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Alienware 17R5 gaming laptop
Reviewer's Guide

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Overview

The new Alienware 17 is for consumers looking for a gaming notebook that prioritizes screen size, gaming performance and overall immersion above all else. This is our new flagship notebook – that is VR-capable while being more powerful, and thinner, than its predecessor with superior construction and newly added support for optional Tobii eye-tracking technology providing a new way to experience your PC and feel the game. Performance-wise, the new generation of Alienware laptops are engineered to support factory-overclocked NVIDIA's 10-series GeForce graphics, the new Intel Core, and up to 2666 MHz DDR4 memory. This new generation introduces the 8th generation Intel CPUs with the Core i9 K-series processors supporting dynamic overclocking at new starting at price point of \$1,599 in the US.

Gamers looking for more upgradability and functionality, will be able to connect the optional Alienware Graphics Amplifier which allows for the latest AMD and NVIDIA desktop graphics.



Design and Materials

Our industrial design includes materials ranging from anodized aluminum, magnesium alloy, steel reinforced keys, and copper thermal modules. The choices have been made to deliver high quality construction, where high performance is expected, and the ultimate experience is desired.

The chassis design delivers increased total system ventilation and enables a higher TDP with most of the thermal dissipation occurring towards the rear. Our hinge-forward design has enabled more rear I/O, improved audio, larger internal fans with improved acoustic pitch and a 25% thinner Alienware 15. Even the speaker design and audio quality has improved thanks to the design approach.

Our finishing process enables reduced “smudginess” and fingerprinting residue on the palm rest.

The steel-reinforced Alienware TactX keyboard is designed for uniform feedback while typing plus a numeric keypad and 9 programmable keys designed to help the gamer feel at home, and in control, wherever they are. The TactX keyboard introduces an optimized RGB LED lighting articulation designed for a better lighting than the predecessor and each key has a full 2.2mm of gaming-grade travel.

This top cover incorporates anodized aluminum and features the iconic Alien head. The Alienware 17 includes 13 programmable AlienFX lighting zones which can also be used by supported game titles.

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Key Advantages

- » Upgraded Thermal Technology (Alienware Cryo-Tech V2.0) with 50% thinner blades and a vapor chamber on the CPU. It still features its oversized fin stacks for increased cooling benefits.
- » Premium materials such as anodized aluminum, magnesium alloy, steel-reinforcements, and copper thermal management to ensure a level of stiffness, rigidity, thinness, and high-quality feel all without sacrificing gaming performance.
- » Accessibility to internal components is easy with bottom door mechanism and is also constructed using aluminum for high rigidity without impacting thinness.
- » The highest performance available with factory-overclocked NVIDIA based graphics cards using GDDR5 and GDDR5X video memory
- » Support for desktop graphics cards from NVIDIA or AMD with the optional Alienware Graphics Amplifier
- » Tobii Eye-tracking configurations support exclusive features ranging from intelligent system presence detection, power and security management, game coaching and exclusive capabilities leveraging your gaze with, downloadable, Overwolf software.
- » Full sized keyboard that includes a numeric keypad and 9 user-programmable keys providing up to 19 distinct functions per application or game
- » All display options feature an anti-glare finish with 300-nits (or above) in brightness
- » Optional 120Hz TN+WVA 400-nits display designed with NVIDIA G-SYNC technology
- » Powered by a 68 Watt-hour Lithium Ion battery with an optional 99 Watt-hour batter, the highest legal limit watt-hour battery – capable of delivering up to 10 hours of battery life on the Alienware 17.
- » Over 80 quadrillion lighting combinations via 13 unique programmable lighting zones with up to 20 distinct colors
- » Audio output has a speaker design that includes internal smart-amps used to monitor the audio waveforms enabling the use of the entire thermal margin of the speaker enabling louder sound.
- » All configurations include Killer Networks e2500 Gigabit Ethernet NIC and optionally Killer Wireless 1550 2x2 AC and Bluetooth 5.0
- » Includes 3 USB 3.0 ports, one of which includes PowerShare technology
- » Includes 1 Thunderbolt™ 3 Port (USB Type-C™ with support for SuperSpeed USB 10Gbps, 40Gbps Thunderbolt, and DisplayPort)



