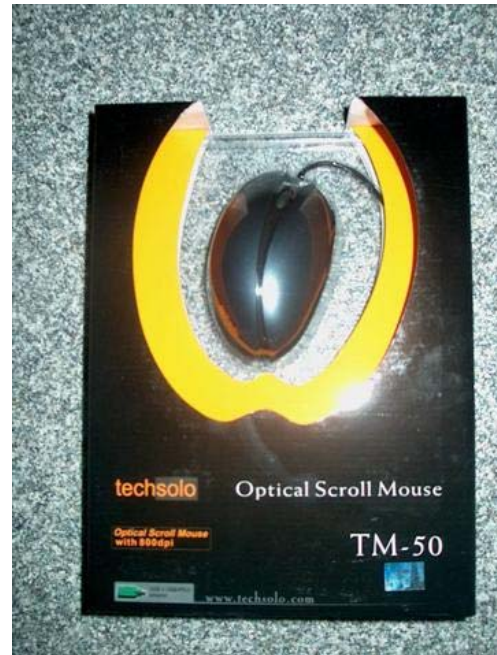


Small Vs. BIG

Introduction

You might have seen them, those rather small mice with wind-up cords. But are they really any good? Can they be compared to a normal sized mouse? Or are they worse or better than that? To see what's the best of both sides, we're going to compare a normal sized optical mouse with the small optical mouse. Both these samples are delivered by TechSOLO who doesn't only have mice, but also other great products like cases, power supplies, external enclosures, keyboards, and more. All these products can be seen on there site : www.techsolo.com .



The Mice

TechSOLO sent us the TM-40 and the TM-50. Both are wired Optical USB mice but, the TM-40 is smaller and has a rectangular USB cord while the TM-50 is normal sized and has a nice ergonomic form. Both mice are delivered with 3year warranty, an USB to PS/2 adapter and a product guide. The TM-40 arrived here in a rather small metal box with a yellow sticker attach saying "Mini optical mouse with 800dpi resolution" not bad for such a small device. The large TM-50 is also using a 800dpi sensor, so then why didn't they make the TM-50 as small as the TM-40? Are there any disadvantages of having such a small mouse?



Testing

To test the mice we used a rather normal size mousepad called "Speedpad". The first thing I noticed when I placed the mice on the surface was that it felt that it didn't touch the mousepad, but when I also placed the TM-40 on the mousepad I had the same feeling, when I took my MX-500 from Logitech I immediately felt the difference. So it looks like TechSOLO puts very good feet under their mice. But then, when trying the mice I found the one big downside of the small mouse, it's too small!!! Normal computer work like browsing the internet and surfing the web wasn't hard, but when I started gaming, or drawing something I noticed it wasn't always that easy to use such a small mouse. But on the other hand, it's easy to always carry with you when you're traveling with your notebook. The TM-50 is very good, actually nothing bad to say about it except that it's built for right-handed people, so those left-handed gamers won't be able to work good with this mouse.



Conclusion

The mice are both good for each his own purpose. The TM-50 is larger and is very good for gaming and 3D drawing, the TM-40 is ultra compact and is very good to take with you when you go away with you notebook. For those who are wondering what the size of these mice is I added a pictures with 4 mice and a cola can, the left blue mice is actually a Microsoft key chain, then the small red mouse is the TM-40, the larger dark mouse is the TM-50 and the beige mouse is a standard optical Microsoft mouse.

TM-40

PRO

Small
Rectangular USB cord
800dpi sensor
Very smooth surface pads

CON

Rather small to hold steady for gaming or 3D drawing.

TM-50

PRO

Ergonomic design
Very smooth surface pads
Good design for gaming and 3D drawing

CON

Only for right handed people

Both the TM-40 as the TM-50 deserve a 9 / 10!

We would like to thank TechSOLO (<http://www.techsolo.com>) for sending us these samples.

