
Subject: Re: New laptop

Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Fri, 18 Jan 2008 22:13:11 GMT

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Fri, 18 Jan 2008 23:36:08 GMT

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Dell has a history of crappy power issues, more to the point if you get a nasty ground hum... unplug the supply and see if it goes away. Other than that, I think they're pretty solid machines.

AA

"TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote in message news:479126b8\$1@linux...

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Sat, 19 Jan 2008 00:30:34 GMT

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Where I work we've put Dells, Sonys, and Fujitsus out in the field. Three of six Sonys had major problems, all four of the Fujitsus have been fine, and of about 20 Dells we've had one go bad when the video card gave out.

We'll see.

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Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Sat, 19 Jan 2008 15:58:48 GMT
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Hi Thad,
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Posted by [TCB](#) on Sat, 19 Jan 2008 21:17:12 GMT
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Subject: Re: New laptop
Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Sun, 20 Jan 2008 03:33:04 GMT
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Cool you'll probably be fine then

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