

NOKIA 216

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On first inspection, the Nokia 216 is a small, sleek, lightweight mobile phone. It has a nice sized keypad, and a 2.4" QVGA screen, with a pixel density of 167ppi. The phone colour is described as black, but I would say it is more of a charcoal grey. This model is also available in white and light blue. Nokia have come into the 21st Century, and the charging port is micro-USB, which is located on the top of the phone, alongside an earphone port.

The home screen shows three buttons, a "Go to", "Menu" and "Selfie". The "Go to" button takes you to a shortcut list to access the camera, to lock the keypad, to turn the torch on or off, adjust the ring volume, quick access to the phone settings, and even add other options to the list, such as Bluetooth, calendar, contacts etc....

The Menu button navigates to all of the built-in applications, there is of course the usual applications you'll find on any phone; the Call Log, Contacts, Alarm Clock and Messages. On top of that there is the additional features of Music, FM Radio, Opera Browser, Facebook, Voice Recorder, Weather, Notes, Flashlight, and the ability to install Apps and games from the Opera web store, you may think this phone is taking a step backwards, but it is featureful and basic at the same time.



The internet connectivity uses a data connection through the SIM Card, so don't expect to be able to connect it to your router at home or a WiFi hot spot.

The Nokia 216 has both a front and rear camera, although they are both only 0.3MP, the resulting photos are of an adequate quality. The camera itself has features you wouldn't expect including a flash, the ability to change the brightness, image effects, albeit you can only choose from greyscale, Sepia, Green tint, Blue tint, and Colour invert, they are effects nonetheless. You can also choose between Automatic or night scene, Burst mode with options of 3, 4 or 6 shots, and a self-timer. There is also a video camera option, again the quality isn't amazing, but for a basic phone, to even have a video camera feature is a bonus.

The additional features that impressed me personally are the fact that the font size can be changed independently in the messaging, contacts and menu. Changing the Menu font size effects the Menu when it is in list mode only. The customization of the Go to menu is a great feature, being able to select the most common functions and have them available at the touch of a button. With a microSD slot which will support up to 32GB, which will give you ample storage for photos, applications and music. With a battery standby time of up to 24 days, talk time of up to 18 hours, MP3 playback up to 47 hours and the FM radio playback of up to 42 hours, you won't have to worry about charging this phone every night.

For the environmentally conscious amongst you, the phone is free of BFR, nickel on the product surface, and free of PVC. Even the packaging is minimized, made of renewable materials, 100% recyclable, containing up to 90% recycled materials. The energy efficiency of the phone itself is good, as there is an "Unplug charger reminder".

Admittedly it doesn't have the functionality of a Smart Phone, but if all you want to be able to do is make a phone call, send a text, and do some basic web browsing, login to Facebook, and check the weather, and play the occasional game, then this is the phone for you.

With a price tag of just £39.99, it is definitely worth the money!