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Review of Kingston's Mobilelite Wireless & mobi's Eye-Fi

Two separate companies and two distinctly different products that use Wi-Fi to improve your digital experiences.

Kingston Mobilelite Wireless -The Smartphone that you carry is so central to your life that you wouldn't dream of leaving home without it. They have limitations and **Mobilelite** can eliminate some of these limitations.

mobi Eye-Fi -Your standalone digital camera can't directly transfer pictures to Facebook or other websites. **mobi's Eye-Fi** is a Wi-Fi SD card that will let your new or old digital camera communicate with your iPhone, iPad, or Android equivalent.

Kingston's Mobilelite Wireless

First limitation of your smartphone & tablet is limited storage capacity. After you download the free app from Google Play or the Apple App Store, you are ready to join your own WPA2 secured Mobilelite Wi-Fi network. You determine the storage capacity of your Mobilelite unit by plugging in your own SD card and USB flash drive. Your storage is now unlimited.

Second limitation - most smartphones & tablets lack the ability to share files. The Mobilelite network can be accessed by three people at the same time. You can share photos, music, videos, and other stored files simultaneously over your network. Mobilelite Wireless provides two way wireless communications. You can copy or transfer files from your mobile device or to your mobile device over your own private network.

Third limitation - short battery life. If you plug the USB charging cable from your mobile device into the Mobilelite's USB port it can give you the needed power to keep on talking, texting, internet surfing, etc.



During long car rides or airplane flights your Mobilelite Wireless can stream movies to 3 restless children. When it comes to understanding tech a video is priceless. To help you understand what Mobilelite Wireless can do, Kingston has created a number of how to videos. You can view them online at: <http://www.kingston.com/us/usb/wireless#mlw221>

mobi's Eye-Fi

Your camera doesn't have to be new for this SD card to transmit your pictures wirelessly to your mobile device. To get started you need to download the free app from Google Play or the Apple App Store. To get Wi-Fi communication going between your phone and/or tablet and your camera you need to enter the supplied activation code into the Eye-Fi app. Each card has its own unique password and your transfers are WPA2 encrypted.

I tested Eye-Fi in old and new cameras. For my first test I placed it into my 4 year old Casio EX-S12 camera. I followed the very simple directions to get the camera linked to my cellphone. I then shot a dozen photos and watched as they were quickly copied to my Galaxy phone. I went to shut off my camera before transmission was completed and actually received a message asking if I wanted to shut it off while pictures were still being transferred. Other older test cameras worked the same way.

Some new camera models have already been built to look to see if an Eye-Fi SD card is in use. When I tested Eye-Fi on a new Panasonic HX-WA03 I found that the camera's playback mode included an Eye-Fi menu that needed to be switched on for the SD card to be able to transmit my pictures.

You can purchase an Eye-Fi SD with an 8GB or 16GB storage capacity. The card gets its power from your camera and the app teaches the card how to communicate with your mobile device. You can check to see if your camera is compatible and learn a great deal more about Eye-Fi at mobi's website:

<http://www.eye.fi/products/mobi>



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