

TravelMate C300

User's guide

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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.

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- 1** Click on **Start, All Programs, AcerSystem.**
- 2** Click on **AcerSystem User's guide.**

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Basic care and tips for using your computer

Turning your computer on and off

To turn on the computer, simply slide and release the power switch on the left side of your TravelMate. See “Left view” on page 4 for the location of the power switch.

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

- Use the Windows shutdown command

Click on **Start, Turn Off Computer**; then click on **Turn Off**.

- Use the power switch



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Note: You can also use the power switch to perform power management functions. See “Power management” on page 29.

- 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 “Power management” on page 29.



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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 0°C (32°F) or above 50°C (122°F).
- 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 61.

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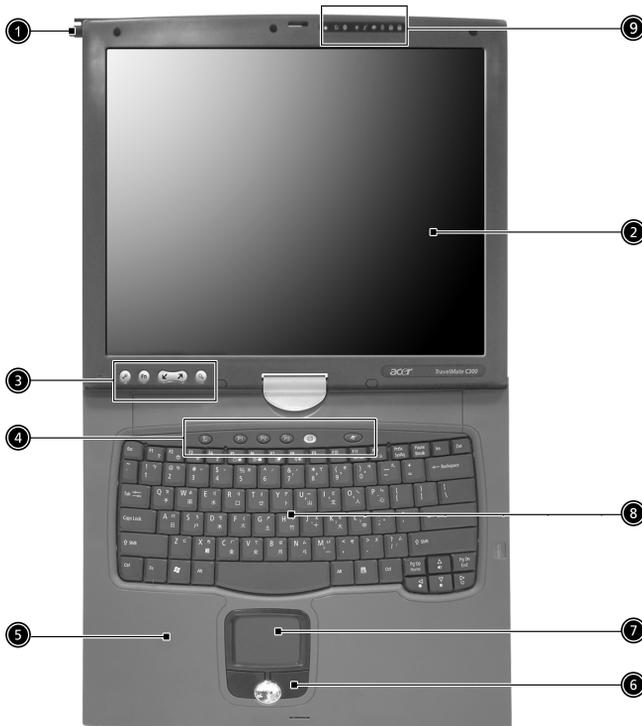
1 Getting to know your TravelMate

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	Pen slot	Keeps the stylus handy when not in use.
2	Display	Also called LCD (liquid-crystal display), displays computer output.

#	Item	Description
3	Tablet Keys	Add enhanced functionality when operating in Tablet mode.
4	Launch Keys	Buttons for launching frequently used programs. See “Launch Keys” on page 23 for more details.
5	Palmrest	Comfortable support area for your hands when you use the computer.
6	Click buttons (left, center and right)	The left and right buttons function like the left and right mouse buttons; the center button serves as a 4-way scroll button.
7	Touchpad	Touch-sensitive pointing device which functions like a computer mouse.
8	Keyboard	Inputs data into your computer.
9	Status indicators	LEDs (light-emitting diodes) that turn on and off to show the status of the computer, its functions and components.

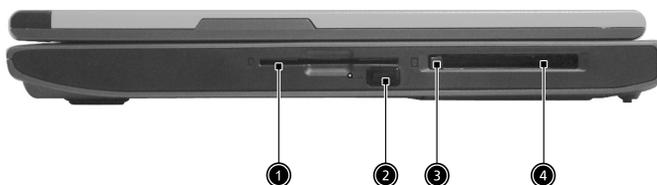
Left view



#	Item	Description
1	Security keylock	Connects to a Kensington-compatible computer security lock.
2	Power switch	Turns on the computer power.

#	Item	Description
3	Ventilation slot	Allows air to circulate through the computer chassis.
4	Optical drive	Internal optical drive; accepts CDs or DVDs depending on the optical drive type.
5	LED indicator	Lights up when the optical drive is active.
6	Eject button	Ejects the optical drive tray from the drive.
7	Emergency eject slot	Ejects the optical drive tray when the computer is turned off. See page 64 for more details.
8	Pen slot	Keeps the stylus handy when not in use.

