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Surface Laptop Studio: first impressions

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Mine arrived this morning (October 5, 2021), along with the Slim Pen 2. I got a middle-tier device: 16GB RAM, i7, 512GB storage.

Out of the box and powering on

No excitement here. Standard packing inside an attractive but standard Microsoft laptop box. Device was mostly charged right out of the box and I attached my old Surface Connect power cord to complete charging the battery. People hate on the Surface Connect but I love it. I haven't yet taken the Surface Laptop Studio's own power cord out of the box. After all, I might return this thing and it's always a pain to stuff the cord back into the little box.

SPOILER ALERT: Odds I'll return this? Not zero. But very low.

I cannot say anything about the battery. Have not had the device long enough, and I've had it plugged in most of

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When you have it in studio mode, does the bottom of the screen come in contact with the base or is there a gap there? Mine has a gap so that when I'm inking on it, it taps the base every time my hand moves to write a new word, which happens a lot as you can imagine. Wondering if mine is out of the ordinary or that's just the way things will be with it. MS Support told me it was normal for there to be a gap and that it was "by design". Thanks.



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I think the safest way to open it is to grab and control the hinge itself. Opening it by pushing from the top will probably put some strain on it

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"Pedestal" design...

Nothing new, they simply cloned last year's design <https://www.acer.com/ac/en/US/content/conceptd-series/conceptd7ezel>

And pcmag.com

Same price range, but slower across the board vs the Concept D = Studio is not the "perfect touchscreen laptop".

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How about the haptic trackpad? Very curious about that. Mine we be here tomorrow but worried it won't match the MacBook trackpad (which is widely considered to be one the the best). Hate to have to return this because on all accounts, it looks like it's time to head back to Microsoft land ;)

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Mind if I ask what's maximum angle you can open? not for the studio mode, just like any laptops and how much you can open it up. I'm curious if it's limited like macbook does, or near 180 degrees supported like thinkpad does.

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If you put it completely flat into studio mode, then lift it all the way back up with the screen still facing to the rear (call this 'reversed laptop mode') - when you flip it around into normal laptop mode, you have to have space behind it to do so. If you have something right behind it in laptop mode, that'll be in the way when doing the flip.

Similarly, if you have it in stage mode, and then lift up the laptop hinge to go back to normal laptop mode, but do it so that it's still less than 90 degrees, you won't be able to fold back into laptop mode without bonking into the keyboard first.

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Thank you for the very complete and awesome explanation. Congratulations for the new device! It's amazing.



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As for what I've seen, the screen looks like an iPad Pro except weird.

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Man - I've found the resolution on this thing to be quite disappointing coming immediately from a Surface Book 2. It's quite noticeable that the text isn't as sharp - larger images and video isn't as big of a deal, but it's just not as crisp as it is on the Surface Book with the higher PPI and better resolution overall. I'm really disappointed with it, to be honest, and may end up returning what is otherwise an excellent device.

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Do you have any motion blur or display response time issues on yours? Trying to decide if I need to return/exchange or not. Pretty much every part of the UI in motion, scrolling while in browser, gaming, etc. is ugly as hell to me -- not because of resolution (the screen looks perfect while on a still image), but as soon as anything starts moving, I see a lot of blur behind everything.

Text looks like it's flickering slightly because of the blur, and I tried Sea of Thieves on XCloud earlier and it was virtually unplayable because of the blur behind everything as I moved the camera.

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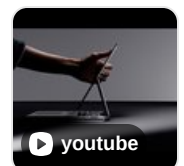
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