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INPUT DEVICE

AMKETTE INTEGRATED WIRELESS KEYBOARD

VERDICT: A great input device for presentation PCs and HTPC setups.
FOR: Wireless, compact, trackball.
AGAINST: Tiny keys, expensive.

IN SPECIFICATIONS

Rs 2,000
www.amkette.com

Dimensions (WxHxD): 355 x 22 x 156 mm; Batteries required: 2 x AAA; Connectivity: Wireless 2.4 GHz RF; Operating distance: 10 m.

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IN RATINGS

BUILD QUALITY	○ ○ ○ ○ ○
ERGONOMICS	○ ○ ○ ○ ○
FEATURES	○ ○ ○ ○ ○
OVERALL RATING	○ ○ ○ ○ ○
VALUE FOR MONEY	○ ○ ○ ○ ○

This trackball-equipped wireless keyboard from Amkette is good enough for presentations, where the keyboard and mouse need to be accessed from a distance. The keyboard design is similar to that of a laptop's, so it's inconvenient for prolonged use. Crucial keys such as arrows, space bar, [Ctrl], [Alt], [Shift] and [Enter] keys are way too tiny. The integrated trackball design is good and eliminates the need of a mouse, but the scroll wheel lacks the center-click, which makes it difficult for those who require the third button input. The build quality is rugged, but the high-gloss surface is prone to dust and finger prints. Multimedia and shortcut keys are provided, but the power button can shut down the PC without warning if accidentally pressed. This is a nice input device for presentations or an HTPC setup, but it's not quite appropriate for daily computing. 

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