

## KENSINGTON IPOD & IPHONE MINI BATTERY PACK & CHARGER

**PRICE** \$60 / **CONTACT** KENSINGTON / **PHONE** 1300 366 376 / **WEB** <http://au.kensington.com>

This small, light and very portable Lithium Polymer battery device could potentially be a real boon for frequent overseas travellers, campers or those who just forget to charge their iPhone or iPod. Designed to be plugged directly into the bottom of pretty much any Apple music player or phone, in testing we found the 1,800mAh pack routinely gave an extra 70% to our iPhone battery's charge (taking it from 10% to 80%, for example), charging it up at a rate of about 1% per minute. And while it would have been nice if it

had enough juice to completely refill the battery, 70% is a decent effort and should get most iPhone or iPod users through another day at least. It also barely heats up when in use, so it'd be safe to put in a bag or pocket while charging is under way. The battery pack's protective cap doubles as a stand, allowing you to prop your iPod or iPhone up to watch flicks while it's charging. About the only caveat we found was that it's a little too large and unwieldy to be permanently attached to an iPhone; however, given that it only takes about 60

minutes to do its job, we don't know why you'd want to use it like this anyway. It's worth noting that there are a handful of similar products from smaller vendors currently available in Australia, but as they're all selling for around the same price, we'd be inclined to go for this name-brand Kensington model, with its local one-year warranty.

— Dan Gardiner

**PC User says: A potential lifesaver for iPod or iPhone users on the run.**

