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Nav 9 Slate PC Goes Directly After the iPad

A very interesting device from Netbook Navigator

The Nav 9 Slate PC Netbook Navigator

As we've said a couple of times up until now, 2010 will most likely be known as the "year of the tablet" in the computing systems' history, given the fact that a very large number of products of this type are scheduled to arrive on the market by the year's end. Some products are just announced or planned, but others are already here, and that's exactly the case with the particular model you'll read about as follows, namely the Nav 9 Slate PC manufactured by a company called Netbook Navigator.

The device in question is more or less a netbook in disguise, since it's built around an Intel Atom N270 CPU running at 1.6 GHz., combined with an Intel 945GSE+ICH7M Chipset, Intel GMA950 Video Card and an 8.9-inch multi-touch LCD display, capable of delivering a 1,024 x 600 pixel resolution.

The Nav 9 Slate PC also packs 1GB of onboard 667MHz DDR2 SDRAM memory (expandable to 2GB), as well as a 16GB Internal Solid State Drive (expandable to 128GB). Furthermore, the portable device offers numerous connectivity and networking options, including here integrated Wi-Fi 802.11N, Bluetooth 2.0 and 10/100M WLAN modules, while a Huawei EM770 3G WWAN module is also available as an option.

In terms of physical connectors, the gizmo from Netbook Navigator comes equipped with 3x USB 2.0 interfaces, 1x MiniSD/MMC Card Slot, 1 x SIM Card Slot, 1x Port Replicator w/ RJ-45 Wired Internet & VGA Output Adapter, a 3.5mm Headphone Line Out and a 3.5mm -56dB Microphone Line In. Additionally, the Nav 9 Slate PC incorporates 2 x 40mW speakers.

What really makes this thing interesting, at least as far as we're concerned, is that it retails for just around 600 US dollars, which is quite close to the price of Apple's iPad. Moreover, it's capable of running Windows 7 (up to Home Premium), another issue that will certainly draw a lot of possible customers' attention.

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