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MACBOOK

Well, thanks to my boss*, I am now the proud owner of a new black MacBook.

Specifications are:

2.0GHz Intel Core Duo

13.3-inch (diagonal) TFT glossy widescreen display

Apple Remote with Front Row

2GB memory

Intel Graphics Media Accelerator 950

Slot-loading optical drive

80GB hard drive

Built-in 54-Mbps 802.11g AirPort Extreme wireless

Analogue and digital audio in and out

FireWire 400 and USB 2.0 ports

iLife '06, Mac OS X Tiger



Mmmm....shiny!

* Yes it is for work! I do a lot of stuff at home for the business so needed a bit more than the old G3 iBook I had!

First thoughts

I haven't had time to play around too much with it yet as work and other things have gotten in the way but I have installed Windows XP (sorry) on it to see how that worked and as usual with Apple software was a breeze to set up.

On the whole the machine is superb, very slick, great screen and keyboard. Installing the extra RAM was pretty easy and you can even upgrade the hard drive with a degree in electronics which is a Mac first!

The worry over integrated graphics is not an issue really for me as I don't play games on it or process huge Photoshop files. The Intel is very fast and should suit all but the most demanding users.

A lot of people have said that the black finish is not worth the extra cash, well if you bought from the AppleStore Online which a lot of people do, upgrading a white version to the same hard drive capacity will reduce the difference to only £90.00 or so. I got mine from MacWarehouse who, unusually on a brand new Apple product gave me £41 off list, so in total mine was only £50 more, think of it as metallic paint when you buy a car, you always have to pay extra for it!

Does it get fingerprint marks on? yes but it's easy to keep clean with a soft cloth.



*White or Black?
A great laptop whichever colour you choose*



MacBook family now complete

If you have any great Mac links or information please email them to me and I will include them in the next issue. mail@mac-collection.co.uk



Unpacking

There is nothing like unpacking a brand new Mac! The packaging is brilliant (and very compact these days!).



Outer Box, very slim compared to previous Mac laptops



Even the polystyrene is stylish!



CD's, remote & manual in small grey box



G3 12' iBook for comparison