Key Optional Features

- » LCD: 17.3 inch UHD (3840 x 2160) IPS 300-nits, Tobii Eye-tracking and NVIDIA GSYNC enabled
- » CPU: 8th Generation Intel® Core™ i9-8950HK (6-Core, 12MB Cache, Overclocking up to 5.0GHz)
- » Graphics: Up to NVIDIA® GeForce® GTX 1080 with 8GB GDDR5X Overclocked
- » Memory: Up to 16GB DDR4 at 2667MHz (2x 8GB) or 32GB DDR4 at 2400MHz (2x 16GB)
- » Hard Drive: Up to 3TB w/ [1TB PCIe SSD (Boot) + 1TB PCIe SSD (Storage) + 1TB 7200RPM SATA 6Gb/s (Storage)]

Presence Detection across the portfolio

A REVOLUTIONARY WAY TO USE YOUR GAMING PC



Eye Tracking in PC Gaming, Streaming & eSports

- » Eye tracking takes in-game immersion to the next level, offering support in over 100 game titles with eye tracking features such as:
 - » Experience a wider field of view by moving the camera in the direction you're looking and get increased situational awareness with simultaneous head tracking.
 - » HUD elements becomes transparent when you're not looking at them to avoid clutter.
 - » Your character's eyes will adapt to different lighting scenarios in a natural and realistic way.
 - » Interact with items by natural selection using just your eyes.
- » Tobii Gaming's free application, Streaming Gaze Overlay, record and display players eye movements during gameplay.
- » It adds a new layer of insight in both streaming and recorded video content both for the viewers and the player.

Eye Tracking in Windows

- » The Tobii Eye Tracking Core Software adds eye tracking interaction features to Windows 10. The features supplement the use of a mouse and keyboard to make the computing experience more natural and intuitive.
 - » Enables secure login through facial recognition.
 - » Intuitive interaction, navigation and selection features.
 - » Compatible with Windows Eye Control.

Alienware Exclusive Features on Alienware 17 with Tobii Eye-Tracking

System Intelligence / Reflexes:

Armed with more information, including your attention and position in front of your notebook, power usage can be optimized and security profiles may be triggered. Some of these translate to exclusives including:

- Wake on gaze
- Dim
- AlienFX lighting integration

Realistic Gaming Functions:

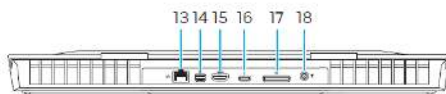
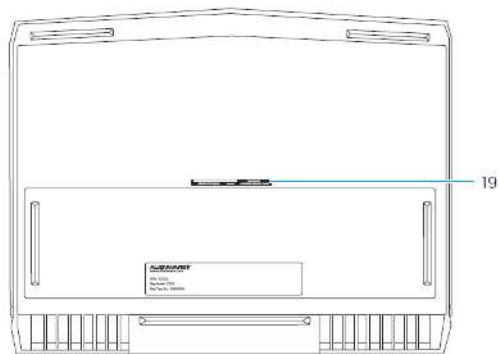
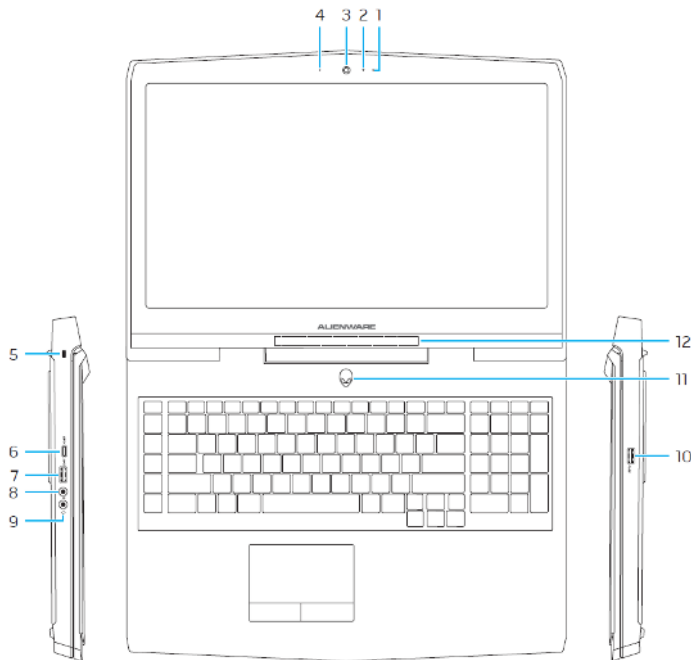
Using your eyes as an additional input your presence, eye movement and head movement let you aim, look, and signal during gameplay.

