

The Premier Entertainment Notebook PC.

SUMPTUOUS DESIGN

From the moment you take it out of its box, you'll notice the VAIO® AR Digital Studio™ Notebook is more than just a device, it's a showpiece. First of all, it's gorgeous. With its black exterior and sleek profile, interfaces and ports that are easily accessible yet stylishly and discreetly integrated; this beauty is the ultimate in portable entertainment performance.

MULTIMEDIA POWERHOUSE

With Microsoft® Windows® XP Media Center Edition 2005, you can view your movies and photos with stunning clarity and brilliant, true-to-life color. NVIDIA® GeForce® Go 7400 graphics and GDDR3 memory deliver advanced graphics performance for immersive game play. You're also ready to capture and edit 1080i HD camcorder content. A built in camera and microphone means it's conference and VoIP ready¹². Multimedia shortcut keys at your fingertips make it easy to control your entertainment. It's the ultimate notebook PC for the A/V enthusiast.

FEATURING A STUNNING AND EXCEPTIONAL WIDESCREEN DISPLAY.

The VAIO® AR Digital Studio™ Notebook features a stunning 17" WXGA+ (1440x900) widescreen display⁸ with Sony's original XBRITE™ LCD technology. It delivers deep blacks and bright whites, true-to-life color, and razor-sharp detail. And with a glare filter and anti-reflective coating to minimize reflection, you'll experience a beautifully clear image. It's the ideal way to view DVDs and play games.

MESSAGING.

Stylish design.

Intel® Centrino® Duo mobile technology using Intel® Core™ 2Duo processor delivers outstanding dual-core mobile performance.

Enjoy outstanding video quality on a 17" widescreen⁸ WXGA+(1440x900)display featuring XBRITE™ technology.

Microsoft® Windows® XP Media Center Edition 2005 operating system.

HDMI™ connector provides convenient single-cable HD connectivity to your compatible HDTV or A/V receiver.

DVD±R Double Layer/DVD±RW drive⁴ for enhanced storage and multimedia capabilities.

NVIDIA® GeForce® Go 7400 graphics with 64MB of dedicated GDDR3 memory and TurboCache™ supporting up to 256MB.

The VAIO® AR230G Notebook is a "Windows Vista™ Premium Ready" PC.

The luxuriously designed VAIO® AR Digital Studio™ notebook PC is the ultimate performer. With a 17" WXGA+ (1440x900) display⁸, HDMI™ output, Microsoft® Windows® XP Media Center Edition 2005, NVIDIA® GeForce® Go 7400 graphics and Intel® Core™ 2 Duo performance, you will experience entertainment and gaming like never before. The VAIO® AR Notebook is a "Windows Vista™ Premium Ready" PC.



Specifications

General

Computer Type: Notebook

Type of Use: Desktop Replacement

Action Buttons: S1, S2, AV Mode, Volume, Mute, Eject, Play/Pause/Stop, Wireless LAN On/Off, FF and Rewind

Keyboard: QWERTY, 86 keys with 2.5mm stroke and 19.05mm pitch

Pointing Device: Electro-Static touch pad

Hardware

Camera: Built-in camera and microphone

Processor

Type: Intel® Core™ 2 Duo Processor T5600

Speed: 1.83GHz¹

Front Side Bus Speed: 667MHz

L2 Cache: 2MB

Technology: Intel® Centrino® Duo Mobile Technology

Memory

Type: DDR2 SDRAM

Installed: 1GB (512MBx2) PC2-4200

Maximum: 2GB

Speed: 533MHZ

Hard Drive

Capacity: 200GB²

Speed: 4200rpm

Interface: Serial ATA

Optical Drive #1

DVD+R DL Write: 4x max.

DVD+R Write: 8x max.

DVD+RW Write: 8x max.

DVD-R Write: 8x max.

DVD-RW Write: 6x max.

CD-R Write: 24x max.

CD-RW Write: 16x max.

DVD±RW: Yes⁴

CD Read: 24x max.

DVD Read: 8x max.

DVD-RAM Write: 5x max.

DVD-R DL Write: 4x max.

DVD-RAM Read: 5x max.

Expansion Slots

Multimedia Card Reader: Supports optional Memory Stick® and Memory Stick DUO™ media⁵ with MagicGate® functionality and Secure Digital Media (SD)
One PCMCIA - Type II/Type I card slot with CardBus support
One ExpressCard™ /54 Slot

Audio

Sound System: Sony® Sound Reality™ - Audio Enhancer

Display

Screen or Display Technology: WXGA+

Screen Size: 17"⁸

Resolution: 1440x900

XBRITE™ Technology: Yes

Graphics

Processor: NVIDIA® GeForce® Go 7400

Video RAM: 64MB + TurboCache™ supporting up to 256MB

Technology: NVIDIA® TurboCache™¹⁰

Chipset: Intel® 945PM

Interface: VGA out w/ Smart Display Sensor, HDMI out and S-Video out

Inputs and Outputs

Ethernet Port: 1

HDMI™ Connection Output(s): 1

Headphone Jack: 1

i.LINK® Interface: 1 (4pin) i.LINK® connector (IEEE 1394)⁶

Modem Jack: 1

Microphone Input: 1

Port Replicator Connector(s): 1

S-Video Output(s): 1

USB Port(s): 3 (2.0 compliant)

