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Subject: New laptop for audio

Posted by [Graham Duncan](#) on Fri, 21 Mar 2008 17:13:27 GMT

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A friend is looking for a laptop for audio use. Anyone have a current Dell or other laptop that is good for audio they would recommend? Looking to get XP on it, and have friendly firewire for a TC Konnekt 24D. Budget around \$1k, but could go a few hundred more.

Also, how are you guys handling internal & external laptop drives? Firewire? USB? E-Sata?

Thanks!

Graham

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Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Sat, 22 Mar 2008 16:29:57 GMT

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If you want the Konnekt to work on a lower budget laptop your gonna have fun time.

This is were the laptop will tend to be cutting the most corners to keep the cost down.

You probably gonna be paying in the \$1200 and up range for stuff that tend to have the more compatible chip sets.

Here is what you want to find on a laptop that will more than likely be compatible with the TC.

Intel chipset

Non- shared video graphics

If you it is shared memory then the Intel graphic chip work well

Be able to put 2 gigs of memory. Support for 4 gigs would be better though.

Things you want:

Texas Instruments Fire wire chipset

Non shared video graphics. (Intel ones are OK but if you plan on anything like games forget it.)

Intel chipset

express 34/54 slot.

at least 2 USB 2.0 slots

Win xp home or Pro

Vista 32 (NOT MEDIA CENTER versions)

Things you don't want:

Ricoh or ENE combo chip sets

(They are a shared chip that is both PCMCIA and firewire and sometime also express slot.)

Shared video graphics

XP 64 or Vista 64

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If you are using a firewire interface then you will need to use E-Sata

(use a express 34 E-Sata card) or USB 2.0

Depending on what you are requiring the laptop to do the USB 2.0 drive will be fine for most needs.

ICY Dock makes a really cool external enclosure that is USB 2.0 /E-Sata that you can put a normal desktop Sata drive in.

<http://www.icydock.com/product/mb664us-1sb.html>

Chris

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> Thanks!

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> Graham

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Posted by [Graham Duncan](#) on Sat, 22 Mar 2008 23:00:04 GMT  
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Posted by [tonehouse](#) on Tue, 20 May 2008 15:53:37 GMT  
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Posted by [Ed](#) on Wed, 21 May 2008 15:28:46 GMT  
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Posted by [chuck duffy](#) on Fri, 23 May 2008 02:02:13 GMT

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Chuck

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