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Thread: [\[RESOURCE\] Cases for the budget and enthusiast buyer](#)

CyberneticTitan - November 5, 2013, 7:23 pm

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I created a thread so we can share our ideas on cases we include when a member asks us for a PC build.

Some people have different tastes in aesthetics such as color, shape, and visual appeal.

This project is more like a database that we can constantly read off of.

Contributions are highly welcome.

These cases should contain these qualities:

Great airflow
Expandable storage
Great build quality

Extra qualities:

Room for SLI/Crossfire
Room for a radiator

PRICES ARE IN US DOLLARS AND LINKS ARE TO AMERICAN PCPARTPICKER.
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\$50 OR BELOW:

Antec GX700 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)
Antec One (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)
Azza SIRIUS (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)
BitFenix Comrade (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#) (Black) - [LINK](#) (White)
Cooler Master Elite 110 (Mini ITX Tower) [LINK](#)
Cooler Master Elite 130 (Mini ITX Tower) [LINK](#)
Cooler Master Elite 430 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)
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[img]http://www.rage3d.com/reviews/cases/coolermaster_elite_430_black//pics/elite430intro.jpg[/img]

Cooler Master N200 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)
Corsair 200R (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)
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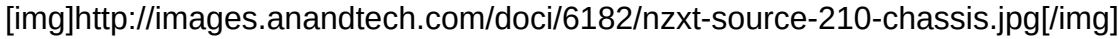
Corsair Carbide SPEC-01, SPEC-02, and SPEC-03 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)
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Enermax OSTROG (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)

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Fractal Design Core 1000 USB3.0 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)

NZXT Source 210 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#) (White) - [LINK](#) (Black)

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NZXT Source 210 Elite (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#) (White) - [LINK](#) (Black)

Spoiler ([Click to View](#))



NZXT Source 220 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)

Spoiler ([Click to View](#))



Rosewill CHALLENGER (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)

Spoiler ([Click to View](#))



Thermaltake V3 Black AMD Edition (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#) (Not on PCPartPicker)

Zalman Z5 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)

Spoiler ([Click to View](#))



Zalman Z9 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)

Spoiler ([Click to View](#))

Zalman Z11 Plus (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)

Spoiler ([Click to View](#))

\$50 - 100:

Antec Nine Hundred (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)

Antec P280 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#) (White) - [LINK](#) (Black)

Azza Solano 1000R (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)

BitFenix Shinobi (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)

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BitFenix Shinobi with Window (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#) (Black) - [LINK](#) (White)

Corsair 300R (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)

Corsair 350D (Micro ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#) - [LINK](#) (Window)

Corsair Air 240 (Micro ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#) (White) - [LINK](#) (Black)

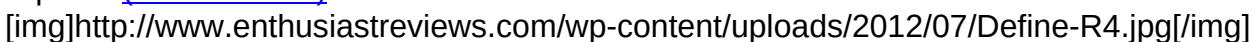
Cooler Master HAF 912 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)

Cooler Master N600 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#) - [LINK](#) (Windowed)

Fractal Design Arc Midi R2 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)

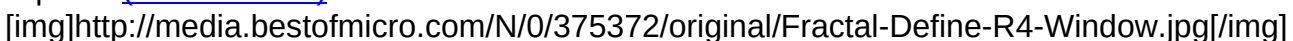
Fractal Design Define R4 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#) (Arctic White) - [LINK](#) (Black Pearl) - [LINK](#) (Titanium Grey)

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Fractal Design Define R4 with Window (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#) (Arctic White) - [LINK](#) (Black Pearl) - [LINK](#) (Titanium Grey)

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Fractal Design Core 3000 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)

Fractal Design Node 304 (Mini ITX Tower) [LINK](#)

NZXT Phantom 410 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#) (Black) - [LINK](#) (Gunmetal/Black) - [LINK](#) (Red) - [LINK](#) (White) - [LINK](#) (White/Blue)

NZXT H230 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#) (Black) - [LINK](#) (White)

NZXT S340 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#) (Black) - [LINK](#) (White)

Rosewill R5 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)

Silverstone TJ08B-E (Micro ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)

