

Sandy Bridge laptop in off season

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At the beginning of the year was the time when the computer market received little new laptop models. Most of them are older product lines that are upgraded by distributors with more powerful processors, more RAM or upgraded hard drives to attract consumers' attention. In addition, the price reduction of old models as well as the upgrade of the configuration but the constant price is also a way used by many supermarkets and shops to "warm up" the market.



Intel Core i 2nd generation processors are entering the final phase of the cycle before being replaced by Ivy Bridge. (Photo: Tuan Hung).

When the time of "shelves" of Ivy Bridge microprocessors are close, most of the products using the Sandy Bridge chips are discounted . Most notably, in the early months of the year, Dell and Toshiba were recorded as having the most discounted models with an attractive reduction of VND 800,000 to VND 1.5 million. Other firms, though less, also have fluctuations in the range of over 500,000 VND such as those of HP, Asus or Acer.

Most of these models belong to mainstream laptops like Dell Inspiron N4110-5982J8 using Core i5-2430M processors, AMD Radeon HD 6330M graphics cards are discounted to VND 1.5 million to VND 17.5 million. A

bit cheaper is Toshiba's popular Satellite L755 with a reduction of VND 1.1 to 1.2 million for both Core i3, Core i5 and discrete graphics cards. .

In addition, the Inspiron N4050 KXJXJ8 is free to upgrade to 4 GB of RAM from the 2 GB of the device's default, while on the market the price is reduced by around VND 600,000. Dell Vostro 1450-294DG7 also upgraded to use Intel Core i5-2450M processor instead of Core i3-2350M but the price remained at about 14 million VND.



Mid-range models from Dell and Toshiba have dropped sharply. *(Photo: Tuan Hung).*

Not only did the price drop, many firms also launched models with configurations that changed the design and features to attract users' attention. Many vendors upgrade to more powerful processors (from cheap Core i3 before the Core i5 version), the RAM upgrade is popular at 2 GB, even some models up to 4 GB. While there are some models like the famous Portégé R830 for business people with light weight and durability, they also added Core i3 version with very attractive price of only 15.3 million VND (not including VAT). This model previously cost up to more than 20 million VND and is located in a completely different segment.

At the present time, the price for the popular laptop line using Intel Core i3 processor is only an average of about 11 to more than 12 million. Laptops using Core i5 processors cost a little more than 13 million VND. These are quite good prices and are likely to not decrease much in the future.

Intel Core i 3rd generation, Ivy Bridge chips have not yet started to sell and even when available in the market for the first few months the price will still be quite expensive and will not make Sandy Bridge chips much cheaper than the time. present. Therefore, this is considered a good time for those who need to use universal devices to choose suitable products, said Digiworld Distribution Company (DGW).

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