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Thread: [REVIEW] $0.99 Mouse Pad [2015 update]

phybe? Jr. - *January 18, 2014, 9:12 pm*

Read the review here:Spoiler (Click to View)I've seen this floating around the internet for quite a while, thinking nothing of it.
I got myself one quite a while ago, but I thought I should do a review for anyone else looking to get one.

Packaging

There's nothing special about the packaging.
Just a brownish yellowish shipping envelope with the mousepad, an invoice, and a plastic bag wrapping it up.
It took about 2 weeks to show up, which is normal for something shipping from Hong Kong.
Overall

The mousepad itself is very impressive. For only $1, I'm not sure if they're even making any profit from these.

The design I chose is the classic "T-Rex flying an F-14 Jet" picture from Calvin and Hobbes with a little Reddit alien in the corner.
The surface is smooth and silky and the bottom is nice and grippy.
The impressive thing is that these $1 mousepads use actual mousepad materials, like cloth and the spongey rubber, as opposed to cheap plastic and foam.

Print and Color Quality

The print quality isn't 10/10, but it sure is great for $1. The colors are vivid and bright, but the line sharpness could use some improvement.
Here's a close up (~80x zoom) of the top. You can see the color, material, and line quality in this picture.

The color is good. The lights are light and the darks are dark.
Just be careful when getting a white mousepad, as dirty stuff from your wrist will build up over time. (Applies for all mousepads)
In this picture, you can get a good sense of the contrast and color quality.
(None of these images are edited besides resizing.)

Material Quality

For $1, the material quality is great. The top is actual cloth with a silky finish.

It really shows when light is shined on it.

Suprisingly, the bottom of the mousepad isn't complete shit. It's even better than the $10 ones you find at Office?Depot.
It'll easily catch stray dust and crumbs because of the grippiness, but you can just wipe it off with a moist paper towel.

Here's another closeup, this one of the bottom of the mousepad.
Here, you can see that it's actually pretty high quality.

The only bad part is that the corner will peel with heavy use.
It's really nothing major, but it irks me a little bit.

Size

I'm used to big mousepads. I use a gun cleaning mat for a mousepad.
The size was a little small for my preference, but it was totally usable.

I've taken some pictures to depict the size of the mousepad below.

Hand Grenade for scale

Conclusion
For only $1 with FREE shipping, this is a must have. It's one of the only impulse purchases I did not regret. Quality is great, and with gentle use, this will last you a long time. 11/10 on my value scale.

Want one for yourself? Go here and enter the code ONEDOLLARMP2015 at checkout.

Need help entering the code? Look here for step by step instrutions.Spoiler (Click to View)

Go to http://www.artscow.com/ and then follow the steps below!

Note: The picture was made a long time ago. I have since updated the code because the previous ones expired.

The code I used to purchase mine was DISCOUNT1DOLLAR, but I would appreciate if you use my

personal referral code, Z099PLAYXRGCU . The new code is ONEDOLLARMP2015, this is my personal generated code.

Enjoy the mousepad, and please post pictures of the ones you get!

Lawsuit - *January 18, 2014, 9:38 pm*
How long back did you order this? Mine didn't come yet :(

?oshi - *January 18, 2014, 9:43 pm*
I've had mine for MONTHS and it's still perfect condition under heavy use frequently hours a day

Red????????? - *January 18, 2014, 9:45 pm*
Looks like a good product, I won't even consider it a sale since its been $1 for months now.

Mahoneys - *January 18, 2014, 9:47 pm*
Looks really good, going to buy one right now :)

Y U N G - *January 18, 2014, 9:48 pm*
I remember 2 - 3 years ago they had a coupon to get the mouse pad for free. I took advantage of this so I made myself a custom mouse pad and I still have it to this day.

