

HP Intros Omen 15 Gaming Laptop

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HP announces an addition to the Omen laptop lineup at the HP Gaming Festival in Beijing, China-- an update on the Omen 15, a notebook the company describes as "faster, smaller and more powerful than ever."



The Omen 15 offers a 15.6-inch display in either 144Hz 1080p or 60Hz 4K flavours, together with an 8th generation Intel Core i5+/i7+ CPU with up to 6 cores, Nvidia GeForce GTX 1070 graphics, up to 32GB DDR4 RAM and SSD, HDD, SSD+HDD and HDD+Intel Optane storage options. It is also smaller than the previous model, since it weighs 2.5kg, and and comes inside a metal chassis.

The event also has HP unveil a number of gaming accessories. These include the Sequencer, a keyboard featuring optical-mechanical Blue switch technology the company claims are 10x faster than traditional switchers. Also included in the keyboard are a roller bar, dedicated media keys and RGB LED lighting users can control via Omen Command Centre software.



Another HP Omen accessory is the Rector, a mouse claiming to have a "robust industry-first aluminium metal USB cable that helps reduce kinking and commands attention." It also includes optical-mechanical switch technology, together with a 16000 sensor, adjustable palm rest and rubber grips, and 2 zones of programmable RGB LEDs.

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A final offering is the MindFrame-- "the world's first headset with active earcup cooling technology." Essentially each earcup has a thermoelectric device able to conduct heat from the acoustic chamber to the outside, keeping the ear cool. Other features include DTS Headphone:X11 and 7.1 virtual surround sound, noise-cancelling unidirectional microphone with flip-mute and RGB lighting.

All above mentioned HP Omen products ship from July 2018, with the exception of the MindFrame whose launch date is simply H2 2018.

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