

# TEST 1

This is the Livescribe Echo 2GB smartpen. I'm testing it for a blog review, for comparison with the IRISnotes Executive, which used a receiver rather than this dotted smartpaper. I'm mostly interested in transcription and handwriting recognition rather than audio, but I will also be trying it out at a convention later this month to see how well it works in the context of a panel, which can be quite noisy. I'm interested in the possibility of using it for meetings at work, so that I can record proceedings without having to take too many written notes.

I have to say that I find the large size of this pen a little uncomfortable, but then I'm unaccustomed to writing longhand for extensive periods. Perhaps if I start doing it more often, my hand will no longer cramp up!

I shall be interested to see how well this hancrises. My experience so far has been quite ~~posit~~ positive, but I'm deliberately not trying to be too neat, as a test for the software. After all I want always be in a position to write slowly and clearly.

I'm also not impressed by the ballpoint refill. Maybe it's well-used, but it feels scratchy and the ink flow is a little uneven.

Well, that's enough for starters - time to upload!