

Device overboard!

It should be clear that one is not supposed to go swimming with a smartphone or a tablet. However it actually does happen that an electronic device unintentionally gets wet. What has to be done in such a case? AF International provides – under the name AF-Tech-Rescue-Kit – a first aid kit to rescue the device as well as the stored data. FACTS dunked to PC mice into water and tested the kit.

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The AF International company holds ready to Tech-Rescue-Kits for emergency recoveries of electronic or battery operated devices that fell into water: the Mini-Kit (TRK000MIN) for smaller devices like smartphones and watches and the Maxi-Kit (TRK000MAX) for bigger devices like tablet PCs and reflex cameras.

PC MICE GO BATHING

The FACTS editorial team tested whether this promise is waterproof, using two iden-



1. THE TEST: The FACTS staff tests, whether the Rescue-Kit holds up to its promises, using two wireless PC mice.

2. WATER QUENCH: Both mice were completely submerged in water for ten seconds.



3. PREPARATION: After the batch, both mice have to be briefly wiped dry, the batteries have to be taken out.

4. SIMPLE HANDLING: Taking the Sachet out of the pouch – and it is ready to use.



5. DRY UP: One of the mice stayed in the pouch for 48 hours, where the remaining water is supposed to be absorbed.

tical, wireless computer mice. Both mice were consecutively dunked in a bowl of water for ten seconds. After that both mice were unusable.

One of both mice was – according to the instructions on the backside of the Mini-Rescue-Kit's packaging – briefly wiped dry from the outside, batteries were taken out. Afterwards it was placed for 48 hours in the small kit's pouch, together with exsiccating sachets. The kit was altogether easy to handle, the pouches were ready to use in a matter of little time. The sachets inside the pouch are supposed to absorb the remaining water during the 48 hours and thus to exsiccate the device.

The second mouse was merely wiped dry and also remained drying without batteries for 48 hours exposed to air.

CONVINCING RESULT

And in fact: The mouse which remained in the pouch worked flawlessly afterwards. Nothing indicated that the mouse took a bath a few days ago. This result was even more pleasurable, as the second mouse that was dried under exposure to air, although not completely broken, did not work appropriately anymore and hence was not usable for unobstructed office work.

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RESULT

The FACTS test shows that the AF-Tech-Rescue-Kit measures up to its task: The humidity was absorbed from the mouse's inside. This can be particularly valuable, as it can be an emergency rescue for data stored on devices like tablets or smartphones.

Product: AF-Tech-Rescue-Kit Mini (TRK000MIN) and Tech-Rescue-Kit Maxi (TRK000MAX)
Description: Recovery kit
Manufacturer: AF International
Price: from approx. 11,98 Euro not including VAT
Contact: www.af-net.com