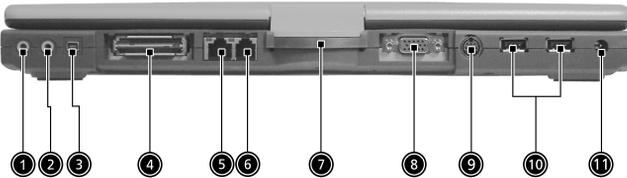
Right view



#	Item	Description
1	Smart Card slot	Slot for Smart Card interface with pre-boot authentication system.
2	Infrared port 	Interfaces with infrared devices (e.g., infrared printer, IR-aware computer).
3	PC Card eject button	Ejects the PC Card from the slot.

#	Item	Description
4	PC Card slot 	Accepts one Type II 16-bit PC Card or 32-bit CardBus PC Card.

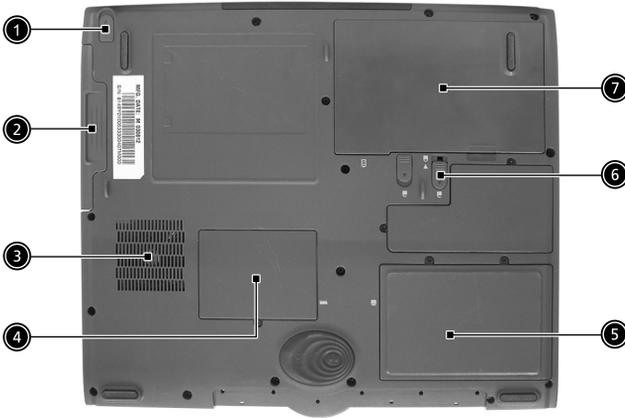
Rear view



#	Item	Description
1	Line-in/Mic-in jack 	Accepts audio line-in devices (e.g., audio CD player, stereo walkman).
2	Speaker/Line-out Headphone jack 	Connects to audio line-out devices (e.g., speakers, headphones).
3	IEEE 1394 port	Connects to IEEE 1394 devices.
4	Expansion port	Connects to an I/O port replicator or Acer EasyPort port expansion device.
5	Network jack 	Connects to an Ethernet 10/100/1000-based network.
6	Modem jack 	Connects to a phone line.

#	Item	Description
7	Convertible hinge	Hinges the LCD screen in place when switching from PC mode to tablet mode and vice versa.
8	External display port 	Connects to a display device (e.g., external monitor, LCD projector) and displays up to 16M colors at 1024x768 resolution.
9	S-video	Connect to a television or display device with S-video input.
10	USB 2.0 ports (2) 	Connect to Universal Serial Bus (USB) 2.0 devices (e.g., USB mouse, USB camera).
11	Power jack 	Connects to an AC adapter.

Bottom view



#	Item	Description
1	AcerMedia bay release latch	Unlatches the AcerMedia drive for removal or swapping.
2	AcerMedia bay	Houses an AcerMedia drive module.
3	Cooling fan	Helps keep the computer cool. Note: Don't cover or obstruct the fan opening.
4	Memory compartment	Houses the computer's main memory.
5	Hard disk bay	Houses the computers Hard disk drive.
6	Battery release latch	Unlatches the battery to remove the battery pack.
7	Battery bay	Houses the computer's battery pack.

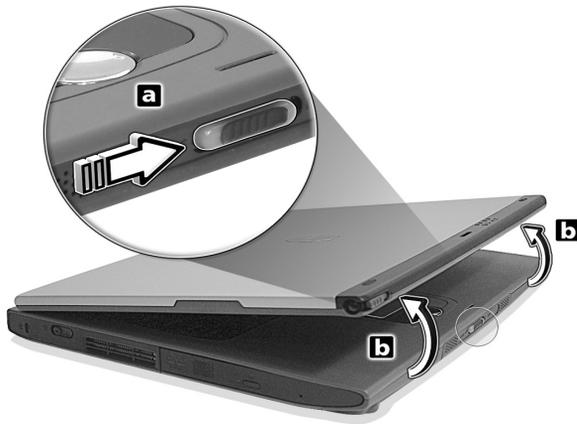
Using your computer in tablet mode

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.

