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LG Gram 16 2023 impressions after two weeks

Hi all, I got the LG Gram 16 2023 from Costco two weeks ago and thought I'd share my impressions for those who are still on the fence. A friend of mine bought one and took it with him to the EU for me. This is a black colored gram in a 1TB SSD, 32GB RAM, RTX3050 config.

A bit of context:

I work as a consultant in product and am out and about for half of my workweek. I'd describe my workflow as 'light creative'. My daily use consists of various office and communication tools, VDI's, and a web browser with ~10-20 tabs open. I also do some occasional photoshopping, light video editing and I play a casual game once in a while.

Good to know is that I am kind of a productivity/gadget freak and have owned too many laptops / convertibles to count. Some of the devices I've owned are a Surface Pro, Surface Book 2, XPS 15, Macbook Pro 16, Macbook Pro 13 M1, Zephyrus G14 (2022), Zephyrus G16 (2023) and probably more that I forgot about. So I do have some reference for comparison :P

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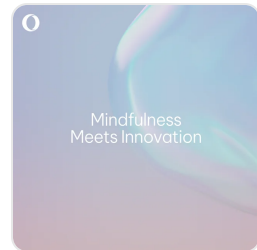
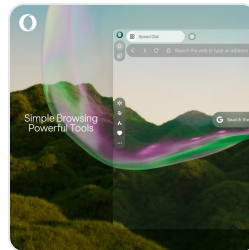
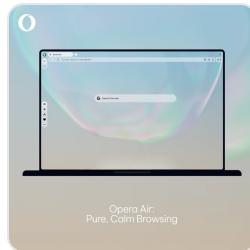
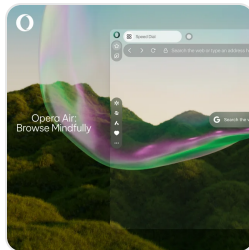
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The cooling is much better in our model with the RTX3050 (two fans) compared to the normal ones with just the iGPU (one fan). Also the speakers are 3W instead of 2W, I notice a huge improvement. The brightness of the screen must exceed 400nits which is much better than my 2021 Gram which also had a glossy screen instead of the nice matte screen of the 2022-23 models. The VRR looks good too. I use 0-40% brightness indoors and I find it very pleasurable to work outdoors (the 2021 version with glossy display full of reflections and lower brightness was not a pleasant experience outdoors).

The fan noise is much louder in this version than in the 2021, but only with medium/high load. My previous Grams were the quietest laptops I had, not this one, when plugged and charging and/or when the load starts getting high, the fan gets loud. But you can decrease this if you set the cooling mode in low at the smart assistant. This laptop is so much more powerful that I can accept the increased fan noise.

Just a detail, the 2nd SSD is only PCIE 3.0, I get from the D: drive only half the speed of the C: drive which is PCIE 4.0, according to LG this is how it is. Probably because of the RTX3050, there is less bandwidth.

Finally I want to emphasize how much I agree with you about the keyboard and the flex and how prejudiced some YouTube reviewers are. The 2023 is a bit sturdier than my 2021, but already the old one was great and I had found the keyboard thousand times better than the shallow keyboards of the Macs.

This is one of the best laptops available, especially considering its weight, but gets little love from the reviewers

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Fish_from_96 OP • 2y ago

Your last sentence is exactly how I feel too haha. There simply is nothing really like it on the market right now!

Regarding the screen, I'm probably just kinda spoiled by my previous laptops. Haven't tested it outside but hearing this I should be fine ;)

I am curious why LG chose the 3050 and not the 4050 by the way. As far as I know the 4050 allows for the same power on a much lower wattage, which would've helped with cooling. But maybe there's some other reason.

Oh and yeah, mac keyboards are surprisingly shit :P

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only complaint that drows a lot of battery power. LG is reasonably good, the matte screen is even better in eliminating reflections however at cost of contrast, gain on battery life is worth it. I would say that LG screen is perfect for my needs. Chassis: LG seems fragile compared to TP, it doesn't bother me, it is very light and maybe somewhat flimsy but stable enough for comfortable typing. Speaking of the keyboard, I have to admit it is very good. As a long time Thinkpads user I am used to good typing experience, LG is not disappointing. Overall it is excellent system, snappy, light to carry around, good keyboard, long battery life. I went with the 2022 model cause it is much cheaper where I live.

**tespark2020** • 10mo ago

why lead you chose from an 13inch small size laptop to a 16inch big size laptop?



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FYI -

I saw several people asking about sleeves (was searching as well but couldn't find any answers). I think if you buy one that is listed as compatible for macbook pro 16 (latest edition) it should work. I picked up this one:

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B01HCF0ZMI>

It fits my laptop (same 16" with RTX 3050) just barely. It's a little thick but has a lot of padding and corner edge guards. I have no idea if it's going to last as I just got it today but seems like it's made well enough. The charger and cable fit in the front although a slimmer charger would be good. Looking at some two port slim chargers for travel and most do 65W from a single usb-c port, 45w from the usb-a port or when using both ports 45W USB-C and 10-20W USB-A. Looks like they'd fit better in a slim pocket like this sleeve has or in general for travel.



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I love the M1 chip but I need at least 4tb of storage and ports connectivity (sd, hdmi, usb A). And I'm really tired of Apple's policy of removing all of that, it really put obstacles in my workflow. I also need something very light while still having a big screen which is why I am looking at the LG gram lineup.

So because you owned a macbook pro 13 as well, I have a few question:

1. do you feel the screen quality of the gram 16 is on par with the macbook's one? or lower?
2. i've seen that the touchpad is practically the same and I know macbooks are unbeatable when it comes to touchpad. how do you find the LG's touchpad in comparison?
3. how do you feel about battery life compared to the macbooks's one?
4. Being a photographer, I do a lot of photo editing and some light video editing. how do you feel the LG compares for that to the macbook? I am in France and can only get the version without dedicated GPU, so with intel iris Xe. If you have time, could you run some test with lightroom or photoshop without the RTX activated and let me know how fast it is? (navigating the interface, importing and exporting).

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RecklessReasoning • 1y ago

Nicely done. Just bought one today. Thank you!



Boring_Winner_6437 • 7mo ago

I bought LG Gram 16 almost 3 years back. The best decision I have ever made. Till date no issues, only the speaker volume is a disadvantage but except from that I feel its a fantastic device. Its just too good.

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Material-Emotion1245 • 1y ago

Im using my LG gram from 2017 right now and really love it. Was looking for upgrade and tried searching for newer models but all the reviews seem to hate it not sure why. LTT kept bashing the gram, yet in this years CES they loved the msi prestige which as almost the identical specs 🙄 Ill probably buy the latest gram never the less cuz i think the reviews are out if touch and biased



glickmpb007 • 1y ago

I literally just bought a demo unit from Costco for \$800 and think its a stellar deal for the laptop. Considering the prices of the ones they pitted it up against, I find it a KILLER deal :)

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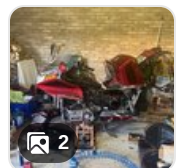
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