

MICROSOFT'S SP3 DOCK & eTAURO DUC COMPARISON

- 1) **Sign of Life.** Microsoft Surface Pro 3 (SP3) screen does not come on immediately when you push its power on button. Many of us wind up pushing the power button again but only to find out we just power it off again. This lack of visual feedback could be an annoyance to some users. eTauro dock provides a “Sign of Life” LED as shown in the picture below to show the power on condition of the SP3.



Photo 1: In natural Bus power mode with “Sign of Life”

- 2) **No interference kickstand mode:** Microsoft's dock only allows one viewing angle which may or may not be the optimal angle user wants. Their dock's fixed angle defeats SP3 continuous kickstand feature Microsoft is so proud of.



Photo 2: Operates with kickstand at any angles

- 3) **Bus power mode:** eTauro dock can provide USB 3.0 hub function without adding an external power source. All USB 3.0 and Displayport function do not require AC adapter to be plugged in. Microsoft's dock cannot function without connecting their AC adapter.

See photo 1.

- 4) **Universal USB 3.0 hub:** eTauro dock can also function as a standalone universal USB3.0 hub when connecting to any host at the dock's Upstream port. While in standalone mode, eTauro dock can serve as an USB battery charging device. Nowadays, many portable batteries have USB connections to provide emergency power for your phone or tablet. Microsoft's dock can supply 900mA of battery charging current while eTauro's dock can supply maximum of 1.5A.

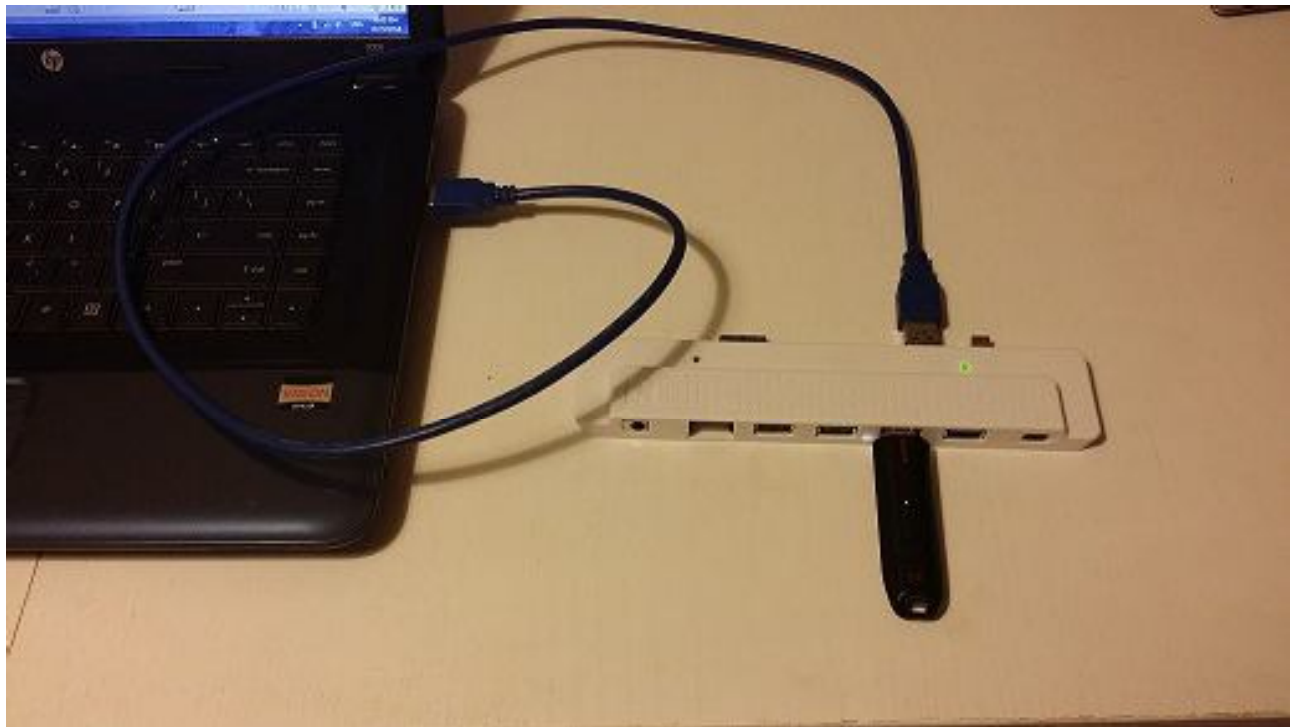


Photo 3: Connect with regular Laptop as a universal USB3.0 Hub



Photo 4: Portable battery charging at over 1A.

- 5) **Portability:** eTauro dock weighs only 85 grams (3 oz.); Microsoft's weighs 1.5 pounds.

6) **Car charging function:** An optional car charger allows users to charge their SP3 in their vehicle. Microsoft's dock does not allow charging in a vehicle without an inverter and too bulky to use it in a vehicle. Microsoft's dock is suitable for indoor desktop application.



Photo 5: Car charging application. Blue light indicates charging function detected.

SUMMARY:

	eTauro DUC	Microsoft's SP3 dock
Sign of Life	Yes	No
Viewing angle	Non obstructive	Fixed angle
Bus power mode	Yes	No
Universal USB3.0 hub	Yes	No
Portable Battery charging	Yes	Limited
Portability	3 oz	24 oz
Car charging	Yes	No
Application	Indoor/outdoor	Indoor only
Price	\$99.00	\$199.00