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HTC S710 smartphone

Can HTC perform with this smartphone?

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HTC's S710 is yet another QWERTY keyboard sporting Windows Mobile 6 device, but has the new model got what it takes to impress?

The result is a solid phone that is well-built and offers good performance. For your cash you get built-in Wi-Fi, use of EDGE and GPRS networks although no 3G or HSDPA for video calling or decent web surfing on the go.

Whilst looking like a standard phone at first glance - i.e., large screen, dial pad, shortcut keys - the HTC S710 also conceals a slide-out QWERTY keyboard underneath and a screen which switches automatically between portrait and landscape when you pop the keyboard out.

The keyboard is easy to use as long as you don't opt to have the blue backlight shining through, although the two menu buttons are very close to the casing above.

Back on the top of the phone the screen (not touch) takes main stage and the main dial-pad has a rubbery feel to it, which is comfortable to use although we found ourselves constantly pressing the 2 button when using the dpad.

Inside and the interface is business as usual with HTC choosing to not mess with the Windows Mobile interface as they have with other models such as the Touch. Otherwise it is easy to use and brings new menus, a more graphical interface as well as a host of other features over Windows Mobile 5.

Mobile 6 includes better synchronisation between users' email accounts and mobile devices, as well as, hyperlinks within directly from emails for example. Users will also be able to update spreadsheets or documents on the move, using mobile versions of Microsoft Excel and Word.



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VERDICT

The HTC S710 or also known as the Orange SPV 650 is a well-polished handset that whilst not going out of its way to perform wonders does offer a good solid offering none the less.

The inclusion of Windows Mobile 6 will certainly appeal to those who want to futureproof themselves and although twice the thickness of the BlackBerry Curve it's really only slightly bigger than Sony Ericsson's W810 Walkman handset.

One of the better SPVs of recent times if you aren't look for 3G connectivity.

At a glance

What is it?

QWERTY keyboard smartphone

Good

Crisp clear display, QWERTY keyboard, Windows Mobile 6

Bad

No 3G, No HSDPA, no touchscreen keys at times fiddly

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Price Price dependant on contract

Our score

8/10

Your score

?/10