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Thread: [My ~\\$1200 build & a question ..](#)

Chevy - September 26, 2020, 8:45 am

So, as the title suggests, I am looking for opinions on NZXT's Kraken X53 liquid CPU cooling kit.

I just ordered this for my PC, which you can find the specs for in the spoiler below.

Spoiler ([Click to View](#))
[PCPartPicker Part List](#)

CPU: [AMD Ryzen 5 2600X 3.6 GHz 6-Core Processor](#) (\$169.99 @ Newegg)
CPU Cooler: [NZXT Kraken X53 73.11 CFM Liquid CPU Cooler](#) (\$129.99 @ Best Buy)
Motherboard: [Asus TUF GAMING X570-PLUS \(WI-FI\) ATX AM4 Motherboard](#) (\$188.35 @ Amazon)
Memory: [Corsair Vengeance RGB Pro 16 GB \(2 x 8 GB\) DDR4-3600 CL18 Memory](#)
Storage: [Western Digital Blue 250 GB 2.5" Solid State Drive](#) (\$44.99 @ Amazon)
Storage: [Seagate Barracuda Compute 2 TB 3.5" 7200RPM Internal Hard Drive](#) (\$54.99 @ Amazon)
Video Card: [MSI GeForce GTX 1660 Ti 6 GB GAMING X Video Card](#) (\$269.99 @ B&H)
Case: [Cooler Master MasterBox TD500 Mesh White w/ Controller ATX Mid Tower Case](#) (\$99.99 @ Amazon)
Power Supply: [Thermaltake Smart 700 W 80+ Certified ATX Power Supply](#) (\$68.98 @ Amazon)
Operating System: [Microsoft Windows 10 Pro OEM 64-bit](#) (\$139.88 @ Other World Computing)
Total: \$1167.15
Prices include shipping, taxes, and discounts when available
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So, what do you guys think?

Breeze26509 - September 26, 2020, 9:18 am

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And I was working up from my budget build that I made a threat about a while prior to this one.

Prox - September 26, 2020, 12:04 pm

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You're good mate! Yeah, I was asking about opinions on the Kraken X53.