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Ovilus 5 Technical Overview

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This is a brief technical overview of the Ovilus 5 which is manufactured by Digital Dowsing L.L.C. and sells for \$339 on their (or partner) website. This is the replacement for the Ovilus 4 (which is now out of production along with all other earlier versions). It's a well know yet controversial type of device that combines a few key functions into a small handheld rechargeable easy-to-use device.

The palm sized unit (4"x6"x2") is charged via an included 5VDC USB based charger (and cable), and supports iPhone, iPad, Android, and PC platforms via direct USB or WiFi connections and is fully protected by the included rugged weatherproof case when not in use.

The full color touchscreen provide access to the 8 core functions:

- **Dictionary Mode** – An environmentally driven vocabulary of 2048 words that will be familiar to users of any older model of Ovilus. The words can be spoken in one of several preferred gender/languages as well as displayed (along with 2 prior words) on the screen.
- **Log Mode** – This mode provides a list of all the words generated while in Dictionary Mode. Useful for retaining output during long investigations.
- **Phonetic Mode** – Similar to the Dictionary Mode, the Phonetic Mode uses environmental readings to only generate phonemes, which are the building blocks of speech, rather than fully formed words.
- **Draw Mode** – Blocks are drawn across the screen in colors generated based on the environmental reading.
- **Energy Mode** – Energy levels are displayed in a sine wave "oscilloscope" style.
- **Motion Mode** – The on-board accelerometer is used to visually display motion (vibration) information. Think of this as a visual geophone.
- **True/False Mode** – Environmental readings are used to generate a TRUE (**Green**) or FALSE (**Red**) response.
- **Proximity Mode** – This is a radial graph that is displayed based on the static and electromagnetic fields surrounding the device.

The Ovilus 5 is definitely an improvement on the previous models, and can be considered a costly although useful investigation tool. I've heard a lot of feedback and opinions (both positive and negative) on this and similar type devices, but whether you're a firm believer or hardened skeptic, it's always nice to have a high quality, easy to use device to use as the basis of your argument(s).

As always, understand the technology and how to properly use the device, and of course, interpret the results in a methodical logical manner. If you have and/or used a Ovilus 5, we'd love to hear from you on your thoughts on it and how you rate it.

References:

<https://www.digitaldowsing.com/shop/ovilus-v/>