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Dell Mini 10v. *Source: Techtickerblog*

Dell Mini 10v is the first mass-market netbook to hit the market for less than \$ 300, followed by the Acer Aspire One AOD250 and HP Mini 1151NR.

All three products use Intel's Atom N270 chip, clocked at 1.6 GHz, but their hard drives are significantly different. The Acer Aspire One excelled with a 160GB hard drive clocked at 5600 revolutions per minute, followed by a Dell Mini with 120GB and a speed of 5600 rpm. HP Mini seems to be the weakest when hard drive capacity is only 80 GB and the speed is quite slow (4200 rpm).

These three models also share many common things like 1GB of RAM, Windows XP operating system and 10.1-inch screen. The average battery life is poor, with HP Mini running continuously for just 2.5 hours and the

Acer Aspire One almost 2 hours away (Dell Mini 10v alone has no final result).

In terms of connectivity, the Acer Aspire One is the poorest when only Wi-Fi 802.11 b / g is available. The Dell Mini 10v is slightly better when it comes to Bluetooth. HP Mini 1151NR is also equipped with 3G broadband modem of Verizon network, which the two competitors do not have.



Acer Aspire One AOD250.

The absence of Bluetooth will make it difficult to connect wireless peripherals (mice, keyboards), as well as to share files with cell phones, if not impossible.

From a price perspective, the Dell Mini 10v will cost you \$ 299. Less than 1USD is the Acer Aspire One AOD250, while to own the HP Mini 1151NR, you only have to hook for 199 USD (with Verizon's mobile broadband service contract for 2 years).



HP Mini 1151NR. *Source: The-mobiler*

Although the Linux operating system is completely free and can help manufacturers lower their prices, Windows XP still stands out as the first choice. And although not a monster in terms of speed, Intel's Atom N270 series of chips are also capable of doing very well on basic computing tasks like Web browsing, Office and listening to music, even watching movies.

The design of the three products is also very different. The Aspire One has a thin plastic case, tiny touchpad and a cramped keyboard. At the opposite extreme, the HO Mini 1151NR has a very spacious keyboard and thicker case. The size of Dell Mini 10v press keys is average.

A year ago, users were happy with the price of 499 USD. Now the market has embraced acceptable netbooks with nearly half the price. With this momentum, you have the right to hope that your netbook will be equipped with a solid-state storage drive (SSD) but the price is still affordable in the near future.

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