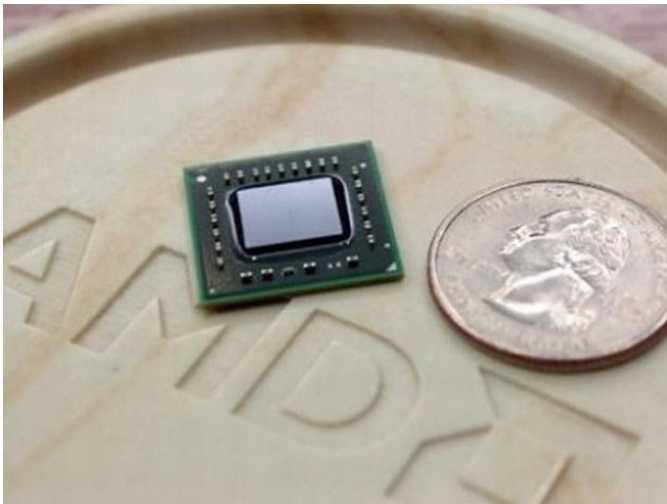


AMD Summons "Hondo" For Mobile Devices

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AMD claims potential customers will soon be able to play games such as "Call of Duty" on Windows 8 tablets, through the dual-core Z-60 "Hondo" APU with integrated Radeon HD 6250 graphics.



According to the company the Z-60 beats the likes of Nvidia's ARM-based Tegra 3 and Intel's Clover Trail Atom in the performance stakes-- by being able to run Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2 with 1024 x 768 resolution at 30 frames per second.

Being a more power-efficient version of lower-end AMD laptop chips, "Hondo" runs at 1GHz and uses 4.5W of power. It carries 80 graphics cores and is ideal for tablets 10mm thin.

According to AMD the chip should get up to 8 hours (web browsing) or 6 hours (720p HD video playback) of power from a 30Wh battery.

The company says the Z-60 hit store shelves as soon as Windows 8 launches-- although it gives no mention of OEMs actually shipping devices carrying the chip. The predecessor to Hondo, the AMD Z-01, actually appeared on only one tablet, the MSI WindPad 110W.

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