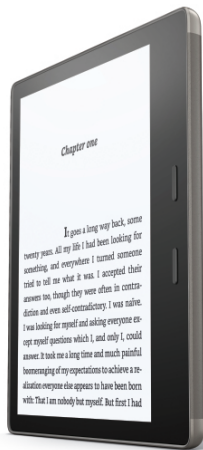


Amazon Adds Waterproofing With Kindle Oasis

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After 10 years of making eReaders Amazon presents a first waterproof version-- the Kindle Oasis, an update on the 2016 model featuring a larger display and an IPX8 water-resistance rating.



The Kindle Oasis has a 300ppi 7inch display equipped with 12 LEDs for more uniform front lighting. Ambient light sensors tweak the lighting according to the environment, and the display is covered with a proprietary glass Amazon says is its toughest yet. A built-in accelerometer automatically switches page orientation according to how the eReader is held.

Another first comes through Audible audio book support, with Bluetooth allowing the connection of any wireless audio device. The feature is also set to arrive on some other Kindle models, namely the previous oasis and the entry-level Kindle.

Control comes through the return of the physical page-turn button, and the software has been tweaked to allow for more font size gradations and the ability to bold any font. File support includes the Amazon proprietary format, TXT, PDF, MOBI and PRC, while storage is either 8 or 32GB.

The Kindle Oasis ships from end October 2017.

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