

POWERPC PORTABLES

THE IBOOK

The iBook G3, first announced in 1999, was the first colorful laptop, and all-in-one affordable portable. It came in many different speeds and colors. It featured a 3.2 or 6 GB hard drive, 32 or 64 MB or RAM, a 366 MHz G3, and ran the Mac OS 9 operating system. Later models included an optional airport card for wireless web surfing, and a firewire port, and so could be upgraded to Mac OS 10.4.11 Tiger. After the 466 MHz models with firewire came out, the iBook G3 'Snow' was announced. Rocking a 500 MHz G3, and both the Mac OS 9 and Mac OS X OSs. These new iBooks featured dual USB ports, as well as firewire and an optional airport card.



After the 900 MHz G3s, the new iBook G4 was released. It featured an 800 MHz new G4 processor, with 256 megabytes of RAM. It ran Mac OS 10.3 on a 30 GB ATA hard drive. Later models included the 2005 12" and 14" laptops, with an airport card, Mac OS 10.4 Tiger (upgradable to 10.5 Leopard), a 40 or 60 gigabyte hard drive, a combo drive, and a fast 1.33 (12") or 1.42 (14") GHz PowerPC G4 processor.

Mobility Radeon 9550 graphics card. It originally came with 512 MB of RAM, but was easily upgradable to 1.5 GB.

