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HANDS ON REVIEW

WALTON PRIMO X4 PRO

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

We didn't get the box with the device. We do not know what is inside. Could it have contained a magic genie? We don't know. But we do have the device which you as a user will be handling day after day.

The design is tried and tested to be the go-to style for mobile phone manufacturers. The glass is curved slightly along the edges. The same curves are mirrored on the metal back. The unit we got is the champagne gold.

The logo on the back is not a fingerprint scanner as it may initially appear. It is slightly indented and does nothing other than contain Walton's new simplified and improved logo. Scanner is located on the front and it works instantaneously.

DISPLAY

5.5 inch super AMOLED Full HD display. It has a relatively narrow bezel and provides extreme viewing angles. The glass is scratch resistant Gorilla Glass 4. Yes, I unknowingly carried it around with keys in my pocket. The glass claims are true, the back not so much.

UNDER THE HOOD

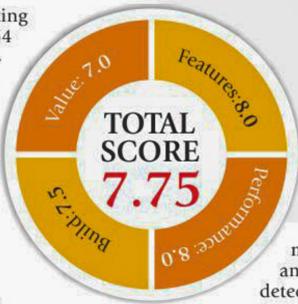
The GPU is a Mali-T860 working with an octa-core, 2.0 GHz (64 Bit, ARM Cortex-A53) processor. 4GB RAM rounds up the excellent specs list. You also get 64 GB of storage space. Games like CSR Racing ran lag free but the cut scenes looked a little choppy. Could be just an attribute of the game itself as game play never stuttered.

BATTERY

Comes with a non removable 5000mAh Li-Po battery. We got nearly full two days usage out of it. Quick charge allows a full charge in less than two hours.

CAMERA

The main unit is 16MP f2.0 aperture with

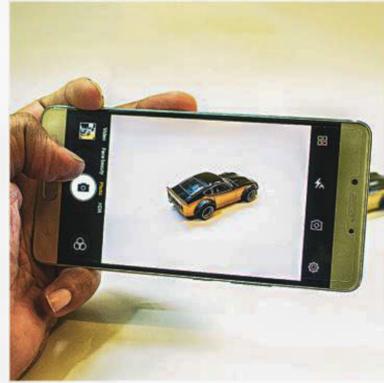


manual focus, shutter speed and ISO controls. Phase detection autofocus helps lock on quicker and better than previous units. You can manually touch to focus. Even without doing that, you can aim and press the shutter with the AF taking about a second to lock onto objects near the centre and shoot. Shooting is faster when lighting is

good. And I'm pleasantly surprised that it mostly takes clear, defined pictures.

Special features include GIFs, time lapse and a burst mode with a silly name: Take Anytime.

The front camera is a 13MP f2.2 aperture unit. The megapixels do not bring in what you need. Photos are quick to snap but there is a lot of smoothening going on. Which is



SPECS

Display: 5.5" Super AMOLED HD Display
CPU: ARM 2.0 GHz 64 Bit Octa Core
GPU: Mali T860
OS: Android OS 6.0
ROM: 64 GB
RAM: 4 GB
Camera: Rear- 16 MP; Front- 13 MP
Battery: 5000 mAh
PRICE: TK. 28,990/-

VERDICT

This is a Walton. And they have created a phone that works very smoothly and is full of the right kind of specs. The most impressive feature is the massive battery letting you easily coast through a day and into the next. The screen is what you expect of HD AMOLED sharp, bright, colourful. It does take good pictures. So what's missing? Not much really. Most other bigger brands sell similar specs for a higher price. So it may be good value for money. But it is a Walton, a brand that is not yet affiliated with expensive mid range phones. At this price point, we want to see how well it is received. It's a start on their way to offering fancy mid-rangers.

towards the TV unit. Things sitting in front like a toy car or a plate of food can create interference.

Also, you get a split screen option allowing viewing of two apps simultaneously.

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TO BUY OR NOT BUY ULTRABOOK

Ultrabook-the name itself signifies most of its traits: light yet powerful laptops. If you are business executive who needs to hop from one meeting to another or if you are a student bouncing to classes - in both cases ultrabook can be your everyday companion. But is it for everyone? Thanks to the price-tag it comes with, everyone should at least ask once before buying these devices. Firstly, you need to know why you should be buying:

Lightweight: The first and foremost thing that you will note is the weights of these devices are extremely low. In fact, the lighter the better. Average ultrabooks are very small and slim weighing only 1-2 kilos on average. Hence they are slightly heavier than tablets but much lighter than the average notebooks.

It's all about juice: Does buying a light weight device means you are going to compromise with the battery? Not really. On an average most of the ultrabooks come with around 6-9 hours of on-screen time. Since you are going to use it during your travels, make sure your ultrabook comes with reliable, long-lasting battery to perform everywhere.

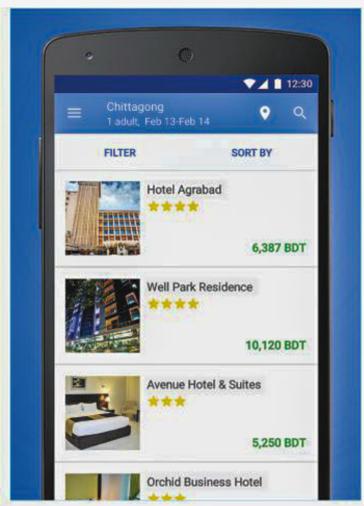
Hefty price-tag: Ultrabooks doesn't come cheap. They are pretty pricey. How pricey? Generally the entry level ultrabooks start with a price-tag of BDT 70K and can go up to BDT 200K. The price mostly varies with configuration. If you get touch screen then the pricing would start from BDT 120K. Most basic version of ultrabook starts with Intel i3 Processor and can go up to i7. Almost all the ultrabooks come with SSD. Most starts with 128GB and could go up to 1TB. If there's high end graphics card in the device then be ready to pay up BDT 30K more.

