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First things first

We would like to thank you for making the TravelMate series of notebook computers your choice for your mobile computing needs. We hope you will be happy with your TravelMate as much as we enjoyed making it for you.

Your guides

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

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

This **User's guide** introduces you to the many ways your computer can help you be more productive. This guide provides clear and concise information about the computer, so read it thoroughly.

If you ever need to print out a copy, this User's guide is also available in PDF (Portable Document Format). Follow these steps:

1. Click on **Start**, **Programs**, **TravelMate**.
2. Click on **TravelMate User's guide**.

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A handy **Pocket guide** is useful for quick glances at functional key combinations.

An **Online guide** is your helping hand on-the-go, with easy to access, detailed and linked information about your computer.

To access the online guide:

1. Click on **Start**, **Programs**, **TravelMate**.
2. Click on **TravelMate Online guide**.

Lastly, there may be a **Read me first** sheet included with your package which contains important reminders and updates. So, please read through it.

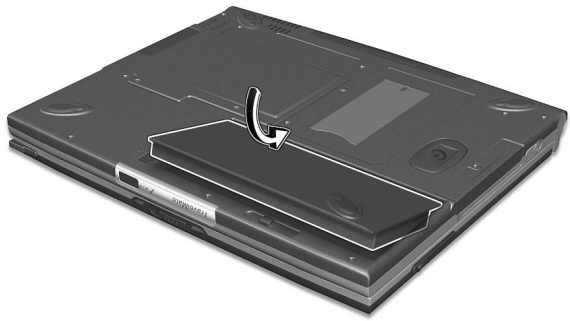
For more information about our products, services, and support information, please visit our web site (http://global.acer.com).

Basic care and tips for using your computer

Connecting your computer

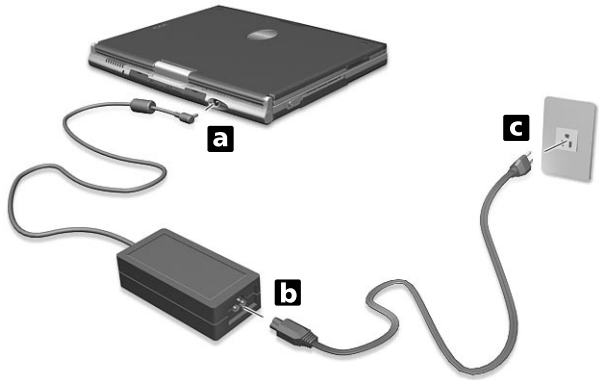
Connecting the computer is as easy as 1-2-3.

1. Insert the battery pack into the battery compartment, and press down until it clicks into place.



Note: See your online guide for more details on how to remove the battery pack.

2 Connect one end of the AC adapter to the power jack on the computer's rear panel and the other end to a properly-grounded power outlet.



3 Push the display cover two-way latch to open the display.

4 Slide the power switch towards the rear of the computer (a) then release it (b) to turn on the power. The POST (power-on self-test) routine executes and Windows begins loading.

To turn the power off, do any of the following:

- Click on **Start**, **Turn off Computer**; then click **Turn Off**.
- Use the power switch

Note: You can also use the power switch to perform power management functions. See "Power management" on page 32.

- Use the customized functions for power management

  You can also shut down the computer by closing the display cover, or by pressing the sleep hot key (**Fn-F4**). See the online guide for details.

Note: If you cannot power off the computer normally, press and hold the power switch for more than four seconds to shut down the computer. If you turn off the computer and want to turn it on again, wait at least two seconds before powering up.

Taking care of your computer

Your computer will serve you well if you take care of it.

- Do not expose the computer to direct sunlight. Do not place it near sources of heat, such as a radiator.
- Do not expose the computer to temperatures below 0ºC (32ºF) or above 50ºC (122ºF).
- Do not subject the computer to magnetic fields.
- Do not expose the computer to rain or moisture.
- Do not spill water or any liquid on the computer.
- Do not subject the computer to heavy shock and vibration.
- Do not expose the computer to dust and dirt.
- Never place objects on top of the computer to avoid damaging the computer.
- Do not slam the computer display when you close it.
- Never place the computer on uneven surfaces.

Taking care of your AC adapter

Here are some ways to take care of your AC adapter:

- Do not connect the adapter to any other device.
- Do not step on the power cord or place heavy objects on top of it. Carefully route the power cord and any cables away from personal traffic.
- When unplugging the power cord, do not pull on the cord itself but pull on the plug.
- The total ampere ratings of the equipment plugged in should not exceed the ampere rating of the cord if you are using an extension cord. Also, the total current rating of all equipment plugged into a single wall outlet should not exceed the fuse rating.

