

# Samsung, Acer team up with AT&T on netbooks

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A sign hangs in the window of the AT&T Corporate Center, seen here in 2008, in Chicago, Illinois. South Korea's Samsung and Taiwan's Acer are teaming up with US telecom giant AT&T to introduce low-priced netbook computers for the holiday shopping season.

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AT&T said the Samsung Go and [Acer](#) Aspire One, both of which run Microsoft's new operating system [Windows 7](#), will cost 199 dollars after a mail-in rebate and with the purchase of a two-year AT&T data service contract.

AT&T said the netbooks, which feature 10-inch (25.4-centimeter) screens and weigh less than three pounds (1.4 kilograms), will be

available in stores later this month.

"Demand for netbooks remains strong among consumers, small business customers and those who desire constant access to the Internet while on the go," said David Haight, AT&T emerging devices vice president.

The Samsung Go from Samsung Electronics America, a subsidiary of [Samsung Electronics](#) Corp., features an Intel Atom Processor, 160-gigabyte hard drive, 1GB of memory and a 1.3 megapixel Web camera.

The Acer Aspire One also has an Intel Atom processor, a 160GB hard drive, 1GB of memory. In addition, it features two speakers, a video conferencing feature and a built-in webcam.

Sales of [netbook](#) or mini-notebooks have provided a rare bright spot this year amid a global slump in personal computer sales.

Research group Gartner forecasts that mini-notebook shipments will total 21 million units in 2009, up from 11.7 million units in 2008, although they will still only represent just eight percent of PC shipments this year.

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