VGA Output(s): 1

S/PDIF Output(s): 1

Networking/Modem

Ethernet Protocol: Fast Ethernet (RJ-45)

Ethernet Speed: 10Base-T/100Base-TX

Modem Type: Integrated V.92/V.90 Modem with (RJ-11)

Wireless LAN: Intel® PRO/Wireless 3945ABG Network Connection (802.11a/b/g)³

Power

Battery Type: Standard Battery (VGP-BPS2B)

Estimated Battery Life: 2-3 hours⁷ with standard battery

Power Requirements: 150W+10%

Software

Operating System: Microsoft® Windows® XP Media Center Edition 2005 with Update Rollup 2

Internet Services: AOL Online™ 180-Day Trial (New Users Only)

Anti-Virus and Recovery Software: Norton® Internet Security 60-Day Trial
TrendMicro™ Anti-Spyware 30-Day Trial
Iolo® System Mechanic 30-Day Trial
VAIO® Recovery Wizard
VAIO® Update
VAIO® Support Central
VAIO® Security Center

Supplied Software: Microsoft® Works 8.5
60-Day Trial Version of Microsoft® Office Trial¹³
60-Day Trial Version of Microsoft Digital Image Starter Edition 2006¹⁴
Adobe® Photoshop® Elements 4.0
Adobe® Premiere Elements 2.0
InterVideo® WinDVD®
Roxio® DigitalMedia SE
Intuit® Quicken® 2006 New User Edition (Previous Quicken users may require additional upgrade)
DIScover My Games

Sony® Original Software: Click to DVD® - DVD Creation
Sonic Stage Mastering Studio™ - Audio Mastering and Remastering
SonicStage® - Digital Music
DVgate™ Plus - Digital Video
VAIO Media™ - Network File Sharing
Image Converter - PSP™ Transfer
60-Minute Trial Version of Wheel of Fortune®
60-Minute Trial Version of Jeopardy®
60-Minute Trial of the DaVinci Code and Bewitched Games

Service and Warranty Information

Telephone Support: 1 year toll-free technical telephone assistance, available 24/7¹¹

Limited Warranty and Onsite Service: 1 Year Limited Warranty with Onsite Service⁹

Online and Email Support: Support available from <http://www.esupport.sony.com>

Dimensions

Weight: 8.4 lbs. (weight is approximate and may vary)

Measurements: 16.4"(W) x 1.32"(H) x 11.8"(D)

Supplied Accessories

Standard Lithium-ion Battery (VGP-BPS2B)

AC Adapter (VGP-AC19V15)

Power Cord

Optional Accessories

Multi-Function Docking Station (VGP-PRFE1)

Universal Carrying Case (VGP-AMB1)

DVD R DL/DVD±RW Drive Bay* (VGP-DRWBX1)

CD-RW Drive Bay Unit (VGP-CRWBX1)

80GB² HDD Drive Bay Unit (VGP-UHBX08A)

Color: Black

UPC Code: 027242707139

- 1 GHz denotes microprocessor internal clock speed; other factors may affect application performance. CPU speed will be reduced under certain operating conditions.
- 2 GB means one billion bytes when referring to hard drive capacity. Accessible capacity may vary. A portion of hard disk space is reserved as a recovery partition.
- 3 Requires compatible wireless LAN access point. Internet connection may require fees.
- 4 DVD Media/Formats are not universally compatible.
- 5 Supports Memory Stick PRO™ high-capacity media tested up to 1GB. Does not support MagicGate® functionality.
- 6 i.LINK is a trademark of Sony used only to designate that a product contains an IEEE 1394 connector. All products with an i.LINK connector may not communicate with each other.
- 7 Actual battery life may vary based on product settings, usage patterns and environmental conditions.
- 8 Viewable area measured diagonally.
- 9 When available, Sony will provide Onsite Service in fulfillment of its limited warranty obligations. Any such services are subject to the terms and conditions of the limited warranty. See actual Limited Warranty for details. Onsite Service will be provided via third-party technician to be dispatched as needed following phone-based troubleshooting. Some repairs may be accomplished with self repair kits. Onsite Service may not be available in all locations.
10. NVIDIA® TurboCache™ technology combines the size and bandwidth of video memory and dynamically available system memory for optimal system performance.
11. For certain third party software applications, Sony provides first level Phone Support. Additional telephone support may be available from the applicable 3rd party vendor. Availability and schedule for any such support is determined by the applicable software vendor.
12. Broadband connection is required along with third party services which may require a subscription fee and other service fees.
13. The Microsoft® Office 2003 60-Day Trial software is intended for evaluation purposes only. This trial software is installed on your system and you must activate the software before you can use it. Product activation procedures will be detailed during initial launch of the software, activation requires Internet access. This software has an expiration date of 60 days from date of first use, at which time the software will operate under reduced-functionality mode, limiting end-use options and operations.
14. The Microsoft Digital Image Starter Edition 2006 60-Day Trial software included with this computer system is intended for evaluation purposes only. The software has been partially installed and you must complete installation of the software before you can use it. This software has an expiration date of 60 days from date of first use, at which time the software will operate under reduced-functionality mode, limiting end-user options and operations.

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