

Tablet PC Finally Done Right!



Gateway CX200

Finally there is a tablet PC that's worth recommending. In the past, tablet PC's ran short on the standards that most laptop users need. With the CX200, Gateway designed first and foremost, a best of class notebook and then built on top of that an excellent tablet implementation. The CX200 is the first convertible tablet PC with a 14-inch widescreen display. It also includes a full sized keyboard and battery options galore, including one configuration with battery life over 9+ hours! I think these basic for core features are essential to a full and normal laptop experience. We all know you're going to also be typing away at papers, surfing the web, and generally really needing to use a keyboard in addition to the tablet features. Therefore, whether you're in class jotting notes with the tablet pen, or conducting some serious research, IM'ing, emailing, listening to music, etc. you'll have all the options available to you.

The CX200 has an enhanced industrial design with a reinforced magnesium internal super-structure and an alloy hinge anchored in magnesium which securely swivels the display. The tablet pen used Gateway's 'Continuous Sensing Technology' which gives excellent precision when writing with it. Another nice design touch was the 8 and 12-cell batteries that bulge out underneath to make a great holding handles. Also some additional nice features they built in which I believe are essential are a 7 in 1 digital card reader and a firewire port. USB2 is nice but many digital video cameras use the firewire standard. It also comes with all of the expected standard ports, 3 USB, 1 VGA, 1 Type II PC Card slot, 1 RJ11 modem port, 1 RJ45 Ethernet port, mic-in, and head-phone-out port. It also includes a port replicator port which is a nice addition. The CX200 is very configurable with options ranging from 5 CPU's, 3 batteries, 3 Hard Drives, 2 WiFi options, and 2 graphic options. All options include Microsoft Works and OneNote.

Two standard configurations are:

\$1099 CX200S Intel Celeron M Processor 360 (1.4 GHz), 512 MB RAM, 40GB HD

\$1399 CX200S Intel Pentium M Processor 740 (1.73 GHz), 512 MB RAM, 60GB HD

To buy: www.gateway.com

Size:	Power options: Run Time	Option Pricing
6-Cell Modular:	2.5 hrs	\$99
8-Cell Primary:	5.0 hrs	\$0 (Standard)
12-Cell Primary:	7.0 hrs	\$44 (Upgrade or \$139 Add on)

Note*: 6-Cell Modular battery fits into the DVD/CD drive slot. Only one DVD/CD drive or battery can be in at a time. By using the 6-Cell and 12-Cell you can achieve over 9 hrs of run time.

"Ultimate Student Printer"

HP Officejet 7210 All-in-One

Looking for the ultimate student printer? This powerhouse has it all packed into one tidy little box. The HP 7210 includes a superb color printer with borderless 4 x 6 photo printing utilizing six-ink technology. You can also print 8 x 10 photos with a white border. Need speed? The 7210 prints 30 pages per minute in black or 20 per minute in color. Additionally, this printer includes built-in digital card readers for any size card you might have or use.

The built in scanning feature with 2400 x 4800 dpi optical resolution with 48 bit color lets you scan just about anything. This is a great way to include additional images in your school projects and blow away your competition. It's also cool that you can scan right to email for sending photos to friends.

While scanning can bring images into your computer, you'll also have a fully functional color copy machine. Therefore, you can decide whether to output to your computer or onto paper. To finish it all off, there's even a built in fax. Did you ever have to fax a copy of your driver's license or credit card

to make a purchase? It's annoying to have to go to Kinko's to do this. Built in Ethernet networking lets you connect up to 5 computers to it, or you can make it wireless by plugging in to an Ethernet port of a wireless router. Now you'll have a solution for whatever you need to do and I'm sure you'll make new friends because of it. \$299