\$100 OR MORE:

Antec Twelve Hundred V3 (ATX Full Tower) [LINK](#)
Thermaltake Chaser MK-I (VN300M1W2N) (ATX Full Tower) [LINK](#)
Corsair 450D (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)
Corsair 500R (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#) (Black) - [LINK](#) (White)
Corsair 600T (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#) (Black) - [LINK](#) (Silver) - [LINK](#) (Graphite)
Corsair 650D (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#)
Corsair 750D (ATX Full Tower) [LINK](#)
Corsair 780T (ATX Full Tower) [LINK](#) (Black/White) - [LINK](#) (Black)
Corsair 900D (ATX Full Tower) [LINK](#)
Corsair Air 540 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#) (White/Black) - [LINK](#) (Black)
Cooler Master Cosmos II (ATX Full Tower) [LINK](#)
Cooler Master HAF 932 (ATX Full Tower) [LINK](#)
Cooler Master HAF XB (ATX Desktop) [LINK](#)
Cooler Master Storm Stryker (ATX Full Tower) [LINK](#)
NZXT Phantom (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#) (Black) - [LINK](#) (Black/Green) - [LINK](#) (Black/Orange) - [LINK](#) (White) - [LINK](#) (White/Red)
NZXT H440 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#) (Black/White) - [LINK](#) (Red/Black)
NZXT Phantom 530 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#) (Black) - [LINK](#) (Red) - [LINK](#) (White)
NZXT Phantom 630 (ATX Mid Tower) [LINK](#) (Gunmetal) - [LINK](#) (Matte Black) - [LINK](#) (White)
NZXT Switch 810 (ATX Full Tower) [LINK](#) (Black) - [LINK](#) (Gunmetal) - [LINK](#) (White)
NZXT Phantom 820 (ATX Full Tower) [LINK](#) (Black) - [LINK](#) (Grey) - [LINK](#) (White)
Phanteks Enthoo Pro (ATX Full Tower) [LINK](#)

Special notes:

- A considerable percentage of NZXT cases are covered in plastic. The insides are mostly metal. The NZXT S340 is pure metal/aluminium.
- The NZXT H440 has no 5.25 inch bays, so no DVD drives and such if you choose that build.
- Pricing may fluctuate. This list does not take in mail-in-rebates.

Cases that fit the H100i (Chose H100i because seems to be the most popular of the AIO water coolers)

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<http://www.overclock.net/t/1144409/h80-h80i-h90-h100-h100i-h110-case-compatibility-thread-page-1-for-full-listings>

elemein - November 5, 2013, 7:31 pm

This article helps a bit:

<http://www.tomshardware.com/reviews/antec-gx700-cooler-master-storm-scout-2-advanced-in-win-gt1,3512-10.html>

Moreso for mid-high end builds as they're all over 50\$ but under 100\$.

Cyne - November 5, 2013, 7:50 pm

Arc Midi R2 is a superb case and fits all those requirements.

The ? End - November 5, 2013, 7:54 pm

Want a case with good airflow? Check out the Antec Lanboy Air.

K?ala - November 5, 2013, 8:08 pm

NZXT Switch 810 and NZXT Source 530

The Walking Glitch - November 5, 2013, 9:28 pm

Add the Antec 1200V3 to the "over \$100" section. I have one for my desktop, and all I can say is that it kicks ass, it's huge, and it's built like a tank, and the airflow is OVER 9000!! cfm. It's also very quiet when you have the fans turned down, just a low hum. Only fault I can find with it is that you can only shut the LEDs from one fan off, the rest are always on.

CyberneticTitan - November 5, 2013, 10:59 pm

Updated the case list.

Will work on H100i compatibility tomorrow.

I would like for everyone to use this thread when making a build.

?Cloud - November 14, 2013, 4:36 pm

I don't think anyone wants to click on 200 links, it would be much better if you just embedded a picture of each case into this thread.

CyberneticTitan - November 14, 2013, 4:48 pm

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Anything wrong with using spoilers?

CyberneticTitan - November 14, 2013, 5:05 pm

(Nov 14, 2013 05:59 PM)?Cloud Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Anything wrong with using spoilers?

