Real People Reviews by Daniel M. East
Product: ProTouch
Manufacturer/Vendor/Developer: iSkin
MSRP: $19.95

Review date: October 11, 2004

PULL QUOTE: " iSkin has it covered"

For those who are longtime iBook and Powerbook users, you know that popping keys and worn out labels are common (not to mention cat owners who's felines like to snuggle up to a nice warm Powerbook). The ProTouch from iSkin adds a rubberized coating to your keyboard and protecting it from all that and more.

MIN. SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS: An iBook or Powerbook

While using the ProTouch did take a day to soften up a little, it is now a perfect fit to my Powerbook keyboard. The colors are subtle which allows for the backlighting to be visible while giving the hardware a little personality. Fingers stay where they need to be and that annoying "thumb spot" on the space bar is not emerging as on previous Powerbook keyboard. Cleaning is easy as well since it is mostly a matter of lifting it up and shaking it off.

Kiwi

A nice side-effect of the ProTouch is that it reduces the noise level of the keyboard. This allows for easy typing in quiet spaces and helps reduce overall wear and tear. It is even washable (using iSkin's specific instructions). You can even further personalize your ProTouch with an iSkin Tattoo so that logos or information can be added making this a really cool "swag" item for trade shows, preferred clients, etc..

I'd love to see them offer a ProTouch with flaps that would cover the sides below the keyboard while leaving the track pad exposed.

While there are other keyboard covers out there, the ProTouch is the one with a spot-on perfect fit based on what I've tested thus far. If you are into Apple portables, iSkin has it covered from iBook to iPod.

OVERALL RATING: 9 out of 10 stars EXCELLENT

For more information, visit: http://www.iskin.com/protouch_PB1.html

Daniel East is a freelance writer for several Mac-specific publications; a co-host of "PC Talk Radio/Levin Communications and a presenter/speaker/consultant. East is also the founder and president of The Mid-Atlantic Apple & Macintosh User Groups Team (MaMUGs).

All trademarks are property of their respective owners. This review may be reproduced with proper attribution. Please notify author of placement and provide a copy/URL for reference.

©2004 Daniel M. East for The Mid-Atlantic Macintosh User Groups Team (MaMUGs)
info@mamugs.com - www.mamugs.org