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Product notice

This user guide describes features that are common to most models. Some features may not be available on your computer.

Safety warning notice

▲ WARNING! To reduce the possibility of heat-related injuries or of overheating the computer, do not place the computer directly on your lap or obstruct the computer air vents. Use the computer only on a hard, flat surface. Do not allow another hard surface, such as an adjoining optional printer, or a soft surface, such as pillows or rugs or clothing, to block airflow. Also, do not allow the AC adapter to contact the skin or a soft surface, such as pillows or rugs or clothing, during operation. The computer and the AC adapter comply with the user-accessible surface temperature limits defined by the International Standard for Safety of Information Technology Equipment (IEC 60950).

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1 Identifying hardware

To see a list of hardware installed in the computer:

Select Start > Control Panel > System and Security. Then in the System area, click Device Manager.

You can also add hardware or modify device configurations using Device Manager.

NOTE: Windows® includes the User Account Control feature to improve the security of your computer. You may be prompted for your permission or password for tasks such as installing software, running utilities, or changing Windows settings. Refer to Help and Support for more information.

2 Components

Top components

TouchPad



Com	oonent	Description
(1)	TouchPad light	• White: TouchPad is enabled.
		• Amber: TouchPad is disabled.
(2)	TouchPad*	Moves the pointer and selects or activates items on the screen.
(3)	Left TouchPad button*	Functions like the left button on an external mouse.
(4)	TouchPad on/off button	Enables/disables the TouchPad.
(5)	TouchPad scroll zone	Scrolls up or down.
(6)	Right TouchPad button*	Functions like the right button on an external mouse.

*This table describes factory settings. To view or change pointing device preferences, select **Start > Devices and Printers**. Then, right-click the device representing your computer, and select **Mouse settings**.

Lights



Comp	ponent	Description
(1)	Caps lock light	On: Caps lock is on.
(2)	Power lights (2)*	On: The computer is on.
		• Blinking: The computer is in the Sleep state.
		• Off: The computer is off or in Hibernation.
(3)	Volume mute light	• White: Computer sound is on.
		• Amber: Computer sound is off.
(4)	Volume down light	On: The volume scroll zone is being used to decrease speaker volume.
(5)	Volume up light	On: The volume scroll zone is being used to increase speaker volume.
(6)	Treble light	On: The treble function is on.
(7)	Bass light	On: The bass function is on.
(8)	Treble/bass down light	On: The treble or bass scroll zone is being used to decrease the level of treble or bass in the audio.
(9)	Treble/bass up light	On: The treble or bass scroll zone is being used to increase the level of treble or bass in the audio.
(10)	Wireless light	 Blue: An integrated wireless device, such as a wireless local area network (WLAN) device and/or a Bluetooth® device, is on.
		Amber: All wireless devices are off.

Comp	onent	Des	scription
(11)	Num lock light	On:	Num lock is on or the embedded numeric keypad is enabled.
(12)	Drive light	•	Blinking: The hard drive or optical drive is being accessed.
		•	Amber: HP ProtectSmart Hard Drive Protection has temporarily parked the internal hard drive.
(13)	Battery light	•	On: A battery is charging.
		•	Blinking: A battery that is the only available power source has reached a low battery level. When the battery reaches a critical battery level, the battery light begins blinking rapidly.
		•	Off: If the computer is plugged into an external power source, the light is turned off when all batteries in the computer are fully charged. If the computer is not plugged into an external power source, the light stays off until the battery reaches a low battery level.

*The 2 power lights display the same information. The light on the power button is visible only when the computer is open. The power light on the front of the computer is visible whether the computer is open or closed.

Buttons, speakers, and fingerprint reader



Comp	oonent	De	scription
(1)	Power button*	•	When the computer is off, press the button to turn on the computer.
		•	When the computer is on, briefly press the button to initiate Sleep.