Oh I thought images loaded regardless.

What angle should the images be?

?Cloud - November 14, 2013, 5:42 pm

An isometric angle is good (can see three sides of the case).

Loomaanaatii - November 14, 2013, 5:48 pm

Nice case list. This will help alot of people who cant decide on a case.

Seaquake - November 14, 2013, 5:50 pm

AZZA Solano 1000 is a good case, it has those LEDs too which everyone loves.

kristopher - November 14, 2013, 6:13 pm

I am fine without the images CyberneticTitan. In fact, I would rather just be linked to the webpage because that will tell you the specs and everything. From the webpage, I can find images.

Don't judge a book by it's cover when it comes to cases. The picture can throw everything off, especially your perception of how big the case is compared to others in the thread.

?Cloud - November 14, 2013, 6:15 pm

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kristopher - November 14, 2013, 6:25 pm

(Nov 14, 2013 07:15 PM)?Cloud Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You can easily make it so the images link to the website and you have an idea of what the case looks like before you click it.

Sure you can, but I just think that it is unnecessary. I don't know if you are talking about the same thing that I am. Anyway, most manufacturers have a trademark design that they follow for all their cases. So if you know what the basic Corsair 200r case looks like, you'll have an idea of what the 300r looks like. Again, this is not the 'case' for all cases. Some versions look different than others, but nonetheless, it is unnecessary to provide pictures of everything. This thread was meant to serve as an accessible resource to find different cases for certain price ranges, not to serve as a gallery/comparison article.

If you wanted to compare a couple cases, you could make a new thread highlighting the differences between the best case in each price range. That would be a great time to add pictures.

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"Some people have different tastes in aesthetics such as color, shape, and visual appeal."

It kind of is meant to compare cases. I see nothing wrong with adding pictures (no cons at all) and only pros (no point in choosing a case if it looks ugly, so you might as well save time and not click the case in the first place). The main purpose of this thread is to help members find cases. You don't go to a car dealership website and only look at the names of the cars, most people like looking at pictures too.

Again, as I suggested, pictures could be added in spoilers for those who like to look at the case before choosing it.

CyberneticTitan - November 14, 2013, 6:42 pm

Maximum of 15 pictures per message so I will only add images to the 0-50 and some 50-100.

learn4r - November 14, 2013, 6:53 pm

Go search my thread history and look up my old case thread, it will probably help.

Arm4L1t3 - November 14, 2013, 6:59 pm

This case (currently \$50, used to be \$40 though) is pretty good. I got it for the aesthetics but it turned out to be okay.

It's the black/red AMD themed case with a scorpion on the side panel.

<http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16811133200>

?Cloud - November 14, 2013, 7:30 pm

(Nov 14, 2013 07:59 PM)Arm4L1t3 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This case (currently \$50, used to be \$40 though) is pretty good. I got it for the aesthetics but it turned out to be okay.

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I have that same case (Non AMD edition though), it came free with my motherboard or something around 2-3 years ago. Still using it today, it's pretty nice.

Magicmann - November 25, 2013, 8:04 pm

I'm not sure if it's been mentioned, but at \$59.99 the Cooler Master HAF-912 meets all of the requirements listed. I use it for my own build, and it's a great case. I'll update with some pictures.

<http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16811119272>

HellDriven - November 25, 2013, 8:53 pm

- This is just my personal opinion from personal experience.. I'm using the Thermaltake chaser MK-1.. http://www.thermaltake.com.au/products-model.aspx?id=C_00001719

I have 4x 200mm fans, Lots of space. and all the cables are tucked away. Work's great in my opinion. But it is a fairly large case.

Rezid - November 25, 2013, 10:08 pm

The link to the Tempest 210 links to the white Source 210.

CyberneticTitan - November 25, 2013, 10:11 pm

Thanks to all that contributed ?

xxwikkixx - November 26, 2013, 5:31 am

one does not simply ignore the Cooler Master Storm stryker which does fit a h100i.

Kn1gh7 - November 26, 2013, 6:46 am

The Corsair 750D is probably my favorite case. Nice clean and simple design.

