SaveDongle Review

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I first used my SaveDongle 3 weeks after it came out to GE members...so I appear to have missed any issues. I wanted to go about the test drive as a person who just got their SaveDongle in the mail....so here goes!

I am not a Gamer, but I wanted to see what the SaveDongle did.So I was one of the first 300 to get one. I was NOT one of the first to try it out..it was 3 weeks later. I knew Games-Engine.com was abuzz with tutorials and reviews and comments...but I did NOT read ANY of these. i wanted to just go by what came in the mail.

So First off, it was delivered to my neighbor across the street...so I made a new friend with a scary biker dude. Interesting! The pouch was well padded, so the Dongle arrived in excellent shape..and within a reasonable timeframe considering it came halfway around the world. So far, I am happy...and made a new friend.

Now I opened the box to discover this cute egg-shaped thing..LOVED THAT!!! feels nice in hands, solid and comfortable to hold. The USB nub was a great fit with the USB slot....and only wiggles a little bit when inserted.

uh oh can only insert this thing when I have removed all other USB nubs from

my PC....Have my USB slots on the left side of my PC..so when I insert the SaveDongle...it won't go in..have to remove the External HDD, and the Cable for my DSi XL...this is not good , as I multitask...

Also this means the games cards have to be inserted from the bottom..and there is very little room betwen my desktop and the 'egg'....hmmmm....went next door...tried the Dongle in another PC..they have 3 USB ports stacked...yup..Dongle in top one, can't use the middle one...so again..multitasking difficult at best.

Okay..so that's the rudimentary review part.....next comes the functionality.

Looked on the Immediately recognizable red box...instructions said to download drivers from the website. Went to the website. Read Instructions..saw DRIVERS in BLUE..clicked..led to a error 404 message.
HUH. gave up for the day..waited until the next day..again..404.

okay, asked some buds on GE about this...(just about the 404)..was told no problems! So went back to the website.(remember, I am looking at this as if I have no idea what to do...like 99% of buyers)

Okay. scrolled down after the blue DRIVERS.
Saw more info!!!!!! yay!!! Saw drivers again..and clicked..AWESOME!!! downloaded!

Stuck Dongle in PC.
box popped up...
and I inserted game card 1...

and no problems...every game sav file I uploaded worked fine.

awesome easy!

So now I went to the Games-Engine SaveDongle area...wow...so many things discussed....I am confused...I had no issues whatsoever. Didn't even need a tutorial(although they were bang on correct and well done).

Was I just lucky?????

Conclusions:
Love the design of the Dongle...
Did not Like the fact I had to remove all other USB connectors.(maybe if I had a Hub?)
Ease of use: supremely simple and for that I think alone, the SaveDongle is rockin'!!!!!!

I know this review is not a technical one..I did not see the point of spewing all the specifications out again for everyone to skip over...This is a review of actual real use of the SaveDongle. By a real, non-technical person. Would i buy the Dongle? I am not a Gamer...so probably not.

Gamers, I can see where this is handy..I could see tournaments and competitions and much to challenge oneself with....

What is the best part about the SaveDongle is the Support. So many people who took time to dissect this baby, find out all it can do...and who rode the wave of the initial test runs....and all the help that is out there for anyone who wishes to seek it. Kudos to you all, for making this a great device that I think will grow beyond all we can imagine.

Thanks for letting me be a test driver!