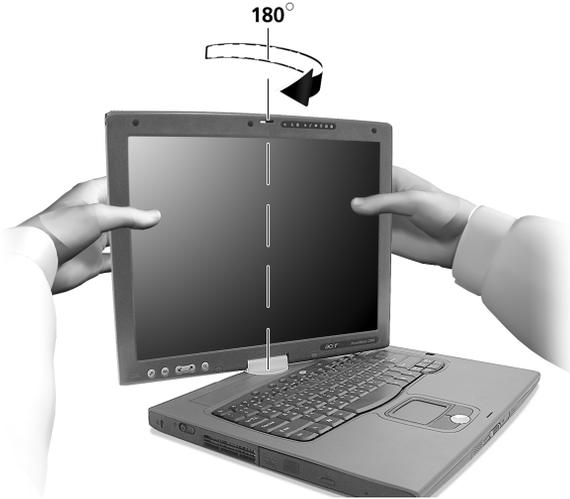
Writing in the tablet mode

To write in the tablet mode, follow the steps below:

- 1 Turn the latch to the right (a) and open the display screen in the direction as shown in the illustration below (b).



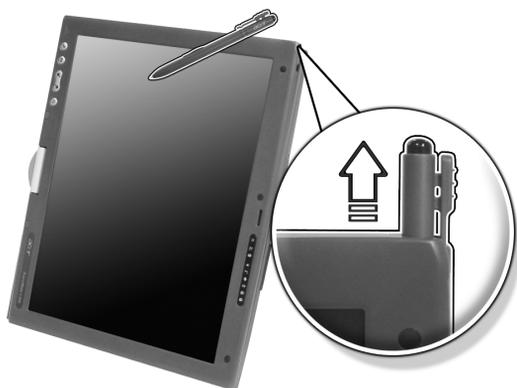
- 2** Open the display screen to an angle of about 90 degrees. When viewed from the side, the display should be perpendicular to the computer base.



- 3** With the screen facing away from the keyboard, close the display cover and slide the lock lever to properly secure the screen.



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



- 5 Double-tap or click on the Keyboard lock icon and select keyboard settings to Enable or Disable this feature.



Features

Below is a brief summary of the computer's many features:

Performance

- Intel® Pentium® M processor with 1MB L2 cache
- CD ROM, DVD, DVD/CD-RW combo, DVD or DVD-dual drive
- High-capacity Enhanced-IDE hard disk
- High-capacity LI-ION battery
- Advanced Configuration Power Interface (ACPI) power management system

Display

- 14.1" Thin-Film Transistor (TFT) liquid crystal display (LCD) supporting pen-based input, with 16M color at 1024x768 XGA (eXtended Graphics Array) resolution or 16M color at 1400x1050 SXGA (Super eXtended Graphics Array) resolution
- 3D capabilities
- Simultaneous LCD and CRT display support
- Supports other output display devices such as LCD projection panels for large-audience presentations
- Light Sensing background luminance detection - panel automatically adjusts screen brightness
- "Automatic LCD dim" feature that automatically decides the best settings for your display and conserves power
- Dual display capability

Multimedia

- 16-bit high-fidelity AC'97 stereo audio with 3D sound and wavetable synthesizer
- Built-in stereo speakers
- High-speed CD, DVD, DVD/CD-RW combo or DVD or DVD dual drive

Connectivity

- High-speed fax/data modem port

- Gigabit Ethernet port
- USB (Universal Serial Bus) 2.0 ports
- IEEE 1394 port
- 802.11b, 802.11 a+b, 802.11 a+g wireless LAN options
- Bluetooth option

Human-centric design and ergonomics

- Sleek, smooth and stylish design
- Full-sized keyboard
- Ergonomically-centered touchpad pointing device
- Rotating/folding screen for Tablet PC functionality

Expansion

- One Type II CardBus PC Card slot
- Upgradeable memory
- AcerMedia bay
- EasyPort II

Indicators

The computer has eight easy-to-read status icons at the top of the display screen.