- Major partnerships include Avalanche, Square-Enix, Starbreeze, SteelSeries and Ubisoft.
- Expect ~100 games in 2017

Game Coaching / Analytics:

Get deeper analysis on your in-game hand-eye coordination with Overwolf apps. Now able to track, stream, record and replay your gaze pattern, you can gain better insight into your gaming technique and understand how your attention and coordination work together. Replay in-game deaths, understand your exploration patterns and even view in-game metrics to track your own progress.

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Key Features and Ports

1. Right microphone
2. Camera status light
3. Camera
4. Left microphone
5. Noble Lock port (cable and lock sold separately)
6. SuperSpeed USB 3.0 Type-C Port
7. SuperSpeed USB 3.0 Type-A Port with PowerShare technology
8. Headphone 1/8" Port (retaskable for Microphone/Line-In analog audio input)
9. Audio Out 1/8" Ports (Compatible with inline mic headset)
10. SuperSpeed USB 3.0 Type-A Port
11. Power button (Alien head)
12. Tobii IR Eye-tracker (optional)
13. RJ-45 Killer Networks e2500 Gigabit Ethernet Port
14. Mini-Display Port 1.2 (certified) Output
15. HDMI 2.0 Output
16. Thunderbolt™ 3 Port (USB Type-C™ with support for SuperSpeed USB 10Gbps, 40Gbps Thunderbolt, and DisplayPort)
17. Alienware Graphics Amplifier Port
18. Power-adaptor Port
19. Service Tag label

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Tech Specs

Display and Chassis Details

Display Details

17.3 inch FHD (1920 x 1080) IPS Anti-Glare 300-nits Display (Standard)
17.3 inch FHD (1920 x 1080) IPS Anti-Glare 300-nits Display with Tobii IR Eye-tracking
17.3 inch QHD (2560 x 1440) 120Hz TN+WVA Anti-Glare 400-nits NVIDIA G-SYNC Enabled Display with Tobii IR Eye-tracking
17.3 inch UHD (3840 x 2160) IPS Anti-Glare 300-nits Display with Tobii IR Eye-tracking

Exterior Chassis Color

Epic Silver

System Dimensions

Height: 29.9 mm. (1.181 in.)
Depth: 332 mm. (13.1 in.)
Width: 424 mm. (16.7 in.)
Average weight: 4.42 Kgs. (9.74 Lbs.)*

Battery Details

Lithium Ion (68 Wh) Battery (Standard)

Lithium Ion (99 Wh) Battery

Integrated Camera Details

Alienware HD resolution camera with IR presence detection
Alienware FHD camera for systems with Tobii Eye-tracking presence detection (Optional)
Windows Hello technology

AlienFX Lighting Zones

13 unique programmable zones with up to 20 distinct colors providing over 80 quadrillion lighting combinations

Keyboard

Alienware TactX Keyboard
4-Zone, multi-color RGB, keyboard with AlienFX lighting controls and numeric keypad
9 user-programmable keys providing up to 19 distinct functions per application or game

Touchpad Details

Backlit button image sensor trackpad with all-points addressable (APA)

A/C Adapters

180W (Standard)
240W
330W

Processor Options and Core Logic

Mobile Intel® CM238 Chipset

Intel® Core™ i7-7700HQ (Quad-Core, 6MB Cache, up to 3.8GHz w/ Turbo Boost) (Standard)

Intel® Core™ i7-7820HK (Quad-Core, 8MB Cache, Overclocking up to 4.4GHz)

Graphics' Options

Intel® HD graphics 630 (Standard)

NVIDIA® GeForce® GTX 1050 Ti with 2GB GDDR5 (Standard)