I don't know if it's the same quality but this thing is fucking durable.

phybe? Jr. - *January 18, 2014, 9:53 pm*
(Jan 18, 2014 10:47 PM)Nutual Wrote: *[CITE]* Looks really good, going to buy one right now :)
If you could use my promotion code that would be super cool!
You don't have to though. :)

TMGMilkyx - *January 18, 2014, 10:02 pm*
I got mine when it was free and i have to say mine looks nice as well. I was very surprised considering it cost nothing!

Mekara - *January 19, 2014, 1:49 am*
I've ordered mine Monday, May 27, 2013 8:31 PM and it came around 2 weeks. I'm happy with it.

Dropbox - *January 19, 2014, 1:50 am*
i am going to buy this mouse pad, thank you very much for this review dude
very helpful

FrostedBirdz - *January 19, 2014, 2:17 am*
Just Purchased me one of these, time to wait for the mail person

Mekara - *January 19, 2014, 2:21 am*
I also just ordered a usb hub for only 0,19$!

Twitch? - *January 19, 2014, 7:58 am*
I got this on mine.

[img]http://t2.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcT13eVag2DIal9LoR0ojfBR8YQT1QnU-2XN7Vv42_

sw5dO_waCd[/img]

phybe? Jr. - *January 19, 2014, 8:22 am*
(Jan 19, 2014 08:58 AM)P r i m e Wrote: [CITE] I got this on mine.

[img]http://t2.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcT13eVag2DIal9LoR0ojfBR8YQT1QnU-2XN7Vv42_sw5dO_waCd[/img]
/r/PCmasterrace

All hail the mighty GabeN!

Nemuri - *January 19, 2014, 9:27 am*
This is awesome, definitely buying one of these just need an idea now.

Steve Kosh - *January 19, 2014, 12:20 pm*
You guys know how long the code is good for?

phybe? Jr. - *January 19, 2014, 12:59 pm*
(Jan 19, 2014 01:20 PM)Steve Kosh Wrote: [CITE] You guys know how long the code is good for?
It should work for a good while. I think I read somewhere that the mousepad promotion ends February sometime

Mekara - *January 19, 2014, 1:03 pm*
(Jan 19, 2014 01:59 PM)phybe? Jr. Wrote: [CITE] It should work for a good while. I think I read somewhere that the mousepad promotion ends February sometime
It depends on the coupon code. Every coupon code expires after 1 month but don't worry, new ones are generated as people buy.

quebec_chris - *January 19, 2014, 1:26 pm*
Mine looks actually really great haha! :P
Come take a look!
Photo 1
Photo 2

S1lv3RDarkn3sS - *January 19, 2014, 1:30 pm*
I've had one for half a year already. Still going strong, no fade or raised edges.

Br?ndon - *January 19, 2014, 1:32 pm*
I got my mom one. I was really impressed with the quality.

GL1TCH3D - *January 19, 2014, 3:14 pm*
The mousepad is good for $1
I bought mine months ago.
Feels fairly nice but it's not grippy enough.
Anyway, it's only $1

phybe? Jr. - *January 19, 2014, 9:48 pm*
I'm fine with how grippy mine is, I just think it's a little small.

Also, Updated OP with more pics

JavaSun - *January 21, 2014, 11:39 am*

My brother and I wanted to purchase 6, but you can only apply it once per mousepad for some reason.
That's why were going to do 6x mousepad on Thursday. I'm using your code.

ViciousCookie - *January 22, 2014, 12:49 pm*
The review of this is great. I am super pleased with the mousepad i got from this website. Thanks for the info!

Ryes - *January 23, 2014, 8:48 pm*
(Jan 19, 2014 01:59 PM)phybe? Jr. Wrote: [CITE] It should work for a good while. I think I read somewhere that the mousepad promotion ends February sometime
anddd im useing your code right now, so thank you for a mouse pad (probaly wont use it but it will make a great place to put my cups when im done with them)

phybe? Jr. - *January 25, 2014, 4:45 pm*
(Jan 23, 2014 09:48 PM)Demonic0Sniper Wrote: [CITE] anddd im useing your code right now, so thank you for a mouse pad (probaly wont use it but it will make a great place to put my cups when im done with them)
Thanks for using my code! I appreciate it.

