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Review: Venom Blackbook 15 UO2503

by [Ben Mansill](#) | Tuesday 10 March 2015 | [Comment Now](#)

Rating

Overall:

Well specced for gaming on the go.

Price

\$3199 AUD

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Specs

Intel Core i7-4710HQ Processor (6M Cache, up to 3.40 GHz) • 15.6" (2880x1620) IPS WQHD 3K Anti Glare Matte Display • 16GB DDR3 1866MHz RAM • Nvidia GTX 970M DDR5 • 256GB M.2 PCIe SSD • 1TB 7200rpm HDD

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A well designed gaming or power user portable.

Venom is an Australian company, and the new Blackbook 15 we have for testing is one of three new models, all built with the same chassis and screen. Venom build the Blackbook using components sourced from various manufacturers, and the end result is a high quality build with good taste and generally good engineering decisions. Like the 15.6in matte 3k screen which comes from Japan.

Venom has a particularly good warranty and reseller arrangement. Only resellers with a showroom and trained tech staff are allowed to sell Blackbooks, and you can walk into any reseller without an appointment if you need to use the 1 year 'Face 2 Face' parts and labour warranty, or 120 day Face 2 Face tech support warranty. Or just call them. None of the installed apps are 'crapware' – every one is a full version, including Norton AV. (Turn to our feature on page 24 for more on this).

Out test unit sported a Core i7-4710HQ (2.5GHz, up to 3.4GHz), and an Nvidia 970M GPU. 16GB of low latency RAM was running at an impressive (for a notebook) 1866MHz. Storage comes via a 256GB M.2 PCIe SSD, coupled with a 1TB 7200rpm hard drive. The keyboard is backlit and is definitely useable for extended working bouts. Two Mini-DisplayPorts 1.2 allow dual 4k external screens to be attached. Nice touch.

But as a gaming machine it shines, which is no surprise given its specifications. The Onkyo speakers were clear and didn't distort at high volume, and it would certainly suit being used as a deskbound system at home. Noise is kept relatively low thanks to a dual cooling fan arrangement, separating the CPU and GPU cooling so both only kick in when they are needed.

The only issue we found was a hot spot under the left hand area. It heated up after just a couple of minutes of gaming and wasn't uncomfortable, but was certainly a distraction.

The Blackbook is a thoughtfully designed portable powerhouse with good local support, and she's a fine-looking machine that has the power to game in high detail and smooth frame rates.

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