

HP announces additions to the x360 laptop range under both Spectre and Elite banners-- specifically the Spectre x360 13, Spectre x360 15 and, for business customers, the EliteBook x360 1040 G5.



“Traditional boundaries between personal and professional lives are blurring. People want technology that seamlessly adapts to the way they live and work, as well as devices that allow them to express who they are as individuals,” the company says. “Our latest Spectre and Elite innovations deliver an unmistakable sense of style, while also setting new standards for performance, connectivity, and security. From the world’s longest battery life in a quad-core convertible to the world’s smallest and lightest business convertible, HP continues to raise the bar for innovation that enables amazing new PC experiences.”

Both Spectre x360 13 and 15 are convertible machines, with CNC machined aluminium construction featuring a dual-chamfer design HP says allows users to lift the lid easier from 3 sides. The laptops include an angled USB-C port on the right side (something allowing for better cable management, HP claims), Bang & Olufsen audio, privacy camera kill switch and HP Command Centre software allowing one to optimise system performance, fan speeds and thermal performance.

The Spectre x360 13 is the smaller model promising "the world's longest battery life in a quad-core convertible"-- specifically 22.5 hours on a 61Wh battery. It runs on Whiskey Lake processors up to Core i7-8565, plus up to 16GB DDR4 RAM, a choice of FHD or UHD touchscreen and dual eSIM 4G LTE slots for wireless connectivity. Further connectivity comes through wifi, x2 Thunderbolt 3, x1 USB-A, 3.5mm combo audio and microSD ports.

Meanwhile the Spectre x360 15 is the "world's most powerful Spectre convertible laptop." It

offers a choice of either Whiskey Lake i7-8565U with MX150 or Coffee Lake-H i7-8750H CPU, with up to GeForce GTX 1050 Ti Max-Q graphics, together with either 4K or FHD touchscreen, x2 USB-C ports and all the other features from the Spectre x360 13.

As for the EliteBook x360 1040GS, the 14-inch notebook comes in a unibody CNC aluminium chassis with an anodised finish and toughness backed by MIL-STD testing. It comes with a choice of Intel Core i5-8250U or Core i7-8650U CPU, up to 32GB DDR4 RAM, up to 2TB storage, 56Wh battery and a choice of FHD 700nit or 4K UHD 500 nit touchscreen. Ports include x2 USB-A, x2 USB-C (x1 Thunderbolt 3), HDMI and 3.5mm audio. Wireless connectivity includes wifi and optional nano-SIM slot. Being an enterprise machine, a Kensington Lock is also included.

HP also has a couple of accessories to go with the laptops-- the EliteDisplay E243d Docking Monitor is a dock-to-monitor solution featuring using a single USB-A cable or power-enabled USB-C cable for data and video, while the USB Fingerprint Mouse is a mouse with a built-in fingerprint reader.

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