

Netbook 'strange' Asus N10

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The N10 is different from other netbooks when equipped with a graphics card.

Most netbooks on the market have the same configuration as Intel Atom N270 processor, 1 GB RAM and Windows XP operating system. Besides, there is not much difference in screen size, users can choose 9 or 10 inch model. The only difference in the configuration of mini laptops is that some use SSD hard drives, others use 160 GB large hard drives.

Asus N10 is not in the Eee PC netbook line, but most of the design and equipment of this product are like mini laptops like processors, RAM. The difference is that the machine uses Nvidia GeForce 9300 graphics card. The N10 allows the option to use between GeForce or Intel's integrated graphics card.

Graphics card equipment makes this laptop unusual, because it has a small screen, simple configuration, good support for surfing the web and sending e-mail, but can play games.



It has a simpler design than the high-end netbook of Asus.

In terms of design, the N10 is simple, the body is fat, thick, metal frame, plastic case. The keyboard of the device is wide, the keys are large and flat. However, if compared to the HP Mini 1000, the N10 is not as convenient. Compared to the previous S101 with the Shift key to the right, the N10 returned the traditional position to the left.

10.2 inch wide screen with 1,024 x 600 pixel resolution enough to work. Using reality shows, the machine supports well for text editing, reading news, surfing the web. However, if playing games or watching videos, this resolution is not suitable.

Regarding connectivity, the N10 has an HDMI port and ExpressCard card reader slot. This is the first netbook to support HDMI standard and is the second to support the ExpressCard card slot after the Lenovo IdeaPad S10.

Below is the connection comparison table of the N10 with regular netbooks.

Asus N10 Netbook is usually Video VGA-out, HDMI VGA-out **Audio** Speakerphone, headphone and microphone jacks. Headphone and microphone jacks. **Data** 3 USB 2.0 port, SD memory card slot 2 USB 2.0 port, SD memory card slot **Expand** ExpressCard / 34 card reader slot No Ethernet **network** , 802.11 b / g Wi-Fi, BluetoothEthernet, 802.11 b / g / n Wi-Fi, Bluetooth

The Nvidia GeForce 9300 GS graphics card is completely different from other netbooks. Running normally, the graphics card is turned on, an accompanying software allows users to turn on or turn off to save battery power. The N10 also has an external key to let GeForce 9300 stop working.

When the graphics card is turned on, the speed of the N10 is no different from that of netbooks and other Atom

processors. Watch high quality HD movies, take up a lot of CPU resources, so images get jerky, with regular video formats, better quality. The screen resolution is low, so running programs like Photoshop, image processing is often slow.

Playing games on the computer is not as expected, because the Atom processor and 1 GB RAM are not strong. The image is still jerky, the result is better when the resolution is set to 800 x 600 pixels.

Asus netbooks are known to have long battery life. The integrated graphics card on the N10 makes certain effects, the usage time is about 3 hours 20 minutes, if turned off and the battery saving mode is added 90 minutes. Longer than Lenovo IdeaPad S10 or HP Mini 1000.



It allows to switch modes to save battery. *Photo: Dabledoo .*

Compare the speed of Asus N10 with some other netbooks.

ASUS Eee PC S101

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HP Mini 1000

750

Lenovo Ideapad S10

755

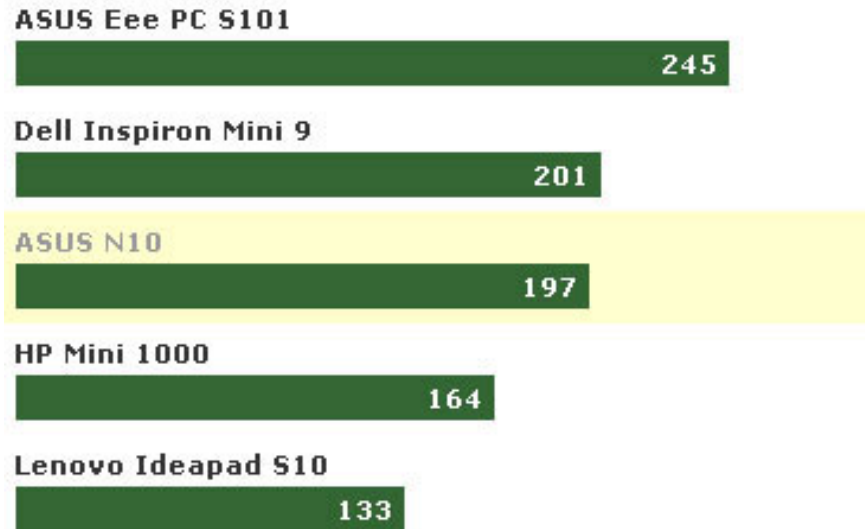
Dell Inspiron Mini 9

780

ASUS N10

792

Check Apple iTunes encoding (in seconds).



Battery usage time when watching video (in seconds).

Strength:

- The first netbook with a graphics card
- Switch mode to save battery
- Easy to use keyboard
- Good battery
- Support HDMI expansion port and ExpressCard slot

Weakness:

- The weak screen resolution is not strong to play games
- Maintain an Intel Atom processor that is not suitable for a device with a graphics card
- High selling price

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