

User's Manual

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Acer Iconia Tab 10 User's Manual

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Acer Iconia A3-A20FHD

Model number: _____

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GETTING STARTED WITH YOUR TABLET

Features and functions

Your new tablet offers leading, easy-to-access multimedia and entertainment features. You can:

- Connect to the Internet via Wi-Fi.
- Access your email while on the move.
- Keep in touch with your friends via your People and social networking APPs.

Unpacking your tablet

Your new tablet comes packed in a protective box. Carefully unpack the box and remove the contents. If any of the following items are missing or damaged, contact your dealer immediately:

- Acer Iconia A3-A20FHD tablet
- Product setup and safety information
- USB cable
- AC adapter
- Warranty card



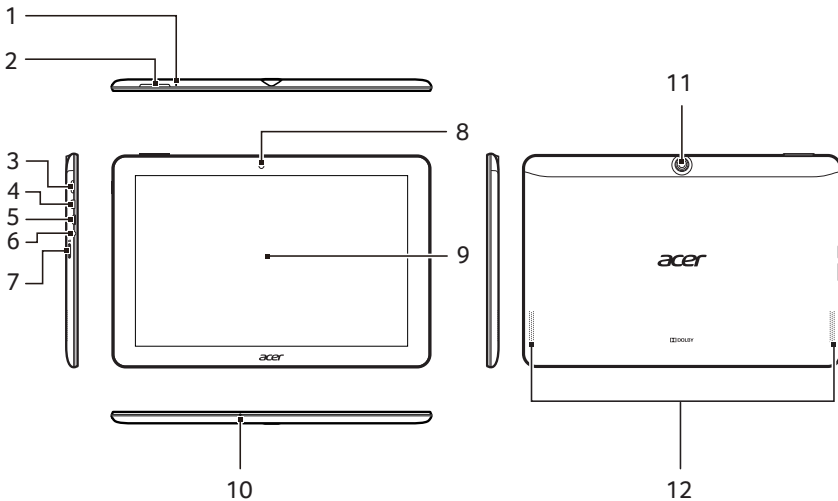
Note

Before using your tablet for the first time, you need to charge it for at least four hours. After that you can recharge the battery as needed.

Caution: Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Getting to know your tablet

Views



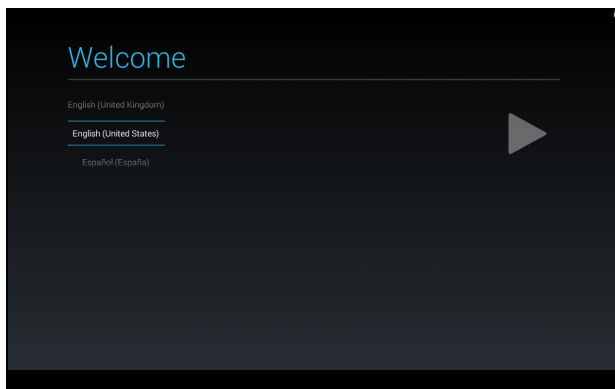
| No. | Item | Description |
|-----|------------------------|--|
| 1 | Reset pinhole | Insert a small thin object (such as a paperclip) to reset the tablet. |
| 2 | Volume control key | Increases and decreases the tablet volume. |
| 3 | Power button | Long press to turn the tablet on, press briefly to turn the screen on/off or enter sleep mode; press and hold to turn the tablet off. |
| 4 | Micro HDMI port | Supports high-definition digital video connections. |
| 5 | Micro USB port (Slave) | Connects to a computer via a USB cable. Also serves as the charging port for the AC adapter. For more information, see Charging your tablet on page 8. |
| 6 | 3.5 mm headphone jack | Connects to stereo headphones. |

| No. | Item | Description |
|-----|---------------------|--|
| 7 | MicroSD card slot | Insert a microSD card into the slot. |
| 8 | Front-facing camera | A 2-megapixel camera for video chats and self-portrait images. |
| 9 | Touchscreen | 10.1", 1920 x 1200 pixel capacitive touchscreen. |
| 10 | Microphone | Receives audio for video chats and Internet calls. |
| 11 | Rear-facing camera | A 5-megapixel camera for taking high-resolution images. |
| 12 | Speakers | Emit audio. |

Turning on for the first time

To turn on your tablet, press and hold the power button until you see the Acer logo. Wait a moment for your tablet to boot up. You will then be asked some questions before you can use your tablet.

