



## TechnologyTell Review: Keyport Slide 2.0 keychain

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I'm a firm believer of the 'less is more' concept. You can call it simplicity or minimalism, so long as it's understood that my habits also maximize on utility. It's having what you may need with the least amount of baggage – having your cake and eating it too. So when I was presented with the opportunity to review the Keyport Slide 2.0, I jumped at it.

[Born on Kickstarter](#), this little gadget has succeeded in providing so many more people with better keychains.

### Design

[The Keyport Slide 2.0](#) is perfectly pocketable, like a small pack of gum. When it comes to EDC (everyday carry), less means more – more room for stuff you can cram on your person! Joking aside, it is so convenient to be able to have tools available without having to feel them. If you're the kind of person who has always shoved keys in your pockets, you deserve a little less poking, jingling, or torn clothing.



Six tools, all packed in that.

Although the Keyport Slide 2.0 is made of plastic, it's actually well-built and durable. At least for the typical activities one might put their keyring through. There are two sides to this wonderful little gadget: the keyring end and the business end. The former should be self-explanatory. It clips to a split ring via the included (locking) S-biner. As for the business end, that's where all the goodies pop out from.

Think of it like a traditional Swiss Army knife. But instead of having each element swinging open in an arc, the Keyport Slide 2.0 thrusts them forward like an igniting lightsaber. A trio of nodes are on each side – six in total. They've been designed in such a way that you have to press down on a node before being able to push it forward. It's a smart, effective way to keep the various attachments locked into place.

It doesn't take long to memorize the attachment positions. One side of the Keyport Slide 2.0 has a little nub that you can feel with your thumb. The opposite does not. Without even looking, you can feel and then flick out what you need, like the house key in the dark. Gone are the days of fumbling around like a fool to open front doors. Best of all, you can do it with just one hand.

Complete instructions are included with the Keyport Slide 2.0. It's recommended to read it through, since the images help new users understand how to set up and organize the various attachments, nodes, and side plates.

## Attachments & EDC

The Keyport Slide 2.0 has space enough for six individual attachments. If you need and use six keys, then you can go with six keys. If you only need three keys now, but maybe more later, it's a simple process to order extra blades to create the desired keys later. The modular ease of the Keyport Slide 2.0 lets you swap things out faster than if you attempted the same with a standard split ring.



It's easy to take apart, with minimal pieces involved.

For this review, I was sent the full package for testing. The whole shebang: house key, car key, LED light, USB drive, pen, and, of course, the bottle opener. The only attachment that currently exists that I did not receive was the barcode holder. The company says there are more attachment types in development, which I am certainly looking forward to seeing.

The one aspect that takes the most getting used to is proper deployment of keys. You have to remember to push a node down, then forward all the way, until it pops back up to lock into place. If you don't, then

attempts to open your house or car doors results in pushing the key back inside the slide case. On occasion, nodes can be bumped out of place and slightly unlocked while banging around through daily travels. So far, the most extreme of these situations has had my car key stick out about a quarter inch. That's it.

Over time, the Keyport Slide 2.0's plastic body will collect minor scuffs and scratches. It's merely a cosmetic effect, taking away that "fresh out of the box" feel. In terms of durability, this gadget should last through normal use. The Keyport Slide 2.0 would have to be involved in a very weird, extreme situations for it to break. It's possible that using too much torque with a key in a stuck lock could create stress-related damage. But then why are you putting up with that kind of lock? [WD-40 that sucka](#).

But, for argument's sake, if the body did break, all your existing attachments and side plates can slip right into a replacement unit. For my personal use, I only have a single house and car key each. So it makes it easy for me to have everything else that the Keyport Slide 2.0 has to offer in terms of attachments.

