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Apple Traces MacBook Heat Issues to Plastic Strip



Jun 6, 2006
Peter Cohen - MacCentral

A technical note posted to Apple's Web site notes that some MacBook laptops may run too warm because of an issue involved in their manufacture. The good news is that it's something that users can easily fix themselves. Apple reports that some MacBooks appear to run too warm, with their internal fans running consistently and heat emanating from top and bottom. If this happens, you're encouraged to check the MacBook's rear vent for the presence of a thin piece of clear plastic. "This is used in the factory to prevent dust from getting into your computer," reads the tech note. "If your MacBook has the plastic still over the vent, simply remove and discard it." Apple also encourages MacBook owners who remain concerned about the operating temperature of their systems to read an associated technical note entitled Apple Notebooks: Operating Temperature.

Apple Pushes intel in New Directions

June 6th MacNN

Apple's move to Intel-based Macs is not only opening new worlds for Mac users, but is also pushing Intel into new territory. Intel today said that Apple is pushing the world's largest chip maker in new directions, according to IDG News Service. "[Apple] pushes us to think about things that we may not always think about," Anand Chandrasekher, senior vice president and general manager of Intel's sales and marketing group told IDG. "We were hoping for that to happen and that certainly happened." Speaking at Computex where Intel touted its innovation and new chips, the exec declined to give specific examples, but told the publication that Apple was pushing Intel on both packaging and thermals. Apple's view of how the computer market will evolve has influenced Intel's product roadmap, according to the report. Chandrasekher said that impact will be felt over the long term, rather than showing up soon.

Nike and Apple Partner for New Products

By Jim Dalrymple



Apple Computer and Nike on Tuesday announced a partnership that will see the launch of Nike+iPod products. Apple said that the partnership is meant to take what people do naturally — like running — and make it better.

"It matches naturally to a behavior that exists," Greg Joswiak, Apple's vice president of worldwide iPod marketing, told Playlist. "We've enabled people to have a much better running experience than ever before."

The two companies announced the partnership at an event in New York this morning. The first product of the partnership will be the Nike+iPod Sport Kit, a wireless system that allows Nike+ footwear to talk with your iPod nano. Using the Sport Kit, information on time, distance, calories burned and pace is stored on iPod and displayed on the screen; real-time audible feedback also is provided through headphones.

Joswiak explained that when the sensor in the shoe recognizes a step, it sends data to the iPod receiver, which then stores the data. The information can then be synced to your computer, so runners can keep track of their progress.

The kit includes an in-shoe sensor and a receiver that attaches to the iPod. A new Nike Sport Music section on the iTunes Music Store and a new nikeplus.com personal service site are also available.

"That's what can happen when you own the whole solution," said Joswiak, describing how Apple owns the iPod, the computer and the iTunes Music Store. "We make things simple."

The fit of the two companies is also right according to Apple. "When you describe the Nike brand, some of the same things you would use also describe the Apple brand," said Joswiak.

The Nike+iPod Sport Kit is expected to be available within 60 days for a suggested retail price of \$29 through the Apple Store. The Nike+iPod Sport Kit requires a Nike+ shoe and an iPod nano.



Tonight's Agenda

Help desk until 6:45 with Tom

6:45 **Magic Time!**
New members
Dues (\$3) - Ray
Ambassador & Industry
news - Lyle
Shareware - Ray
Wanted/Items to sell

7:30 Tonight's mini-demo:
**Testing Your
Mac's Security**
with Ray Kallman
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8:00 Wrap-up - Brian

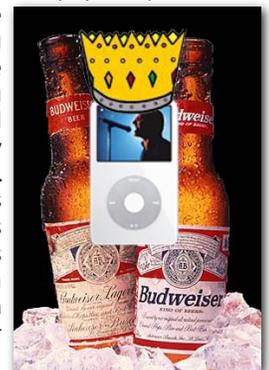


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The New "King of College"

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College life isn't just about drinking beer. Apple Computers' iPod music player surpassed beer drinking as the most "in" thing among undergraduate college students, according to the latest biannual market research study by Student Monitor. Nearly three-quarters of 1,200 students surveyed said iPods were "in" more than any other item in a list that included bar hopping.





