

Semi-Rugged With Grunt



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Rugged and semi-rugged notebooks are often based on less than the latest in CPU technology, the current crop of Panasonic ToughBooks, for example use Intel Core Duo CPUs, but the GoBook VR-2 goes all out with an Intel 2.0 GHz T7300 Core 2 Duo processor.



Made available in Australia by Avantec, the General Dynamics GoBook VR-2 semi-rugged notebook also features a new generation touch screen technology designed for use in Iraq that eases the eye strain when viewing the display in direct sunlight.

Designed to meet the demands of business, government agencies, and the military, the GoBook VR-2's 13.3-inch touch screen display has DynaVue, a patent pending display technology that is deployed by the US military in the harsh desert conditions of Iraq. But the company says the devices are perfectly suited for people that work outside, or need a vehicle

mounted computer solution.

Dave Cawsey, General Manager for Avantec commented, "Most laptops are pretty much useless when you try to work outside in sunlight, as you can't view the screen. The GoBook VR-2 has a colour touch screen that works perfectly in direct sunlight, and is designed to cope with dust and liquids. Australian businesses can now benefit directly from this very practical technology, which has been proven in the deserts of Iraq."

The GoBook VR-2 can also survive a fall from 75cm and comes standard with a spill resistant keyboard. It also incorporates multiple levels of both physical and software security, including a TPM 1.2 secure micro-controller with cryptographic functionality. A stealth mode allows safe operation in critical military and law enforcement situations, while an optional biometric fingerprint reader simplifies access to secure information.

As mentioned, the GoBook VR-2 is equipped with the latest Intel 2.0 GHz T7300 Core 2 Duo processor linked to an 800MHz FSB, 4MB L2 cache, up to 4GB memory and the Intel GM965 Express Chip set.

Connectivity options include 802.11 a/g/n, built-in Wi-Fi, both 3G mobile phone and EVDO data, Bluetooth and global positioning system (GPS). The antennas are fully integrated into the rugged case, ensuring reliability.

The GoBook VR-2 has an optional office docking station for back at the office and an optional theft resistant vehicle docking solution to keep it in your car (or Humvee).

The unit weighs 2.8kg.

Now for the bad news, the GoBook VR-2 is available immediately for a suggested retail price of A\$5499 inc GST.

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