

Dell XPS 13- Ultra-thin, super light, super fast

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Dell XPS 13: rival Macbook Air?



The 2015 version of the Dell XPS 13 ultrabook line has become much lighter and thinner and has become the main rival of the Macbook Air. Dell XPS 13 owns a 13-inch screen with ultra-thin bezel that creates an extremely delicate and unique beauty. Other details of the machine are also very meticulously machined with the frame made of monolithic aluminum, the case is made from carbon fiber and high-end touchpad to bring high accuracy. The Dell XPS 13 has two screen options, Full-HD and Quad-HD, priced at \$ 800 and \$ 1300.

Design



The Dell XPS has a similar design to the Macbook Air, although there are some differences. The biggest advantage of this device is that while owning a 13-inch screen, the overall model is only small and light equivalent to an 11-inch Macbook Air. This is because the Dell XPS 13 screen border is so thin that the Macbook Air 13 becomes big when placed next to this device. Another merit of the XPS 13 is that it still has an SD card slot in a small body.

And the feeling on the Dell XPS 13 is also a different experience. If with the Macbook Air, the device has a glossy screen, easy to heat the palm when operating for a long time as well as very easy to slip off the hand when there is sweat (*smooth Macbook Air cover*). The Dell XPS 13 has solved these problems quite easily when it comes to a rough screen, carbon shell does not stick to sweat and 4 rubber slip-resistant brackets. This is a huge advantage of the Dell XPS 13 compared to the Macbook Air.



If the keyboard and touchpad are two things that Macbook users are proud of when compared to Windows-based laptops, the Dell XPS 13 is now equally good. The keyboard is now very thin but quite responsive and the keys are also large enough to make the feel comfortable and quite accurate.



For years, touchpads on laptops running Windows are mostly rated as bad, slow and inaccurate. With the Dell XPS 13, it can be said that this device has the best touchpad ever - not only for Windows but also for the Macbook. By using Microsoft ' *genuine* ' drivers, the Dell XPS touchpad has a smooth, responsive touch and works as well as the Macbook's touchpad - even superior. It's hard to understand why now, laptop manufacturers can improve their touchpad. But this is a positive signal for devices running Windows later.



The Dell XPS 13 has an excellent screen even with the Full-HD resolution option (\$ 800). It can be affirmed that the Macbook Air screen becomes too blurred and inferior in all aspects when compared to XPS 13. While knowing that comparing two devices to the front is lame but when comparing prices both between these two models are quite different, so the victory is naturally belonging to Dell XPS 13. There is a source that Apple is preparing to launch the new generation Macbook Air with retina screen and a compact version of 12 inches but At \$ 800, the Dell XPS 13 always has a certain advantage. In addition, users can choose the Dell XPS 13-inch Quad-HD when it needs a sharp, colorful display and an anti-glare layer.

The Dell XPS display provides excellent sharpness when viewing DSLR photos as well as fonts is also very clear. With Full-HD screen, users will have a larger working area while the 2K screen will be necessary for the need for graphics sharpness to every pixel.



Battery life is a problem the user should prompt. Dell claims that the XPS 13 will have a battery life of up to 15 hours - and that's just theory. The Dell XPS 13 Quad-HD version can be used continuously for 5 hours on each charge. Full-HD version for 6 hours of use. It can be said that the Dell XPS 13 battery is not so excellent but not too bad. However, this device is noticeably inferior to the Macbook Air 2014 with a battery life of up to 8.5 hours.

It is worth noting that if you want to increase battery life, users can purchase an external removable battery with a capacity of up to 12,000mAh. With the Quad-HD version, users will have an additional 2 hours of use and a 4-hour Full-HD version. In addition, this battery has 2 charging ports, users can use to charge both laptop and smartphone charger.



Performance is always a bright spot for Windows ultrabooks equipped with super power-saving chips and SSD-hard drives and Dell XPS 13 is no exception. The device starts up only in a snap and runs multitasking smoothly (*web surfing, application switching*). However, gaming is not a strength of this device. With the device with minimum configuration (*2.2Ghz core i5, 4GB RAM*) can only play the game ' *Dark Soul 2* ' with the lowest customization.



The most praiseworthy point in the performance of the Dell XPS 13 is that it runs smoothly and hardly makes any noise. Equipping an advanced Intel BroaWell chip has made this device an absolute " *silent* " during operation.

Points are favorite on Dell XPS 13



+ Lightweight and easy to carry anywhere.

- + Ultra-thin screen edges, very eye-catching
- + Great touchpad and keyboard
- + There are no colorful stickers on aluminum frames (*only Intel Core i5 logo only*)
- + Super compact adapter

Highlights on the Dell XPS 13



Camera set the bottom angle makes uncomfortable feeling when using

- + The screen cannot rotate 180 degrees to make the most of the touch screen.
- + Battery life is not excellent
- + Dell XPS 13 external battery can only be charged by adapter, but not by USB port.
- + Camera is placed at the bottom corner of the screen, making it uncomfortable to use

Should I buy the Dell XPS 13?

With the 800-900 USD version, the answer is definitely yes. A Ultrabook laptop running Windows is super thin, light, beautiful screen, runs fast, smooth and no noise. This is a more reasonable choice than the 1200USD Macbook Air.

With the Dell XPS 13 2K touch screen (*1300USD*), the answer is depending on demand. There are a lot of alternatives to this device for a cheaper price (*though there are some features that have been lost*) such as the Acer Aspire S7 13 inches and even the Macbook.

So what about readers? Let's share our feelings about this device. Do you buy a Dell XPS 13?

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