NVIDIA® GeForce® GTX 1060 with 6GB GDDR5

AMD Radeon™ RX 470 with 8GB GDDR5

NVIDIA® GeForce® GTX 1070 with 8GB GDDR5

NVIDIA® GeForce® GTX 1080 with 8GB GDDR5X

Memory' Options

8GB DDR4 at 2400MHz (1x8GB) (Standard)

8GB DDR4 at 2667MHz (1x8GB)

16GB DDR4 at 2400MHz (2x8GB)

16GB DDR4 at 2667MHz (2x18B)

32GB DDR4 at 2400MHz (2x16GB)

Memory Slots

2-SODIMMs

Storage' Options

180GB M.2 SATA 6Gb/s SSD (Standard)

1TB 7200RPM SATA 6Gb/s

128GB M.2 SATA 6Gb/s SSD (Boot) + 1TB 7200RPM SATA 6Gb/s (Storage)

180GB M.2 SATA 6Gb/s SSD (Boot) + 1TB 7200RPM SATA 6Gb/s (Storage)

256GB PCIe SSD (Boot) + 1TB 7200RPM SATA 6Gb/s (Storage)

512GB PCIe SSD (Boot) + 1TB 7200RPM SATA 6Gb/s (Storage)

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Audio, Networking and Wireless

Audio Details

Alienware Sound Center and Audio Recon software

2.1 Speaker configuration includes subwoofer

7.1 Digital Audio out using HDMI out connection

Networking and Wi-Fi Details

Killer Networks e2500 Gigabit Ethernet NIC (Standard)

Killer 1435 802.11ac 2x2 WiFi and Bluetooth 4.1 (Standard)

Killer 1535 802.11ac 2x2 WiFi and Bluetooth 4.1

External Chassis Connections

(1x) Power/DC-in Jack

(1x) RJ-45 Killer Networks e2500 Gigabit Ethernet Port

(1x) Type-A SuperSpeed USB 3.0 Port

(1x) Type-A SuperSpeed USB 3.0 Port with PowerShare technology

(1x) Type-C SuperSpeed USB 3.0 Port

(1x) Thunderbolt™ 3 Port (USB Type-C™ with support for SuperSpeed USB 10Gbps, 40Gbps Thunderbolt, and DisplayPort)

(1x) Alienware Graphics Amplifier Port

(1x) HDMI 2.0 Output

(1x) Mini-Display Port 1.2 (certified) Output

(1x) Audio Out 1/8" Ports (Compatible with inline mic headset)

(1x) Headphone 1/8" Port (retaskable for Microphone/Line-In analog audio input)

(1x) Noble Lock port (cable and lock sold separately)

Software

Operating System Options (Varies by Region)

Windows® 10 (64-bit) (Standard)

Windows® 10 Pro (64-bit)

Alienware Command Center

AlienFX™

AlienFusion

AlienAdrenaline w/ Accelerator

Alienware TactX™

Alienware Presence Detection Software

Tobii Eye Tracking Software

Windows Hello Technology

Overwolf



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Alienware Graphics Amplifier FAQ

General Information

What is the Alienware Graphics Amplifier?

Normally with notebooks, a user is limited to the graphics that is built into the notebook – limiting upgrades. Now with Alienware's new line of thin gaming notebooks there is a new port – the Alienware Graphics Amplifier port. This proprietary port connects to an external device that allows a user to add a standard, off-the-shelf, industry standard desktop graphics card up to 375w to their Alienware 13, 15 or 17 notebook.

What does the Alienware Graphics Amplifier do?

When connected to a new Alienware 13, 15, or 17 notebook or Alpha R2, the graphics card a user installs into the Alienware Graphics Amplifier becomes the graphics card used by the Alienware notebook. This external card powers the notebooks LCD and the notebooks Mini-Display and HDMI ports just as if it were physically installed on the notebook motherboard. In addition, users can plug displays directly into the graphics card installed in the Amplifier.

While these new notebooks offer the latest generation of high performance mobile graphics from AMD and NVIDIA, the Alienware Graphics Amplifier allows customers to have true desktop graphics performance in their new Alienware notebook today – and future proofs their purchase by allowing them to add new generations of desktop graphics card in the coming years.