Comp	onent	Description
		 When the computer is in the Sleep state, briefly press the button to exit Sleep.
		 When the computer is in Hibernation, briefly press the button to exit Hibernation.
		If the computer has stopped responding and Windows® shutdown procedures are ineffective, press and hold the power button for a least 5 seconds to turn off the computer.
		To learn more about your power settings, select Start > Control Panel > System and Security > Power Options .
(2)	Speakers (2)	Produce sound.
(3)	Media button	Starts the MediaSmart program.
(4)	Previous/rewind button	 Plays the previous track or chapter when the button is pressed once.
		 Rewinds media when the button is pressed in combination with the fn key.
(5)	Play/pause button	Plays or pauses media.
(6)	Next/fast forward button	 Plays the next track or chapter when the button is pressed once.
		• Fast forwards media when pressed in combination with the fn key.
(7)	Stop button	Stops playback.
(8)	Optical drive button	Releases the media tray.
(9)	Volume mute button	Mutes and restores speaker sound.
(10)	Volume scroll zone	Adjusts speaker volume. To decrease volume, slide your finger to the left, or press and hold the minus (-) sign. You can also tap the minus sign. To increase volume, slide your finger to the right, or press and hold the plus (+) sign. You can also tap the plus sign.
(11)	Treble/bass button	Press the button to alternate between the treble and bass functions
(12)	Treble or bass scroll zone	Adjusts treble or bass level in the audio. (Select treble or bass by pressing the treble/bass button.) To decrease the treble/bass level slide your finger to the left, or press and hold the minus (-) sign. You can also tap the minus sign. To increase the treble/bass level slide your finger to the right, or press and hold the plus (+) sign. You can also tap the plus sign.
(13)	Wireless button	Turns the wireless feature on or off but does not establish a wireless connection.
		NOTE: You must set up or access a wireless network in order to establish a wireless connection.
(14)	Fingerprint reader	Allows a fingerprint logon to Windows, instead of a password logon

and Support.

Keys

NOTE: Your computer may look slightly different from the illustration in this section.



Com	ponent	Description
(1)	esc key	Displays system information when pressed in combination with the fn key.
(2)	fn key	Executes frequently used system functions when pressed in combination with a function key or the esc key.
(3)	Windows logo key	Displays the Windows Start menu.
(4)	Windows applications key	Displays a shortcut menu for items beneath the pointer.
(5)	Integrated numeric keypad keys	Can be used like the keys on an external numeric keypad.
(6)	Function keys	Execute frequently used system functions when pressed in combination with the fn key.

Display



Comp	onent	Description
(1)	Internal display switch	Turns off the display if the display is closed while the computer is on.
(2)	Internal digital dual array microphones (2)	Record sound.
(3)	Webcam light	On: The webcam is in use.
(4)	Webcam	Records audio and video and captures still photographs.

Front components

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Com	ponent	Description
(1)	Digital Media Slot	Supports the following optional digital card formats:
		Memory Stick (MS)
		Memory Stick Pro (MSP)
		MultiMediaCard (MMC)
		Secure Digital (SD) Memory Card
		• xD-Picture Card (XD)
(2)	Digital Media Slot light	On: A digital card is being accessed.
(3)	Consumer infrared lens	Receives a signal from the remote control (select models only).

Rear component



Vent

Enables airflow to cool internal components.

NOTE: The computer fan starts up automatically to cool internal components and prevent overheating. It is normal for the internal fan to cycle on and off during routine operation.

Right-side components

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Com	oonent	Description
(1)	Audio-in (microphone) jack	Connects an optional computer headset microphone, stereo array microphone, or monaural microphone.
(2)	Audio-out (headphone) jacks (2)	Produce sound when connected to optional powered stereo speakers, headphones, ear buds, headsets, or television audio.
(3)	USB ports (2)	Connect optional USB devices.
(4)	Optical drive	Reads optical discs and, on select models, also writes to optical discs.
(5)	Optical drive light	Blinking: The optical drive is being accessed.
(6)	TV antenna/cable jack (select models only)	Connects an optional TV antenna or an optional digital cable device that receives standard or high-definition TV broadcasts.
(7)	Power connector	Connects an AC adapter.