The Power and Sleep status icons are visible even when you close the display cover so you can see the status of the computer while the cover is closed.

Icon	Function	Description
	Wireless communication	Lights when the Wireless LAN capabilities are enabled.
	Bluetooth	Lights when Bluetooth is enabled or a Bluetooth enabled device is within range.
	Power	Lights when the computer is on.
	Sleep	Lights when the computer enters Standby mode and blinks when it enters into or resumes from hibernation mode.
	Media Activity	Lights when the floppy drive, hard disk or optical drive is active.

Icon	Function	Description
	Battery Charge	Lights when the battery is being charged.
	Caps Lock	Lights when Caps Lock is activated.
	Num Lock	Lights when Num Lock is activated.

Indicators in Cover

When the cover of your computer is closed, four easy-to-read icons are shown, indicating which state or feature is enabled or disabled.



Icon	Description
	Lights when Bluetooth is enabled or a Bluetooth enabled device is within range.

Icon	Description
	Lights when the Wireless LAN capabilities are enabled.
	Lights up when the computer is on.
	Lights when the computer enters Standby mode and blinks when it enters into or resumes from hibernation mode.

Using the keyboard

The keyboard has full-sized keys and an embedded keypad, separate cursor keys, two Windows keys and twelve function keys.

Special keys

Lock keys

The keyboard has three lock keys which you can toggle on and off.



Lock key	Description
Caps Lock	When Caps Lock is on, all alphabetic characters typed are in uppercase.
Num Lock (Fn-F11)	When Num Lock is on, the embedded keypad is in numeric mode. The keys function as a calculator (complete with the arithmetic operators +, -, *, and /). Use this mode when you need to do a lot of numeric data entry. A better solution would be to connect an external keypad.
Scroll Lock (Fn-F12)	When Scroll Lock is on, the screen moves one line up or down when you press the up or down arrow keys respectively. Scroll Lock does not work with some applications.

Embedded numeric keypad

The embedded numeric keypad functions like a desktop numeric keypad. It is indicated by small characters located on the upper right corner of the keycaps. To simplify the keyboard legend, cursor-control key symbols are not printed on the keys.



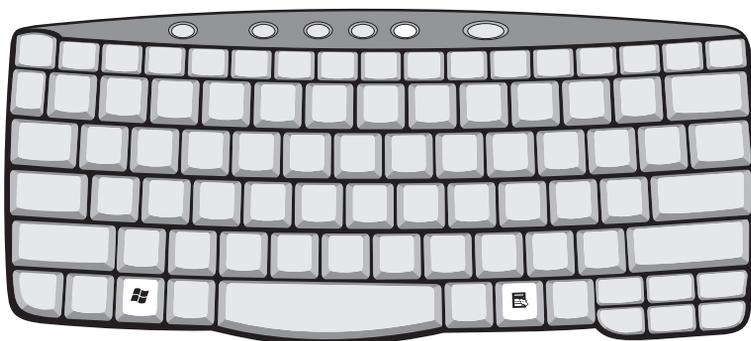
Desired access	Num lock on	Num lock off
Number keys on embedded keypad	Type numbers in a normal manner.	
Cursor-control keys on embedded keypad	Hold Shift while using cursor-control keys.	Hold Fn while using cursor-control keys.
Main keyboard keys	Hold Fn while typing letters on embedded keypad.	Type the letters in a normal manner.



Note: If an external keyboard or keypad is connected to the computer, the Num Lock feature automatically shifts from the internal keyboard to the external keyboard or keypad.

