

The Premier Entertainment Notebook PC.

MULTIMEDIA POWERHOUSE WITH 17" DISPLAY²

The VAIO® AR notebook combines the convenience and portability of a notebook with the power and performance of a desktop. Featuring a full-sized keyboard and stunning 17" widescreen display², this multimedia powerhouse is the perfect productivity and entertainment companion. With spectacular XBRITE-HiColor™ LCD technology, the massive widescreen improves color contrast in your images, video and television content, delivering the ultimate HD viewing experience.

INTEL'S BEST TECHNOLOGY FOR NOTEBOOKS

Introducing the next great advancement in wireless technology, 802.11n. With built-in 802.11n wireless LAN technology¹⁹, the VAIO® AR notebook lets you wirelessly surf the web and e-mail⁴ with greater performance, range and reliability than ever before. 802.11n offers a massive boost in speed and considerably more range than 802.11a/b/g. Connect to hot spots with ease and experience the incredible difference of 802.11n. You can even wirelessly stream video throughout your home or office with blazing-fast speed¹⁹. 802.11n is backward compatible with existing networks, so there is no need for any additional hardware or cables, it's all built-in.

NEXT-GENERATION 802.11N WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY

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HD ENTERTAINMENT

Whether you're watching a movie in HD, enthralled in a high-def cable TV sporting event or enjoying crystal-clear video captured from your compatible HDV camcorder, the VAIO® AR notebook lets you playback HD content with incredibly high level of resolution, essentially eliminating flicker and creating a more film-like image. An HDMI™ output delivers video and audio to external sources from via a single cable, providing the optimal digital connection to your compatible HDTV so you can enjoy HD entertainment on your big screen without a myriad of extra cables and wires.

The VAIO® AR550 notebook is a Full 1080 HD multimedia powerhouse with DVR capabilities that let you watch and record TV on its 17" widescreen display⁸ with XBRITE-HiColor™ LCD technology. Backed by Intel® Centrino® Duo processor technology and Intel Core™ 2 Duo processor, this lightning-fast, super-powerful notebook is the ultimate desktop replacement.



XBRITE-HiColor™



Click to DVD



VGN-AR550U

VAIO® AR Digital Studio™ Notebook PC

Specifications

General

Computer Type: Notebook
 Type of Use: Desktop Replacement
 Action Buttons: S1, S2, AV Mode, Volume, Mute, Eject, Play/Pause/Stop, FF, Rewind, Wireless LAN On/Off
 Pointing Device: Electro-Static touch pad

Hardware

Keyboard: QWERTY, 86 keys with 2.5mm stroke and 19.05mm pitch
 Camera: Built-in camera and microphone

Processor

Type: Intel® Core™ 2 Duo Processor T7100
 Speed: 1.8GHz¹
 Front Side Bus Speed: 800MHz
 L2 Cache: 2MB
 Technology: Intel® Centrino® Duo processor technology

Memory

Type: DDR2 SDRAM
 Installed: 2GB (1GBx2) PC2-5300
 Maximum: 4GB¹⁷
 Speed: 667MHZ

Hard Drive

Capacity: 240GB² (120GBx2)
 Speed: 5400rpm
 Interface: Serial ATA

Optical Drive #1

DVD+R DL Write: 2.4x max.
 DVD+R Write: 8x max.
 DVD+RW Write: 4x max.
 DVD-R Write: 8x max.
 DVD-RW Write: 4x max.
 CD-R Write: 8x max.
 CD-RW Write: 8x max.
 DVD±RW: Yes⁴
 CD Read: 24x max.
 DVD Read: 8x max.
 DVD-RAM Write: 5x max.
 DVD-R DL Write: 2x max.
 DVD-RAM Read: 5x max.

Expansion Slots

Multimedia Card Reader: Supports optional Memory Stick® media and Memory Stick DUO™ media³ with MagicGate® functionality and Secure Digital Media (SD)
 One PCMCIA - Type II/Type I card slot with CardBus support
 One ExpressCard™ /54 Slot

Audio

Sound System: Sony® Sound Reality™ - Audio Enhancer

Display

Screen or Display Technology: WXGA+
 Screen Size: 17"⁸
 Resolution: 1440x900
 XBRITE-HiColor™ Technology: Yes

Graphics

Processor: NVIDIA® GeForce® 8400M GT notebook graphics processing unit (GPU)
 Video RAM: 895MB Total Available Graphics Memory¹⁶
 Interface: VGA out w/ Smart Display Sensor, HDMI™ out and S-Video out
 TV Tuner: Yes - ATI TV Wonder™ Digital Cable Tuner¹⁵ (NTSC and ATSC Support)

Inputs and Outputs

Ethernet Port: 1
 HDMI™ Connection Output(s): 1
 Headphone Jack: 1
 i.LINK® Interface: 1 (4pin) i.LINK® connector (IEEE 1394)⁶
 Memory Stick® Media Slot: 1
 Modem Jack: 1
 Secure Digital Slot: 1
 Microphone Input: 1
 S-Video Output(s): 1
 USB Port(s): 3 (2,0 ports)
 VGA Output(s): 1
 DC-In: 1
 Express Card™ Slot: /54 x 1

Networking/Modem

Ethernet Protocol: Fast Ethernet (RJ-45)