Taking care of your battery pack

Here are some ways to take care of your battery pack:

- Use only batteries of the same kind as replacements. Turn the power off before removing or replacing batteries.
- Do not tamper with batteries. Keep them away from children.

- Dispose of used batteries according to local regulations. Recycle if at all possible.

Cleaning and servicing

When cleaning the computer, follow these steps:

1. Power off the computer and remove the battery pack.
2. Disconnect the AC adapter.
3. Use a soft cloth moistened with water. Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners.

If any of the following occurs:

- The computer has been dropped or the body has been damaged.
- Liquid has been spilled into the product.
- The computer does not operate normally.

Please refer to "Troubleshooting my computer" on page 59.

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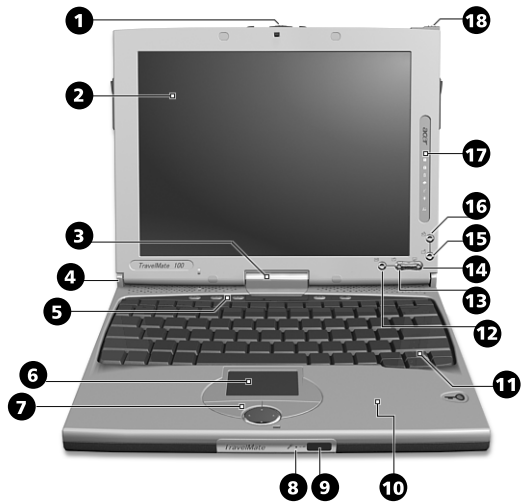
1 Getting to know your TravelMate

Your TravelMate computer combines high-performance, versatility, power management features and multimedia capabilities with a unique style and ergonomic design. Work with unmatched productivity and reliability with your new power computing partner.

A TravelMate tour

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

Front view



#	Item	Description
1	Two-way latch	Use to latch the LCD screen in both normal mode and tablet mode.
2	Display screen	Also called LCD (liquid-crystal display), displays computer output. Input-capable with the aid of the EMR stylus.
3	Convertible hinge	Hinges the LCD screen in place when switching from PC mode to tablet mode and vice versa.

#	Item	Description
4	Screen support	Supports the LCD screen, press and release before switching from PC mode to tablet mode and vice versa.
5	Launch keys	Buttons for launching frequently used programs. See “Launch Keys” on page 25 for more details.
6	Touchpad	Touch-sensitive pointing device which functions like a computer mouse.
7	Click buttons (left, center and right)	The left and right buttons function like the left and right mouse buttons; the center button is a 4-way scroll key.
8	Microphone	Captures sounds and voices into your computer.
9	Infrared port	Interfaces with infrared devices (e.g., infrared printer, IR-aware computers).
10	Palmrest	Comfortable support area for your hands when you use the computer.
11	Keyboard	Inputs data into your computer.
12	Enter button	Use to confirm selection in tablet mode. This button can also be used to emulate the **ESC** button by first pressing the Fn button and then this button. This button can be configured by the user. See note on page 5.
13	Page down buttons	Use to scroll one page down in tablet mode. This button can also be used to emulate the **Tab** button by first pressing the Fn button and then this button. This button can be configured by the user. See note on page 5.
14	Page up button	Use to scroll one page up in tablet mode. This button is used to rotate the display by first pressing the Fn button and then this button. This button can be configured by the user. See note on page 5.

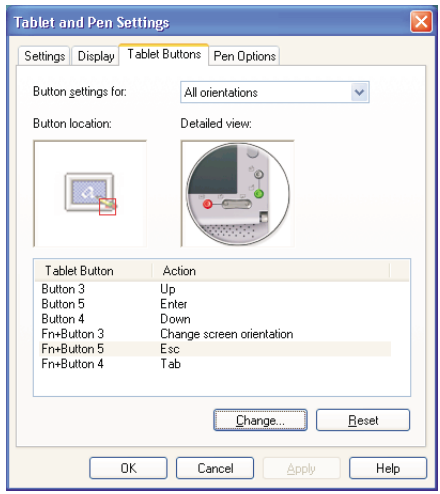
#	Item	Description
15	Function key button Fn	This button is used together with other buttons to invoke the tablet applications. This button is set and cannot be configured by the user.
16	Windows Security button	This button is used to emulate the **CTRL**+**ALT**+**DEL** key combination which launches the Windows Security dialog box. This button is set and cannot be configured by the user.
17	Status indicators	LEDs (light-emitting diodes) that turn on and off to show the status of the computer and its functions and components.
18	EMR stylus	Electromagnetic resonate (EMR) stylus that is used to input data in tablet mode. Use only an EMR-compatible stylus to input data on the screen.

Note: To configure the Enter, Page up and Page down buttons, double-click on the **Change tablet and pen settings icon** on the Windows taskbar.

