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TECNO i7

What is it?

Another Hong Kong based Chinese mobile phone manufacturer that started off in 2006 & belonging to the Transsion Holdings. For those who doesn't know Transsion Holdings, they also own the Itel and Infinix brands latter of which we've reviewed previously. They started their journey formally in Bangladesh last month with the brand Tecno although Itel was operating before that. Transsion Holdings brand Tecno has been initially focusing exclusively on Africa and only recently made a foray into the Indian market with a barrage of new devices.

First impressions

Good looking device following along the preferred design cues of 2017. Solidly constructed, metal back mostly, with top and bottom parts plastic. Front is a full 2.5D glass with the home button acting as an 'anti-oil fingerprint sensor'. Or so they say. We love taking Instagram shots of our oil dipped chicken curry.

Display

5.5 FHD is very sharp, bright with punchy colours. Love the display. Not so much the slow to react auto brightness feature. Sunlight legibility though is very good with brightness going all the way up.

Power and OS

1.5GHz OctaCore processor, Mali T860GPU with 4GB RAM and 32GB on-board storage. They have their own OS called HiOS based on the Android 7.0 Nougat. It has a few visual tweaks over the vanilla version but does come with its own set of bloatware.

Interestingly, we saw several interesting features of market leading smartphones being available in the HiOS; but not necessarily everyone will be needing them.

Decent hardware for a phone of this range. Pro is that it can handle graphics heavy games like Real Racing 3 or Dead Trigger 2. Although start-up takes a short while. Con being the user experience isn't as smooth as expected. There is the occasional 'stickiness' associated with scrolling or tapping functions.

Score: 44213 on Antutu with gaming performance coming in at mid-level.

front camera is supplemented by an LED flash for absolute dark conditions as well as a screen flash for muted, softer lighting. The rear unit has auto focus but you need to hold it extra steady to get decent, sharp photos. There is a bit of over sharpening going on leaving certain details a little jagged on the edges. Good for Facebook shots if you hold steady.



Camera

Combo is a little unusual. 13MP rear camera and a 16MP front camera. Everything is geared towards selfies. Not surprisingly the front unit does take better, clearer, sharper images. The

The front unit, despite lacking auto focus, takes surprisingly decent selfies.

Battery

The best part, the 4000mAh battery lasts a really long time and supports quick charging. It has survived easily over a day and a half on moderate usage.

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SPECS

- Display: 5.5", 1080X1920 Pixels
- CPU: 1.5GHz Octa-core
- RAM: 4 GB
- ROM: 32 GB
- Back Camera: 13-megapixel
- Selfie Camera: 16-megapixel
- Battery: 4000 mAh
- OS: Android 7.0 based HiOS
- WLAN: Wi-Fi, Wi-Fi Direct
- Bluetooth: v4.2
- USB: microUSB v2.0
- GPS: A-GPS, GLONASS, BDS
- 2G: GSM 850 / 900 / 1800 / 1900 MHZ
- 3G: HSDPA 2100 MHZ
- 4G: VoLTE
- PRICE: Tk 19,990/-

VERDICT

Well-built good looking phone with an excellent display and superb battery life. It has a decent set of hardware considering the price range it is competing in. We would have preferred a much more toned down version of the OS to keep it light and smooth.

TECH HAPPENING

BUBT holds seminar titled 'Digital Bangladesh: Role of Youth'

A seminar titled 'Digital Bangladesh: Role of Youth' was held at the Bangladesh University of Business and Technology (BUBT) on Thursday, July 27 at its Rupnagar Campus. This seminar was organised by the CSE Department. The chief guest of this program was the prominent sci-fi writer and ICT expert Professor Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal. Prof. Dr. Shafique Ahmed Siddique, the Convenor of BUBT Academic Advisory Committee and member, BUBT Trust was present the special guest in the program. This seminar was presided over by the Vice Chancellor of BUBT, Prof. Md. Abu Saleh.

JUST IN



Gigabyte brings Brix PC

Gigabyte recently has launched Brix compact PC for the Bangladesh. It features Latest Intel 7th Generation Core i3-7100U Processor, fanless compact design, supports COM port, USB 3.1, USB 3.0, HDMI 2.0 plus Mini DisplayPort, RAM slot for up to 32GB, SSD drive slot, Wi-Fi, Gigabyte LAN etc. PRICE: 27,500/-

TECH SHOWCASE

Summer 2017 Smartphone & Tab Expo at a glance

The three-day long smartphone and tab expo of summer 2017 ended last week at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre at Agargaon in the capital. Science and Technology Minister Architect Yeafesh Osman inaugurated the fair. State Minister for ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak, BASIS President Mustafa Jabbar, and Bangladesh Open Source Network GS Munir Hasan were also present during the event. Top smartphone and accessories brands displayed their products in 11 pavilions and 8 stalls at fair. Here's the fair at a glance:



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SpaceX helped Tesla with a huge headache in its cars



FaceApp adds paid selfie styling effects



GoPro actually had a good quarter and the stock is spiking 15%



Cadillac's Super Cruise 'autopilot' is ready for the expressway