Ethernet Speed: 10Base-T/100Base-TX/1000Base-T
 Modem Type: Integrated V.92/V.90 Modem with (RJ-11)
 Wireless LAN: Intel® PRO/Wireless 4965AGN Network Connection (802.11a/b/g/n)⁷
 Bluetooth® Technology: Integrated Bluetooth® Technology¹⁰

Power

Battery Type: Standard Capacity Lithium-ion Battery (VGP-BPS9A/B)
 Estimated Battery Life: 1.5-3.0 hours⁷ with standard battery
 Power Requirements: 150W+10%

Software

Operating System: Windows Vista™ Ultimate
 Internet Services: AOL® 90-Day Risk Free Trial - New Users Only
 Supplied Software: Microsoft® Works 8.5 60-Day Trial Version of Microsoft® Office 2007¹³
 Sony® Original Software: Click to DVD® - DVD Creation, LocationFree® Player
 *Please access VAIO® Help and Support from your PC for a complete list of software applications and trials.
 Security and Anti-Virus Software: Norton® Internet Security™ 2007 60-Day trial with spyware protection

Service and Warranty Information

Telephone Support: 1 year toll-free technical telephone assistance, available 24/7¹¹
 Limited Warranty and Onsite Service: 1 Year Limited Warranty with Onsite Service⁹
 Online and Email Support: Support available from <http://www.esupport.sony.com>

Dimensions

Weight: 8.4 lbs. with standard battery (weight is approximate and may vary)
 Measurements: 16.4"(W) x 1.32"(H) x 11.8"(D)

Supplied Accessories

Standard Lithium-ion Battery (VGP-BPS9A/B)
 AC Adapter (VGP-AC19V15)
 Remote Control/IR Receiver
 Power Cord
 RF Cable
 ATI TV Wonder™ Digital Cable Tuner¹⁵ (NTSC and ATSC Support)

Optional Accessories

Additional Standard Capacity Battery (VGP-BPS9A/B)
 Large Capacity Battery (VGP-BPL9)
 Additional AC Adapter (VGP-AC19V15)
 USB Laser Mouse (VGP-UMS55/B)
 Wireless Presentation Mouse (VGP-WMS50A)
 All-in-one 2.1 Channel Speaker (VGP-SP100)
 Universal Carrying Case (VGP-AMB1)
 Notebook Roller Case (VGP-AMB6)
 17" Neoprene Notebook and AC Adapter Case (VGP-AMC2)
 USB Floppy Drive (VGP-UFD1)

Color: Glossy Piano Black

1. GHz denotes microprocessor internal clock speed; other factors may affect application performance. CPU speed will be reduced under certain operating conditions.
2. GB means one billion bytes when referring to hard drive capacity. Accessible capacity may vary. A portion of hard disk space is reserved as a recovery partition.
3. Requires compatible wireless LAN access point. Internet connection may require fees.
4. DVD Media/Formats are not universally compatible.
5. Supports Memory Stick PRO™ high-capacity media tested up to 1GB. Does not support MagicGate® functionality.
6. i.LINK is a trademark of Sony used only to designate that a product contains an IEEE 1394 connector. All products with an i.LINK connector may not communicate with each other.
7. Actual battery life may vary based on product settings, usage patterns, battery and environmental conditions.
8. Viewable area measured diagonally.
9. When available, Sony will provide Onsite Service in fulfillment of its limited warranty obligations. Any such services are subject to the terms and conditions of the limited warranty. See actual Limited Warranty for details. Onsite Service will be provided via third-party technician to be dispatched as needed following phone-based troubleshooting. Some repairs may be accomplished with self repair kits. Onsite Service may not be available in all locations.
10. Use of this Bluetooth enabled product with other devices may vary as not all Bluetooth devices are compatible.
11. For certain third party software applications, Sony provides first level Phone Support. Additional telephone support may be available from the applicable 3rd party vendor. Availability and schedule for any such support is determined by the applicable software vendor.
12. Broadband internet service required along with third party services which may require a subscription or other service fee.

13. The Microsoft® Office 2007 60-Day Trial software is intended for evaluation purposes only. This trial software is installed on your system and you must activate the software before you can use it. Product activation procedures will be detailed during initial launch of the software; activation requires Internet access. This software has an expiration date of 60 days from date of first use, at which time the software will operate under reduced-functionality mode, limiting end-use options and operations.
14. As with other optical media devices, circumstances may limit compatibility or prevent media playback. VAIO computers may not support movie playback on packaged media recorded in AVC or VC1 formats at high bit rates.
15. The digital TV tuner supports a CableCARD™ removable security module. Contact your cable operator to receive a CableCARD compatible with your operator's network (additional charges may apply). Not all functions that are available when using a set-top box provided by your cable operator will be supported by CableCARD (e.g., video-on-demand and pay-per-view functionality may not be supported). Premium HDIV programming requires additional subscription fee.
16. Total Available Graphics Memory refers to the new Windows Vista™ classification of graphics memory, which is the total of Dedicated Video Memory, System Video Memory and Shared System Memory. Shared System Memory varies depending on the operating condition and system memory size.
17. A portion of the system memory over 3GB available to the operating system.
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19. Requires a compatible 802.11n access point. Some functionality may require Internet services, which may require a fee.

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