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Aspire One Netbook: Acer says come and get it

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[Elliott](#) The ever watchful eye of Crave [spied](#) Acer's Aspire One Netbook on a few online resellers last week (while our British brethren [got their hands on one](#) last month), and today Acer makes it official by announcing the U.S. availability of its 8.9-inch Netbook. The company outlines three models, which range in price from a very low \$379 to \$449. By comparison, the latest [Asus Eee PC 901](#) comes in at \$599, while the [MSI Wind](#) is priced at \$479.

All three Aspire One models use the 1.6GHz Intel Atom N270 processor (which is what we saw in both the Eee PC 901 and the MSI Wind) and an 8.9-inch, LED-backlit display with a 1,024x600 resolution and a Webcam above it. You also get three USB 2.0 ports, two media card slots, 802.11b/g Wi-Fi, and 10/100 Ethernet.

Acer states the Aspire One weighs 2.17 pounds, which is a few ounces lighter than either the 8.9-inch Eee PC or the 10-inch MSI Wind. It's available in blue or white currently, with golden brown and black options coming later in the year.


The \$379 unit includes 512MB of RAM, an 8GB solid-state hard drive, a 3-cell battery, and Linpus Linux Lite OS. A \$399 model bumps you up to 1GB of RAM, turns the SSD drive into a 120GB spinning hard drive, and switches the OS to Windows XP Home. Lastly, the \$449 Aspire One supplies a 6-cell battery, 1GB of memory, the 8GB SSD, and Linux.

A quick scan of the reseller mentioned Acer's release this morning--Best Buy, Circuit City, and CDW--reveals only the \$379 and \$399 models at CDW. It would seem that 6-cell batteries are still in tight supply. Given that a mobile Internet and communications device like the Aspire One is likely to spend much of its time away from a wall outlet, we'd hold out for a model with a six-cell battery.



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by [Kev50027](#) July 16, 2008 4:58 PM PDT I ordered mine on the 9th, and it should be arriving tomorrow. I'm very excited to have the first Aspire One in my state, and one of the first in the country!

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by [Arthur Belle Dent](#) July 18, 2008 9:24 PM PDT I'm ready to buy my wife the 6-cell battery, 1GB ram, 8GB SSD Linux one but Dell's E series is coming out in august and it looks nice. Rumors of Ubuntu installed and something similar to Asus embedded Linux instant on thingie make this interesting..

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