To start, tap to select your language then tap **Start**. Follow the rest of the instructions as they are displayed.



If the tablet's screen turns off, it has entered sleep mode. Briefly press the power button to wake it up. For more information [see Waking your tablet on page 19](#).

Sign in to or create a Google account

If you have Internet access, your tablet allows you to synchronize information with a Google account.

During the start-up process, you may create or sign in to an account, which will be used to synchronize your contact list, email, calendar and other information. If you do not yet have Internet access, or do not want to use this feature, then tap **Skip**.



Important

You must sign in to a Google Account to use Gmail, Hangouts, Google Calendar, and other Google Apps; to download APPs from Google Play; to back up your settings to Google servers; and to take advantage of other Google services on your tablet.

If you want to restore existing settings from another device with Android 2.0 (or later) installed, you must sign in to your Google account during setup. If you wait until after setup is complete, your settings will not be restored.

If you have multiple Google accounts, such as separate accounts for personal and business contacts, you can access and synchronize them from the Accounts settings section. **See [Multiple Google accounts on page 63](#)**

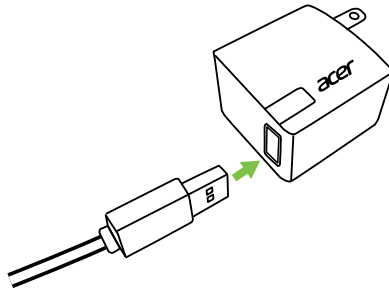
CHARGING YOUR TABLET

Assembling the power adapter

Your tablet is bundled with one of two types of USB power adapters: a fixed-prong type or a removable-prong type. Both types are described in this manual.

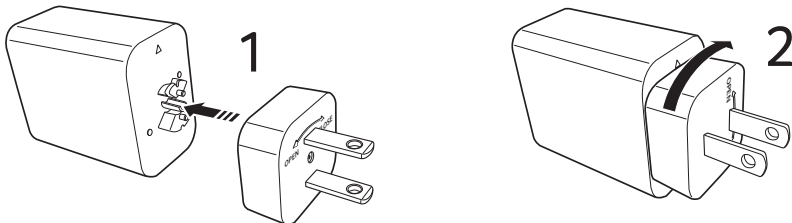
Fixed-prong type

The prongs and power adapter body form a complete piece, no assembly required. Simply slide the large end of the USB cable into the power adapter body (it will fit in only one direction). You cannot remove or switch the prongs with this type of adapter.



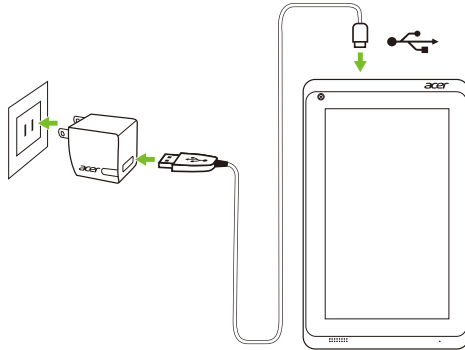
Removable-prong type

Align arrows on the power adapter head and body. Insert the head onto the power adapter body and turn the head towards "CLOSE" printed on the head until it clicks into place. Simply slide the large end of the USB cable into the power adapter body (it will fit in only one direction).



Connecting power

Connect the power connector to your tablet and plug the AC adapter into any AC outlet.



Warning

Only use an Acer-approved adapter to charge your device.



Note

It is normal for the tablet surface to become warm during charging or long periods of use.

USING YOUR TABLET

Using the touchscreen

Your tablet uses a touchscreen for selecting items and entering information. Use your finger to tap the screen.

Tap: Touch the screen once to open items and select options.

Drag: Hold your finger on the screen and drag across the screen to select text and images.

