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Grammar Rays - September 27, 2021, 11:05 pm

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Awesome!

If the simplicity of carrying one device to do everything is attractive to you then the Surface Pro is what's up. I can bring my MacBook and iPad in my bag wherever I go and don't mind pulling one out over the other based on what I'm about to do, but there is an appeal in just dipping the keyboard back and pulling out the pencil for the Surface...

I used to have one foot in both camps, but over the last couple of years started committing to Apple. First it was the iPhone and iPad, then an Apple Watch, now a MacBook. I think Windows doesn't actually have enough of an ecosystem for it to be a bad idea to own one since there aren't many perks of being wholly vs partially in it, so if anything the Surface purchase is less of a commitment if you want to look at it from that perspective.

But yeah, bottom line I'd go to the store and take a feel for yourself. Let me know what you think!

xPower - September 28, 2021, 10:55 am

I've wanted one for a while to be honest. Is there anything particularly special about the surface pro 8?

Grammar Rays - October 2, 2021, 10:23 am

(Sep 28, 2021 05:24 PM)Panik Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I've dealt with hundreds of various generations of surface/pros and surface books in the past few years - in my opinion they are shit. Many had battery/chassis swell issues (both users with docks and regular chargers) and other hardware problems as well as software bugs. The tablet mode is clunky and not really useful at all. I'd rather have a powerful notebook and an iPad. If you want to stay in the tabletbook realm you could check out the HP Spectres or whatever Lenovo's latest iteration of the Yoga is.

Ah dude you're making me reconsider buying it instantly! Suppose that's the point of the thread to get some more input before paying.

Is this experience recent or older generations by any chance? I was almost primed to buy. ?

Grim - October 2, 2021, 10:23 am

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Except the post by [\[mention=96230\]](#) above. ?

[\[mention=2774521\]](#) has the Pro X (AMD CPU) so keen to hear his thoughts on it, albeit I'll probably get the Intel Pro 8.

guardian - October 2, 2021, 10:33 am

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Oh, sorry, I was talking about Surfaces in general.

And I think that sounds like a good idea.

shakur123 - October 2, 2021, 10:37 am

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I got the first surfaces RT, surface 1 and surface 2. RT it was trash and is a paperweight in my office, surface 1 and 2 still work flawlessly even after all these years, you can do browsing, using office, youtube etc.

Im keeping my eye on the Pro 8 but im open to ideas / suggestions

Nate - October 2, 2021, 10:49 am

Let me know how you like it if you end up getting one, I want to get one for school.

Grammar Rays - October 2, 2021, 11:01 am

(Oct 2, 2021 10:58 AM)Panik Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This feedback is starting from the surface RT, surface pro 3, 4, 6, and the last few series of surface books. We used them in 2 separate companies I worked with and at first I thought the issues were just domain-based because of a slew of outdated GPOs being applied but I've had several with barebones Win10 on them, non-domain joined, and they shit the bed as well after mild use of O365 and other basic productivity apps. I have 4 of them that are completely dead sitting on a bookshelf in my office haha. Pain in the ass is you can't really service them yourself either.

That is just from my experience and to be fair this is based on enterprise use, not really personal use. But I would assume more wear and tear would be endured if you were gaming, coding, etc, anything you would typically do on a more powerful PC. If you really want one perhaps you could get the extended warranty from the vendor so you don't have any worries if the display starts to separate from the chassis or you get dead spots in the screen.

This isn't my picture but it's exactly what I have seen on many of the surfaces. I think the concept is great and I really enjoyed using them when they worked properly, but ultimately I stick with elitebooks w/ touch screen lately.

Really appreciate your take on it. I have seen pictures like that before - but I put it down to a bad batch, and if you bought cover etc, you could send it back until you got 1 that didn't decide to fugg up like that?

Is that a bad way to interpret the situation? Am I missing something still? Do you think it's a more permanent and wider issue?

Tor - October 2, 2021, 2:38 pm

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I would go for an Asus rog flow 13 instead.

Blazin - October 2, 2021, 3:19 pm

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Yeah, I've wanted one for a bit as well they look nice and I love the tablet mode on it.

Bankrupt - October 2, 2021, 3:20 pm

i had one of these cant tell you what year it was i got it used from someone down the line, and it was a genuine piece of shit, its like having a laptop at a school that had a bunch of anti virus slowing it down with web blockers so you cant download anything except whats on the microsoft store.

Now this was 4 years ago so they may have come along way. But thats my experience with them

Bankrupt - October 2, 2021, 3:23 pm

(Oct 2, 2021 03:22 PM)James Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What the heck. Sounds like your school fricked you over with shit preventing you from doing anything.

yeah i was using the school computer as an analogy, this surface i had was from walmart without any added softwares or anything, just did not operate nearly as good as an IPAD did, for the tablet world comparison

Bankrupt - October 2, 2021, 3:26 pm

(Oct 2, 2021 03:25 PM)James Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Oh lmao, I thought you were saying the surface was from school haha. I wouldn't get a surface to use primarily as a tablet tbh, unless it's for note-taking, Windows just isn't very well designed for that.

yeah i wasnt exactly sure what i could use it for when i got it but i assumed it was a new age laptop with a removable keyboard but that clearly was not the case in my learnings lol

ImChicken - October 3, 2021, 8:12 am

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I think different people have different needs, and also different preferences. What might be my best 2 in 1 may differ from yours. I'm still trying to find mine, would definitely recommend having a look at what's in the market. I happen to be drawn in by the Surface lineup. ?