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Meet the World's Smallest Wireless Draft-N USB Receiver

The WLI-UC-GN from Buffalo

Buffalo WLI-UC-GN adapter
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It's quite a well-known fact that miniaturization has become an extremely important trend in technology over the recent couple of years and has led to the appearance of some pretty awesome products in all of the separate segments of the consumer electronics market. And a very good example of this trend comes from Japanese company Buffalo, which has just introduced what it touts to be the world's smallest Wireless Draft-N adapter.

The device, dubbed WLI-UC-GN, connects to a host computer via a USB 2.0 interface and allows it to enjoy the very large data transfer speeds that are characteristic to the 802.11n standard, namely up to 150Mbps. Of course, it also supports the 802.11 b/g standards, which are much more widespread, at least for the time being.

The adapter itself is extremely tiny, measuring around 16 x 33 x 8mm, which makes it just a tad larger than a usual adapter used for connecting a wireless mouse to a notebook. Actually, the manufacturer points out that it's 88% smaller than its predecessor, the WLI-UC-G300N, which also held the" world's smallest" title for a while.

Another interesting thing worth mentioning about this very tiny adapter is that it can also be used for connecting to a wireless network other devices (besides computers). For example, one can easily connect the WLI-UC-GN to a Nintendo Wii, DS or a Sony PSP and then go online via the wireless network without worrying about any security issues.

Buffalo's ultra-small Wireless Draft-N adapter will arrive in stores (in Japan, for the time being) in early February and will have a relatively low retail price, of just around 23 US dollars, which is great, given the features the device can provide and the very low space it occupies around the user's computer.

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