Arcturus Mengsk - *January 26, 2014, 10:00 pm*
(Jan 18, 2014 10:48 PM)Misiu Wrote: [CITE] I remember 2 - 3 years ago they had a coupon to get the mouse pad for free. I took advantage of this so I made myself a custom mouse pad and I still have it to this day.

I don't know if it's the same quality but this thing is fucking durable.
I did the exact same thing. I have an "Amazing Horse" mouse pad, that I got absolutely free. It was awesome.

phybe? Jr. - *January 28, 2014, 2:00 pm*
(Jan 21, 2014 12:39 PM)JavaSun Wrote: [CITE] My brother and I wanted to purchase 6, but you can only apply it once per mousepad for some reason.
That's why were going to do 6x mousepad on Thursday. I'm using your code.
Thanks for using mine. I appreciate it! :)

FrostedBirdz - *January 29, 2014, 4:03 pm*
This is the Mouse Pad I received the other day, not bad quality for $1. Thinking about ordering another one for my younger brother.

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Dood - *January 30, 2014, 9:22 pm*
I bought one, how long should I wait for shipping? I didn't even get an email confirmation...

dahrat - *January 31, 2014, 5:00 am*
it took me about 2 weeks to get mine.

Xerif - *January 31, 2014, 9:21 am*
This is so awesome! I just ordered one. I can't wait for it to get here :D

VIYNAL - *January 31, 2014, 11:30 am*
(Jan 18, 2014 10:43 PM)C17H19NO3 Wrote: [CITE] I've had mine for MONTHS and it's still perfect condition under heavy use frequently hours a day

I've had ,one over a year now and got it for $1 the been doing this forever now

phybe? Jr. - *January 31, 2014, 12:06 pm*
If you need more than one, I think you can just make a different account with like slightly different info.

Fun Guy - *January 31, 2014, 8:48 pm*
For everyone wondering how long it takes to arrive, I ordered mine on the 22nd. It arrived today, the 31st. It was definitely worth a dollar, and feels high quality.

Here's the beauty:

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phybe? Jr. - *February 1, 2014, 8:26 am*
(Jan 30, 2014 10:22 PM)Dood Wrote: [CITE] I bought one, how long should I wait for shipping? I didn't even get an email confirmation...
I think I got an email confirmation.
Mine took about 1 and a half weeks to get here, it wasn't that long.

illilli ILLU?IVE illilli - *February 1, 2014, 8:28 am*
I ordered mine like a month ago. WHERE THE FUCK IS IT?

Brageboi - *February 1, 2014, 10:57 am*
0.99 is really cheap !
im gonna order one to fuck with my friend
thanks

Mohatu - *February 3, 2014, 12:32 am*
I got mine in last week.

ViciousCookie - *February 6, 2014, 11:31 am*
Thanks for this review! I love the mousepad I got. It is good quality, but affordable.

Null Byte - *February 12, 2014, 4:30 pm*
Thank you so much, mine just came in the mail! Here are a few pics:
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LOVE - *February 12, 2014, 4:38 pm*
(Jan 18, 2014 10:43 PM)C17H19NO3 Wrote: [CITE] I've had mine for MONTHS and it's still perfect condition under heavy use frequently hours a daySame here. I've had mine for almost 2 years and it's still in perfect condition, even though I use it maybe 6-7 hours a day.

phybe? Jr. - *February 12, 2014, 6:48 pm*
(Feb 12, 2014 05:30 PM)V.I. Lenin Wrote: [CITE] Thank you so much, mine just came in the mail!

Here are a few pics:
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Awesome! I'm glad you like it. Thanks for posting pictures, too.