Magicmann - November 26, 2013, 9:02 am

(Nov 25, 2013 11:11 PM)CyberneticTitan Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks to all that contributed ?
Awesome. You've added the HAF-912. This case kicks so much as it's not even funny. Taking pictures of mine as soon as I get my new desk setup finished. (Rearranged the hell out of my desk area)

?range - December 8, 2013, 4:49 pm

Does the LED lights come with it on this case NZXT Phantom 820 (ATX Full Tower) LINK (Black) - LINK (Grey) - LINK (White)

CyberneticTitan - December 8, 2013, 5:02 pm

(Dec 8, 2013 05:49 PM)?range Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Does the LED lights come with it on this case NZXT Phantom 820 (ATX Full Tower) LINK (Black) - LINK (Grey) - LINK (White)
According to NewEgg, you do.

1 x Audio / Mic
4 x USB 2.0, 2 x USB 3.0
Integrated HUE LED lighting system
SD Card Reader
4-channel 15-watt Fan Digital Controller

<http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16811146097>

CyberneticTitan - February 1, 2014, 9:48 pm
Updated with NZXT Phantom 530.

Look here for good cases!

You Just Got Sarged - February 2, 2014, 7:44 am
<http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16811146067>

For \$20 less you can get this awesome case!

Arm4L1t3 - February 2, 2014, 8:27 am
Why can't this thread just be stickied? It'd be so much more efficient.

MrOrang - February 2, 2014, 11:16 am
I'm thinking of getting the Corsair 650D with my microAtx MoBo(might upgrade to standard Atx later so I'm probably gonna get this). Just two questions about this.

- 1: Would a MSi R7 260x fit in it(I know the length is ok but is it wide enough?)
- 2: Are the cables of the Corsair CX500 long enough to reach the storage bays?

Sorry but I'm quite new to pc builds

CyberneticTitan - February 2, 2014, 1:32 pm
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1. Yes

2. Yes

I recommend getting a new PSU when you do upgrade your system.

MrOrang - February 2, 2014, 2:18 pm
(Feb 2, 2014 02:32 PM)CyberneticTitan Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) 1. Yes

2. Yes

I recommend getting a new PSU when you do upgrade your system.Thank you!

I might upgrade the psu later when I upgrade my MoBo/processor.

It can currently handle my system without any problems.

ilikepenguins - February 2, 2014, 4:55 pm

I suggest taking a look at the Antec P280. It's the newer version of the P180 I currently have. It's well designed with "quiet" in mind.

CyberneticTitan - February 2, 2014, 5:00 pm

(Feb 2, 2014 05:55 PM)ilikepenguins Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I suggest taking a look at the Antec P280. It's the newer version of the P180 I currently have. It's well designed with "quiet" in mind.

Added to the OP. The reviews looks very promising.

thc gummy - February 16, 2014, 12:41 pm

Could I fit my parts and run a successful build using a BitFenix Prodigy?

Code Code:

Motherboard: Gigabyte GA-Z87X-UD3H

RAM: HyperX 8GB Kit (2x4GB) 1600MHz

Graphics Card: MSI Computer Corp. Video Graphics Card N770 TF 2GD5/OC

PSU: Thermaltake Smart Standard 650W

CPU Cooler: Enermax ETS-T40-TB

CPU: Intel Core i5-4670K

HDD: WD Blue 1TB HDD

Wifi: ASUS(PCE-N15) maximum performance Wireless-N Network Adapter

ODD: Asus 24x DVD-RW

Windows 7: OEM

ASUS VS239H-P 23-Inch Full-HD LED IPS Monitor

Total: \$1311.59

(Amazon)

'Snorlax - February 16, 2014, 1:44 pm

If you go outside the ones you listed, you should think about the Cooler Master HAF XB. Great airflow, a lot of space for all your needs, and it can hold two radiators without issues.

One 240mm and one 120mm

CyberneticTitan - February 16, 2014, 2:26 pm

(Feb 16, 2014 01:41 PM)Bicep Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Could I fit my parts and run a successful build using a BitFenix Prodigy?

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Nope. Prodigy is a Mini-ITX case. Your motherboard is an ATX motherboard.

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Added. Seems to offer a great deal of airflow.

