

MAC COMPUTER RECOMMENDATIONS

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Because prices change, & new models come out, this page may be quickly outdated. Looking for the best deals on Mac laptops, I found these.

+ LAPTOPS

Apple makes iBooks and Powerbooks. PBooks are more expensive because of a better screen and a bit more horsepower.

You should be able to buy a new Mac laptop & ProTools for \$1650.. maybe less if you shop around. Often you can get printers & RAM tossed in.

\$ 1500 is possible.

A) **Apple iBook** 12" 1.33GHz - Combo Drive+(12" is a small laptop)

1.33MHz G4 iBook with 512MB RAM, 40GB Hard Drive, and 12.1" TFT Display. Wireless is built in!

PRICE: \$999.00

B) **Apple PowerBook** - 12-inch PowerBook Laptop Computer with 12.1" TFT Display, 1.5GHz Power PC Processor, 80GB Hard Drive, SuperDrive DVD burner, 512MB RAM

PRICE: \$1,699.00

You'll need to buy a **1GB RAM** chip for either laptop.

ProTools needs 1 GB or more.

PRICE:\$ 229

iLife - Garage Band, iPhoto, iMovie, iDVD. GOTTA have iLife.

PRICE:\$ 79

Digidesign Mbox

Portable USB-powered 2-in/2-out

Pro Tools LE System

PRICE:\$349.97! (sweetwater.com)

Lots of decisions when you buy a computer. How big a screen.. how much RAM.. how fast.. you can spend \$ 4,000. These are some 'small' choices. Right now, ProTools runs best on Mac Operating system 10.3. Be sure to ask about which OS your purchase has.

+ OPTIONS

I would buy these, money permitting.

Epson Stylus Photo R200 - Prints directly on ink jet printable CDs/DVDs

PRICE: \$99.00

LaCie 160GB FireWire Hard Drive

7200 RPM 160GB External FireWire Hard Drive.

PRICE: \$149.00+

Applecare three year warranty on laptops runs \$250-350.

+ iMACS

Need a desktop computer? Buy an iMac. It must have at least 1GHz processor. It must have at least 1GB RAM. The more RAM, the better the computer runs. Our Lab computers are 850 mHz & have 512 MB RAM - underpowered.

You can buy refurbished G5 iMacs from Apple for \$999.

New iMacs with extra RAM are around \$ 1450, or run \$ 1650 w/ DVD burner.

You could buy a used iMac desktop, but get a G5 if you do.

I buy music gear from Sweetwater often. The Apple Store is great - there are probably educational discounts and good payment options there.

Don't get me started on condensor mics, keyboards and MIDI. Too much information there. Send me an email: chris@msbMusicBiz.com