Xerif - *February 27, 2014, 8:13 pm*
Just got mine today. Ordered it on Jan 31 and it just got here today. Pretty slow shipping, but it's awesome!
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Roccat - *February 28, 2014, 10:55 am*
Just ordered mine! Will post a pic when it arrives!

alvin6 - *March 2, 2014, 7:39 am*
Thanks for the coupon I just bought a mouse pad.

Dannygr - *March 3, 2014, 3:08 am*
Now it costs 5$:(((

Can we find it elsewhere cheaper????

kmanev073 - *March 3, 2014, 4:13 am*
Best mousepads ever ! I use mine for over an half year now !

Roccat - *March 3, 2014, 9:28 am*
(Mar 3, 2014 04:08 AM)Dannygr Wrote: *[CITE]* Now it costs 5$:(((

Can we find it elsewhere cheaper????
It costs 5$ but you use the coupon code at the checkout to take it down to 1$+free shipping.

fafaerer - *March 12, 2014, 1:10 am*
Mine came in around two weeks, 6 months ago.
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My parents use it as they needed a mouse pad more than me at the time. I used it a few times and I thought it was a great mouse pad, and for the price... well it's a really great deal
Ordered another just a few minutes ago, if anyone wants one:
http://www.artscow.com/gallery/mousepad/got-house-targaryen-8ywn2mwa3q9h
This is a Game of Thrones House Targaryen themed mouse pad

phybe? Jr. - *March 13, 2014, 11:34 am*
This deal is still going on I believe. A friend of mine just bought one.

Gummy Bear - *March 13, 2014, 3:37 pm*
I had mine for about a year and it is still in perfect condition.

e-Trust - *March 13, 2014, 4:50 pm*

I've seen this deal floating around for years now, but never bothered to grab one. This thread just totally changed my mind and I just ordered my mouse pad. Awesome and thank you

phybe? Jr. - *March 13, 2014, 6:58 pm*

My friend just sent me a picture of his mousepad. ^

?nxy - *March 16, 2014, 3:52 pm*
I bought one, the only negative is that it looks more contrasty than the actual image I picked.

Xerif - *March 18, 2014, 10:53 pm*
Just got a second one of these. This probably won't be the last one I get either :)

VladHQ - *March 23, 2014, 11:21 am*

Just bought this, for $1, this is a great deal!

phybe? Jr. - *September 6, 2014, 8:58 pm*
I may be doing a redesign of this thread soon. Keep your eyes peeled!

BottomNotch - *September 7, 2014, 6:08 pm*
*I've been using mine for a few months, the edges of it seem to get worn out fast, but other than that its a really good deal c:

commandzombie - *September 8, 2014, 10:04 am*
Just ordered a mousepad on your code :)
I will also order another one to my friend.

MD5 - *September 8, 2014, 10:06 am*
Nice review,
Holy shit, is that mousepad only 1$???

Virtual Goods LTD - *September 8, 2014, 3:01 pm*
Cheers for the review mate I might get one! :)

phybe? Jr. - *September 8, 2014, 8:03 pm*
Updated the shit outta the thread. 100% new, enjoy, guys!

AMAVI - *September 9, 2014, 6:16 am*
This shit works i did it a long time ago and got my mouse pad, using it to this day and its still in good shape.

Toroc - *September 9, 2014, 10:06 am*
You got me at hand grenade for scale, 10/10 wasn't expecting it

Yumi - *September 9, 2014, 1:52 pm*
I just ordered a mouse pad and used your code. ^_^ Thanks for the deal!~

Remix™ - *September 9, 2014, 2:57 pm*
I bought one a while ago and made my own design. It's awesome!

skela - *September 9, 2014, 5:47 pm*
Just ordered mine, so glad I found this post. I have been needing a new mousepad for a while now (:

commandzombie - *September 9, 2014, 7:10 pm*
Ordered another one on your code! I like the new updated review!

phybe? Jr. - *December 8, 2014, 3:16 pm*
Thread is back up and open, should still work. Sorry, but I've canceled the Corsair RGB review, had to return mine.

