

Aspire 7740 Series

Quick Guide

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Model number: _____

Serial number: _____

Date of purchase: _____

Place of purchase: _____

First things first

We would like to thank you for making an Acer notebook your choice for meeting your mobile computing needs.

Your guides

To help you use your Acer notebook, we have designed a set of guides:

First off, the **Just for Starters...** poster helps you get started with setting up your computer.

The **Aspire Series Generic User Guide** contains useful information applying to all models in the Aspire product series. It covers basic topics such as using the keyboard and audio, etc. Please understand that due to its nature, the **Generic User Guide** as well as the **AcerSystem User Guide** mentioned below will occasionally refer to functions or features which are only contained in certain models of the series, but not necessarily in the model you purchased. Such instances are marked in the text with language such as "only for certain models".

The **Quick Guide** introduces you to the basic features and functions of your new computer. For more on how your computer can help you to be more productive, please refer to the **AcerSystem User Guide**. This guide contains detailed information on such subjects as system utilities, data recovery, expansion options and troubleshooting. In addition it contains warranty information and the general regulations and safety notices for your notebook. It is available in Portable Document Format (PDF) and comes preloaded on your notebook. Follow these steps to access it:

- 1 Click on  **Start > All Programs > AcerSystem.**
- 2 Click on **AcerSystem User Guide.**



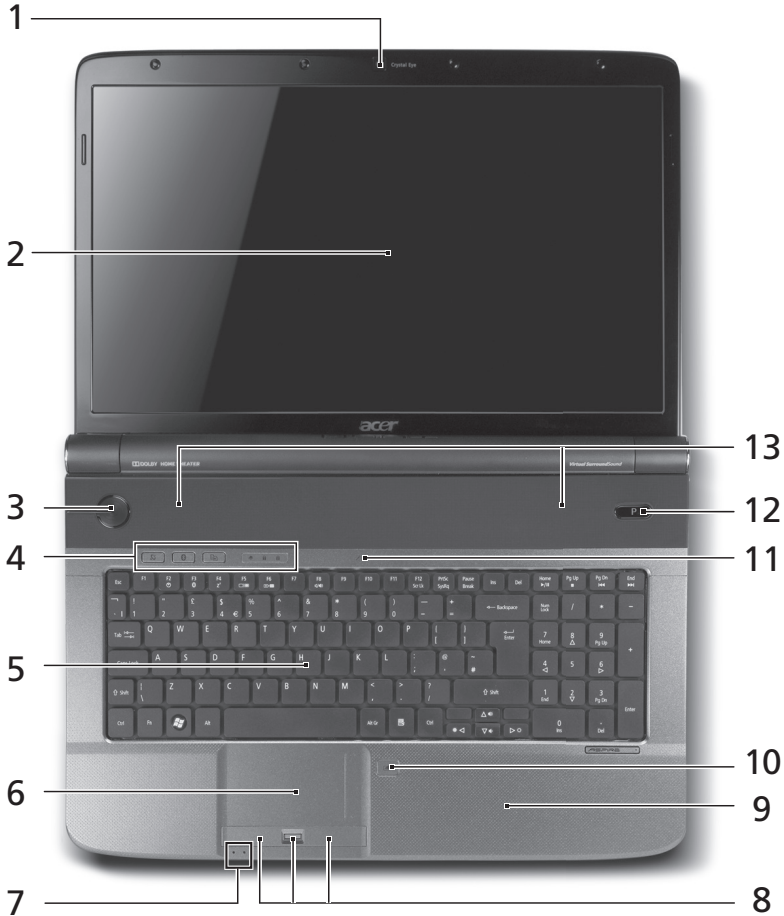
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Note: Viewing the file requires Adobe Reader. If Adobe Reader is not installed on your computer, clicking on **AcerSystem User Guide** will run the Adobe Reader setup program first. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the installation. For instructions on how to use Adobe Reader, access the **Help and Support** menu.












Your Acer notebook tour


After setting up your computer as illustrated in the **Just for Starters...** poster, let us show you around your new Acer notebook.

Top view



| # | Icon | Item | Description |
|---|------|-------------------------|---|
| 1 | | Acer Crystal Eye webcam | Web camera for video communication. (only for certain models) |











