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The RHP iPhone 4/4s Mirror Case (MSRP 49.95)

The RHP Multimedia Mirror Case allows you to take photos and videos while your phone is in a horizontal position. Since horizontal is not the normal iPhone position for shooting videos and photos it is unlikely that the people in front of your phone will know that they are being photographed. See photo.

The company uses a high quality mirror to shift the viewing angle of your phone's lens from a vertical position to a horizontal position. This mirror not only shifts your shooting angle it also changes the images that your camera catches to mirrored images.

If you were shooting a professor's lecture any images with text that your phone would catch would be unreadable unless you viewed the video while looking through a mirror. This is not a problem because the company provides a free online app that will convert the mirror images that you shoot back to normal. If this product seems interesting you might want to view their short informational video on the RHP website www.mirrorcase.com.



Reasons to Drool

This case is the perfect tool for you to use if you want to shoot video or pictures in your classroom to catch a teacher or professor's lecture for later review. Of course you can also use it to take pictures of your friends and catch them in embarrassing moments. By just sliding your finger across your iPhone screen the RHP app allows you to hide what you are shooting from prying eyes.

Not So Cool

A normal iPhone case only adds a small protective layer to each side of your phone. This case adds one inch to the front of your phone. This area houses the mirror that changes the shooting angle of the phone. It also makes the phone bulkier to carry in your pocket. If you don't shoot responsibly, thinking that the case will let you take pictures at inappropriate times, you might get yourself into a great deal of trouble with your friends or the law.

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