



MUST HAVE...

Irish Broadband Go!



We admit to being sceptical when given the opportunity to try out a broadband data card for our laptop when we heard it was from Irish Broadband. But the zero-headache install data card slotted right into our trusty Dell Inspiron and found the 500kbps signal no bother. We tested it out at various sites around Dublin city and county and it worked flawlessly nearly every time within the limits set out on the map on Irish Broadband's website. No 'contention ratios', meaning you're not sharing the connection with up to 24 other users. The speed was so good we were able to download the software for Channel 4's new on-demand service plus a 30-minute programme in the time it took to have two pints at the 40 Foot in Dun Laoghaire. Unlike some WiFi providers we could name, we weren't logged off for no earthly reason and the data didn't cost us extra. Also we were able to use it to make a Skype call no problem - VOIP calls being verboten on the traditional 3G cards from mobile operators with which this competes - all at a lower price, at least for now. Coverage is limited to Dublin at the moment but is extending to Cork, Galway and Limerick next year.

DAMAGE: €99 for the card, €39.95/month inc VAT. Available direct from Irish Broadband or at Harvey Normans, Peats Electronics and some others.