| # | Icon | Item | Description |
|----|---|---|--|
| 2 | | Display screen | Also called Liquid-Crystal Display (LCD), displays computer output (configuration may vary by model). |
| 3 |  | Power button | Turns the computer on and off. |
| 4 |  | Wireless LAN communication button/indicator | Enables/disables the wireless LAN function. Indicates the status of wireless LAN communication. |
| |  | Bluetooth communication button/indicator | Enables/disables the Bluetooth function. Indicates the status of Bluetooth communication (only for certain models). |
| |  | Backup key | Launches Acer Backup Management for three-step data backup. |
| |  | HDD | Indicates when the hard disk drive is active. |
| |  | Num Lock | Lights up when Num Lock is activated. |
| |  | Caps Lock | Lights up when Caps Lock is activated. |
| 5 | | Keyboard | For entering data into your computer. |
| 6 | | Touchpad | Touch-sensitive pointing device which functions like a computer mouse. |
| 7 |  | Power ¹ | Indicates the computer's power status. |
| |  | Battery ¹ | Indicates the computer's battery status. 1. Charging: The light shows amber when the battery is charging. 2. Fully charged: The light shows blue when in AC mode. |
| 8 | | Click buttons (left, center* and right) | The left and right buttons function like the left and right mouse buttons. *The center button serves as Acer Bio-Protection fingerprint reader supporting Acer FingerNav 4-way control function (only for certain models). |
| 9 | | Palmrest | Comfortable support area for your hands when you use the computer. |
| 10 |  | Touchpad toggle | Turns the internal touchpad on and off. |
| 11 |  | Microphone | Internal microphone for recording sound. |

| # | Icon | Item | Description |
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| 12 |  | Programmable key | User-programmable. |
| 13 | | Speakers | Left and right speakers deliver stereo audio output. |

Hotkeys


The computer employs hotkeys or key combinations to access most of the computer's controls like screen brightness and volume output.

To activate hotkeys, press and hold the **<Fn>** key before pressing the other key in the hotkey combination.

| Hotkey | Icon | Function | Description |
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| <Fn> + <F2> |  | System Properties | Starts System Properties for displaying system information. |
| <Fn> + <F3> |  | Bluetooth | Enables/disables the Bluetooth function (only for certain models). |
| <Fn> + <F4> |  | Sleep | Puts the computer in Sleep mode. |
| <Fn> + <F5> |  | Display toggle | Switches display output between the display screen, external monitor (if connected) and both. |
| <Fn> + <F6> |  | Screen blank | Turns the display screen backlight off to save power. Press any key to return. |
| <Fn> + <F8> |  | Speaker toggle | Turns the speakers on and off. |
| <Fn> + <↑> |  | Brightness up | Increases the screen brightness. |
| <Fn> + <↓> |  | Brightness down | Decreases the screen brightness. |
| <Fn> + <△> |  | Volume up | Increases the sound volume. |
| <Fn> + <▽> |  | Volume down | Decreases the sound volume. |

Closed front view



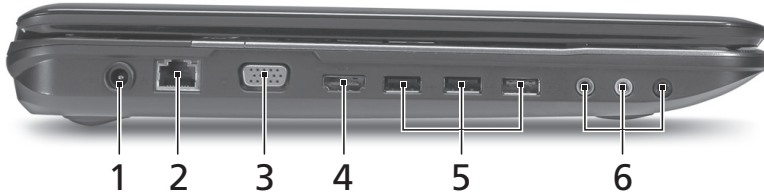
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| 1 |  | Multi-in-1 card reader | Accepts Secure Digital (SD), MultiMediaCard (MMC), Memory Stick (MS), Memory Stick PRO (MS PRO), xD-Picture Card (xD). Note: Push to remove/install the card. Only one card can operate at any given time. |








Rear view



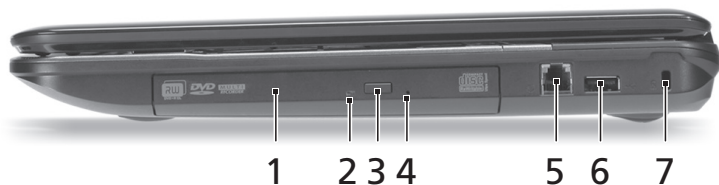
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| 1 | Ventilation slots | Enable the computer to stay cool, even after prolonged use. |




Left view



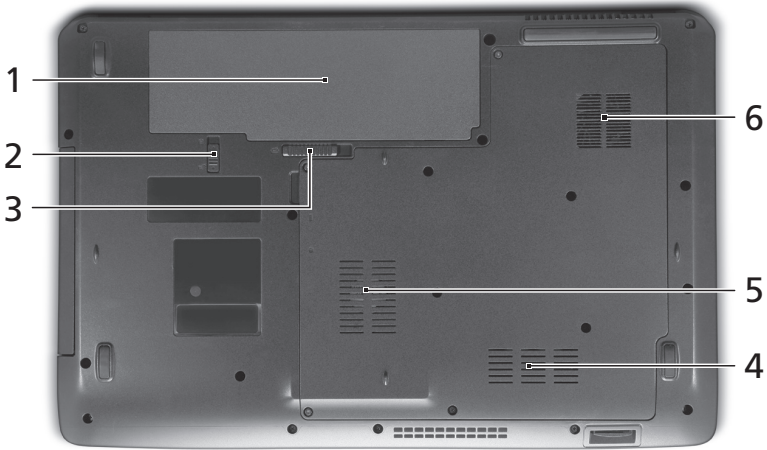
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| 1 |  | DC-in jack | Connects to an AC adapter. |
| 2 |  | Ethernet (RJ-45) port | Connects to an Ethernet 10/100/1000-based network. |
| 3 |  | External display (VGA) port | Connects to a display device (e.g., external monitor, LCD projector). |
| 4 | HDMI | HDMI port | Supports high definition digital video connections. |
| 5 |  | USB 2.0 port | Connect to USB 2.0 devices (e.g., USB mouse, USB camera). |
| 6 |  | Line-in jack | Accepts audio line-in devices (e.g., audio CD player, stereo walkman, mp3 player) |
| |  | Microphone jack | Accepts inputs from external microphones. |
| |  | Headphones/speaker/line-out jack with SPDIF support | Connects to audio line-out devices (e.g., speakers, headphones). |