Microsoft Drops PDF from Office



Jun 2, 2006
Elizabeth Montalbano, *IDG News Service*

Microsoft has decided to delete from the next version of Office an option to save documents in PDF after Adobe Systems threatened to take legal action.

"We offered to them that we would do this, and now we've unilaterally made the decision to do it," Microsoft spokesperson Jack Evans said on Friday. The company also will remove a feature to save documents as XML Paper Specification (XPS) files in Office; XPS is Microsoft's rival file format to the PDF file format.

Adobe had threatened legal action against Microsoft in Europe over its use of Adobe's Portable Document Format (PDF), which lets users create electronic documents. It's unclear whether that action would be in the form of a complaint to the European Union or a formal antitrust suit, sources close to Microsoft said Friday. Adobe spokesperson Jodi Warner said Friday that Adobe "has made no determination" whether it will take action.

The dispute between the companies began in February when Adobe raised concerns over Microsoft's plans to offer a "Save as PDF" feature in its Office 2007 suite. Beta versions of the software with this feature are already available.

Now, with Microsoft's decision to remove the function, users who purchase the final Office 2007, due out later this year, must separately download free software to save documents created in Office applications as PDF or XPS files, according to Microsoft.

Microsoft representatives say Adobe wants its software to be removed from Office and offered separately for a fee, and the companies had been trying to work out a compromise.

"We have taken a number of significant steps to accommodate Adobe and offered many proposals in an effort to avoid a dispute," Evans said. "But we have now reached a point where we feel what they are asking for is not in the best interest of our customers."

Adobe's Warner has said Microsoft is an important partner for Adobe but that the company remains concerned about monopolistic practices.

"As our CEO Bruce Chizen has stated publicly numerous times in the past, Microsoft has a monopoly and we are always concerned about the

possibility that they might abuse that monopoly," she said.

Evans said Microsoft has offered to make changes to its software and even to ship Adobe products with Windows in an effort to resolve the disagreement.

In addition, Microsoft has offered to ship Adobe's Flash and Shockwave software with every copy of Windows Vista and give hardware vendors the option to remove XPS from Windows, Evans said. Still, Adobe wants Microsoft to take even stronger moves to "charge customers a price for using what everyone else in the world can use for free," he said.

News of possible legal action by Adobe in the E.U. was first reported Friday in The Wall Street Journal.



Does WMP 11 Challenge iTunes/iPod?



May 30, 2006
Remy Davison, *Insanely Great Mac*

The latest entry in would-be iTunes/iPod competitors is Windows Media Player 11 – but how does it fare and will it be sent back whence it came, punch-drunk and reeling, like all that have come before it? Maybe, writes News Journal Online but it's no iTunes killer. Nevertheless, the article opines, WMP 11 is a heck of an improvement over the previous iterations of Media Player. Of course, MS has recently teamed up with MTV to produce Urge, which combines a subscription service with a buy-tunes option, much like the iTunes. Like iTunes, WMP 11 combines video and audio support. Unlike iTunes, it incorporates photo support, which Apple leaves to the separate iPhoto application, bundled as part of iLife with every Mac. It doesn't expressly mimic recent Mac GUI elements, but the eye-candy Apple introduced with the Aqua interface in the original OS X has almost become a cliché; in WMP 11, glowing blue glass buttons are prominent. Other behaviors mimic iTunes – like scanning the hard drive and searching for music files. Photos are also organized and sorted within the WMP window. WMP has been hailed as important on two counts: first, its link to the Urge service is seen as a direct challenge to the iTunes, while providing continued access to other (former) MS-backed online music services. Second, its interface elements give some clues about Vista. Now much of this is moot to iPod owners; WMP music files (and video files, for that matter) won't play on iPods, so unless you have something other than an iPod, Urge is fairly useless to you, unless you burn CDs from WMP tracks and then transfer them in AAC/MP3 format to iPods. But WMP 11 is even more telling about how behind Redmond remains; it's still in beta, while iTunes is a mature piece of software, at version 4.x. More the point, if Mac users seriously want to use Urge, they can simply run it on their MacIntel boxes on Windows. But although WMP will be bundled with every Windows PC (except in Europe), it's not compelling enough, Urge or not, to push Windows iPod users to switch.



