

The Smallest Laptop Adapter Yet?

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MIT spin-off FINsix reveals the latest version of a miniature power adapter it describes as "a perfect complement to today's thin, lightweight, portable laptops"-- the Dart, supposedly the smallest and lightest power adapter around.



First seen in unnamed form back at CES 2014, the Dart weighs all of 60g and is much smaller than regular power bricks. It uses very high frequency (VHF) power conversion, a patented MIT technology promising power cycles up to 1000x faster with the same energy loss of regular adapters, thus allowing the considerable reduction in size.

FINsix also claims the Dart runs cool, unlike some power bricks doubling as space heaters or hot plates.

Construction is in aluminium, with a 2.1A USB port for further device charging. The standard Dart is compatible with most (if not all) notebooks with 18-21V voltage and 65W power level. A special Mac-compatible version features MagSafe connectors and handles the higher power requirements of MacBook Pro laptops.

Like many other recently announced devices, the Dart is currently available on the Kickstarter crowdfunding/preorder platform. Once the campaign is complete shipments should kick off from November 2014.

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