How does it compare to the Thunderbolt 3 Graphics Extension solutions

Alienware Graphics Amplifier	Thunderbolt 3 Graphics extension
Dedicated 4 lanes of PCIe Gen 3 bandwidth for the GPU, and a separate dedicated USB channel for the hub	Thunderbolt 3 can use 2 or 4 lanes but shares bandwidth with any other dock components such as USB, LAN, etc.
Supports up to NVIDIA GTX Titan X or AMD R9 Fury and wide variety of previous generation GFX cards (AMD 300/200 series, AMD HD 8000/7000/6000/5000 series and NV 900/700/600 series)	Supports up to NVIDIA GTX Titan X or AMD R9 Fury and limited amount of previous generation GFX cards(AMD 300/200 series and NV 900/700 series)
Connects to Alienware via PCIe proprietary cable	Connects to via thunderbolt cable

What is the difference between PCI Express Gen3x4 lanes and Intel Thunderbolt 3 Plug and Play?

Thunderbolt 3 technology is based on a platform with shared bandwidth. Alienware's amplifier uses "raw/unmuxed/filtered" PCI Express Gen3 lanes and will never share, or compromise, the bandwidth to your system's GPU. Instead, it provides reserved high bandwidth directly to your system's GPU with one unique cable connection. The Thunderbolt 3 specification is capable of either two or four lanes of PCIe depending on the OEM's implementation of Intel's technology. Alienware gains an advantage by having these lanes dedicated to graphics that are not shared by LAN, USB or display ports.

NVIDIA SLI, AMD Crossfire, 4K and VR

Is NVIDIA SLI supported with an Alienware 17 when combined with an Alienware Graphics Amplifier including an NVIDIA graphics card?

No. When using an Alienware Graphics Amplifier, the internal graphics processor is disabled. However, NVIDIA Optimus technology continues to function with the on-board Intel graphics processor and the GPU in the graphics amplifier.

Is 4K gaming at 60Hz a possibility with my Alienware 17?

Yes. This type of experience may require an Alienware Graphics Amplifier, a high-end graphics card capable of supporting 4K gaming at 60Hz, and a display capable of supporting 4K/60Hz. Your 4K display needs to be connected directly onto the Alienware Graphics Amplifier.

Can you run Virtual Reality through the Alienware Graphics Amp?

The short answer is Yes, but it does depend on the system specs of the computer and the graphics card in the Graphics amp. Users should follow the recommended specs for VR and check out the certified VR ready PC's as posted by HTC or Oculus. For VR through an Alienware Graphics Amplifier on the Alienware 17, we would recommend 8 GB of memory or higher and an Intel Core i7 or Core i7k processor in the system. Do note, VR setups using the Alienware Graphics Amplifier are not a supported configuration of either the Oculus Ready or HTC Vive Optimized programs and each setup will vary in the ease of use and compatibility.

Displays Support

How many displays can I use with my Alienware 17?

The Alienware 17, without an Alienware Graphics Amplifier, can power up to three independent displays, including its own LCD. The other two would be driven from the HDMI and mini-DP outputs on the rear of the laptop. The output of each display can be customized within the driver.

How many displays can I use with my Alienware 17 when combined with an Alienware Graphics Amplifier?

The total number depends on what graphics card you have inside your Alienware Graphics Amplifier. This total is the sum of the number of displays supported by the graphics card inside the amplifier plus the three, natively supported, displays from your Alienware 15.

Can I experience NVIDIA Surround or AMD Eyefinity with my Alienware 17 when combined with my Alienware Graphics Amplifier?

These features are enabled if the graphics card inside the Alienware Graphics Amplifier supports them. If supported, the only displays that would be eligible would be the one's connected directly to the Alienware Graphics Amplifier. Please refer to NVIDIA or AMD's guidance for these technologies with single-GPU configurations.

Upgradability

What desktop GPUs are supported by the Alienware Graphics Amplifier?

The table below contains the list of cards known to be supported with the Alienware Graphics Amplifier (as of November 25, 2014). Any new single graphics card that does not exceed a 375W power requirement, and does not exceed 10.5 inches in length, while occupying no more than two slots will also be supported. Older graphics cards that do not appear on this list, are not supported.

Where can I get the drivers for the graphics card I intend to install in my Alienware Graphics Amplifier?

If your card is within the list shown on this page, you can get the driver from Dell.com or the graphics vendor's website (NVIDIA.com or AMD.com).

