

HP's Tough Laptop for Schools

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HP announces a laptop it claims is "tested to military field standards"-- the ProBook x360 11 Education Edition, an 11-inch convertible laptop aimed at the educational segment featuring a rugged build.



The military standard mentioned by the company is MIL-STD-810G, a standard covering a wide array of resistances, including drops of around 75cm and liquid spills on the keyboard. Construction is in hard industrial rubber, and Gorilla Glass displays come as an optional extra.

Being a convertible device, the ProBook x360 features touchscreen and active pen support, together with a hinge offering 4 different usage modes. An "explorer mode" dual-camera system allows users to take videos in tablet mode while viewing what is being recorded in real-time.

Built-in software includes a "Take a Test" app providing a secure, browser-based environment for test taking, and a "Set up School PCs" app for easy setup with new IT support required. LEDs on the back lid let teachers know when wifi is enabled, and thus when students are browsing the web.

The ProBook x360 Education Edition hits European markets from December 2016.

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