Left-side components



Com	oonent	Description
(1)	Security cable slot	Attaches an optional security cable to the computer.
		NOTE: The security cable is designed to act as a deterrent, but it may not prevent the computer from being mishandled or stolen.
(2)	External monitor port	Connects an external VGA monitor or projector.
(3)	Expansion port 3	Connects the computer to an optional docking device or optional expansion product.
		NOTE: The computer has only one expansion port. The term <i>expansion port 3</i> describes the type of expansion port.
(4)	RJ-45 (network) jack	Connects a network cable.
(5)	HDMI port	Connects an optional video or audio device, such as a high- definition television, or any compatible digital or audio component.
(6)	eSATA/USB port	Connects an optional high-performance eSATA component, such as an eSATA external hard drive, or connects an optional USB device.
(7)	USB port	Connects an optional USB device.
(8)	1394 port	Connects an optional IEEE 1394 or 1394a device, such as a camcorder.
(9)	ExpressCard slot	Supports optional ExpressCards.

Bottom components



Component		Description
(1)	Battery bay	Holds the battery.
(2)	Battery release latch	Releases the battery from the battery bay.
(3)	Vents (10)	Enable airflow to cool internal components.
		NOTE: The computer fan starts up automatically to cool internal components and prevent overheating. It is normal for the internal fan to cycle on and off during routine operation.
(4)	Hard drive bay	Holds 1 or 2 hard drives (depending on the model), the TV tuner card (select models only), and the 2 memory module slots.
(5)	Mini Card compartment	Holds the wireless LAN (WLAN) module.
		CAUTION: To prevent an unresponsive system, replace the wireless module only with a wireless module authorized for use in the computer by the governmental agency that regulates wireless devices in your country or region. If you replace the module and then receive a warning message, remove the module to restore computer functionality, and then contact technical support through Help and Support.
(6)	Subwoofer	Contains the subwoofer speaker.

Wireless antennas

Your computer model has at least 2 antennas that send and receive signals from one or more wireless devices. These antennas are not visible from the outside of the computer.



NOTE: For optimal transmission, keep the areas immediately around the antennas free from obstructions.

To see wireless regulatory notices, refer to the section of the *Regulatory, Safety and Environmental Notices* that applies to your country or region. These notices are located in Help and Support.

Additional hardware components



Component		Description
(1)	Power cord*	Connects an AC adapter to an AC outlet.
(2)	AC adapter	Converts AC power to DC power.
(3)	RF coaxial cable adapter	Connects an RF coaxial cable to the TV antenna/cable jack.
(4)	Battery*	Powers the computer when the computer is not plugged into external power.
(5)	TV antenna (select models only)*	Receives digital and analog broadcast signals.

*Batteries, power cords, and antennas vary in appearance by country or region.

3 Labels

The labels affixed to the computer provide information you may need when you troubleshoot system problems or travel internationally with the computer.

• Service tag—Provides important information including the following:



- Product name (1). This is the product name affixed to the front of your notebook.
- Serial number (s/n) (2). This is an alphanumeric number that is unique to each product.
- Part number/Product number (p/n) (3). This number provides specific information about the product's hardware components. The part number helps a service technician to determine what components and parts are needed.
- Model description (4). This is the alphanumeric identifier you use to locate documents, drivers, and support for your notebook.
- Warranty period (5). This number describes the duration of the warranty period for this computer.

Have this information available when you contact technical support. The service tag label is affixed to the bottom of the computer.

- Microsoft® Certificate of Authenticity—Contains the Windows® Product Key. You may need the Product Key to update or troubleshoot the operating system. This certificate is affixed to the bottom of the computer.
- Regulatory label—Provides regulatory information about the computer. The regulatory label is affixed inside the battery bay.
- Wireless certification label(s)—Provide information about optional wireless devices and the approval markings of some of the countries or regions in which the devices have been approved for use. An optional device may be a wireless local area network (WLAN) device or an optional Bluetooth® device. If your computer model includes one or more wireless devices, one or more certification labels are included with your computer. You may need this information when traveling internationally. Wireless certification labels are affixed inside the hard drive bay.

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