Windows keys

The keyboard has two keys that perform Windows-specific functions.



Key	Description
Windows logo key 	Start button. Combinations with this key perform shortcut functions. Below are a few examples:  + Tab (Activates next taskbar button)  + E (Explores My Computer)  + F (Finds Document)  + M (Minimizes All) Shift +  + M (Undoes Minimize All)  + R (Displays the Run... dialog box)
Application key 	Opens a context menu (same as a right-click).

Hot keys

The computer employs hot keys or key combinations to access most of the computer's controls like screen brightness, volume output and the BIOS Utility.

To activate hot keys, press and hold the **Fn** key before pressing the other key in the hot key combination.



Hot key	Icon	Function	Description
Fn-F1	?	Hot Key Help	Displays help on hot keys.
Fn-F2		Setup	Accesses the computer's configuration utility.
Fn-F3		Power Management Scheme Toggle	Switches the power management scheme used by the computer (function available if supported by operating system).
Fn-F4	Z ^z	Sleep	Puts the computer in Sleep mode.

Hot key	Icon	Function	Description
Fn-F5		Display Toggle	Switches display output between the display screen, external monitor (if connected) and both the display screen and external monitor.
Fn-F6		Screen Blank	Turns the display screen backlight off to save power. Press any key to return.
Fn-F7		Touchpad Toggle	Turns the internal touchpad on and off.
Fn-F8		Speaker Toggle	Turns the speakers on and off.
Fn-↑		Volume up	Increases the sound volume.
Fn-↓		Volume down	Decreases the sound volume.
Fn-→		Brightness up	Increases the screen brightness.
Fn-←		Brightness down	Decreases the screen brightness.
Fn-PgUp		Home	Functions as the "Home" key.
Fn-PgDn		End	Functions as the "End" key.
Alt Gr-Euro		Euro	Types the Euro symbol.

The Euro symbol

If your keyboard layout is set to United States-International or United Kingdom or if you have a keyboard with a European layout, you can type the Euro symbol on your keyboard.



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Note for US keyboard users: The keyboard layout is set when you first set up Windows. For the Euro symbol to work, the keyboard layout has to be set to United States-International.

To verify the keyboard type:

- 1 Click on **Start, Control Panel**.
- 2 Double-click on **Regional and Language Options**.
- 3 Click on the **Language** tab and click on **Details**.
- 4 Verify that the keyboard layout used for "En English (United States)" is set to United States-International.

If not, select and click on **ADD**; then select **United States-International** and click on **OK**.

- 5 Click on **OK**.

To type the Euro symbol:

- 1 Locate the Euro symbol on your keyboard.
- 2 Open a text editor or word processor.
- 3 Hold **Alt Gr** and press the Euro symbol.



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Some fonts and software do not support the Euro symbol. Please refer to <http://www.microsoft.com/typography/faq/faq12.htm> for more information.

Launch Keys

Located at the top of the keyboard are six buttons. These buttons are called launch keys. They are designated as Wireless, P1, P2, P3, mail, and Web browser buttons. The Wireless button cannot be set by the user. To set the other four launch keys, run the Acer Launch Manager.



No.	Description	Default application
1	Wireless LAN (optional)	Activate wireless LAN for wireless communication.
2	Bluetooth	Activate Bluetooth for wireless communication.
3	P2	User-programmable
4	P3	User-programmable
5	Mail	Email application
6	Web browser	Internet browser application



Caution: It's important that Wireless LAN is turned off before boarding an airplane.

Touchpad

The built-in touchpad is a PS/2-compatible pointing device that senses movement on its surface. This means the cursor responds as you move your finger on the surface of the touchpad. The central location on the palmrest provides optimum comfort and support.



Note: When using an external USB or serial mouse, you can press **Fn-F7** to disable the touchpad.



Touchpad basics

The following items teach you how to use the touchpad:



- Move your finger across the touchpad to move the cursor.
- Press the left (#1) and right (#3) buttons located on the edge of the touchpad to do selection and execution functions. These two

buttons are similar to the left and right buttons on a mouse. Tapping on the touchpad produces similar results.

