

# Ultra-thin laptops can replace MacBook Air

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**Many people consider MacBook Air computers as the gold standard of ultra-thin laptops with sleek designs. However, there are many ultra-thin laptops on the market that can replace MacBook Air.**

**Here are the ultra-light and no more than 1 inch thick laptops, even a few hundred dollars cheaper than the MacBook Air:**

## **Samsung Series 9**

**Advantages:** Samsung Series 9 has a 13.3-inch screen equipped with twice as much memory as the MacBook Air (2GB). They are equipped with a backlit nightlit keyboard, the latest USB 3.0-standard ports for data transfer speeds up to 10 times faster than current USB 2.0 ports.

Most importantly, this laptop has the power of the latest Intel processor (newer than 2 generations of the Macbook Air 2010). The Samsung Series 9 laptop gives users a thinner and lighter feel than the MacBook Air, but the difference is negligible.



**Disadvantages :** With a retail price of \$ 1,599, the Series 9 has no price advantage over the most expensive MacBook Air today and is \$ 300 more expensive than the lowest version of the MacBook Air. Moreover, the MacBook Air also has a higher screen resolution (1440x900) than the Series 9 (1366x768 pixels).

In addition, Samsung Series 9 also has an 11.6-inch version to compete with Apple's small MacBook Air.

## **Toshiba Portege R830**

**Pros:** Also coming with a 13.3-inch screen, the Toshiba Portege R830 (which sells for \$ 890) is 136g heavier than the MacBook Air but can help users save up to \$ 700 if buying a MacBook Air.

Like the Samsung Series 9, the Portege R830 is also equipped with 4GB of RAM (twice the size of the MacBook Air) and USB 3.0 port. The battery life of this product is longer than 2 hours compared to the MacBook Air and Series 9. Perhaps the difference of this laptop is its size and weight. Portege R830 equipped with DVD drive.



**Cons:** Although the Portege R830 has a larger capacity drive (640GB), it has a slower 5400 rpm SATA clock speed than the MacBook Air's Flash drive. The screen resolution of the R830 (1366x788 pixels) is lower than that of the MacBook Air. Finally the most notable point is the thickness of this laptop. They are 1.05-inches thick, while the Series 9's thickness is only 0.64-inches and Apple is 0.68-inches.

However, the Toshiba Portege R830 has both a consumer model (above specification) and a business-oriented version with higher configuration options (SSD, Core i7 chip, .) with price 1049USD.

### **MSI X-Slim X370**

**Advantages:** If you don't care about the thickness of (0.2-inch) and weight (90g) and in return save about \$ 700 to \$ 1000, then you should buy MSI X-Slim X370 laptop instead of MacBook Air. They are marketed for \$ 599.

This 13.4-inch laptop has a longer battery life than the MacBook Air (more than 3 hours compared to the Macbook Air, the Air's battery life is 7 hours). This is achieved by using AMD Fusion processor. The product is equipped with 4GB memory and HDMI port to connect to a high-definition TV.



**Cons:** Not only thick and heavier, the MSI X-Slim X370 also doesn't match the MacBook Air's monolithic aluminum frame. Whether equipped with up to 500GB hard drive (720 rpm speed) is faster than MSI above, but it is not as good as the MacBook Air's Flash drive.

### **Lenovo ThinkPad X1**

**Pros:** *The* ThinkPad X1 can be a good choice for anyone who wants an ultra-thin laptop for work because the ThinkPad is traditionally a laptop for business users. Besides carrying the power of the latest Intel processor, the X1 is also equipped with a backlit keyboard, a 160GB SSD and a fast-charging battery that can be up to 10 hours with an additional battery.



**Cons :** Though the ThinkPad X1 (0.85-inch) is 0.17-inches thicker than the MacBook Air (0.68-inch) and can be 450g heavier than the Air, this depends on the battery pack.

Like other ultra-thin laptops, the screen resolution of the ThinkPad X1 is only 1366x768 pixels, lower than the Air's 1440x900 pixel resolution. Although the price hasn't been officially released yet, the ThinkPad X1 might be higher than the price of Air.

### **LG P430**

**Advantages:** LG P430 has a 14-inch screen slightly better than the 13.3-inch models above. The P430 also has a larger memory capacity, up to 8GB, built-in optical drive and optional Nvidia discrete graphics card with 1GB of video memory (while the MacBook Air has only 256MB).



**Cons:** Despite its larger size, the screen resolution of the P430 is only 1366x768 pixels, still less than the Macbook Air. Weighing 1.94kg, LG 430 is 450g heavier than the MacBook Air.

## **Dell Adamo**

**Advantages:** Like the LG P530, this ultra-thin laptop is rumored to be on the market with screens larger than other products, they are up to 15.6-inch in size.

If sold for \$ 1,000, this laptop will cost a few hundred dollars less than the MacBook Air. The product will be equipped with the second generation processor of Core i5 or i7.



**Disadvantages :** If the new Dell Adamo hidden secrets have any price and configuration limitations, they will be difficult to compete with other ultra-thin laptops.

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