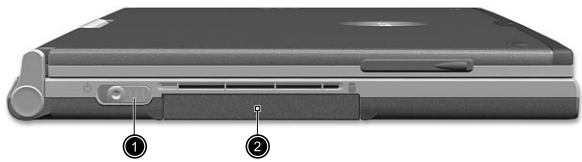
- or -

Click on **Start** on the Windows taskbar and click on **Control Panel** to open the Control Panel dialog box. Click on **Change to classic view**, then double-click on the **Change tablet and pen settings**.

Click on the **Tablet Buttons** tab on the Tablet and Pen Settings dialog box and change the buttons accordingly.

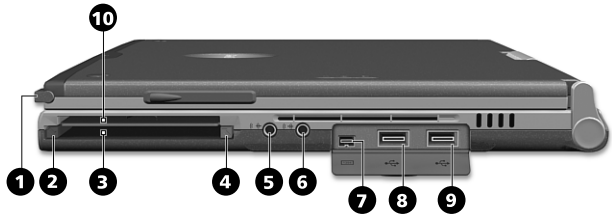


Left view



#	Item	Description
1	Power switch	Turns on the computer power.
2	Hard disk bay	Houses the computer's hard disk (secured by a screw).

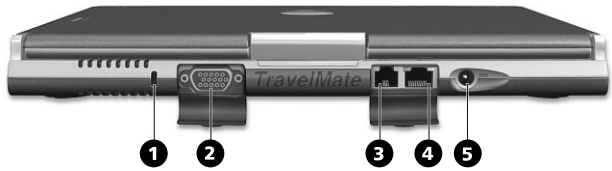
Right view



#	Item	Description
1	EMR stylus	Electromagnetic resonate (EMR) stylus that is used to input data in tablet mode. Use only an EMR-compatible stylus to input data on the screen.
2	PC Card eject button	Ejects the PC Card from the slot.
3	PC Card slot	Accepts one Type II 16-bit PC Card or 32-bit CardBus PC Card.
4	Smart Card eject button	Ejects the Smart Card from the slot.
5	Speaker/ Headphone-out jack	Connects to audio line-out devices (e.g., speakers, headphones).
6	Line-in jack	Accepts audio line-in devices (e.g., audio CD player, stereo walkman).
7	IEEE 1394 port	Connects to IEEE 1394 devices.

#	Item	Description
8	USB port 1	Connects to any Universal Serial Bus device (e.g., USB mouse, USB camera).
9	USB port 2	Connects to any Universal Serial Bus device (e.g., USB mouse, USB camera).
10	Smart Card slot	Slot for Smart Card interface with pre-boot authentication system.

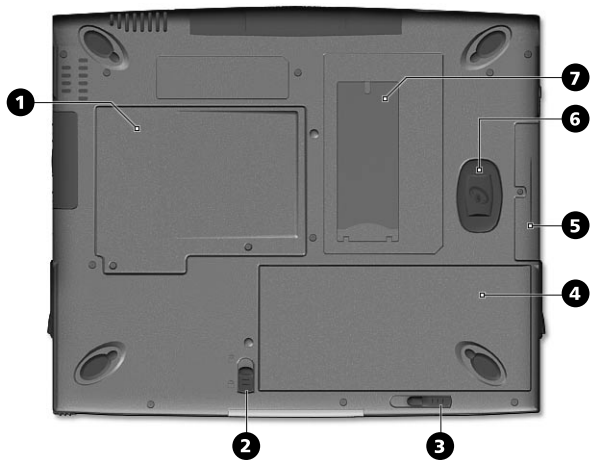
Rear view



#	Item	Description
1	Security keylock	Connects to a Kensington-compatible computer security lock.
2	External display port	Connects to a display device (e.g., external monitor, LCD projector) and displays up to 16M colors at 1024 x 768 resolution.
3	Modem jack	Connects to a phone line.

#	Item	Description
4	Network jack	Connects to an Ethernet 10/100-based network.
5	Power jack	Connects to an AC adapter.

Bottom view



#	Item	Description
1	Memory compartment	Houses the computer's main memory.
2	Battery lock/unlock latch	Locks and unlocks the battery bay.
3	Battery release latch	Unlatches the battery to remove the battery pack.

#	Item	Description
4	Battery bay	Houses the computer's battery pack.
5	Hard disk bay	Houses the computer's hard disk (secured by a screw).
6	Hard disk anti-shock protection	Protects your hard disk against accidental shock and vibration.
7	Personal identification slot	Insert an identification card to personalize your computer.

