



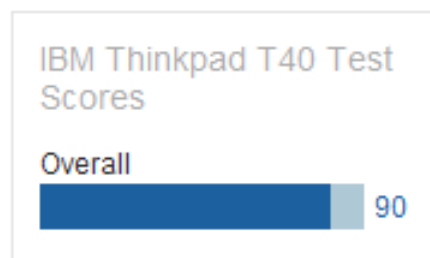
The ThinkPad T40 takes the T30's best features, adds a faster processor, and debuts at the top of our power notebooks chart.

WHAT'S HOT: The new ThinkPad T40 is IBM's best one-bay notebook yet, and not just because it takes all its predecessor's best features and adds a faster processor. It boasts the T30's impressive combination of a big screen, multiple flavors of wireless readiness, and dual pointing devices in a slim notebook. Its modular bay can host a combination DVD-ROM/CD-RW drive, a Zip drive, a second hard drive or battery, or a floppy drive. What's more, you can specify an 80GB hard drive and up to 2GB of system memory.

At 5.4 pounds (without add-ons like an adapter) and a thickness of one inch, it's even skinnier than the T30.

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But the real news is that the T40 is ridiculously fast, thanks to Intel's latest generation of thin-laptop processors. Faster yet cooler-running, the Pentium M lets vendors squeeze notebooks into smaller cases. Our review unit used a 1.6-GHz Pentium M chip, equipped with a generous secondary cache of 1MB, to lock down a record-breaking PC WorldBench 4 score of 124. That's about 25 percent higher than the average scored by full-size notebooks we've tested with the regular 1.6-GHz Pentium 4-M chip. In the battery life department, our review machine used a new 9-cell power pack to run almost 6.4 hours.

WHAT'S NOT: This high-end configuration of the T40, loaded with almost every bell and whistle available for the line, is pricey at \$3249. One of those high-end features, the extended-life battery, adds almost an extra inch to the back of the notebook. You can order a configuration with a regular 6-cell battery, if you prefer. You won't get 6-hour battery life, but the power pack will sit flush with the back.

WHAT ELSE: IBM does the best job of any vendor in implementing dual pointing devices: Each not only has its own set of directional buttons, but both sets of buttons depress deeply to provide lots of feedback, to a level that no other notebook can match. The typing action, as on all ThinkPads, is firm yet quiet. And to suit any fingertip, three different pointing stick covers come in the box.