

Apple unveils latest Intel Core Duo MacBook notebook

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Cupertino, Calif.-based Apple Computer Inc. unveiled its latest MacBook notebook computer, which has Intel's Core Duo processor inside.

With a 13-inch widescreen display, the latest version is up to four times faster than the company's 12-inch PowerBook, the electronics manufacturer said.

Together with the 15- and 17-inch MacBook Pros, the new MacBook completes Apple's Intel-based portables lineup.

The MacBook lineup includes three models: a 1.83 GHz and 2.0 GHz

MacBook in a newly designed, sleek white enclosure and a 2.0 GHz MacBook in a new black enclosure. The new MacBook offers performance up to five times faster than the iBook and up to four times faster than the 12-inch PowerBook with a completely new system architecture including a 667 MHz front-side bus and 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM memory expandable to 2GB. At about one-inch thin, the new MacBook is 20 percent thinner than the iBook. At a resolution of 1280 x 800, the MacBook display provides 30 percent more viewing area than the iBook and the 12-inch PowerBook.

Every new MacBook comes with a built-in iSight video camera for video conferencing on-the-go using Apple's iChat AV, or recording a video Podcast or iMovie using iLife '06.

The MacBook comes with Apple's MagSafe Power Adapter, created especially for mobile users that makes charging the notebook's battery easier than ever by magnetically coupling the power cord to the MacBook.

With the latest high-performance connectivity options, every new MacBook includes built-in 10/100/1000 BASE-T Gigabit Ethernet for high-speed networking, built-in AirPort Extreme 802.11g WiFi for up to 54 Mbps fast wireless networking, built-in Bluetooth 2.0+EDR (Enhanced Data Rate), two USB 2.0 ports, combination analog and optical digital audio input and output ports, and a mini-DVI video output to connect up to a 23-inch Apple Cinema HD Display.

"Apple began the transition to Intel Core Duo-based notebooks in February with the 15-inch MacBook Pro, and now just 90 days later we have completed the transition with the release of the all new MacBook," said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of worldwide product marketing. "The complete MacBook lineup leads the industry with Apple's trademark innovative design and advanced mobile features --

from top to bottom it is the best notebook line that we have ever offered."

The MacBook will retail for about \$1,100.

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