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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Tue, 14 Oct 2008 21:14:41 GMT
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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Wed, 15 Oct 2008 00:08:20 GMT
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Hi Thad,

Do you mean PCI-x or PCI-e for a firewire?
This a desktop or laptop?

Here are the ones we use that seem to be compatible so far.

PCI-e cards

<http://www.siig.com/ViewProduct.aspx?pn=NN-E20012-S2>

http://www.sonnettech.com/product/allegro_express_fw400.html

Express card

<http://www.siig.com/ViewProduct.aspx?pn=NN-EC2012-S1>

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Not there choice to make. It's Intel's choice. They see no point probably in spending time on some thing that 0.5% of the consumer/business market use.

If not including means low power and cost then they will ditch it. Of course Intel is one of the main people behind USB so who knows what their motive is.

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Yes they do want the "Pro" to use the MBP and I think they want them to just use the 15' and then buy that the LED display for it to edit with so they don't need to bother with a 17" model.

Apples market growth is in the consumer world so expect to see them paying less attention to the "Pro" market. Those people only buy computers every 3 to 5 years. \ Apple would be out of business if thats the only market they had. :)

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Apple's computer parts like everyone else are made buy a handful of Chinese and Taiwanese manufacturers. Quanta and Foxconn being the main ones that work with Apple.

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- > far greater performance for the money.

True, and that may be an option. The drawbacks are that external hard drives are bulky, make noise, require connecting with cables (possible points of failure) and are somewhat fragile for on-location use. Which is one reason I'm curious about the current state of solid state express card drives.

This would be used for video recording via Quicktime Pro or with dedicated video recording/monitoring software like Scopebox. One situation where direct laptop recording may make sense is when doing interviews.

Cheers,
-Jamie
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- > Chris
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- > Jamie K wrote:

>> Chris Ludwig wrote:
>>> HI Jamie,
>>> When you say express memory card do you mean a solid state disk?
>>
>> Yes. Looking around on the net I've seen them up to 16GB so far, but
>> I'm not sure the ones I've run across would be fast enough to keep up.
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>> Cheers,
>> -Jamie
>> www.JamieKruz.com
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>>> Chris
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>>> Jamie K wrote:
>>>> Chris Ludwig wrote:
>>>>> Yes they do want the "Pro" to use the MBP and I think they want
>>>>> them to just use the 15" and then buy that the LED display for it
>>>>> to edit with so they don't need to bother with a 17" model.
>>>>
>>>> Yep, the 15" is a more portable package. My old PowerBook is a 15"
>>>> and I like that size. But I am enjoying having HD video resolution
>>>> wherever I am with the 17" - it rocks. It's been worth the small
>>>> extra weight penalty for what I do.
>>>>
>>>>> Apples market growth is in the consumer world so expect to see them
>>>>> paying less attention to the "Pro" market. Those people only buy
>>>>> computers every 3 to 5 years. \
>>>>> Apple would be out of business if thats the only market they had. :)
>>>>
>>>> OTOH the pros buy the big iron and pay the big bucks. :^)
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>>>>
>>>>> Remember now people have to come out with USB and express card
>>>>> based video and audio devices to replace firewire ones.
>>>>> Which people need to buy now if they want a new Apple and for that
>>>>> matter Dell system.
>>>>> Isn't capitalism neat.. :)
>>>>
>>>> Heh. Good old planned obsolescence.
>>>>
>>>> That's something I managed to avoid with audio interfaces after
>>>> PARIS by buying a FW audio interface instead of an
>>>> internal-card-based one. My FW interface has lasted through three
>>>> computers, not bad. But it wouldn't work if I got the new MB.
>>>>
>>>> I'm just starting to think about express card add-ons for my MBP. Do

>>>> you happen to know if anyone make an express memory card that's fast
>>>> enough to keep up when recording DV or HDV to a tethered MBP?
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>>>> Cheers,
>>>> -Jamie
>>>> www.JamieKruz.com
>>>

Subject: Re: Seen the new Macbook Pro yet?
Posted by [excelav](#) on Mon, 20 Oct 2008 19:10:52 GMT
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Dropping FW was a very bad decision IMO. I have no use for a laptop with out FW.

<http://blogs.zdnet.com/Apple/?p=2414>

Jamie K <JamieN0-SPAM@JamieKruzN0-SPAM.com> wrote:

>
>Haven't seen it in person yet. The big news is the new case
>construction. If it's even more rugged, great!
>
>But I'm glad I didn't wait to get my 17", since, for now, that model
>hasn't changed (except for some new drive options).
>
>As for the 15" model's other changes, on the one hand, black around the

>display could be an advantage, perhaps less distracting for graphics
>work. OTOH, it looks weird on first glance since the body finish is
>still metallic. They also dropped the matte option for the display,
>which is my preferred option.
>
>Dropping firewire support for the non-pro MacBook is also a surprise,
>and not a good one.
>
>So I'd have to give today's announcements a mixed reaction.
>
>Cheers,
> -Jamie
> www.JamieKruz.com
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>
>DC wrote:
>> Just announced today. Anyone actually seen one?
>>
>> Looks nice.

>>
>> DC