€mperor - *December 9, 2014, 11:57 am*
The coupon codes say they are expired. Total comes out to be $4.99 which is for the shipping

iDuL - *December 9, 2014, 12:08 pm*
I've been using the same $1 ArtsCow mouse pad for about 4 years now. These are great quality pads

€mperor - *December 9, 2014, 12:37 pm*
(Dec 8, 2014 04:16 PM)phybe? Jr. Wrote: [CITE] Thread is back up and open, should still work. Sorry, but I've canceled the Corsair RGB review, had to return mine.
Is there anyway to still get this for $1?

Multin - *December 9, 2014, 1:58 pm*
The code no longer works OP, please fix or edit deal out of post plz

Broke - *December 9, 2014, 2:46 pm*
They changed prices to $1.99 for a mousepad, after all these years the deal has been going on for $1, dang..
If anybody needs a coupon code: Z199MOUSEPADEKJY3
EDIT: I think there will be the same action again after some time, maybe they raise the price a bit for christmas time, who knows..

phybe? Jr. - *May 16, 2015, 4:38 pm*
Thread and code has been updated for 2015.

DuguWudi - *May 16, 2015, 4:43 pm*
It pretty nice indeed OP. Does it shipped any where in the world?

Thank you.

phybe? Jr. - *May 16, 2015, 5:05 pm*
(May 16, 2015 04:43 PM)DuguWudi Wrote: [CITE] It pretty nice indeed OP. Does it shipped any where in the world?

Thank you.
Free international shipping. Unless you live in some remote tribal island in the middle of nowhere, I'm sure they can ship to you.

nicorec - *May 16, 2015, 10:16 pm*
Thank you so much!!!!!!

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Bl?ckhat - *July 7, 2015, 7:55 pm*
Lmao the "hand grenade for scale" made me laugh.. Thanks for this though, getting my buddy to design something.

UnNullRouted - *July 7, 2015, 8:22 pm*
(Jan 18, 2014 10:53 PM)phybe? Jr. Wrote: [CITE] If you could use my promotion code that would be super cool!
You don't have to though. :)
I just bought a custom mousepad and used ur promo code ;) thanks for the share!

Rebus - *July 7, 2015, 8:25 pm*
Is this still working? If so, does it work within the UK?

phybe? Jr. - *July 9, 2015, 2:39 pm*
(Jul 7, 2015 08:25 PM)Benzyl Wrote: [CITE] Is this still working? If so, does it work within the UK?
I'm not sure if the code is still working, but it should be. I updated it a while ago. Tell me if it works or not.
And yea, free international shipping.

Ellie Goulding - *July 10, 2015, 1:32 am*
I love your review! I may purchase one as I am in need of a Mouse pad, thanks man! Even after one year this promotion is still active wow!

5h1t_warrior - *July 11, 2015, 4:34 am*
think im gonna order 1 more :)

can you upload the the t-rex?

eoNe - *July 11, 2015, 7:01 am*
Did they ship everywhere or just USA?

ken2003445 - *July 11, 2015, 1:16 pm*
can you like make a new account and use the coupon code again?

greedy doe.

EliGabbro - *July 11, 2015, 1:19 pm*
nice link man, really nice! Thanks

phybe? Jr. - *July 11, 2015, 6:40 pm*
(Jul 11, 2015 04:34 AM)5h1t_warrior Wrote: [CITE] think im gonna order 1 more :)

can you upload the the t-rex?
https://i.imgur.com/iDXqV4H.jpg

(Jul 11, 2015 07:01 AM)eoNe Wrote: [CITE] Did they ship everywhere or just USA?
International free shipping :)

(Jul 11, 2015 01:16 PM)ken2003445 Wrote: [CITE] can you like make a new account and use the coupon code again?

greedy doe.
I believe you can.