'Snorlax - February 16, 2014, 2:29 pm

(Feb 16, 2014 03:26 PM)CyberneticTitan Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Added. Seems to offer a great deal of airflow. Indeed. Great low price for a really high quality build.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZhjoYbVX1XU>

I have it :p

The Health Inspector - February 16, 2014, 5:35 pm

Over \$100 is expensive? Huh, who would've thought?

And I think it's a bit stupid to only have them listed by price, should add what form factors they support.

Some formfactors in particular would be SSI EEB and SSI CEB.

If you're thinking about adding that to the list please add

<http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16811119252&Tpk=cosmos%202> under Micro ATX / ATX / Extended ATX / XL-ATX / SSI CEB / SSI EEB.

(I'm eying for a case to fit my extremely endowed ASUS motherboard)

Ramsay448 - February 16, 2014, 7:53 pm

Should add a section for cases with lots of lights and shiny parts on them, and cost about £20. Theyre the best cases mate.

Aesthetics - February 16, 2014, 8:39 pm

Great airflow

Expandable storage

Great build quality

I think you should remove Phantom series off your list. Phantom is far from having great build quality. The whole bloody thing is plastic and the application of paint is poorly done.

I owned both Phantom and Phantom 820.

.DATLOL - February 16, 2014, 8:46 pm

I have the Fractal Design R4, can definitely vouch for the case. Very good case.

Rezid - February 16, 2014, 9:44 pm

(Feb 16, 2014 09:39 PM)Aesthetics Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Great airflow

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I owned both Phantom and Phantom 820.
It's a shame too, because they look so nice.

Mung - February 16, 2014, 9:51 pm

Nice one, thanks for contributing to the community Cybernetic Titan. Damn that avatar still looks sexy. ;)

CyberneticTitan - February 16, 2014, 10:01 pm

(Feb 16, 2014 09:39 PM)Aesthetics Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Great airflow
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The entire lineup?

I think some might enjoy the 530 and the 410. (Like I do?)

(Feb 16, 2014 06:35 PM)The Health Inspector Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) And I think it's a bit stupid to only have them listed by price, should add what form factors they support
This thread was engineered to aid buyers, hence the ordering of prices.

Motherboard compatibility is directly listed on PCPartPicker.

(Feb 16, 2014 08:53 PM)Mark Webber Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Should add a section for cases with lots of lights and shiny parts on them, and cost about £20. They're the best cases mate.
Um. Mind listing some? The cases must be decent and not just flashy ?

Antinormality - March 4, 2014, 4:41 pm

I'm just going to pump it up as a "Thank you" for making a nice reference thread, I use it quite a lot.

Could use some more choices for people with other designs in mind, small form factor as example.

K?ala - March 4, 2014, 5:23 pm

Add the NZXT H440 to the list. \$139.99
Also note no optical/5.25" bays

White/Black: <http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16811146148>
Black/Red: <http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16811146149>

Reviews:

[Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqz5WAU9iJg>]

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KP85Zo-E55I>

Aesthetics - March 4, 2014, 5:42 pm

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Reviews:

[Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqz5WAU9iJg>]

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KP85Zo-E55I>

With 110% more plastic than R4!

NZXT = Shit build quality

TayterJ - March 5, 2014, 6:44 am

Add the CoolerMaster Storm Stryker to that list. It is an EXCELLENT case. I will even provide the text. It goes in the ABOVE \$100 category.

Code Cooler Master Storm Stryker [color=#00BFFF](ATX Full Tower)[/color]

[url=http://www.coolermaster-usa.com/product.php?product_id=3099]LINK[/url]

The Link above is for CM's website. The link below is for PCPartPicker.

Code [url=http://pcpartpicker.com/part/cooler-master-case-sgc5000wkwn1]LINK[/url]

(Mar 4, 2014 06:42 PM)Aesthetics Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) With 110% more plastic than R4!

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I haven't used one and I was actually curious to try the Switch, because it is so recommended. But I have my CM Stryker, so I will be set for a while. I think the only plastic used is the power button and fan speed controller.

Aesthetics - March 5, 2014, 4:03 pm

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The Link above is for CM's website. The link below is for PCPartPicker.

