

Chromebooks Go Touch, Premium

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The Chromebook Pixel has a number of firsts for Google-- it is the first to carry Google branding, together with premium industrial design and a high resolution touchscreen.



Borrowing (the unkind might say "imitating") design cues from Apple's MacBooks, the Pixel features aluminium construction, black inset squared keys and a 13-inch 239 DPI touchscreen with 2560 x 1700 resolution and an unusual 3:2 display ratio Google claims is more web browsing-friendly.

A 1.8 GHz Intel Core i5 CPU powers the device, together with 4GB of RAM and 64GB of internal storage (boosted by 3 years' worth of up to 1TB free Google Drive storage). Connectivity options include x2 USB ports, mini Display Port, dual-band wifi, Bluetooth 3.0 and a built-in SD/MMC card reader.

Being a premium laptop, Google asks for premium pricing (\$1300 for the wifi-only version), even if one has to keep in mind it still makes use of Google's cloud-powered ChromeOS. It will be available from the online Google Play store and select Best Buy stores from April 2013.

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