GCNLAB	The latest tablet PCs offer many good choices				MAKING For details on how the lab grades products, go to www.gcn.com and enter II2 in the Quickfind box.	
	TravelMate C303XMi	Compaq TC 1100	Stylistic LifeBook ST5000	V1250	Toughbook CF-18	M1400
Vendor	Acer America Corp. San Jose, Calif. tel. 800-733-2237 www.acer.com/US	Hewlett-Packard Co. Palo Alto, Calif. tel. 800-752-0900 www.hp.com	Fujitsu Ltd. Kawasaki, Japan tel. 408-982-9500 www.fujitsu.com	ViewSonic Corp. Walnut, Calif. tel. 909-444-8888 www.viewsonic.com	Panasonic Computer Solutions Co. Secaucus, N.J. tel. 800-662-3537 www.panasonic.com	Motion Computing Inc. Austin, Texas tel. 866-682-2538 www.motioncomputing. com
Processor rate	1.7 GHz	I GHz	I GHz	1 GHz	1.1 GHz	I.I GHz
Form factor	Convertible	Slate	Slate	Convertible	Convertible	Slate
Dimensions in inches	1.5 by 13 by 11	1.5 by 10 by 8.5	0.75 by I3.5 by 7.5	I by II by 9.5	2 by IO by 8.5	0.75 by II.5 by 9
Screen size in inches	8.5 by II	8.5 by 6.5	9.5 by 7.5	9.34 by 7.5	8.5 by 6.5	9.5 by 8.5
RAM as tested	IG	512M	512M	512M	256M	512M
Battery life in hours: minutes running video constantly	2:49	2:31	4:20	1:56	5:01	2:38
Alterion benchmark score	6,304	4,243	3,817	3,752	4,059	2,868
Reviewer's comments	This is one heck of a fast notebook at a good price. The fact that it's also a tablet is icing on the cake.	The book-style case is a nice touch. This system works fine as a slate, though the keyboard is so light and small you won't mind using it as a convertible.	Web designers and surfers take note: This screen is awesome. Fujitsu wisely included an extended battery to drive the larger screen.	This system has a really com- pact convertible design. If the battery had lasted a bit longer, the grade would have been higher, but it's still a nice sys- tem with a large screen.	Incredible battery perform- ance for the long-distance traveler. Ruggedness makes this system less prone to damage, but the high price will deter office users.	Although this is a good slate with an excellent docking port, the MI400 was outclassed in performace by other models. But it does work well at a bargain price.
Price	\$2,599 list	\$2,177 GSA	\$2,646	\$2,299 GSA	\$3,467 GSA	\$1,851 GSA
Overall grade	A REVIEWER'S ** CHOICE **	A REVIEWER'S ** CHOICE **	B+	В	В	B- BANG S