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HP's and Compaq's Notebooks Get a Facelift

Compaq Presario B1200 and HP Pavilion dv6500

HP recently announced two new lines of notebooks that will hit the general consumer market under the HP Pavillion and Compaq Presario brands. Both of these new lines of products are coming with the HP Imprint Verve, Influx and Trace designs that are placing these mobile computing platforms in another category, separated from the new painted Sony and Dell laptops. HP's Pavillion notebooks are all based on an Intel mobile computing, Centrino, being centered around the Intel 965PM and the dv6500 model is coming powered by an Intel Core 2 Duo T7200 central processing unit that runs at a standard clock speed of 2.16GHz. The dv6500 laptop comes with 1024MB of DDR2 random access memory and users may also select to upgrade it to a maximum supported of 2GB. The 15.4 inch widescreen display that is available on the HP dv6500 laptops is backed up by the presence of a discrete graphics processing solution based by the Nvidia GeForce 8400M GS GPU which comes with 128MB of dedicated video ram. On the storage department the new HP system comes with a serial ATA hard disk drive which goes up to 100GB and an optical drive that supports multiple disc formats. The dv6500 model is the larger version of the HP dv2600 laptop and it also comes with integrated Webcam, fingerprint reader and touch sensitive controls. The HP Pavillion dv6500 will soon be available around the world and it will come at a price tag of \$1,049. The other notable product from HP is the Compaq Presario B1200 which is intended to succeed and replace the B1800 and B1900 models. This laptop comes with a 12-inch widescreen display and it is powered too by an Intel Core 2 Duo processor running at 2GHz, while using the integrated Intel graphics solution GMA X3100. In fact, this laptop too is based on Centrino technology and it comes with a default amount of 512MB of DDR2 system memory that can be expanded to 2GB. The Compaq Presario B1200 notebook also comes with a standard 120Gb hard disk drive as well as with a DVD Super Multi drive while integrating Intel wireless networking chips that offer support for the following standards: 802.11a, 802.11b, 802.11g and 802.11n. While not coming with a TV tuner or a remote control device, the B1200 offers an integrated Web camera and it is priced from \$1,099.