Code [url=http://pcpartpicker.com/part/cooler-master-case-sgc5000wkwn1]LINK[/url]

I haven't used one and I was actually curious to try the Switch, because it is so recommended. But I have my CM Stryker, so I will be set for a while. I think the only plastic used is the power button and fan speed controller. I'm pretty sure top and front is plastic.

TayterJ - March 5, 2014, 4:59 pm

(Mar 5, 2014 05:03 PM)Aesthetics Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm pretty sure top and front is plastic.

The grates that fill in the bays on the front are plastic, and yes I forgot the cover on top is plastic, but if you watch a video where they demonstrate the handle, you can take the top off and you see it's just aesthetic, the case itself is built entirely of metal.

EDIT:

Here it is with the aesthetic top removed. The plastic top is not actually part of the structure, so it is a metal build.

[img]<http://www.pcgameware.co.uk/images/CM-Storm-Stryker-top-panel-removed-control-panel.jpg>[/img]

Crosshairs - March 5, 2014, 11:11 pm

I suggest the Cooler Master Cosmos 2, \$350 MSRP but can be found for 300(it can fit a 4 way sli/crossfire) and I have a h100i. Its very small for the case(h100i so tiny in it), it has room for a full 360 radiator just up top, with some mods you can fit a second 240 in the bottom.
Ultra tower? can fit an XL-ATX

CyberneticTitan - March 5, 2014, 11:20 pm

Thanks everyone for the suggestions.

@Aesthetics Added a notes sections and asterisks for the non-cheaper NZXT cases.

DemonCorp - March 5, 2014, 11:30 pm

Good thread, I think each one could have a bit of an info section inside the spoiler with reviews from users which have built into these cases etc.

I'm sure we could go through most of them between the community, I've built in most myself.

unSatisfied - July 10, 2014, 7:34 am

Both of these cases meet the requirements with an addition of sound reduction!

[Fractal Design Define R4 \(Black Pearl\) ATX Mid Tower Case](#)
[Fractal Design Define XL R2 \(Black Pearl\) ATX Full Tower Case](#)

The I33t hax0r - July 10, 2014, 8:33 am

Question.

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How good is it's airflow?
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And lastly, how many case fans does it have?

CyberneticTitan - July 10, 2014, 2:01 pm

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I'd say the air flow is decent. It supports up to 7 fans total, with two fans on the side panel itself. However, it only allows one front fan, and a good bit of that air is blocked by the HDD cage.

One front 120mm Blue LED and 1 rear 120mm White Impeller fan are provided.

Doesn't look like any LEDs are included except for the Blue LED 120mm fan.

Ellie Goulding - August 7, 2014, 11:36 am

Great thread. Helped me out a ton. Should add or update the thread :)

drugs - August 7, 2014, 12:17 pm

You can find some Corsair Carbide Series SPEC cases for as low as \$40.

CyberneticTitan - August 7, 2014, 3:30 pm

Updated this thread with new cases!

ADDED:

Fractal Design Core 3000

NZXT Source 210 Elite

NZXT Source 220

Corsair 300R

Enermax OSTROG

Zalman Z5

Zalman Z11 Plus

Cooler Master N600

Cooler Master Elite 430

Corsair Carbide SPEC-01 RED LEDs

NZXT Phantom 410

REMOVED:

NZXT Gamma Classic

NZXT Tempest 210

Corsair 800D

Antec Lanboy Air

(No longer available on PCPP)

MOVED:

Phantom series to 100 dollar+

Antec P280 to 100 dollar+

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Wopy - August 7, 2014, 3:32 pm

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CyberneticTitan - August 7, 2014, 3:37 pm

(Aug 7, 2014 03:32 PM)Wopy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) i would suggest a corsair 200r for under \$50 wonderful case for its price

It's right in there in the 50-100 section. PCP says it's \$60 without the MIR haha.

Thanks though!

Doxicity - August 7, 2014, 3:50 pm

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?Magician - August 7, 2014, 3:53 pm

You should really add the Corsair Carbide Spec-03.

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Has support for 240mm AIO in the roof.

