

Little Big Thing

Apacer 8GB SDHC

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More and more people today are starting to appreciate the benefits of having higher resolutions when taking photos with their digital cameras. And higher resolution means a larger image file; larger image files also take longer to be saved and accessed. It won't be much of a surprise to find your old 1GB SD card getting filled up sooner than expected.

For this predicament, Apacer introduces its 8GB class 6 SDHC memory card. However it won't be compatible with older digital cameras as it requires an SDHC compatible device to work. As SDHC technology has only recently penetrated our local market, devices that are SDHC compliant are still somewhat scarce. Some of the newer digicam models released this year may be equipped to cater to this technology, but older cameras will have to stick to what they already have.

The presence of SDHC memory cards in the market also affects the older and more popular SD memory cards in terms of prices. As the use of SDHC becomes more widely accepted, the older SD cards become more and more affordable. For the time being, let us focus on Apacer's Class 6 8GB SDHC memory card to give us a preview of things to come.

Our test unit is a Class 6 SDHC card with a minimum data transfer rate of 6mb/sec. Though the transfer rate is not among the fastest, it's enough for HD content videos to be played directly from the card provided an SDHC compliant reader. HD videos play smoothly



right off the card provided the SDHC card reader is attached to a USB2.0 port. Transferring a 700MB movie clip from the card to desktop lasted for 13 minutes on a USB1.0 port and 1 minute on a USB 2.0 port. This is in contrast with a 1GB SD memory card whose transfer time with a 700MB movie clip also lasted for one minute, give or take a few milliseconds.

There's nothing much to complain about Apacer's latest offering as it is the highest capacity SDHC card currently in its arsenal.

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SPECIFICATIONS

Capacity	Weight	Dimensions
8GB	2g	24 x 32 x 2.1 mm
Speed	Price	
Class 6	Inquire	

HWM'S VERDICT

Physique: **8.0**
 Features: **7.0**
 Performance: **8.0**
 Value: **N/A**

8.0
 Out of 10

The future of high capacity storage for high resolution images.