

Microsoft Brings Intellimouse Back

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A surprise listing on the Microsoft hardware website reveals the return of a classic rodent-- the IntelliMouse, in the shape of a modern version inspired by the IntelliMouse Explorer 3.0.



Launched in 2002, the IntelliMouse 3.0 was the last version of the IntelliMouse, a mouse line Microsoft started way back in 1996. The first version featured a curvy ergonomic design and introduced the scroll wheel to the world. Actual mouse functionality came through a ball before a 1999 update brought optical tracking technology.

The 2017 Classic IntelliMouse is very similar to the original, if updated with a DPI range reaching up to 3200. It also has 3 customisable buttons, BlueTrack tracking for glass use and a 1000 reports per second mouse report rate. Connectivity remains wired, if via USB. In actual changes, the distinctive red tail light is now a "clean, modern white."



Also announced by Microsoft is a companion mouse for the [Surface Book 2](#) -- the Surface Precision Mouse. Featuring an asymmetric design, it offers dual connectivity (via either Bluetooth or USB), multitasking across up to 3 PCs and 6 customisable buttons (regular left/right buttons, scroll wheel and three thumb buttons).

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Microsoft is still to announce when the Classic IntelliMouse hits the market. On the other hand the Surface Precision Mouse ships from November 2017.

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