

Solid State Drives Not So Solid?

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Just as notebook makers increasingly adopt SSDs, an industry analyst says a major builder (Dell presumably) experiences a 20-30% return (performance issues piling on top of 10-20% failure rates.)

Intel is expected to enter the SSD market with 80GB-160GB. With SSD failures 10X higher than HDDs (10-12% vs. 0.5-2%), making reliable SSDs will be the key that could differentiate SSD vendors.

SSD's high failure rates come at a price: \$1000 extra for a notebook with SSD.

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