- Use the 4-way scroll (#2) button to scroll up or down and move left or right a page. This button mimics your cursor pressing on the right scroll bar of Windows applications.

Function	Left button	Right button	Center buttons	Tap
Execute	Click twice quickly			Tap twice (at the same speed as double-clicking a mouse button)
Select	Click once			Tap once
Drag	Click and hold, then use finger to drag the cursor on the touchpad			Tap twice (at the same speed as double-clicking a mouse button) then hold finger to the touchpad on the second tap and drag the cursor
Access context menu		Click once		
Scroll			Click and hold the up/ down/ left/ right	



Note: Keep your fingers dry and clean when using the touchpad. Also keep the touchpad dry and clean. The touchpad is sensitive to finger movements. Hence, the lighter the touch, the better the response. Tapping harder will not increase the touchpad's responsiveness.

Storage

This computer supplies you with the following media storage:

- High-capacity Enhanced-IDE hard disk
- Optical (CD, DVD, DVD/CD-RW combo, DVD or DVD dual) drive

Hard disk

The high-capacity hard disk is the answer to your storage needs. This is where your data files and applications are stored.

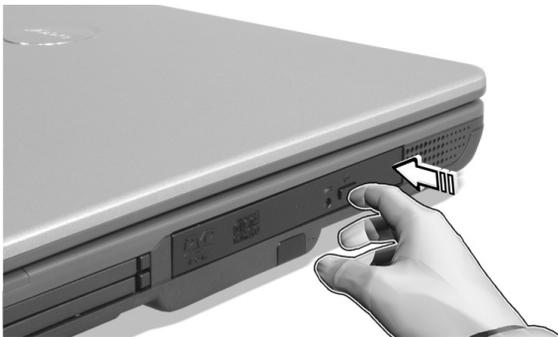
Optical drive

Your computer comes equipped with an optical drive which may be one of the following:

- CD-ROM drive
- DVD-ROM drive
- DVD/CD-RW combo drive
- DVD-RW drive
- DVD dual drive

Ejecting the CD or DVD tray

To eject the CD or DVD tray when the computer is turned on, press the drive eject button; then pull out the tray.



When the power is off, you can eject the drive tray using the emergency eject hole. See page 65.

Playing DVD movies

When the DVD drive module is installed in the optical drive bay, you can play DVD movies on your computer.

- 1 Eject the DVD tray and insert a DVD movie disc; then close the DVD tray.



Important! When you launch the DVD player for the first time, the program asks you to input the region code. DVD discs are divided into 6 regions. Once your DVD drive is set to a region code, it will play DVD discs of that region only. You can set the region code a maximum of five times (including the first time), after which the last region code set will remain permanent. Recovering your hard disk does not reset the number of times the region code has been set. Refer to the table later in this section for DVD movie region code information.

- 2 The DVD movie will automatically play after a few seconds.

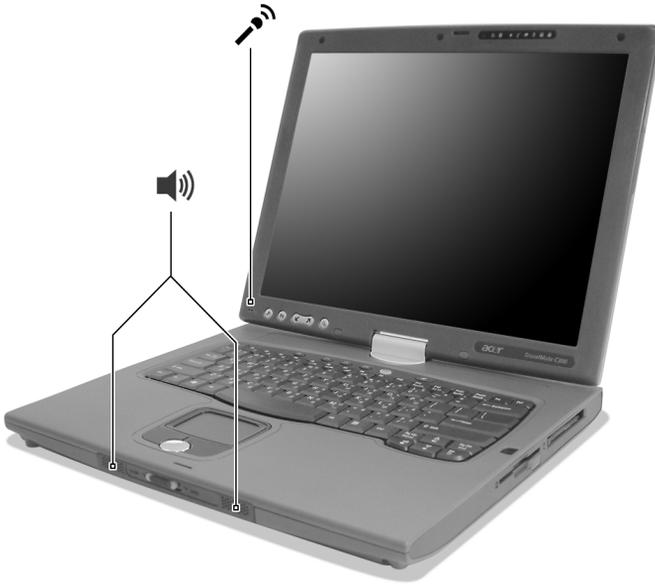
Region Code	Country or Region
1	U.S.A., Canada
2	Europe, Middle East, South Africa, Japan
3	Southeast Asia, Taiwan, Korea (South)
4	Latin America, Australia, New Zealand
5	Former U.S.S.R., parts of Africa, India
6	People's Republic of China



