

Acer Aspire One (Linux)



Asus EeePC 900



HP MiniNote



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| 1.) What manufacturer made the netbook?* | Acer |
| 2.) What model is it?* | Aspire One |
| 3.) Please give a link to the manufacturer's web site.
<i>Paste in the URL, or a tinyurl.com address if it's more than 50 characters long.*</i> | http://tinyurl.com/63unch |
| 4.) How long did you use the machine for?* | More than a month |
| 5.) Overall, how satisfied were you with the machine?* | Very satisfied - would strongly recommend it & use it myself |
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| 6.) How much memory does it have (RAM)?* | 512MB |
| 7.) Is its main storage a hard disk or solid state drive (SSD)?* | Solid State Drive |
| 8.) What is the capacity of its main storage hard disk (HDD) or (solid state drive) SSD?* | 8GB SSD |
| 9.) What is its principal operating system?* | Linux Linpus |
| 10.) Which of the following software tools did it come with (out of the box)?* | Open Office
Firefox |
| 11.) Which Processor did it have?* | Intel Atom |
| 12.) Did it have an extended battery?* | Yes |
| 13.) How long was the battery life in normal use?* | More than 5 hours |
| 14.) What screen resolutions did you use?* | 1024 x 600 |
| 15.) Please give any other comments about the screen resolution
<i>e.g. how practical it was, use with external displays, etc.</i> | Didn't use with an external display |
| 16.) What was the Display Screen Size?* | 8.9 inch |

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- 17.) Please rate the quality of sound from the laptop without extra speakers (i.e. from its built-in speakers):*
- Acceptable quality for personal use
- 18.) Please give further details on the sound quality if required *what it would be appropriate to use it for*
- I played it through a hifi and it was significantly quieter than my N95 mobile phone.
- 19.) What speed were you able to achieve with the wireless connection?*
- Between 24-56Mps
- 20.) Which external I/O ports were available?*
- VGA
3 x USB
Microphone
Audio Speakers
RJ-45
Card Reader
- 21.) How did you find the size of the keyboard?*
- Just the right size for my use
- 22.) Which built-in devices were installed?*
- Web Camera
Stereo Speakers
Microphone
Wireless Aerial
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- 23.) Which of the following BucksGfL services did you access using this netbook? *please tick all that apply**
- BucksGfL Webmail
School Moodle
BucksGfL Moodle
BucksGfL Connect
- 24.) Please give any comments about your experience of accessing BucksGfL services using this netbook:
- Webcam wouldn't work through Flash under Linux (nor would microphone), so video and audio broadcasting not possible.
- 25.) Indicate who you feel this machine is suited to: *Please tick all that apply**
- Foundation Staff
KS1 Pupils
KS2 Pupils
Primary Staff
KS3 Students
KS4 Students
KS5 Students
Secondary Staff
LSAs/TAs
SLT Members / Headteachers
- 26.) Were there any significant problems with your use of the machine? *Please be clear which were down to you not being familiar with the system, and which were due to the system not working or failing**
- Due to the shrink wrapped nature of the OS, upgrading anything is difficult - for example it's difficult to upgrade to Firefox 3 without using a command prompt.

27.) Please give any other comments*

It's an excellent, impressively capable machine with a quick boot-up time and amazing battery life (with an extended battery) due to the lack of HDD. An excellent tool for "just" web surfing and office apps, thanks to Firefox and OpenOffice. Google Docs work great as well!

28.) **Overall**, would you recommend this machine (as used by you) to someone else?*

Yes, with reservations