

Announcing quartet of wireless charging products for home, office, car

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Credit: mophie

New wireless chargers have grabbed the attention of mobile techwatching sites. JC Torres in *SlashGear* was just one of the many writers checking out mophie's newbie quartet. These four products are a vent mount, desk stand, powerstation wireless and powerstation wireless XL.

The four are intended to ping all battery-anxious corners of your daily life, from home to work to in your car.

The charger for driving got lots of attention: attach this to an air vent in your car. Rubberized arms give it a grip. JC Torres wrote, "...a wireless charger on an air vent mount? That's what the mophie charge stream vent mount is delivering, holding your <u>phone</u> securely, at eye level hopefully, while keeping it juiced up."

"The vent mount wirelessly delivers up to 10W of power on contact and is optimized for both Apple (7.5W) and Samsung (9W) Fast Charge," said the company's news release. As for mophie, it is a California based designer and manufacturer for mobile solutions. The desk stand wirelessly delivers up to 10W of power on contact and was designed to hold "virtually any Qi-enabled smartphone in both portrait and landscape positions for optimal viewing."

What is Q1? The mophie website talked about an inductive transfer of power. "Qi wireless charging is basically the transfer of power across a magnetic field that exists between two coiled wires. One coil exists inside the Qi-enabled device, and the other coil exists inside the wireless charging accessory."

So, "First you need a device that has been optimized to receive power



that way, or in other words, a Qi-enabled device." Currently, according to mophi, there are over 100 Qi-enabled smartphones on the <u>market</u>.

This would jive with *Business Insider*'s Malarie Gokey article in July, which said, "Qi is the most popular wireless charging standard, and it seems to have won the war now that the iPhone supports the <u>standard</u>. You can search the Qi database to see if your phone is supported, but most high-end Android phones, the iPhone 8/8 Plus, and the iPhone X support Qi wireless charging. More than 140 devices supported the Qi standard as of 2016, and it's certainly increased since then. Some laptops even charge wirelessly now."

The 6,040mAh powerstation wireless and 10,000mAh powerstation wireless XL add up to 34 and 48 hours of extra <u>battery</u>, respectively, for recharging phones or other USB items such as tablets.





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Depending on which product you choose, prices range from \$69.95 to \$99.95. ("These are not cheap," said Alexander Maxham in *AndroidHeadlines*, " which is expected with them being <u>wireless</u> charging compatible, but they are also very high quality, which is what



people expect from mophie.")



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The four items were introduced at IFA 2018. Julian Horsey in Geeky



Gadgets listed their product names as Charge Stream Vent Mount, the Charge Stream Desk Stand, the Charge Stream Powerstation Wireless and the Charge Stream Powerstation Wireless XL. The desk stand is coming in the fall; site visitors are told to sign up and get notified. You can check out the website for order details for the quartet.

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