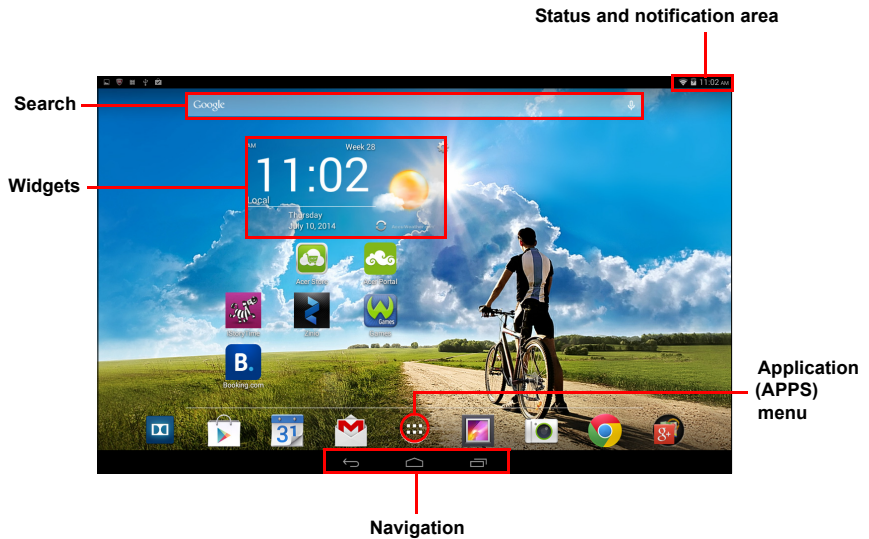
Tap and hold: Tap and hold an item to see a list of actions available for that item. On the pop-up menu that appears, tap the action you want to perform.

Scroll: To scroll up or down the screen, simply drag your finger up or down the screen in the direction that you want to scroll.

The Home screen

When you start your tablet, or wake it from power saving, it will display the Home screen. This screen gives you quick access to information and simple controls with widgets or shortcuts to APPs. Widgets display information such as the time and weather, or provide additional controls and direct access to APPs. Some have been pre-installed on your tablet, while others may be downloaded from Google Play.

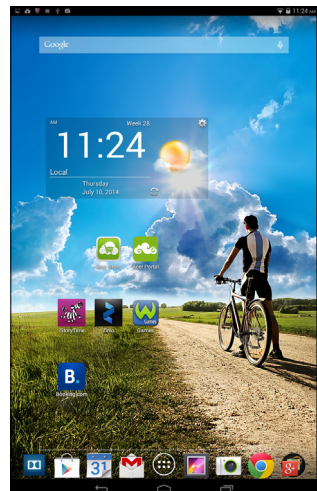
The Home screen already features some useful controls and information.



Note

Bundled apps differ depending on region and configuration.

When auto-rotate is enabled, the home screen can rotate to portrait view.



Search

To search for APPs, files or for information on the internet, tap the **Google** icon in the top-left corner.



Simply enter the text you want to find. Tap the arrow or Enter key to search the internet, or tap one of the suggestions, APPs or files shown in the list.

In order to search or browse the internet, you must be connected to a cellular data or wireless network. [See Going online on page 58.](#)

You can also choose what Google Search searches for. Within search, tap the **Hide** button (replaces **Back**) to hide the keyboard. Then tap the **Menu** icon > **Settings** > **Tablet search**. Select the APPs you want Google Search to search.

Voice search

If voice search is available, tap the microphone and speak your search request. [See Voice Search on page 61.](#)



Navigation

To navigate through menus and options, three (or more) icons are shown in the bottom-left corner.



Back

Tap this icon to go to the previous page, or to go up one level in a menu. This icon may be replaced with the *hide* icon in certain cases (such as if the keyboard or list of recent APPs is shown).



Home

Tap this icon to go directly to the Home screen.

Recent


Tap this icon to see recently opened APPs. Tap an application to open it, or tap anywhere on the screen to return to the Home screen.

The extended Home screen

The Home screen extends to either side of the initial Home screen, giving you more room to add widgets or organize shortcuts. To view the extended Home screen, swipe your finger to the left or right.

A total of five pages are available, two to the left and two to the right. To change or add widgets on any of the screens [see Personalizing the Home screen on page 16](#).

The application menu

To access the application menu, tap  in the center of the application dock. The application menu displays APPs and widgets available on your tablet.

APPs are displayed in alphabetical order. Swipe to the left to see more APPs. When you are on the last page of APPs, swipe to the left to see widgets available on your tablet. [See Personalizing the Home screen on page 16](#).

Tap the **Play Store** icon to open Google Play.

Adding an application to a Home screen

Tap and hold an icon to add a shortcut to one of your Home screens. When you select an icon, you are taken to the initial Home screen. You can drag the selected icon to any extended home screen.

