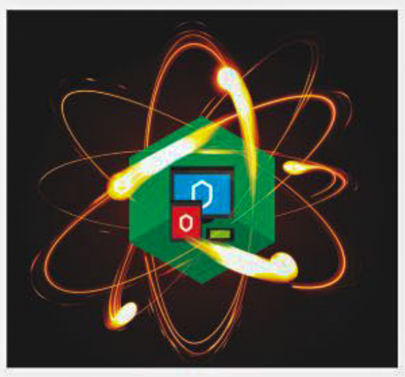
Price: Tk. 24,900/-

KASPERSKY SECURITY UPDATE

The superpower of protection: Kaspersky Lab 2016 product line is here

According to the Consumer IT Security Risks Survey 2015 survey protection of personal data is relevant to 70% of users with 61% worry that they might have a spyware on their devices and 49% do not trust their own webcams as they are frequently used to make a live show of their owner's everyday life. The 2016 Kaspersky product line are designed with these concerns in mind. They are ready to stay on guard of any device and platform their users prefer: Windows, OS X or Android. The latest features added in this year's product line are:

- The Private Browsing feature removes such data from the Internet traffic and reports any blocked requests to the user via a dedicated plugin which is available for Mozilla Firefox, Internet Explorer and Google Chrome.
- The Change Control feature detects any process attempting to introduce any significant changes, reports that to the user and asks for the process to be expressly permitted, or blocked.
- The Privacy Cleaner tool has also been updated to safeguard privacy in a better way. You can use it to remove all traces of user activity from a Windows computer, including among other things: the browser history and the list of the latest documents opened.
- If you are concerned about online voyeurs who hack web cameras to spy on people, be sure to check out the Webcam Protection feature.
- To ensure secured banking transactions, Kaspersky Lab anti-viruses for Mac and PC use unique Safe Money technology that can check if a shopping or payment website is secured and you're not being tricked by a phishing page.



- Kaspersky has also updated the award-winning Parental Control features both for PC or Mac.
- As an added convenience, one no longer needs to check for updates with the 2016 line of Kaspersky Lab products as they include free automatic updates and upgrades and can be managed remotely via personal My Kaspersky account.

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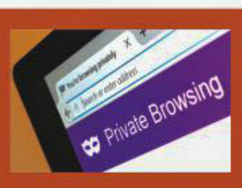
TECH BITS

Immersive Virtual Reality gaming center opens in Australia

Apple Watch gets more band options for larger wrists

Firefox private browsing test keeps more of your data off-limits



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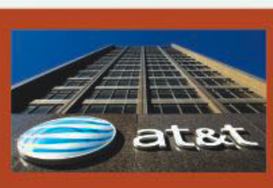
AT&T helped the NSA spy on the UN's internet traffic