

4-2 Daily Use

For maximum reliability in the field, keep all access doors shut whenever possible.

4-3 Battery Maintenance

Maintaining and preserving the battery is a key to keeping the notebook productive in the field.

4-3.1 Conserving Power

Even though the notebook has several automatic power saving features, there are ways to maximize the battery life.

- Use the lowest brightness and contrast display settings.
- Avoid using "reverse video". The white text on a black background uses significantly less power than black on white.
- Develop good, consistent work habits. Set the power management features according to your style. For example, if you do not read from or write to the hard disk very often, set the hard disk time-out setting to a very short time.
- Plan each computing session ahead of time. Don't waste valuable time and power thinking about what to do.
- Disable the cache if you do not need it.

4. Put another battery pack back in the battery pack house and make sure that the removal strap is available for future changes.

4-4 Cleaning

Periodically clean the exposed notebook surfaces. Use a soft cloth and water or mild detergent to clean all surfaces. The glass cleaner is recommended for cleaning the display screen.