

Sorry about missing last weeks article. Tennessee's first tax-free weekend was the first weekend in August and we were just covered up. In fact I want to go ahead and thank all of my loyal customers for their support. Without you this weekend would have been a huge disappointment.

I have been seeing a bigger trend toward purchasing laptops instead of desktops. In fact during the tax-free weekend we sold about 40% laptops and 60% desktops. In the past I had been very leery about selling laptops because of everything that can wrong with them. Laptops in general have a lot more wear and tear just because they are portable and because of this are more susceptible to breakage.

Most of you know that I am fanatical about carrying the highest quality components on the market at the fairest price. That is why I haven't really endorsed any particular laptop model. Last year however, a company by the name of Lenovo purchased the entire IBM personnel computer line. I have always thought that the IBM ThinkPad lines of notebook computers are the best, however the cost of these laptops are generally very high.

Since Lenovo has bought IBM they created a new line of laptops called the N3000 series. The N3000 series incorporates many of the features that made the IBM ThinkPad series so popular. The N3000 series has reinforced screen lid hinges, a reinforced screen bezel to keep the screen from flexing, and the general fit and finish is far superior then many other brands. In addition the N3000 series comes with card reader ports, IEEE 1394 Fire wire connections, and optional finger print scanners for added security.

We carry two models in stock, one is priced at \$799 and includes a 1.6 Ghz, Celeron Mobile processor, 512 ram, 80 gig HD, CDRW/DVD, Windows XP home, 802.11g Wireless Internet and a 14.1" Crystal Bright Wide screen LCD. The \$999 model we carry has similar specifications except that it has a 1.66 Ghz Core Duo Centrino Processor, DVDRW, Windows XP Pro, and a 15.4" wide screen.

I was so impressed with the quality of this laptop series I recently replaced my old laptop with this N3000 series. In fact, I'm so confident in the quality of this series, If your Computer Depot purchased Lenovo ever needs to be sent back for warranty repair, I will provide you a loaner laptop while yours is gone at no additional charge. I bet the Big Box stores would never extend this kind of service.

If you are having problems with your desktop or laptop don't hesitate to call the techs at Computer Depot. Thomas, Roger or, Aaron can be reached at 947-0749 and we NEVER charge for diagnostic service.