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Philips SPC1300NC Webcam

Can this challenge Creative and Logitech?

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It seems no matter what you buy these days that it comes with a webcam built-in and we're all looking for that next YouTube moment.

However, if you really want to have fun online then it pays to invest in something a little more impressive than the average 1.3-megapixel webcam most people use.

Designed with the notebook user in mind, it has got a neat design that can either be clipped onto the top of your notebooks screen, or you can use the supplied stand and have it resting on your desk or the top of your monitor.

The lead is only short, so if you want to put it higher you'll need to buy an essential cable.

Philips is billing the SPC1300NC, as offering "professional quality" images, largely due the camera's ability to take still images at 6-megapixels and to capture video at up to 90 frames per second.

This recording speed is three times faster than the average webcam, which would be impressive alone if the software the webcam comes with wasn't so easy to setup.

Philips really seem to have taken the pain out of getting you new webcam up and running.



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VERDICT

At £70 (inc. VAT) it's not the cheapest webcam out there but then it's not delivering the most basic of online functions.

The only question we find ourselves asking is: who in all honesty needs to capture video images at this resolution and consider it "professional quality"?

At a glance

What is it?

Webcam

Good

High resolution, easy to set up

Bad

Expensive

Verdict

This high-resolution webcam offers great image quality and a fast recording rate, just make sure your broadband connection is fast enough to match

Price £70

Our score

8/10

Your score

8/10