

Save Dongle Review

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Function of the Save Dongle

- USB connectable product which fully supports 3DS, NDSi, NDSL original game cart
- Backup save file from 3DS/NDS/NDSI original game card to PC, to avoid save file accidentally being overwritten
- Restores game save file backup from PC to 3DS/NDS/NDSI original game cart through USB
- Editing of game save file
- Sharing of game save file between users
- Download and share game save files from official web site and forums
- Upgradeable firmware through USB for support of new games and new features
- User friendly software interface to manage the save file

My Review

- Package arrived in a timely manner (which is important when customers are anxiously awaiting a new purchase)
- Product well protected during delivery and arrived safely intact
- Product was immediately recognisable as an item in the familiar red box which is known, by experience gamers around the world, as coming from a genuine and trustworthy company
- Instructions in the form of an insert would have been nice. Just a small note on the bottom back of the package informs the user that drivers need to be installed from www.r4i-sdhc.com. This writing is a little small for us older users
- Instructions at www.r4i-sdhc.com were easy to follow and the files were easy to download
- Installing drivers created some upset and difficulty for me. (I am self taught on the computer which added to the problem but, then again, I am sure I am not the only one)
- One file I tried to install told me a new version was already installed on my computer. I was uncertain what to do, so closed the file and figured if a newer version was installed that must be okay
- Liked the feel and weight of the savedongle
- Inserted easily into the USB
- Once inserted into the USB I sat and waited because being inexperienced I imagined that the dongle would start up all by itself. When it did not do this, I thought it did not work. However, I eventually figured out that I had to open the application each time to make the dongle work

I do not particularly like this and think the savedongle should self start. I do not know if this is possible technically. If it is not, I would give lower marks in terms of a review for user friendliness. (This, in fact, is my biggest complaint)

- Original game cart inserts easily into the savedongle. However, every time I go to insert the game into the dongle I consistently try to insert it with the picture side up. This is the wrong way and I know why I do this. I am a visual learner and the photo of the savedongle on the www.r4i-sdhc.com website shows the game inserted with photo up. I believe it would look more visually pleasing and be more user friendly (for me) if that was the case (this is my second biggest complaint)
- Original save game uploading to PC is easy and fast. Multiple games can be saved in just minutes. It is amazing
- I like the design of the savedongle it fits in the hand nicely without being too bulky. I would like the upgrade button on the side to be a little larger. However, once I knew where it was the size became a non-issue. And the LED light it a nice feature

Bottom Line

I was thrilled to be chosen to test-drive this new innovative product from the R4I-SDHC team. In some ways it surpassed my expectations in terms of easily uploading save files to the computer and sharing between friends. In other ways, I would like it to be more user-friendly upon startup.

Most of all, I can see the immense and creative possibilities for this savedongle. This is an exciting and innovative product and I am really thrilled to be part of the testing. Thank you R4I-SDHC team for this opportunity and for always working towards improving our gaming experience.