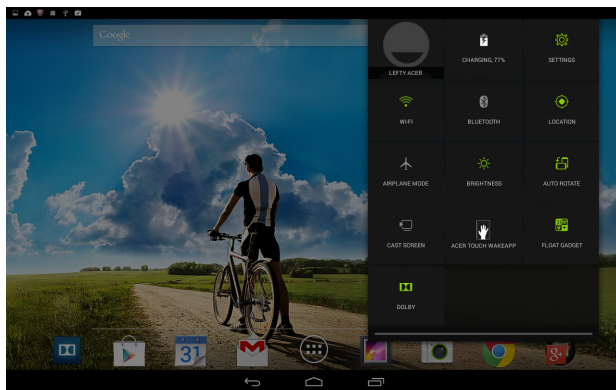
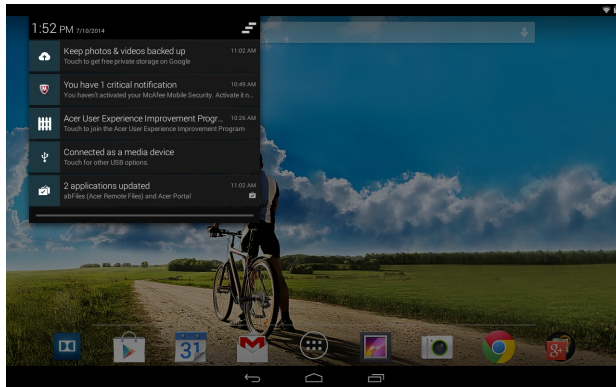
Status and notification area

Status and notification icons are shown at the top of the screen. The top-right area displays a variety of information, such as time, battery status, and connectivity. The top-left area displays event icons, such as a new message.



Swipe down from the top-left side to display notification details such as current downloads and media controls such as "play/pause" and

"next track" when music is playing. Swipe down from the top-right side to display *Quick Settings*.
















Quick Settings icons



Note

Many Quick Settings icons turn green when active.

| Icon | Name | Description |
|--|-----------------|---|
|  | Airplane mode | Tap to toggle Airplane mode on and off. When on, all wireless connectivity is disconnected. |
|  | Audio profiles | Tap to select a predefined audio profile |
|  | Auto rotate | Tap to toggle automatic screen rotation on and off. |
|  | Battery | Displays current battery status. Tap to display battery life details. |
|  | Bluetooth | Tap to toggle Bluetooth on and off. Tap and hold to display Bluetooth settings. |
|  | Brightness | Tap to adjust the screen's brightness (button always remains green). |
|  | Data connection | Tap to enable and disable data connection. If Data connection is disabled, you will not be able to use your SIM. |
|  | Data usage | Tap to display the data usage for SIM and Wi-Fi. |
|  | Location | Tap to toggle your device's location services on and off. Tap and hold to display location service settings. |
|  | Settings | Tap to display your device's settings menu. |
|  | GPS | Turn your tablet's GPS on or off. |
|  | Timeout | Adjust the time before your tablet's screen will dim/turn off. |
|  | Wi-Fi | Tap to toggle Wi-Fi on and off (waves indicate signal strength). Small "up" and "down" arrows mean information is being transmitted and received, respectively. Tap and hold to display Wi-Fi settings. |

**Note**

If your device's battery is getting too hot, you will be notified and advised to turn off the device. If you fail to turn it off, it will shut down automatically.

Personalizing the Home screen

You may personalize your Home screen by adding or removing application shortcuts or widgets, and by changing the wallpaper.

Adding or removing shortcuts or widgets

To add shortcuts or widgets, tap the *APP menu* icon in the bottom-center of the Home screen.

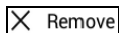
The *APP menu* contains a list of shortcuts to APPs you can drag to a Home screen.

Tap **WIDGETS** to see small APPs and links (such as custom shortcuts, contacts or bookmarks) that you can add to a Home screen. Widgets are small APPs that display constantly-updated information or quick shortcuts to APPs or special functions.

To move an APP or widget to the Home screen, tap and hold an item until it is selected. The Home screen will open. Drag the item to any free area on the screen. To view information about the APP or widget, drag it to the icon at the top of the screen.

To move the item to a different Home screen, drag it to the side of the screen, the Home screen will switch to the screen in that direction. Release the item when it is positioned correctly.

