

Review R4i SAVE DONGLE

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To start this review, i thanks R4i team who send me a free sample. With this dongle we can do backup of our save from cartridge of DS/DSi/3DS. In this photo, we can see how the bag is not very big (like 16-17 cm).



Let's see open pack:



In the bag we have box with dongle and paper with congratulations to be one of 300 who win

this.

Let's see the box of Dongle:



Box of Dongle as like 9cm, and dongle does not exceed of 7,5 cm. Box have printed site of R4i, and report his completely support of game of 3DS / DSi / DS.

Now we can see Dongle with game inserted:



(sorry for quality).

Dongle is too light, and have a button of "Upgrade" in one side. When you press it, key will be

updated if not be readed from PC.

Let's see the really action of this key.

First of all, on the box was precised about the key is compatible with all S.O. created by Microsoft (From Windows 98 to Windows 7). When you insert it in PC, first thing it do is to install driver to be recognized like an input device. To use it we need software we can download from official site:

<http://r4i-sdhc.com/SaveDongle.asp>

There are 4 applications:

- drivers.rar;
- Save Dongle backup / restore;
- Firmware Uploader;
- 3D Savetool V0,2B;
- Video Tutorial by R4woodcenter.

In the archive drivers.rar are present only two installation, one for Framework .NET and one for installation for Visual C++. I advice to download it only if you have a PC just formatted. After all, we can start really tool of Dongle. When you open this archive, we can see an executable which is portable, so, without installation. Start it, we can see how he tell us we have to insert cartridge if you insert dongle without cartridge:



Instead if you insert dongle with game, he will return this screen:



Where:

Game Save Size return size of save file and Game Info name of game.

It have 2 button: PC 2 Card e Card 2 PC.

With PC 2 Card we can backup our save, while with Card 2 PC we can overwrite the save on game.

After, we have tool "Firmware Uploader", than is to update firmware of dongle, the one you can download from site i've insert up. Now hold press Upgrade button, and when he ask for, choose for firmware (extension .bin) and it will reprogram Save Dongle.

Last tool, that is 3D Save Tool is to decompress save of 3DS.

In conclusion, we can say that tool is very good for those love keep always a backup of its save to avoid problem with loose of save.

Here a list of Pro And Contro:

- + Very useful for backup save, our game will thank us.
- + Isn't very heavy, and is simply to transport it.
- + Compatibility is high, but...
- some games don't work (like Pokémon HeartGold etc.)
- I would have prefer a Plug & Play Dongle.
- When you insert cartridge as a little harsh.

With this is all, and i hope you like my review,

and Happy New Year to you and your family :)

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