NVIDIA	AMD
GTX 1080	Radeon™ RX 480
GTX 1070	Radeon™ RX 470
GTX 1060	Radeon™ RX 460
GTX TITAN X	R9 Fury
GTX 980 ti	R9 Nano
GTX 980	R9 300 Series
GTX 970	R9 290x
GTX 960	R9 290
GTX TITAN Black	R9 285
GTX TITAN	R9 280x
GTX 780 ti	R9 280
GTX 780	R9 270x
GTX 770	R9 270
GTX 760 ti (OEM)	HD 8990 (OEM)
GTX 760 192-bit (OEM)	HD 8970 (OEM)
GTX 750 ti	HD 8950 (OEM)
GTX 750	HD 8870 (OEM)
GTX 690	HD 8770 (OEM)
GTX 680	HD 7990
GTX 670	HD 7970
GTX 660 ti	HD 7950
GTX 660 1.5 GB / 3 GB (OEM)	HD 7870
GTX 660 (Non-OEM)	HD 6990
	HD 5970

Will the Alienware Graphics Amplifier support future generation graphics cards from NVIDIA and AMD?

Yes.

What kind of warranty can I expect included with the Alienware Graphics Amplifier?

The Alienware Graphics Amplifier comes with a standard 1-year warranty. When purchased with an Alienware 13, 15, or 17 R2 laptop, your Alienware Graphics Amplifier will inherit the warranty that you select at the time of purchase.

AlienFX Supported Titles

Over 100 titles supported by AlienFX, and counting

List available online, here: <https://na.alienwarearena.com/groups/alienfx/links>

