









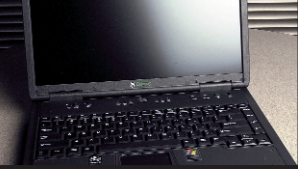








Fast notebooks: eight strive to be great, and several succeed

| GCNLAB | Latitude C810 | Solo 9550 | Lifebook E Series | TransPort GX2 | Vaio PCG-GR290 | | A30p | OmniBook 6100 | WinBook Z1 |
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| Vendor | Dell Computer Corp. Round Rock, Texas tel. 800-999-3355 www.dell.com | Gateway Inc. Poway, Calif. tel. 858-848-2580 www.gateway.com | Fujitsu Ltd. Kawasaki, Japan tel. 408-982-9500 www.fujitsu.com | MicronPC LLC Nampa, Idaho tel. 888-719-5038 www.micronpc.com | Sony Electronics Inc. Park Ridge, N.J. tel. 800-571-7669 www.sony.com | | IBM Corp. Armonk, N.Y. tel. 914-499-1900 www.ibm.com | Hewlett-Packard Co. Boise, Idaho tel. 970-635-1000 www.hp.com | WinBook Corp. Hilliard, Ohio tel. 800-254-7806 www.winbook.com |
| Mobile Pentium III speed | 1.13 GHz | 1.06 GHz | 1.2 GHz | 1.2 GHz | 1 GHz | | 1.2 GHz | 1.13 GHz | 1 GHz |
| Weight in pounds | 7.2 | 8 | 6.7 | 7.3 | 6.9 | | 7.6 | 6.5 | 7.4 |
| Screen size | 15-inch UltraXGA | 15-inch SuperXGA | 14.1-inch XGA | 14.1-inch XGA | 15-inch SXGA | | 15-inch UXGA | 15-inch SXGA | 15-inch XGA |
| Hard drive | 30G | 20G | 30G | 20G | 40G | | 40G | 30G | 20G |
| Integrated wireless as reviewed | No | No | No | Yes | No | | Yes | Yes | No |
| Floppy drive included | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes (external) | | No | No | Yes |
| RAM as reviewed | 256M | 256M | 256M | 256M | 256M | | 256M | 256M | 256M |
| Alterion benchmark score (higher is better) | 3,573 | 3,443 | 3,439 | 3,226 | 3,389 | | 3,083 | 2,881 | 2,426 |
| Pros | + Aced benchmarks + Excellent video performance | + Fast performance + Inexpensive | + Sleek, small form factor + Fast performance | + Great graphics + Integrated fingerprint reader | + Good 3-D graphics performance | | + Screen locks in place + Built-in number pad | + Light, small form factor | + Inexpensive |
| Cons | - Slightly heavy | - Large and heavy | - Runs hot | - Slightly heavy and slow | - Most expensive in review - No integrated wireless | | - Expensive - Slow performance | - Slow performance - Low benchmark score | - Lowest benchmark score - Two-notch LCD opening |
| Price as reviewed | \$2,437 | \$2,069 | \$2,600 | \$2,130 | \$3,500 | | \$3,500 | \$2,700 | \$1,900 |
| Overall grade |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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