



For The Nomadic PC Warrior

ON TEST Kingston Data Traveller II Plus Migo Edition

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Physically, the Kingston Data Traveller II Plus Migo Edition has a small size, with an insertion point profile not much larger than the size of a standard USB plug, meaning it should not interfere with the usability of closely-packed USB ports. The cap is completely detachable, a concern as the physical condition of the USB connector is important in determining the performance of the drive. A thin nylon strap that ends in a small keychain loop is bundled for securing the drive to a larger keychain. Thankfully, it loops onto the drive itself and not the cover.

On one hand, the Secure Traveler is an application that requires no installation, running from the USB drive and allowing the user to define a publicly-accessible zone as well as a password-protected privacy zone via an easy-to-use software interface. The only drawback to this system is the fact that the user can only access one zone, either the public or private zones, at any one time, thus requiring one to log in / out using Secure Traveler to access the other zone, which can take any time between 12 to 15 seconds. Unless one logs into the privacy zone, the files here will remain inaccessible as the 'partition' is rendered invisible to Windows Explorer. On the other hand, the intuitive Migo software permits one to work seamlessly between a source computer and multiple systems, syncing Internet Explorer, MS Outlook, and various user-specified folders and settings such as the Desktop and My Documents between the flash drive and source computer.

Once on another computer, logging into the Migo application lets one access the personalized workspace profile, as if working from the source computer, complete with desktop wallpaper and Internet Explorer favorites. Not only that, the Migo Software also leaves no trace of personal data, such as browser cookies and 'recently opened files', thus ensuring a secure working environment.

While the Migo is a shining example of a 'smart' flash drive, syncing with a PC in such a manner also requires blazingly-fast transfer rates for optimum performance. As the second-fastest USB drive in Kingston's line-up, the Migo edition claims to have up to 19MB/sec read speeds and 13MB/sec write speeds. When we tested the drive with the I/O Meter Benchmark, we found the results to be consistent with Kingston's claims, garnering an average of 20MB/sec read and 12.9MB/sec write speeds over three test cycles, a testament to the use of a superior memory controller and fast Single-Level Cell (SLC) flash chips.

Designed with the intention of creating generic notebook pools for use in the field, the Data Traveller II Plus Migo Edition is a highly recommendable USB flash drive with its fast transfer speeds and 'smart' software. With security enhancements and a 5 year warranty, it's hard not to trust the Kingston Data Traveller II Plus Migo Edition with your data.

SPECIFICATIONS

Capacity	Interface	Warranty	Price
512MB	USB 2.0	5 Years	PHP 2,250

Available Capacities: 256MB / 512MB / 1GB / 2GB
Transfer Rates: up to 19 MB/sec. read / up to 13 MB/sec. write
Operating Temperature: 32° to 140° F / 0° to 60° C
Storage Temperature: -4° to 185° F / -20° - 85° C
Included Software: Migo Productivity Software and SecureTraveler Security Software
Languages: Migo Operating Language support in English, Spanish, Simplified Chinese, French, Italian and German
Minimum Requirements: Microsoft Outlook 2000 (POPS/IMAP) and Internet Explorer 5.0. (Microsoft Outlook Express and Exchange Server NOT supported.)
Dimensions: 67.7mm x 20.8mm x 9.0mm
Warranty: 5 years
Contact: LAMCO International Inc.
Tel. No.: (632) 634-7999
Website: www.kingston.com

HWM's Rating

Physique: **8.0**
 Features: **8.5**
 User-friendliness: **8.5**
 Performance: **8.5**
 Value: **8.5**



A no-brainer if you are concerned with data security and lead a mobile lifestyle.

8.5

Overall Score Out of 10