Things you will be missing out: As you are opting for a thinner and lighter device, it is bound to discard some of the most common amenities of laptops. Starting with CD-ROM: none has them. Also ultrabooks don't always have the ports you may need. When buying, make sure you pick models that have every connection you need on the go - the latest USB 3.0 ports, HDMI, DVI etc.

To buy or not to buy: if you are student then probably don't. If you are someone who travels a lot and gets everything done on the fly- then of course!

Hotel booking gets easier with new Jovago app

Jovago, Bangladesh's online hotel booking platform, is making it easier for its customers to book a hotels online through the use of an app. The hotel booking platform is offering one-click booking of over 500 hotels and resorts across the country. With a brand new smartphone app for both iPhone and Android devices, Jovago is offering the best rates and deals for all the mass people. All you have to do is enter your destination, sit back and let the app find all the available rooms in that area and show you, along with all details and prices. You can also view real images of the hotel rooms in high resolution. Therefore, you can get to know exactly what you're paying for. And after that, it's only a matter of pressing a button to book your desired hotel room. An interactive map feature makes for a brilliant user interface. If needed, users can call Jovago's travel advisers right from the app for assistance. Moreover, there's notification support, as well as a "Hotels near me" feature with which you can book everything from 5-star suites to cheap guest houses even at last-minute.



TECH HAPPENING



Samsung Electronics inaugurates its first flagship brand shop in Gulshan-2

Samsung Electronics opened their first 'Flagship Brand Shop' in Gulshan-2 with exclusive experience zones to cater the needs of people with genuine Samsung products under one roof. This flagship brand shop, located at Zahed Plaza, 1st Floor, 30 Gulshan Avenue North C/A, Dhaka, is operated by one of Samsung's authorized distributors-

Fair Electronics Limited (FEL). The 2,250 sq.ft. flagship brand shop in Gulshan-2 circle, is showcasing the entire range of Samsung products—televisions, refrigerators, air conditioners, washing machines, microwave ovens, Large Format Displays (LFD), Digital Variable Multi (DVM) air conditioners, and smart phones.

Symphony Mobile brings "Symphony i25"

Symphony Mobile recently launched a new smartphone named "Symphony i25". Following the footsteps of Symphony i10 (1GB) i10 (2GB), i50, and i20 the company unveiled the new product of this series. Symphony i25 comes with a dual arch design for comfortable grip. The smartphone has 3.2 Amigo based Android 6.0 Marshmallow operating system, 1.3 GHz Quad core processor with 1GB of RAM and 16GB of ROM (Internal Storage), 8 megapixel rear camera and 5 megapixel front camera & 2300 mAh battery.

PRICE: TK. 6,790/-



Using R600a Gas (Refrigerant) reduces Electricity Consumption by 50%

To reduce this pressure of extra electricity bills, home appliance companies are now equipping their refrigerators' cooling mechanisms with R600a (Refrigerant) gas. This can cut down your electricity bills by 50%. This gas has been in use in first world countries for a very long time. Its use has been steadily spreading around the world. Some brands have introduced this gas in Bangladesh as well. But older model refrigerators use R134a gas. This

increases not only electricity bill, but also causes damage to the environment. So R134a gas will be banned under the Ozone Layer Protection Act in the near future. A lot of countries are also going to stop producing the gas because of the aforementioned reasons. So this gas will become unavailable within a few years. So you might face servicing problems with your fridge if you don't buy one equipped with R600a gas.

First ever Machine Learning Conference to be held in Dhaka today

ICT division in association with Google Developer Group (GDG) and Preneur Lab are jointly organising the first ever machine learning conference in the capital. Coders, govt. officials and professionals from relevant fields will participate and share the future of ML technology in the country at the four-hour-long conference titled "Tensor Flow Machine Learning Summit -2017" at Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) at Argagaon. Tensor Flow is a developer tool of Google which is used mostly around the world. Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS) President Mustafa Jabbar is scheduled to inaugurate the session as chief guest while ICT division Additional Secretary Haroon-or-Rashid and LICIT project's Component Leader Sami Ahmed will be present as special guests.

Kiksha.com handed over Mastercard gift card to the lucky winners

Recently Zero Gravity Ventures Ltd. has arranged a Mastercard Gift Card handover programme presented by Mastercard to the winners of its recently concluded Smartphone & Tab Expo, 2017 and BASIS Soft Expo, 2017 'Kiksha.com Free Registration Raffle Draw campaign'. Mr. Zeeshan Kingshuk Huq CEO & Co-founder of Zero Gravity Ventures Ltd and Mr. Gitanka D. Datta Vice President of Mastercard handed over the Taka 5000 & Taka 10,000 pre-paid Mastercard gift card among the 6 lucky winners & 2 grand lucky winners at Zero Gravity Corporate Office.

TECH BITS NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio shows off designs for planned tech hub



GM said to be fielding thousands of self-driving test Bolts with Lyft in 2018



California congressman proposes an investigation into Trump's unsecured Android phone



Trump is causing a political app boom, data shows



Blin.gy puts you inside your favorite music video

