

Intel unexpectedly revives Core i5-10400 as Core i5-110 after 5 years: only name change, no specification change

Intel confused everyone when it launched the Core i5-110 in 2025, which is actually just a renamed 10th-generation Core i5-10400. After 5 years, who will pay for an 'old CPU in a new look'?

In an extremely confusing move, Intel has just re-released a processor model from the 10th generation and re-released it after... 5 years.

Core i5-10400 returns as Core i5-110

According to the official product page, Intel has just announced a new CPU called Core i5-110. But in fact, this is not the Core Ultra 5 or Core 5 (Raptor Lake Refresh) series, but belongs to the 10th generation Comet Lake, which was launched in 2020.

In other words, Intel has 'reborn' the Core i5-10400 and just renamed it the Core i5-110. This chip has a 6-core, 12-thread configuration, manufactured on a 14nm process, and is completely identical to the original. When comparing the parameters, there is no difference at all — meaning this is not even an upgrade or refresh, but just a rebranding.

Intel® Core™ i5-110 Processor
12M Cache, up to 4.30 GHz

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CPU Specifications	Product Collection	Intel® Core™ processors (Series 1)
Supplemental Information	Code Name	Products formerly Comet Lake
Memory Specifications	Vertical Segment	Desktop
GPU Specifications	Processor Number ⓘ	i5-110
Expansion Options	Lithography ⓘ	14 nm
Package Specifications	Recommended Customer Price ⓘ	\$200.00

CPU Specifications

Total Cores	6	6
Total Threads	12	12
Max Turbo Frequency	4.30 GHz	4.3 GHz
Intel® Turbo Boost Technology 2.0 Frequency†	4.30 GHz	4.3 GHz
Processor Base Frequency	2.90 GHz	2.9 GHz
Cache	12 MB Intel® Smart Cache	12 MB Intel® Smart Cache
Bus Speed	8 GT/s	8 GT/s
TDP	65 W	65 W

Launched but not for sale yet

Intel's website says the Core i5-110 will be released in Q3 2025. However, we haven't seen it in retail stores yet. And even if it did, spending around \$200 on an older Comet Lake CPU on the (now discontinued) LGA 1200 socket would be almost unreasonable.

Perhaps the only reasonable choice is if the user already has an LGA 1200 motherboard, or can buy a CPU + motherboard combo for only about 100 USD. In addition, the Core i5-110 has almost no appeal.

This move has the tech community wondering: Why would Intel want to revive a platform that has been 'dead' for 5 years? There is no official answer yet, but this is certainly one of Intel's strangest moves in recent times.

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