Support for a 240mm rad in the front and a 280mm if you remove the 5.25 bays.

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Aggressive looks.

CyberneticTitan - August 7, 2014, 4:04 pm

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Should just use this link:

<http://pcpartpicker.com/parts/compare/corsair-case-spec01redled%2Ccorsair-case-cc9011051ww%2Ccorsair-case-cc9011052ww/>

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Yeah I should just do that haha :P

What I don't like is the silly MIR. Unreliable.

SZPZ - August 16, 2014, 4:33 am

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Corsair Builder Series CX 600 Watt (will upgrade)
8gb ram (will get 16 soon enough)

Thanks for any help!

EDIT: NEVER MIND! Didn't realize the case was £140. Anyone recommend a specific case that's decent price, (under £100) good airflow, and not just plain but not all fancy, somewhat similar to the switch 810?

Tromboner - August 16, 2014, 5:08 am

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The Phantom 410 will support all of those above, and looks similar.

<http://uk.pcpartpicker.com/part/nzxt-case-caph410w1> (White/Black)

Same goes for the Fractal Design Define R4.

<http://uk.pcpartpicker.com/part/fractal-design-case-fdcadefr4wh> (White)

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CyberneticTitan - August 17, 2014, 1:21 pm

(Aug 17, 2014 09:42 AM)GalaxyDesigns Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hey, so i actually decided i might get the 810 as it will last forever more a less! Would it support everything that i posted? thanks !

Yes, the Switch 810 will support everything you listed. Keep in mind the size though. It's much bigger than the 410.

You Just Got Sarged - August 17, 2014, 1:23 pm

There is a really nice tower for \$20...

SZPZ - August 17, 2014, 1:34 pm

(Aug 17, 2014 01:21 PM)CyberneticTitan Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yes, the Switch 810 will support everything you listed. Keep in mind the size though. It's much bigger than the 410.

Yeah, i wanted it big so when i add more things i wont have to get a bigger case ect, thanks for the help!

CyberneticTitan - August 17, 2014, 9:09 pm

(Aug 17, 2014 01:23 PM)Computer Professor Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) There is a really nice tower for \$20... Do tell, Prof :)

(Aug 17, 2014 01:34 PM)GalaxyDesigns Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yeah, i wanted it big so when i add more things i wont have to get a bigger case ect, thanks for the help!

No problem man!

Light that Blinds - September 13, 2014, 4:42 pm

Does anybody know anything about the Zalman Z11 Plus?

Thinking about getting it, looks pretty nice for only being \$60.

Wheezy Gang - September 13, 2014, 7:11 pm

(Sep 13, 2014 04:42 PM)Kiosi Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Does anybody know anything about the Zalman Z11 Plus?

Thinking about getting it, looks pretty nice for only being \$60.

There some better alternatives, I myself have a zalman z12 plus and love it.

CyberneticTitan - September 13, 2014, 11:11 pm

(Sep 13, 2014 04:42 PM)Kiosi Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Does anybody know anything about the Zalman Z11 Plus?

Thinking about getting it, looks pretty nice for only being \$60.

It's a decent case with decent air flow. I considered that case for my personal build, but incompatibility with a radiator broke the deal.

CyberneticTitan - November 22, 2014, 3:26 pm

Updated this thread with new cases!

ADDED:

Corsair 780T

Bitfenix Comrade

Azza SIRIUS

Cooler Master N200

Antec One

Fractal Design Node 304

Fractal Design Core 1000 USB 3.0

Silverstone TJ08B-E

Antec Nine Hundred

NZXT H230

REMOVED:

(No longer available on PCPP)

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Antec GX700 to 50 dollar -

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Corsair 200R to 50 dollar -

Zalman Z11 Plus to 50 dollar -

Got any suggestions or do you notice any mistakes? Perhaps you would like a case removed?
Please post!

unSatisfied - December 28, 2014, 9:53 pm

Why isn't the Corsair 450D listed here?

CyberneticTitan - December 28, 2014, 10:03 pm

(Dec 28, 2014 10:53 PM)unSatisfied Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why isn't the Corsair 450D listed here?

Added. A few reviews praise it well. Thanks for contributing!