

Acer goes deep with 3-D laptop for gaming, movies

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In this product image released by Acer, the AS5738DG, a 3-D laptop for gaming and movies, glasses required, is shown. (AP Photo/Acer) NO SALES

(AP) -- With the launch of Windows 7 this week, PC makers are trying some new things, including laptops with touch screens. Acer Inc. is going further - introducing a laptop with a 3-D screen.

The abstrusely named [Acer](#) Aspire 5738DG-6165 has a 15.6-inch screen that, with the help of special glasses, appears to take on depth if used with the right games or movies.

It's not the first [laptop](#) with a 3-D screen. Sharp Corp. introduced one in 2003. It worked without glasses, but the viewer had to be somewhat

careful to keep his head in the right place for the 3-D effect to work. The screen worked similarly to 3-D postcards - the kind with the ribbed plastic layer - but looked more convincing. Like Acer's model, the 3-D effect could be turned off with a button.

Sharp's model cost \$3,300 and was aimed at engineers and other professionals who might be helped by being able to show objects in 3-D. Acer's laptop costs just \$780, barely more than a comparable, normal laptop.

Windows 7 doesn't have special features for 3-D screens, so Acer will ship the computer with special movie player software. Finding movies to play on it won't be easy, however - there's no real consumer distribution system for the new 3-D movies that are shown in theaters, such as "Monsters vs Aliens."

For computer games, it's another matter. Most games will display in 3-D, even though they're designed for regular screens.

On desktop computers, 3-D with glasses has been possible for years, if somewhat costly. [Nvidia](#) Corp., a leading maker of [graphics cards](#), sells a \$200 3-D kit.

TV manufacturers are also excited about 3-D, and are trying to create discs and players that can bring 3-D movies into the living room.

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