Redmond Teaming Up to Defeat iPod

Microsoft

June 3, 2006
Ron Carlson, *Insanely Great Mac*

China Times (Chinese) reports that Microsoft is discussing the creation of an iPod competitor with leading Japanese IT / electronics firms, including NTT DoCoMo and Toshiba. As one might expect, Redmond will provide the software and content. Likewise, a Bloomberg report echos that DoCoMo, Japan's largest mobile phone operator and a world leader in delivering 3G, etc mobile technologies, plans to offer a handset that is compatible with Microsoft's software that lets customers transfer WMF files from their personal computers to a cell-phone.

Editor's note: This is something new? Well, DoCoMo has a track record delivering 3G technologies and if anyone can create a real iPhone competitor, it's them. Apple really needs to deliver the goods and soon...



Microsoft Announces Mac-only Keyboard, Mouse

May 30, 2006
Remy Davison, *Insanely Great Mac*

Microsoft clearly see a future beyond Office Mac on the OS X platform, as the company has just announced a Mac-only keyboard and mouse, TG Daily reports. The \$100 package is grandiloquently named 'Wireless Laser Desktop for Mac', which features a Mac keyboard layout (no stinkin' Windows key here), curved design (echoes of the road Apple ergonomic keyboard here), plus a tilt wheel on the mouse.

Like contemporary Mac keyboards, there's an optical disc eject button and 5 application launch keys. All of it is wrapped up in silvery finish. Rather Alum, actually. But it won't match your iBook. We wonder who it's aimed at. After all, Apple bundle a perfectly good keyboard and mouse with the Mac desktops, now that the days of the awful round original iMac mouse are long gone. Perhaps there's a market among PowerBook owners who use their workstation as a portable desktop. The magnifier and zoom slider sound like good features though – and possibly quite compelling for graphics pros who need to examine color matching and photo details close up. But it's nevertheless interesting MS went for a Mac-only edition. Their marketing department must be telling them something...



GREENPEACE

Brings E-Waste Issue to Computex



Martyn Williams, IDG News Service
June 7, 2006

Members of the international environmental group Greenpeace protested the Computex trade show in Taipei on Wednesday. The group was seeking to bring to the attention of show-goers the issue of electronic waste.

Nine campaigners wearing protective suits and masks stood in front of an entrance to the Taipei World Trade Center and displayed posters depicting children holding dumped electronic waste. Many of the photos were taken in Guiyu, China. The town is a major recycling center for the world's electronic goods but much of the work is done by hand and toxic substances are not disposed of properly, according to Greenpeace.

"We wanted to use Computex Taipei as an opportunity to let the Taiwanese industry know that they are using toxic substances inside their products and we want all the industry, not only the Taiwanese industry, to stop using toxins inside their products," said Jamie Choi, a Beijing-based toxins campaigner with the organization. "We are also here to remind Acer, the Taiwanese computer giant, to keep its promise of phasing out toxics inside their products."

The toxic substances make it difficult to dispose of used electronics products safely. The products often end up in scrapyards or buried in landfill, where the toxic substances are released and seep into ground water, polluting the surrounding area.

Choi and other Greenpeace representatives are due to meet with Acer on Thursday to gauge the progress of the company's plan to phase out toxic substances.

