

# Netbooks: perfectly portable



**Bridging the gap between mobile email devices and traditional laptops, netbooks are the perfect way to keep connected while on the move. Whether it's checking emails, websites and connecting to your company LAN, netbooks allow you to work effectively wherever you are – no matter how much space you have. Lightweight yet robust, they can be carried in a briefcase or handbag for the ultimate in portable computing.**



## Overview

### Benefits

- Built-in mobile broadband – no need to carry around USB dongles
- SD Card reader – expand memory and quickly transfer information easily between PCs
- WiFi and 3G connectivity – flexibility to be connected when on the move
- Long battery life – allows for working away from a power source
- Can be shared between multiple users

### Typical specifications\*

- OS – Microsoft Windows XP
- Processor – Intel Atom 1.6GHz
- Memory – 1GB
- Storage – 8GB SSD (solid state drive)
- Screen – 8.9" SVGA
- Connectivity – Bluetooth, WiFi, 3x USB ports, built-in memory card reader
- Battery – 3 hours
- Weight – 0.99kg

### What are the advantages of netbooks?

Netbooks are all about boosting employees productivity and responsiveness. And what makes them so attractive is how they accomplish the simple things. The in-built mobile broadband means that there is no need for dongles or other extra equipment, while the batteries tend to run for around three hours on one charge – perfect for light commuting.

As a part of a remote working solution, netbooks' advantages cannot be understated. They are inexpensive both to purchase and to run, and can be given to multiple users as and when required. Carrying one also means that if you need to connect back to the office to access a file, one can do this quickly, making it possible to show supplementary information in meetings, for example.

### Who needs a netbook?

If you work away from your desk at any time during the week, the chances are that you could benefit from using a netbook. As netbooks are designed to fit on airline style drop-down tables, those who travel by train or plane find them far more convenient than regular laptops. For people who have to deal with lots of text, spreadsheets or internal systems, netbooks offer a middle way – rather than thumb typing on a mobile email device, users can write emails or edit reports on a keyboard suitable for touch typing. The well proportioned screen also makes reading complicated documents and spreadsheets easy on the eye.

### Technical excellence

Though they come in many different guises, netbooks tend to have similar specifications. Most of them run on Windows XP, rather than the more memory intensive Vista, and are powered by the new, ultra small Intel Atom processor. The relatively low power usage of the Atom means that the average netbook can run for around three hours. Weighing in at under a kilo, and with a 9 inch screen, they generally come with 3 USB ports. Bluetooth, WiFi and a handy built-in webcam.

\*typical specifications based on Dell Inspiron Mini 9 Netbook