Right view



| # | Icon | Item | Description |
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| 1 | | Optical drive | Internal optical drive; accepts CDs or DVDs. |
| 2 | | Optical disk access indicator | Lights up when the optical drive is active. |
| 3 | | Optical drive eject button | Ejects the optical disk from the drive. |
| 4 | | Emergency eject hole | Ejects the optical drive tray when the computer is turned off. Note: Insert a paper clip to the emergency eject hole to eject the optical drive tray when the computer is off. |
| 5 |  | Modem (RJ-11) port | Connects to a phone line. |
| 6 |  | USB 2.0 port | Connect to USB 2.0 devices (e.g., USB mouse, USB camera). |
| 7 |  | Kensington lock slot | Connects to a Kensington-compatible computer security lock. |

Base view



| # | Icon | Item | Description |
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| 1 |  | Battery bay | Houses the computer's battery pack. |
| 2 |  | Battery lock | Locks the battery in position. |
| 3 |  | Battery release latch | Releases the battery for removal. |
| 4 |  | Memory compartment | Houses the computer's main memory. |
| 5 |  | Hard disk bay | Houses the computer's hard disk (secured with screws). |
| 6 | | Ventilation slots and cooling fan | Enable the computer to stay cool, even after prolonged use. Note: Do not cover or obstruct the opening of the fan. |

Specifications

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| Operating system | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genuine Windows 7® |
| CPU/chipset | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intel® Core™ i7* • Intel® Core™ i5* • Intel® Core™ i3* • Intel® HM55 Express Chipset |
| System memory | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dual-channel support • Up to 4 GB of DDR3 1066 MHz memory, upgradeable to 8 GB using two soDIMM modules |
| Display | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16:9 aspect ratio • 17.3" HD+ 1600 x 900 |
| Graphics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATI Mobility Radeon™ HD 5650* • ATI Mobility Radeon™ HD 5470* • Integrated Intel® GMA HD graphics |
| Audio | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dolby®-optimized surround sound system with two built-in stereo speakers • True5.1-channel surround sound output • High-definition audio support • S/PDIF (Sony/Philips Digital Interface) support for digital speakers • MS-Sound compatible • Built-in microphone |
| Storage subsystem | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.5" hard disk drive • Optical drive options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blu-ray Disc™/DVD-Super Multi double-layer drive* • DVD-Super Multi double-layer drive* • Multi-in-1 card reader |
| Communication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Acer Crystal Eye webcam* • WLAN: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intel® Centrino® Advanced-N 6200 802.11a/g/n* • Intel® Centrino® Wireless-N 1000 802.11b/g/n* • Acer InViLink™ Nplify™ 802.11b/g/n* • Acer InViLink™ 802.11b/g* • WPAN: Bluetooth® 2.1+Enhanced Data Rate (EDR) • LAN: Gigabit Ethernet; Wake-on-LAN ready • Modem: 56K ITU V.92; Wake-on-Ring ready |
| Privacy control | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIOS user, supervisor, HDD passwords • Kensington lock slot |

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| Dimensions and weight | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 411 (W) x 274 (D) x 40/45.0 (H) mm (16.18 x 10.78 x 1.58/1.77 inches) • 3.2 kg (7.05 lbs.) with 6-cell battery pack* • 3.26 kg (7.19 lbs.) with 8-cell battery pack* |
| Power subsystem | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACPI 3.0 • 71 W 4800 mAh* • 48.8 W 4400 mAh* • 3-pin 90 W AC adapter* • 3-pin 65 W AC adapter* • ENERGY STAR®* |
| Special keys and controls | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 103-/104-/107-key keyboard • Touchpad pointing device |
| I/O interface | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-in-1 card reader (SD/MMC/MS/MS PRO/xD) • USB 2.0 port • HDMI™ port with HDCP support • External display (VGA) port • Headphones/speaker/line-out jack with S/PDIF support • Microphone-in jack • Line-in jack • Ethernet (RJ-45) port • Modem (RJ-11) port • DC-in jack for AC adapter |
| Environment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temperature: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating: 5 °C to 35 °C • Non-operating: -20 °C to 65 °C • Humidity (non-condensing): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating: 20% to 80% • Non-operating: 20% to 80% |



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Note: * Only for certain models



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Note: The specifications listed above are for reference only. The exact configuration of your PC depends on the model purchased.