Rodzhers - *July 13, 2015, 6:57 am*
where did u get that grenade?

suddendeathx - *July 13, 2015, 7:19 am*
Nice review, I love the comparison with the grenade, though it's a bit random haha

I ordered one of these and it came in two weeks; excellent quality. I thought it was so cheap and relatively fast (for a $1 mousepad) that I ordered a second one. It won't let you use the coupon code more than once on the same IP, so you just have to use a VPN and keep connecting to a different IP until you find one where the coupon code hasn't been used. Also, I think you have to make a second account.

Regan - *July 13, 2015, 7:26 am*
Mine was shipped 7 days ago by airmail still waiting, I got one of these years ago also they are decent mouse pads.

NoMemes - *July 15, 2015, 12:20 am*
lmfao ordered this with some pretty legit custom art. wonder when i'll get it..

phybe? Jr. - *July 22, 2015, 8:58 pm*
(Jul 15, 2015 12:20 AM)BigHecks Wrote: *[CITE]* lmfao ordered this with some pretty legit custom art. wonder when i'll get it..
Usually takes ~2 weeks, straight from China :)

iDuL - *July 22, 2015, 10:50 pm*
My $1 artscow mousepad has been going strong for 3 years now. The print is fading away however nothing is torn or coming loose. Grip is also at 100% despite being spilled on multiple times throughout its lifespan.

The Godfather - *July 22, 2015, 10:51 pm*
This seems to have taken so long to review.

Rodzhers - *July 23, 2015, 1:31 am*
received mine after 8 days :)

SourMan - *July 24, 2015, 6:11 pm*

Its actually really HQ. Amazing printing and got a great feel to it. Got it in less then 2 weeks

RaidenHF - *July 24, 2015, 8:43 pm*
I just ordered one. How are these people making any sort of profit doing this?

Teemð - *July 24, 2015, 8:48 pm*
I am going to buy one of these mousepads!

Thanks OP for posting this.

Pluxo - *July 24, 2015, 8:58 pm*
I just ordered one. Thank you OP, needed it. Girlfriend is going to LOVE it.

CommunismCat - *July 26, 2015, 4:46 pm*
Just bought one :) Can't wait. Thanks for this thread man!

phybe? Jr. - *July 28, 2015, 2:49 pm*
Enjoy the mousepads, people. :)

(Jul 24, 2015 08:43 PM)dillon4419 Wrote: [CITE] I just ordered one. How are these people making any sort of profit doing this?
I don't know, I guess it's a way to get active customers? ?

Asetric - *July 28, 2015, 5:07 pm*
You forgot to test It's durability, pull the pin

10/10 - *July 28, 2015, 10:28 pm*
How are they even making money on this?
http://prntscr.com/7y9q67 Just ordered one

dreexy - *July 29, 2015, 2:07 am*
hello,

Still working this sir ?

phybe? Jr. - *July 30, 2015, 4:57 pm*
(Jul 29, 2015 02:07 AM)dree Wrote: [CITE] hello,

Still working this sir ?
It seems to be working. The person who posted above you ordered one.

TehShrink - *July 31, 2015, 11:18 am*
I ordered one and got it after a week I think, and this was quite recently. The mousepad was a bit smaller than I expected but it's pretty good regardless. I can play FPS games pretty well with it.

CanadianViking - *August 16, 2015, 9:17 pm*
Love how the hand grenade is used for size comparison... Lol

Danny Khalifa - *September 14, 2016, 6:35 am*
I got one a lot of time ago and yeah, the quality is amazing for 1$.

Silent - *September 14, 2016, 4:55 pm*
I've gotten one too pretty Nice..

BTW can this review get anymore HQ jesus.

Big G - *September 18, 2016, 5:21 am*
How much is the shipping for Croatia?

ryan? - *October 8, 2016, 10:45 am*
"Hand grenade for scale."