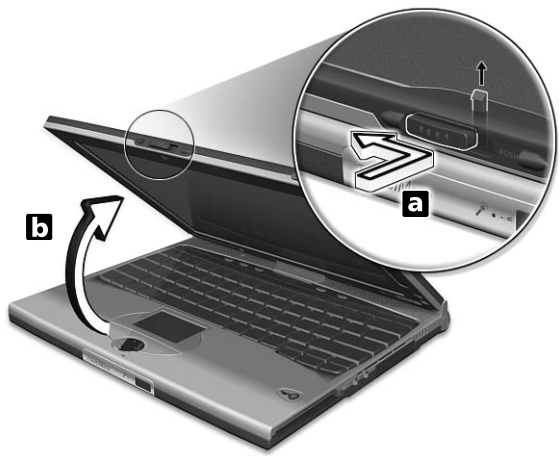
Using your computer in tablet mode

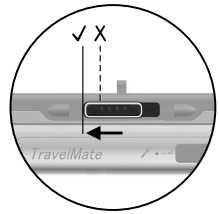
Your computer is designed for convenience, ergonomic use, and portability. Running the Windows XP Tablet PC edition operating system, your TravelMate utilizes an EMR stylus for pen-based input. Software developed specifically for the computer allows for both handwriting recognition converted to application text, or handwriting captured as rich digital ink for manipulation, editing, and formatting. By combining Windows-based applications with the versatility of pen-based input, this computer offers new ways for users to communicate in a wireless environment.

Switching to tablet mode

To switch to table mode, follow the steps below:

1 Push and slide the two-way latch in the direction as shown in the illustration below (a) and open the display screen (b).





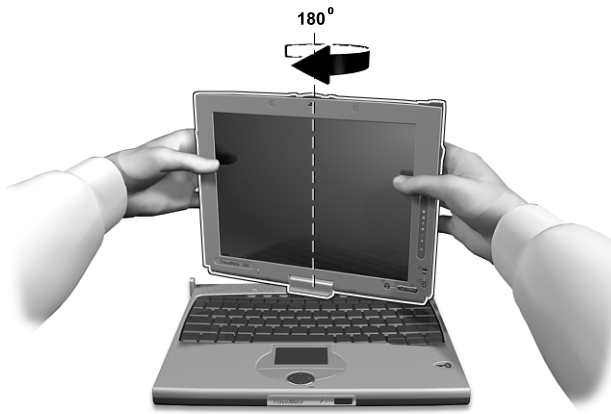
Push and slide the two-way latch all the way as shown in the illustration above.

Warning: When switching to tablet mode, make sure that you open the display at an angle between 85° to 95°. Doing

otherwise will damage your keyboard when rotating the display screen.

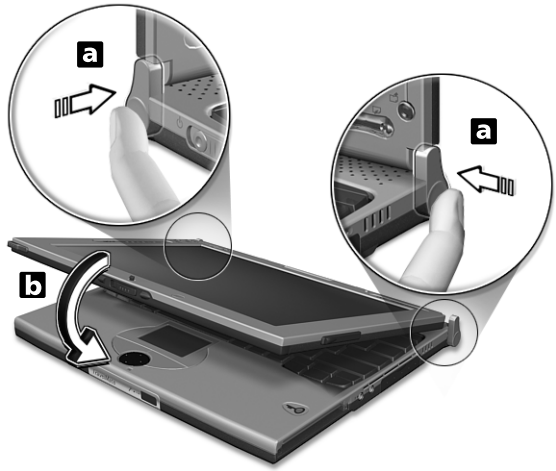
2 Press and release the screen support holding the display screen on both sides.

3 Rotate the display screen 180 degrees clockwise as shown in the illustration. Make sure that the display screen is aligned with the screen supports that will hold it in place.

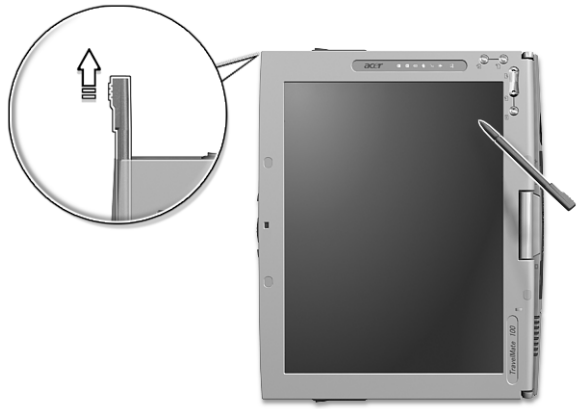


Warning: Rotate the display screen clockwise only when switching to the tablet mode. Rotating the display screen counterclockwise might damage it.

4 Press the screen supports on both sides until they click into place (a); then close and latch the display.



5 Remove the EMR stylus from its slot to begin pen-based input.



Switching to computer mode

To switch back to computer mode, reverse the steps of the “Switching to tablet mode” procedure.