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## Acer announces raft of new laptops

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**News**



[Acer](#) went to town today, updating the Timeline series and announcing the brand new Ethos range, a high-end multimedia line that replaces the Gemstone laptops.

The TimelineX series supersedes the Timeline range launched last year. Acer are building on the portability offered by the original line and the machines – which range in size from 13.3 – 15.6 inches – are now powered by Intel's family of Core processors, in a bid to provide cutting edge performance.

The TimelineX [laptops](#) will also feature dedicated graphics in the form of ATi Mobility Radon HD 5470/5650 chips.

Acer claims battery life won't suffer, despite the power of the above components, and TimelineX laptops featuring a 6-cell battery will offer a minimum of eight hours, while those with 9-cell batteries will allegedly provide up to 12 hours between charges. As we haven't tested the machines ourselves, we can't corroborate these claims.

Nevertheless, the TimelineX won't be the lightest range around, with weight allegedly starting at 1.8kg for the 13.3-inch [laptop](#).

Entry-level TimelineX models will feature an Intel Core i3 processor, 3072MB of memory, a 250GB hard drive and ATi Mobility Radeon HD 5650 graphics card. Starting at £600 inc. VAT, the laptops hit the shelves in May.

Also making its debut today was the Acer Ethos, a high-end desktop replacement system.



Available in two sizes, 18.4 and 15.6-inch, the Ethos laptops look great, and boast a premium finish. The screens feature 1080p screen resolutions and edge-to-edge glass, enhancing the high-end feel and look of the laptops.

While both size of laptop feature Dolby sound systems, the 18.4-inch Ethos has a full 5.1 system, including a dedicated subwoofer built into the base of the chassis. The touchpad also doubles up as a media control centre at the touch of a button, allowing you immediate control of your music and movie collection.

As with the TimelineX powerful components are employed, with processors from Intel's Core family in

evidence and you can customise the Acer Ethos with up to a whopping 16384MB of memory. Dedicated graphics are available courtesy of chips from ATI's Mobility Radeon HD 5000 series.

Available at the end of June, the Acer Ethos series will start at £1100.

Acer also drew the curtains back on one final new line, the Aspire Timeline X range. Available in two sizes, 15.6 and 17.3-inch, the machines target those who don't want to splash the cash necessary for an Ethos, but are after a multimedia experience the TimelineX can't offer.

Offering a broad range of specifications akin to the Ethos, the Acer Timeline X range will start at only £600 when it's available to buy in May.

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