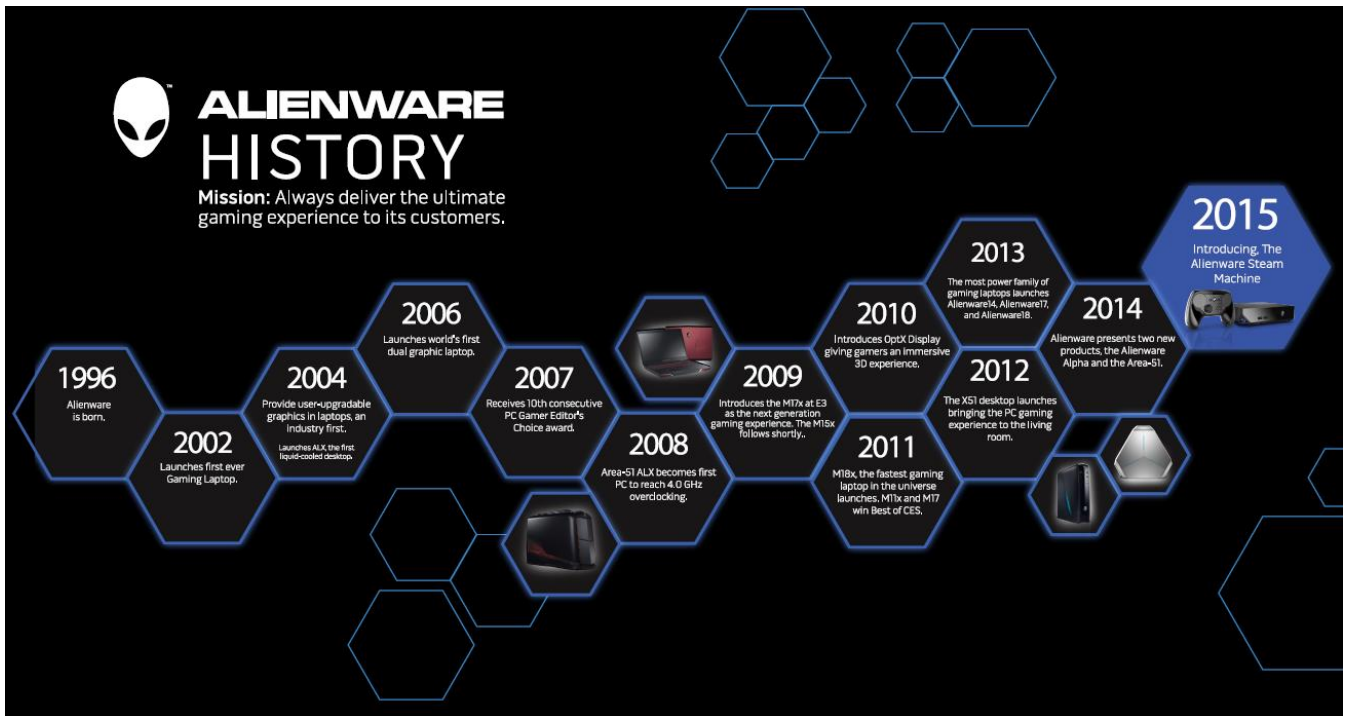
- [9 Dragons](#)
- [AirMech](#)
- [Albino Lullaby: Episode 1](#)
- [Alien Rage - Unlimited](#)
- [Anomaly 2](#)
- [Anomaly Defenders](#)
- [APB: Reloaded](#)
- [Arms Dealer](#)
- [Battlefield 3](#)
- [Beatbuddy: Tale of the Guardians](#)
- [Blacklight Retribution](#)
- [Blacklight Tango Down](#)
- [Bloodline Champions](#)
- [Broforce](#)
- [Bust-N-Rush](#)
- [Calibre 10 Racing](#)
- [Chime Sharp](#)
- [Cities XL](#)
- [City of Heroes](#)
- [Coffin Dodgers](#)
- [Company of Heroes 2](#)
- [CryEngine](#)
- [DARK](#)
- [Dark Void](#)
- [Daylight](#)
- [Deadfall Adventures](#)
- [Defenders of Time](#)
- [Defense Grid Containment](#)
- [Defense Grid: The Awakening](#)
- [Dungeon Defenders Eternity](#)
- [Dungeon Defenders II](#)
- [Dungeon Siege III](#)
- [Dungeon Souls](#)
- [Dungeons](#)
- [Dungeons and Dragons Online](#)
- [Dungeons: The Dark Lord](#)
- [Dying Light](#)
- [Dying Light: The Bozak Horde](#)
- [Dyscourse](#)
- [Elegy for a Dead World](#)
- [Enter The Gungeon](#)
- [Eve Online](#)
- [Fable III](#)
- [Factions: Origins of Malu](#)
- [Fallen Earth](#)
- [Forced Showdown](#)
- [Gauntlet](#)
- [Girls Like Robots](#)
- [Guild Wars 2](#)
- [Guild Wars 2: Heart of Thorns](#)
- [Gunscape](#)
- [Hacknet](#)
- [Hamilton's Great Adventure](#)
- [Haunted House](#)
- [HAWKEN](#)
- [Heroes Must Die](#)
- [Heroes of Newerth](#)
- [Hotline Miami](#)
- [Hover: Revolt Of Gamers](#)
- [Imagine Me](#)
- [iTunes](#)
- [Jumpgate Evolution](#)
- [Knight Squad](#)
- [Krater](#)
- [Lead and Gold](#)
- [League of Legends](#)
- [Lego Universe](#)
- [Loadout](#)
- [Lord of Rings War in the North](#)
- [Lord of the Rings Online](#)
- [M.A.V.](#)
- [Magic 2015 Duels of the PlanesWalkers](#)
- [Magic The Gathering: Duels of the PlanesWalkers 2012](#)
- [Magic The Gathering: Duels of the PlanesWalkers 2013](#)
- [Magic The Gathering: Duels of the PlanesWalkers 2014](#)
- [Mass Effect 3](#)
- [Mech Runner](#)
- [Metro Last Light](#)
- [Microvolts Surge](#)
- [Middle Earth: Shadow of Mordor](#)
- [Mushroom Men: Truffle Trouble](#)
- [Need For Speed World](#)
- [Neverending Nightmares](#)
- [Neverwinter](#)
- [Nexuiz](#)
- [No Time to Explain](#)
- [Orcs Must Die 2](#)
- [Overlord II](#)
- [Overture](#)
- [Painkiller Hell & Damnation](#)
- [Party Hard](#)
- [Payday 2](#)
- [Payday The Heist](#)
- [Primal Carnage: Extinction](#)
- [Quantum Conundrum](#)
- [Race the Sun](#)
- [Ravaged](#)
- [Recoil](#)
- [Rise of Immortals: Battle For Graxia](#)
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- [SMITE](#)
- [Spacecom](#)
- [SPAZ](#)
- [Special Forces: Team X](#)
- [Stagelight](#)
- [Star Trek Online](#)
- [Star Trek Online: New Dawn](#)
- [Stellaris](#)
- [Supreme Commander 2](#)
- [The Counting Kingdom](#)
- [The Talos Principle](#)
- [The Witcher 2 Assassins of Kings: Enhanced Edition](#)
- [The Witcher: Enhanced Edition](#)
- [This War of Mine](#)
- [Transcripted](#)
- [Tribes Ascend](#)
- [Warhammer Quest](#)
- [Warhammer: Vermintide](#)
- [Wildstar](#)
- [Windows Media PLayer](#)
- [World of Tanks](#)
- [Xcom](#)
- [Zombie Party](#)
- [Zombie Playground](#)



