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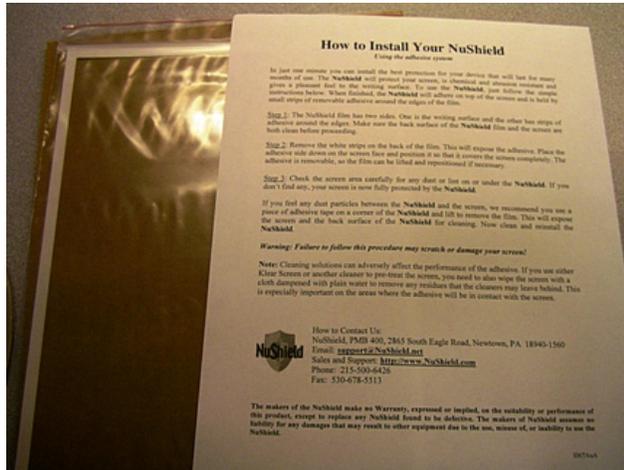
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Mini-Review: NuShield screen protector for Tablet PC

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I have had my Fujitsu T4010 Tablet PC since March 2005, and for the last 9 months I have been using the screen protectors that were included with the device. These protectors fit poorly and there was a gap between the protector and the display, but at least my display was somewhat protected. I thought about buying the expensive 3M Vikuiti protectors (US\$80), but couldn't see shelling out that much for something I couldn't try first.

I then stumbled upon the NuShield Tablet PC Protectors, available for \$20 each, and NuShield sent one along for me to try out.



Protector and instruction sheet

The NuShield arrived in a stiff cardboard envelope to protect it during shipping. Inside the envelope was an installation instruction sheet, and the protector was inside a large Ziploc bag.

I read through the simple instructions then thoroughly cleaned off my Tablet PC's display with my eyeglass cloth. I then peeled off the quarter-inch-wide adhesive (similar to Post-It note adhesive) that is placed around the entire protector. A couple of specks of dust and particles appeared on the bottom of the protector, so I wiped those off with my cloth too.

I then tried to match up the edges on my display to put the protector on, but found the protector is about one-quarter-inch too short and too narrow to cover the entire display. So, I had to try to choose the best way to center it, but found that the adhesive part around the border covers part of the viewable area on my display.

I am a bit disappointed with the fit even though it doesn't really have a major impact on usability. As I understand from talking with the NuShield folks, the company produces these protectors for standard display sizes, and it seems my Fujitsu is a bit larger than normal. It is too bad that the protector couldn't have been bigger to fit the black border already part of the Fujitsu Tablet PC's screen.



Fujitsu Tablet PC display before NuShield installation

The protector seems quite durable, and sits right on top of the glass so there is no air gap between the display and protector, which is what happens with the protectors that came with the Tablet PC. Installation was a breeze, and you don't get air bubbles or wrinkles with this type of design.

I have been using it for about a month now and it is still in perfect condition without a scratch on it, although I only use the tablet aspect to write on the screen about 15% of the time.



NuShield Protector installed on the display

The NuShield provides a very glossy and smooth finish to the tablet's display after installation, which makes for an easy writing surface. The plastic also feels thin and doesn't hinder my writing on the display at all. However, I don't know if I like such a glossy finish since I see quite a bit of reflection in the display now. The protector does not hinder the readability, contrast, or clarity of the display at all, whereas

sometimes the anti-glare protectors will distort things a bit.

If NuShield made the protector a bit larger so that it fit better, it would be perfect, but for \$20 this protector is a decent deal for the protection it does offer.

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