Greenpeace says a number of companies including Hewlett-Packard, Nokia, Samsung Electronics, Sony and Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications have already set timelines to phase out the use of toxic substances in their products. The group is putting pressure on other major electronics companies including Apple, Dell, Fujitsu Siemens Computers GmbH, Lenovo Group, Motorola, Matsushita Electric Industrial (Panasonic) and Toshiba to do the same thing.

Apple recently announced a recycling program that enables buyers of new Macs from its US Apple Store Web site and retail store locations to send their old computers back for recycling, even if they aren't Macs. Apple said the recycling is done domestically and does not ship hazardous material overseas. Apple has a Web page that describes the company's environmental initiatives.

O'Reilly Launches PDF Guides

Ray received the following correspondence from Marsee Henon of O'Reilly Books.

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Apple to unveil 8GB iPod?

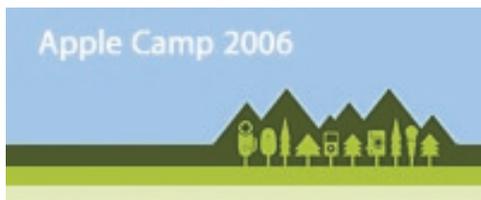
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Industry sources suspect that Apple may unveil a new 8GB flash-based iPod based on further NAND flash orders. Sources say the industry will likely break out of its low point as Apple books considerable capacity at chip makers, according to DigiTimes. Both of the leading Korea-based chipmakers -- Samsung Electronics and Hynix Semiconductor -- have received more orders from Apple, and DRAMeXchange noted in mid-May that Apple had ordered considerable 2Gbit NAND memory at Samsung. Apple in November of 2005 announced long-term agreements with Hynix, Intel, Micron, Samsung Electronics, and Toshiba to secure the supply of NAND flash memory through 2010. The Cupertino-based company planned to pay a total of \$1.25 billion for flash memory components over the following three months, and word came in early April of 2006 that Apple had agreed in December to buy 40 million gigabytes of flash memory chips from Hynix last year alone.

Next week Lynn will teach us about



Apple Stores' free 'Camp' teaches kids to use Macs



Peter Cohen - MacCentral
Wed May 31

Looking for something fun and Mac-related to do with your kids now that school's almost out? Apple is once again hosting free Apple Camps at its retail locations this summer.

You won't be setting any campfires or applying bug spray: Apple Camp isn't an overnight excursion into the wilderness. It's a two and a half hour training session especially geared to kids ages 8 to 12, though kids ages 7 to 17 can be registered.

Each Apple Store location is offering four different Apple Camp sessions including the Podcast Workshop, iWeb workshop, Music Workshop and Movie Workshop. Campers can sign up for up to two camp workshops. Apple Campers 13 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The Camp Workshops give kids a hands-on learning experience with the Macs in the Apple store as they learn how to create their own projects using Apple Macs, iLife and peripherals like digital cameras and camcorders. The Podcast Workshop, for example, teaches kids how to create a podcast using GarageBand, edit the audio, add music and photos, and send the podcast to iTunes.

The Movie Workshop lets kids create their own home movies using iMovie and burn them to disc using iDVD. The iWeb Workshop teaches kids how to make Web pages, and the Music Workshop teaches aspiring young musicians how to use GarageBand and a MIDI keyboard to make music, move it to iTunes then sync it to an iPod.

Campers who participate get a CD or DVD with their projects burned onto it, a t-shirt, patch, field journal, field guide, bumper sticker, name tag and a certificate of achievement.

Apple provides all the necessary equipment, software and source material, but Campers can bring their own sample source material if they prefer. Campers with their own laptops are encouraged to bring them, too.

Attendance is free but availability is limited, so make sure to sign up for the sessions you and your kids are interested in right away.