ALWAYS INNOVATING.
ALWAYS LEADING.

Since our most humble beginnings, our efforts have always been centered on the passion for gaming and what makes gamers thrive. Over 20 years ago making a gaming PC was difficult. As gamers ourselves, we recognized that from the beginning and decided to build rigs that simply did not exist, all for the effort of keeping gamers focus on their love for the game. We took on a quest to make the joy of PC gaming easily available and as immersive as possible while pushing the limits of gaming technology.

Today our focus hasn't changed and we are more than ever devoted to delivering the most immersive gaming experiences on the planet. In between is a history of firsts, hard lessons learned, and an ever-evolving product line that has excited fans around the globe. For two decades we have been there for you and we do not intend to stop. For the past two decades we have innovated for the love of gaming and we look forward to doing the same for the world over the next two.



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System Information

Alienware, under the guidance of Dell Inc., provides this equipment for evaluation purposes only.

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Brief Historical Timeline

- 1996 – Alienware incorporates
- 1997 – sales begin and we get a first review in Boot Magazine
- 1998 – Alienware wins PC Gamer Editor’s Choice award
- 1999 – First with custom painted desktops. First to offer 16-bit and 32-bit graphics and sound cards, allowing gamers to play DOS and Windows games on the same PC
- 2000 – First game partnership, “Sacrifice”
- 2001 – New hydraulic doors on desktops (reminiscent of the doors in Star Trek)
- 2003 – Predator chassis launches. “Skullcap” ID launches on notebooks. Video Array – first dual graphics gaming proof of concept.
- 2004 – First user-upgradeable graphics in notebooks. First liquid cooled gaming systems. Launch of ALX. Launch of AlienAdrenaline software
- 2005 – Partners with Lucas Films for Star Wars Edition PC
- 2006 – Come Out & Play social network launches. Dell acquires Alienware. World’s first dual graphics notebook launches. Predator 2 desktop chassis launches and is our first product to incorporate programmable AlienFX lighting.
- 2007 – Hangar 18 launches. AlienContact launches. Alienware becomes a triple threat winning Computer Shopper awards in each category – Best Gaming Notebook, Best Performance DT, and Best Media Center
- 2008 – First PC gaming company to reach, sell, and ship a PC overclocked to 4.0GHz with the Area-51 ALX desktop. New, grounds up, designed M15x and M17x notebooks launch. Alien Network launches. Alienware joins Twitter.
- 2009 – Complete new Alienware desktop portfolio launches at Tokyo Game Show. M17x launches at E3. Alienware is now in 87 countries. Alienware becomes Dell’s primary gaming brand. Alienware joins Facebook.
- 2010 – M11x launches and wins multiple awards. Is the first “11” gaming notebook. OptX branded monitors launch. Alienware Arena community site takes off.
- 2011 – M18x fastest gaming notebook in the universe launches
- 2012 – X51 launches and starts a revolution amongst SFF gaming PCs
- 2013 – The new EPIC industrial design is introduced with three new notebooks: Alienware 14, 17 and 18
- 2014 – The new Alienware Alpha, Area-51, and Alienware graphics amplifier launch
- 2015 – We made a strong push towards Community Engagement. i.e. our YouTube, Twitch, Alienware Arena and overall social media strategy grew
- 2015 – Alienware makes inroads towards a leadership position in VR with a new Oculus partnership