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What is your experience with the Surface Laptop Studio 2?

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I have the first Surface Laptop Studio (32GB RAM RTX 3050). It's an all-in-one machine for software development, 2d animation, occasional gaming. The fans are basically silent unless I'm playing a video game or otherwise doing something resource intensive. Very happy with it.

I'm interested in the Surface Laptop Studio 2 because it has more RAM and a more powerful GPU. The other option I'm considering is the M2 MacBook Pro 16" due to the long battery life and quiet fans.

- Does the SLS2 get very hot or loud, to a point that fan noise would bother someone in a coffee shop?
- Did they change the material? This is not a dealbreaker, I just prefer the smoothness of a MacBook Pro.
- Does it have good battery life? I'm willing to trade some battery for a built-in touch screen, as long as it can run for at least a few hours.
- Does the USB port get stuck?

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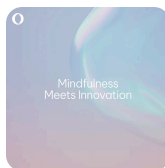
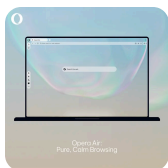
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The pen holding area, the touchscreen responsiveness (and screen quality overall), the screen positioning options, and the trackpad are all excellent, power and speed are what it says on the tin, and it's a really beautiful, solidly-built device.

All in all, if it were about \$500-1,000 cheaper (depending on configuration) and/or had battery life comparable to the MBP, I'd say it was perfect. As it is, I don't regret spending my company's money to buy it, but if it were *my* money I guess I'd probably go with the MPB as a better value...

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i dont know about you but i use a surface studio 2 for autocad 9 hrs a day and i can use the laptop for 2-3 days without being on a charger.

I7 13700 Intel

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3 monitors on 2 usb docking stations

Every Dell or HP i have used for autodesk product would kill the laptop battery within 6 hrs and those were high end Dell and HP

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Fan noise is about the same as the SLS1, when you are gaming it fires up but don't hear much outside of that, I haven't rendered anything on this one but assume it would fire up for that as well.

yes they did as noted. The lighter grey keys have at least stopped people from thinking its a mac book

Battery life, if you are cool with 4-6 hours of non gaming, then its okay.

the USB-A port is stiff. If you get it, I would recommend testing it with USB-A plugs on repeat before pushing a mouse dongle.

my question to you is, how much do you use the touchscreen/pen on your SLS? if its sporadic or non-existent then get the mac

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Thanks for sharing.

Yes, I use the touchscreen/pen quite extensively for 2D animation. It is a must-have.

I think the SLS2 would work well for my use case.

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I think notebook check covers noise and heat rather well. <https://www.notebookcheck.net/Microsoft-Surface-Laptop-Studio-2-Review-Multimedia-Convertible-with-faster-components.757225.0.html#toc-6>

Noise and heat depend on what you are doing. Gaming would be worst case at 52 dBA. Web browsing would be quiet.

The sls2 is made of aluminum now and is a bit thicker. The color is slightly different as well.

There have been three reports of a device getting stuck in the USB A port. One review said it gets better with use.

TBC I only played with one at a store, but expect mine to show up tomorrow.

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Trackpad is a pita. Good amount of issues reported. Not something you'd want to pick up on Marketplace or eBay, or Open Box, because you may need to exchange it- and after the first month since first bootup they'll send you a refurbished if you're going through the Microsoft warranty. So beware "Open Box".

This has been my experience.

Everything else is fine but I have my suspicions about the longevity of the trackpad, even if the replacement initially works. Think it's a hardware issue.

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Interesting. I heard the trackpad is better than the SLS (my current device is gen 1).

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