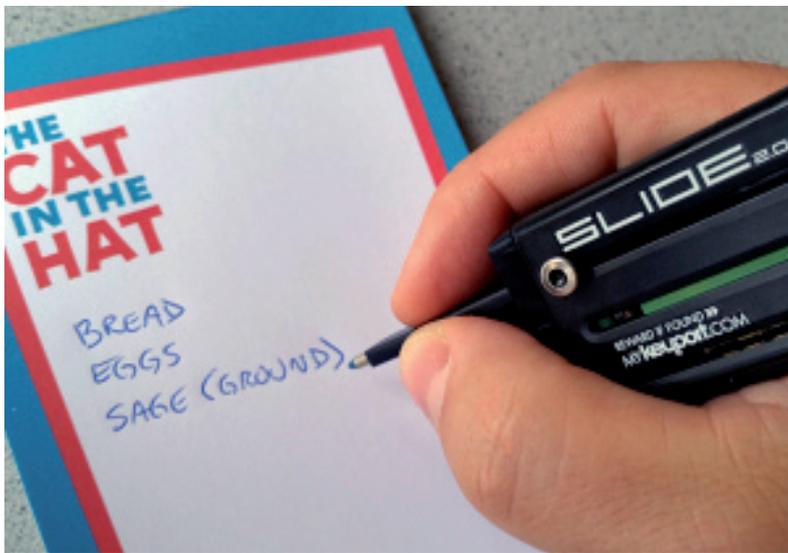


Car keys extend far enough so the main body has room to rotate.

If you own a newer car, you'll really want to send the company one of your spares so they can create an appropriate attachment for you. Basically, your old key gets cannibalized for the blade and the chip (this is equally important). I sent mine in and didn't have to wait long to receive my package. The key goes in whichever slot you like, and the chipped side plate replaces one of the originals on the Keyport Slide 2.0. Works like a charm.

As for the house key, it's pretty self-explanatory. The instructions show how you can get a proper blank sent to you, so you can bring it to a local locksmith to have it cut. The USB flash drive is just like any common flash drive out there. It's a convenient way to carry or offload files without adding bulk or something that might fall off a standard split ring (I've had this happen to me before). If you plan to use the flash drive attachment with a laptop, you'll want to choose the right- or left-most slot. Unless your USB ports are vertical, then anything works.

I happen to have a love-hate relationship with the Keyport Slide 2.0 LED light attachment. I love how it's so convenient to deploy when I need extra light to get my key in the lock in the dark. This attachment lets me do this single-handedly, which is helpful if my other hand is carrying a toddler and/or grocery bags. You can't do that so well if the light source requires a separate hand. The part about the LED light attachment that bums me out is how the batteries are not replaceable. Not only that, but the node for the light doesn't have to move far to turn it on, and there have been many times I've found it lit and wasting energy.



I bet you can't guess what I'm planning to cook..

As a proud owner of a Samsung Galaxy Note 4, I have little and less use for pens. All of my notes and reminders go straight into my smartphone with the handy S-Pen. But I'll tell you now there have been times when a standard pen would have been convenient.

Like when you want to leave some information *with someone else* with no writing instrument. I've found myself pulling out a business card and using the back to write on before handing it to someone. Despite how the Keyport Slide 2.0 pen attachment looks, it's actually comfortable enough to write with.

If you've ever poked around in the design category on Kickstarter and looked at successful projects, you might think that people have a drinking problem. Anything with "multi" and "tool" as part of the description almost always includes the universal bottle opener. The Keyport Slide 2.0 is no different, at least in that respect. However, compared to other gadgets with a bottle opener feature, the Keyport Slide 2.0 is one of the most convenient for me. It takes just one action to slide it out, unlike some other tools that might be tucked away in your wallet or somewhere else not immediately accessible.

Some may balk at the cost of the Keyport Slide 2.0 attachments. Compared straight across the board, sure it's a little bit more. But then you're also paying for the design and how it's going to help you. Besides, the only attachments you would end up repurchasing are pen refills and fresh LED lights. You need only one of everything else.

## Verdict

[The Keyport Slide 2.0](#) isn't the first key-consolidating/organizing tool, and it won't be the last. Every other week on Kickstarter you can find some new, successfully-funded project that takes keys and makes them less bulky and jangly. Some have added tools and features, some don't. But a lot of them work the same way by sandwiching keys between two pieces of metal, deploying them like a Swiss Army knife.

If you have a lot of keys and only keys, then that might work for you. None of those other options offer what the Keyport Slide 2.0 does: flash storage, pen, and a light. If you need to swap or rearrange attachments with the Keyport Slide 2.0, you don't have to fuss with washers, spacers, nuts, screws, plates, or rods. That can be a mess waiting to happen.

Besides, the types of caddies that have keys folds out is a two-handed operation. With just one hand, the Keyport Slide 2.0 deploys what you need without even looking. It's effective simplicity at its finest. Whether or not you're a minimalist, it's easy to appreciate the smooth, compact utility of the Keyport Slide 2.0. Best of all, you can choose some personal customization options if you order straight from the

site. There are different nodes styles, and side plates come in a variety of colors with or without custom text. [Visit MyKeyort.com](http://MyKeyort.com) and see what's new and how it all works!

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