

Aspire Notebook Series

Quick Guide

Product registration

When using your product for the first time, it is recommended that you immediately register it. This will give you access to some useful benefits, such as:

- Faster service from our trained representatives.
- Membership in the Acer community: receive promotions and participate in customer surveys.
- The latest news from Acer.

Hurry and register, as other advantages await you!

How to register

To register your Acer product, please visit **www.acer.com**. Select your country, click **PRODUCT REGISTRATION** and follow the simple instructions.

You will also be asked to register your product during the setup process, or you can double-click the Registration icon on the desktop.

After we receive your product registration, you will be sent a confirmation email with important data that you should keep in a safe place.

Obtaining Acer accessories

We are happy to inform you that Acer's warranty extension program and Notebook accessories are available online. Come and visit our online shop and find what you need at **store.acer.com**.

The Acer store is being progressively rolled out, and, unfortunately may not be available in some regions. Please check back regularly to see when it will be available in your country.

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Acer recommends...

Productivity Software

Work Great with Microsoft® Office 2010 - Express your ideas, solve problems and simplify everyday projects with Office 2010.

Photo editing - Easily edit and print your photos with Windows Live Photo Gallery. Then share them on Facebook, YouTube or Windows Live.

Search & Decide with Bing - Find and organize the answers you need using Bing™, so you can make faster, more informed decisions.

First things first

We would like to thank you for making an Acer notebook your choice for meeting your mobile computing needs.

Your guides

To help you use your Acer notebook, we have designed a set of guides: First off, the **Setup Poster** helps you get started with setting up your computer.

The **Quick Guide** introduces you to the basic features and functions of your new computer.

For more on how your computer can help you to be more productive, please refer to the **Aspire User's Manual**. The **Aspire User's Manual** contains useful information applying to your new computer. It covers basic topics such as using the keyboard and audio, etc.

This guide contains detailed information on such subjects as system utilities, data recovery, expansion options and troubleshooting. In addition it contains warranty information and the general regulations and safety notices for your notebook.

Follow these steps to access it:

- 1 Click on  **Start > All Programs > AcerSystem**.
- 2 Click on **AcerSystem User Guide**.

Your Acer notebook tour

After setting up your computer as illustrated in the setup poster, let us show you around your new Acer notebook.

Keyboard view

















#	Icon	Item	Description
1		Power button	Turns the computer on and off.
2		Keyboard	For entering data into your computer. Caution: Do not use a keyboard protector or similar cover as the keyboard includes ventilation intakes for cooling.
3		Touchpad	Touch-sensitive pointing device. The touchpad and selection buttons form a single surface. Press down firmly on the touchpad surface to perform a left click. Press down firmly on the lower right corner to perform a right click.

Hotkeys




The computer employs hotkeys or key combinations to access most of the computer's controls like screen brightness and volume output.

To activate hotkeys, press and hold the <Fn> key before pressing the other key in the hotkey combination.

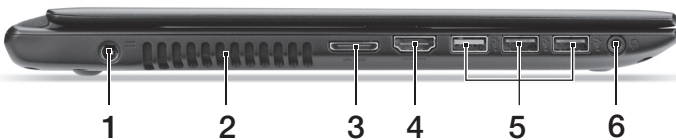
Hotkey	Icon	Function	Description
<Fn> + <F3>		Communication	Enables/disables the computer's communication devices.
<Fn> + <F4>		Sleep	Puts the computer in Sleep mode.
<Fn> + <F5>		Display toggle	Switches display output between the display screen, external monitor (if connected) and both.
<Fn> + <F6>		Screen blank	Turns the display screen backlight off to save power. Press any key to return.
<Fn> + <F7>		Touchpad toggle	Turns the internal touchpad on and off.
<Fn> + <F8>		Speaker toggle	Turns the speakers on and off.
<Fn> + <▷>		Brightness up	Increases the screen brightness.
<Fn> + <◁>		Brightness down	Decreases the screen brightness.
<Fn> + <△>		Volume up	Increases the sound volume.
<Fn> + <▽>		Volume down	Decreases the sound volume.
<Fn> + <Home>		Play/Pause	Play or pause a selected media file.
<Fn> + <Pg Up>		Stop	Stop playing the selected media file.
<Fn> + <Pg Dn>		Previous	Return to the previous media file.
<Fn> + <End>		Next	Jump to the next media file.