Removing an item from the Home screen



To remove an item from the Home screen, tap and hold the item until the **Remove** option appears at the top of the screen. Simply drag the item to the **Remove** option.

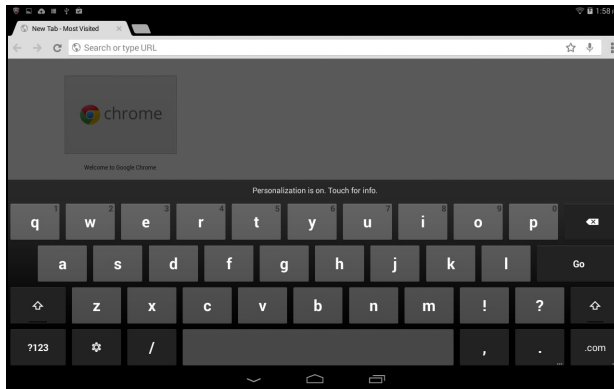
Changing the Home screen wallpaper

Tap and hold any open space on the Home screen. You can choose from a set of pre-formatted wallpapers, images stored in the Gallery, selected Wallpapers, Live wallpapers that feature animated or

interactive backgrounds, or Video wallpapers that feature your recorded personal videos.

The onscreen keyboard

When you tap a text box to enter text, an onscreen keyboard will appear. Simply tap on keys to enter text.




Note

The layout of the keyboard varies slightly, depending on the application and information that is required.

Tap the **?123** button to see numbers and special characters, and then tap the **~\{** key to see more options. Tap and hold a key to select alternative characters (if available for that key), such as letters with accents or related symbols.

Changing Google keyboard settings

To use a different keyboard language or change settings, tap the **Input options** key, then select either **Input languages** or **Google keyboard settings**. These settings include Auto-correction and keyboard sounds. 

Predictive text or auto correction

The Google keyboard can provide predictive text input. As you tap the letters of a word, a selection of words are displayed above the keyboard that continue the sequence of letters tapped, or are a close match allowing for errors. The word list changes after every key press. If the word you need is displayed, you can tap on it to insert it into your text.

To turn predictive text on or off with the Google keyboard, tap the **Input options** key, and then **Google keyboard settings**. Tap **Auto correction** or **Show correction suggestions** and select one of the options.

Editing text

You can select and edit text in certain APPs, such as text you have entered in a text field. Selected text can be cut or copied and later pasted within the same application, or to a different application.



Note

Certain APPs may not support text selection, or only support it in certain areas. Other APPs may offer specialized commands to select text.

Selecting text

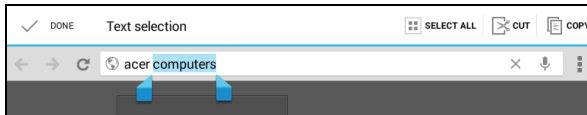
To select text that you want to cut, copy, delete or replace:

1. Tap the text you want to select. If you can select this text, a cursor is inserted below the text.
2. Tap and hold the text or word you want to select. The selected text is highlighted, with a tab at each end of the selection.
3. Drag either tab to expand or reduce the amount of selected text, or tap **SELECT ALL**.
4. To cut or copy the text, tap the **CUT** or **COPY** button.

Inserting text

To type new text or add text that you have copied:

1. Tap where you want to insert text. If you can select this text, a cursor is inserted below the text. To replace a word, double tap the word. In both cases, if you previously copied text, a PASTE button displays.
2. If the cursor is not in the desired position, simply drag it to the correct position.



3. Modify the text by typing or deleting text or tapping the PASTE button.

Waking your tablet

If the screen is off and the tablet does not react to any taps on the screen, then it has been locked and is in sleep mode.

To wake your tablet, press the power button. Your tablet will display the Lock screen. To unlock the screen, press the lock button and follow the lock to the right side of the circle.

Security Options

For additional security, you may set a code or number that must be entered to access the tablet, such as an unlock pattern (a set of dots that must be tapped in the correct order). Open the Home screen and tap **APPS > Settings > Security > Screen lock**. If you forget your unlock pattern, please refer to [Unlock pattern on page 59](#).

Shutting down your tablet

If you won't use your tablet for an extended period of time, turn it off to save battery power. To turn off your tablet (even when locked), press and hold the power button for one second. Tap **Power off** and confirm the shut down. To force a shutdown, press and hold the power button for four seconds.

