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Posted by [TCB](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 18:23:33 GMT

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The Macbook has things the Dell doesn't have, the Dell has things the Macbook doesn't have. It sounds like you'd be more comfortable buying the Dell. You must be a good friend to suck it up and buy what your friend wants instead of what you want... :^)

Too bad the CompUSA you walked into had such little choice. You could have spent less on a Macbook by going to another store with more stock, by going online like you'd do with the Dell or by following some of the other advice in this thread.

Damn Apple for providing such a significant update (probably a combined update from several rounds completed since that laptop shipped). Those scurvy bastards!

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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 19:19:50 GMT
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That's the best bang/buck MacBook at the moment I think. But yes, if you need a superdrive you'd have to go with a superdrive model.

Still you can get a better deal on any of the models by looking around a bit: Amazon's rebate, the free extra RAM/peripheral deals, refurb, developer/edu deals if appropriate or sales - some of the ideas we both suggested earlier.

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Wow! The software on that MacBook must have been several updates old. Even at that it seems too huge. I have no explanation. At any rate, future updates should be much smaller. Geez, I would hope anyway! :>)

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More like "MacBook Fashion Accessory Version." Apple marketing likes to play with colors. That's been a big thing for the iPod, for example.

BTW, I'm not sure the actual MacBook Pro is worth the extra over the MacBook basic white for audio uses. Granted the MBP models do have an expansion slot, better graphics and larger screen options, and are incrementally faster last I looked. But I'll wait and see what's up with the next round...I don't need another laptop until the 64 bit models comes out. I'd also be interested in an integrated flash drive for fast booting and a Blu-ray drive for archiving and HDTV use - probably MBP features when they first appear.

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