Screen view






#	Icon	Item	Description
1		Webcam	Web camera for video communication. <i>A light next to the Webcam indicates that the webcam is active.</i>
2		Screen	Displays computer output.
3		Microphone	Internal microphone for sound recording.
4		2-in-1 card reader	Accepts one Secure Digital (SD or SDHC) card or MultiMediaCard (MMC). Note: To remove the card, simply pull it from the slot.
		Power indicator	Indicates the computer's power status.
5		Battery indicator	Indicates battery status. Charging: The light is amber when the battery is charging. Fully charged: The light is blue.

Left view



#	Icon	Item	Description
1		DC-in jack	Connects to an AC adapter.

#	Icon	Item	Description
2		Ventilation and cooling fan	Allows the computer to stay cool. <i>Do not cover or obstruct the openings.</i>
3		LAN/VGA combo port	Makes it easy to get online and plug in an external display, from one place. The provided LAN/VGA combo cable is hot-swappable so you can plug it in and out even when the notebook is on.
4		HDMI port	Supports high-definition digital video connections.
5		USB ports	Connects to USB devices. <i>If a port is black it is USB 2.0 compatible, if it is blue it is also USB 3.0 compatible (see below).</i>
6		Headset/speaker jack	Connects to audio devices (e.g., speakers, headphones) or a headset with microphone.


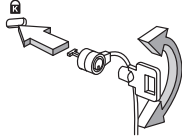
Information on USB 3.0

- Compatible with USB 3.0 and earlier devices.
- For optimal performance, use USB 3.0-certified devices.
- Defined by the USB 3.0 specification (SuperSpeed USB).

Right view





#	Icon	Item	Description
1		Optical drive	Internal optical drive; accepts CDs or DVDs.
2		Optical disk access indicator	Lights up when the optical drive is active.
3		Optical drive eject button	Ejects the optical disk from the drive.
4		Emergency eject hole	Ejects the optical drive tray when the computer is turned off. <i>Carefully insert a straightened paper clip to eject the optical drive tray.</i>

#	Icon	Item	Description
5		Kensington lock slot 	Connects to a Kensington-compatible computer security lock. <i>Wrap the computer security lock cable around an immovable object such as a table or handle of a locked drawer. Insert the lock into the notch and turn the key to secure the lock. Keyless models are also available.</i>

Base view



#	Icon	Item	Description
1		Battery release latch	Releases the battery for removal. Insert a suitable tool and slide to release.
2		Memory compartment	Houses the computer's main memory.
3		Battery bay	Houses the computer's battery pack.
4		Ventilation and cooling fan	Allows the computer to stay cool. <i>Do not cover or obstruct the openings.</i>
5		Speakers	Deliver stereo audio output.

Environment

- Temperature:
 - Operating: 5 °C to 35 °C
 - Non-operating: -20 °C to 65 °C
 - Humidity (non-condensing):
 - Operating: 20% to 80%
 - Non-operating: 20% to 80%
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Connecting to the Internet

Your computer's wireless connection is turned on by default.

Windows will detect and display a list of available networks during setup. Select your network and enter the password if required.

To turn your computer's Bluetooth or wireless connections on or off, press <Fn+F3> to open Launch Manager.



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Note: Click **On** to enable the wireless/Bluetooth connection. Click **Off** to disable.

Otherwise, open Internet Explorer and follow the instructions. Please also refer to your ISP or router documentation.

Power management

This computer has a built-in power management unit that monitors system activity, such as activity involving one or more of the following devices: keyboard, mouse, hard disk, peripherals connected to the computer, and video memory. If no activity is detected for a period of time, the computer stops some or all of these devices in order to conserve energy.