CONNECTING DEVICES TO YOUR TABLET

Connecting to AC power

See [Charging your tablet](#) on page 8

Inserting a microSD card

You may install a microSD card to expand your device's storage space. Ensure that the microSD card is inserted all the way into the card slot.



Note

Your tablet only supports microSD cards that use the FAT or FAT32 file system.

Check card capacity in the **External SD card** section of **APPs > Settings > Storage**.

Transferring files between your tablet and a PC

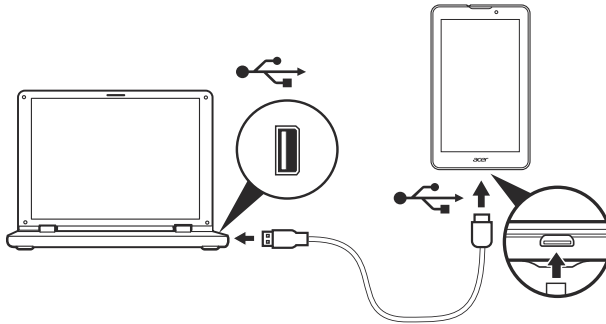
Your tablet and any connected storage devices can be accessed from a PC with a USB connection.

Connecting to a PC as a USB storage device

If you wish to transfer information between your device and your computer (either the microSD card in your device or the device's

internal memory), you can connect your device to a PC using the supplied shielded USB cable.

1. Plug the USB sync cable into the micro USB connector on your device.
2. Plug the USB client connector into an available USB port on your computer.



3. Swipe down the top-left notification area and tap **Connected as a media device** to choose whether to connect as a *Media device (MTP)* (the default option) or *Camera (PTP)*.

Your device will now be available as a drive in your computer's file explorer.

Connecting a Bluetooth device

Only A2DP stereo headsets (playback only, no microphone) are supported. Please check for updates to the tablet's software which may add support for additional Bluetooth devices.

For Bluetooth settings, tap **APPS > Settings**, then under **WIRELESS & NETWORKS** tap Bluetooth.

Turn Bluetooth on and tap **Search for devices** to scan for nearby devices.

Accessories

For a complete list of accessories, visit store.acer.com.

SPECIFICATIONS

Performance

- Intel® Atom™ processor 1.6 GHz processor
 - System memory:
 - 1 GB of RAM
 - 8 or 16 GB of flash memory
- Google Android™ KitKat® operating system

Display

- 7" TFT-LCD capacitive multi-touch screen
- 1280 x 800 resolution (for B1-730HD models)
- 1024 x 600 (for B1-730 models)

Multimedia

- Dual speakers
- Built-in microphone

Formats supported:

| Type | Formats |
|-----------------|---|
| Audio recording | AAC-LC, AMR-WB |
| Audio playback | AAC-LC, AAC, AAC+ (not raw AAC), AMR-NB, AMR-WB, MP3, OGG Vorbis, WAV |
| Video recording | H.264 BP, MPEG-4 SP, H.263 BP |
| Video playback | H.264 BP, H.264 MP, H.264 HP, MPEG-4 SP, H.263 BP |

USB connector

- Micro USB port

Power

- DC power-in (5.35 V, 2 A)

Connectivity

- Bluetooth 3.0+4.0
- Wi-Fi IEEE 802.11b/g/n
- GPS

Camera

- Front camera
 - 0.3-megapixel
 - Fixed focus
- Rear camera
 - 2-megapixel
 - 720p HD audio/video recording

Expansion

- microSD card slot (up to 32 GB)

Battery

- 14 Wh 3680 mAh 3.8 V 1-cell Li-polymer battery pack
Battery life: Up to 7.0 hours (based on video playback test results)



Note

Length of battery operation will depend on power consumption which is based on system resource use. For example, constantly using the backlight or using power-demanding APPs will shorten battery life between charges.

Dimensions

| | |
|-----------|---|
| Height | 197.5 mm |
| Width | 120 mm |
| Thickness | (for B1-730 models) mm (for B1-730HD models) |
| Weight | g |

Environment

Temperature

Operating: 0° C to 35° C

Non-operating: -20° C to 60° C

Humidity (non-condensing)

Operating: 20% to 80%

Non-operating: 20% to 80%

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