

Newsletter

Something in the Air? The New MacBook Air.

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After days of teasers and weeks (if not months) of speculation, Apple announced the MacBook Air at Macworld. Labeled "The World's Thinnest Notebook," the MacBook Air is the third Apple notebook line currently offered, with features scaled down in size that are ideal for the person on-the-go.

During the keynote at Macworld, Steve Jobs touted the MacBook Air's features and specifications. The main points to note are its portability, due to the small form factor and lightweight aluminum enclosure. In keeping with Apple's more aggressive environmental standards, the MacBook Air has an LED screen, which has no mercury, and the aluminum facilitates easy recycling.

Here's a brief overview of the MacBook Air's features:

- Extremely light at 3.0 lbs
- Unlike its competitors, it boasts a larger 13.3" screen
- Includes either 1.8" 80GB Hard Drive or a Solid State (Flash Memory) 64GB Drive
- Super Fast Intel Core 2 Duo Processors: 1.6 GHz Standard or 1.8 GHz CTO Upgrade
- Ridiculously thin .76" down to .16"!!
- 2GB RAM standard in all machines
- 5 hours of Battery Life
- 45 Watt MagSafe, 1 USB 2.0 port, Micro-DVI, Audio Out
- 802.11n + Bluetooth 2.1/EDR
- Has a magnetic latch
- Multi-touch trackpad
- Display is LED backlit
- iSight is built-in
- MacBook-like keyboard with an ambient light sensor
- Fully recyclable case
- Hg-free and Arsenic-free glass

- Circuit boards are bromide and PVC-free
- Packaging is 50% less volume
- Huge decrease in shipping volume, by 56%

The base model starts at \$1799.99, and there are three other CT0 (configure to order) options (see below for specs on all four models and to preorder your machine). By comparison, it is several hundreds of dollars less than its counterparts, including the Sony TZ Series Notebook PCs (the lowest price I found was \$2199.99). The MacBook Air will be available to ship by February.

MacBook Air Models (Click on link to preorder):

MacBook Air 1.6GHz 2gb/80gb, \$1,799.99

http://www.smalldog.com/product/70760/at_tt

MacBook Air 1.8GHz 2gb/80gb CT0, \$2,099.99

http://www.smalldog.com/product/70763/at_tt

MacBook Air 1.6GHz 2gb/64GB Solid State CT0, \$2,798.99

http://www.smalldog.com/product/70762/at_tt

MacBook Air 1.8GHz 2gb/64GB Solid State CT0, \$3,098.99

http://www.smalldog.com/product/70764/at_tt

[Screen capture beyond Shift-Command-3 and Shift-Command-4](#)

There have been a few changes made to the way [Mac OS X](#) captures the screen under Leopard. The same old Shift-Command-3 and Shift-Command-4 commands still work, but a few more tricks have been added to its repertoire.

You may know that adding Control to the key command sends the resulting screenshot to the clipboard instead of the [desktop](#), but did you know that, after you've invoked Shift-Command-4, you can use other keys to refine your screen selection?

Once you've hit Shift-Command-4 or Shift-Ctrl-Command-4, you are free to release those keys and click and drag your selection of the screen. You'll notice that the crosshairs now

show the coordinates of their on the screen in pixels. When you click and start to drag, those number change to show the dimensions of the selection, also in pixels.

Once you've started to click and drag the selection, you can use the Spacebar to move your selection around on the screen without changing its dimensions (if you hit the Spacebar before you click and drag, the cursor changes to a camera icon and you are able to take screenshots of individual windows by clicking on them).

Holding down the [Shift key](#) allows you to constrain the height of the selection allowing you to refine its width or vice versa. It just depends on which dimension you change immediately after you press the Shift key.

Holding down the Option key causes the selection to expand from its center. This is handy if you want a certain detail to be in the center of the screenshot; just hit Shift-Command-4, hold down the Option key and the click and drag from the point that you want to be the center of your screenshot.

One last key command, and it's not new, if you make a mistake in your selection somehow and don't want the screenshot to be taken at all, hit the Esc key to back out of it.

Happy snapping.

[Via [Macworld](#)]

Software Updates

OS 10.5.1

iTunes - 7.6

Quicktime 7.4

iMovie 7.1.1

Front Row 2.1.2

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