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Beginner Guitar Lessons for the Mac



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iPlayMusic has announced the launch of Beginner Guitar Lessons for the Mac, its guitar learning program optimized for the Mac and iPod video. iPlayMusic Beginner Guitar Lessons for the Mac takes advantage of Apple's iLife applications, including GarageBand, iTunes and iWeb. "Now aspiring musicians have everything they need to learn guitar, play and sing popular songs, and easily create their own performances," according to the company. "For learning and entertainment on the go, users can view lessons or listen to their new performances in iTunes or on their iPod." Beginner Guitar Lessons for the Mac includes more than four hours of video, presented in 140 individual lessons featuring iPlayMusic's acclaimed, multi-angle video learning method. Beginner Guitar Lessons for the Mac is available for \$50.

Users can quickly and easily learn to play more than 25 popular songs made famous by artists like The Beatles, Eric Clapton, Bob Marley and Johnny Cash—all without learning to read music. Song lessons include guitar chord videos, scrolling lyrics for sing-along, and tips on riffs, transitions, strumming and more. Featured songs include classics like Yellow Submarine, I Shot the Sheriff and Amazing Grace. Each popular song featured on Beginner Guitar Lessons for the Mac includes a full GarageBand project file, complete with instrumental and vocal tracks. Using GarageBand's simple controls, students can remix the featured songs, change or add vocals or instruments and record their own performances.

Users can manage their performances in iTunes or easily create a podcast using iWeb. An online demo is available for Mac users. "Our new Mac software is the first product to provide music education for the iPod generation," said Stewart Putney, president of iPlayMusic. "By taking full advantage of the awesome applications in Apple's iLife suite, and the portability of the iPod, users can now learn to play hit songs on their guitar and then create their own performances. We have eliminated the sheet music of the past, and replaced it with an easy, fun and portable solution that users can tap into whenever and wherever inspiration strikes." Developed for beginning players age five and older, iPlayMusic's new Mac software gives users easy control of their learning experience. If a particular song or technique presents a challenge, slow motion and looping features allow students to play along at their own pace while maintaining the proper pitch. iPlayMusic software also uses Spotlight Search Technology, making it easy for users to search for the lessons they want to learn. Beginner Guitar Lessons for the Mac is available for \$50. It includes four hours of video lessons, more than 25 popular song lessons, GarageBand projects and an 80-page eBook. iPlayMusic also offers instructional DVDs, guitar lesson downloads and guitars and accessories on its website.

Apple Starts 'Take-Back' Computer Recycling Program



Peter Cohen - MacCentral

Apple recently announced the launch of its free computer "Take-Back" program, which it offers to buyers of new Macs at stores in the 48 contiguous United States. Under the terms of the program, Apple will recycle unwanted computers regardless of manufacturer.

When customers buy a new Mac at Apple's retail stores or online store, they can opt to participate in the program. Apple sends them an e-mail with instructions and a label for free shipping and recycling.

Customers package up their old gear and attach the label provided, shipping it on its way. Apple then recycles the equipment. Apple noted that it recycles the equipment domestically, and does not ship hazardous materials overseas.

Apple will post further details to its Apple and the Environment Web page presently.



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Apple expands Best Buy presence Apple is looking to reach out to more consumers with an expanded presence at the nation's largest consumer electronics retailer, Best Buy. The increased presence includes more prominent display of Apple's latest Intel-based Macs, including MacBooks, MacBook Pro's, Mac mini's, and iMacs, according to CNET News.com. Current Analysis analyst Samir Bhavnani notes that while Best Buy has been selling Apple's popular iPod music players and Mac Minis for some time, the latest move represents a major expansion of Apple's retail efforts. The analyst said that Apple is prepping for the back-to-school shopping season, which is considered to be the second-busiest period of the year for the PC industry. Bhavnani also said that "the move also shows that Apple is very confident about the inventory situation regarding its new Intel-based products."

I went to a seafood disco last week...and pulled a mussel.

Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"