Note: To change the region code, insert a DVD movie of a different region into the DVD drive.

Audio

The computer comes with 16-bit high-fidelity AC'97 stereo audio. The built-in dual stereo speakers are easy to access.



There are audio ports on the rear panel of the computer. See “Rear view” on page 6 for more information on external audio devices.

Power management

This computer has a built-in power management unit that monitors system activity. System activity refers to any activity involving one or more of the following devices: keyboard, mouse, floppy drive, hard disk, peripherals connected to the serial and parallel ports, and video memory. If no activity is detected for a period of time (called an inactivity timeout), the computer stops some or all of these devices in order to conserve energy.

This computer employs a power management scheme that supports ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Interface), which allows for maximum power conservation and maximum performance at the same time. Windows handles all power-saving chores for your computer.

Smart vision

Smart vision light sensing allows the TravelMate C300 to automatically brighten or darken the display's backlighting to reduce eyestrain. At the top of the screen, with the status indicators, is the Smart vision light sensor. Depending on ambient brightness the screen

When the computer is taken from an area of normal lighting, such as an office, to a darker area, such as a conference room for a presentation, the screen will automatically dim - while still providing the same relative brightness and contrast. Conversely, if the computer is taken into a very bright atrium from the office, the screen will increase in brightness so that you won't have to squint to see what you're working on.

Light sensing has 4 preset modes:

- Mode 1 - the lowest brightness setting for darkened conference rooms
- Mode 2 - for use in softly lit areas
- Mode 3 - standard office setting to deal with overhead fluorescent lighting
- Mode 4 - the brightest setting for working in very bright conditions



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Note: The maximum screen brightness is limited by the LCD manufacturing specifications. The panel will can not be made so bright as to be clearly seen in bright sunlight.

Moving around with your TravelMate

This section gives you tips and hints on things to consider when moving around or traveling with your computer.

Disconnecting from the desktop

Follow these steps to disconnect your computer from external accessories:

- 1 Save your work in progress.
- 2 Remove any media, diskette or compact disc, from the drive(s).
- 3 Shut down the operating system.
- 4 Turn off the computer.
- 5 Close the display cover.
- 6 Disconnect the cord from the AC adapter.
- 7 Disconnect the keyboard, pointing device, printer, external monitor, and other external devices.
- 8 Disconnect the Kensington lock if you are using one to secure the computer.

Moving around

“when you are just moving within short distances, for example, from your office desk to a meeting room”

Preparing the computer

Before moving the computer, close and latch the display cover to place it in Sleep mode. You can now safely take the computer anywhere you go within the building. To bring the computer out of Sleep mode, open the display.

If you are taking the computer to a client's office or a different building, you may choose to shut down the computer:

- 1 Click on **Start, Turn Off Computer**.
- 2 Click on **Turn Off**.

- or -

you can put the computer in Sleep mode by pressing **Fn-F4**. Then close and latch the display.

When you are ready to use the computer again, unlatch and open the display, and press and release the power switch. If the power indicator is off, the computer has entered Hibernation mode and turned off. Press and release the power switch to turn the computer back on. Note that the computer may enter Hibernation mode after a period of time it is in Sleep mode. Turn the power on to wake up the computer from Hibernation mode.

What to bring to short meetings

A fully charged battery runs the computer for about 5.5 hours under most circumstances. If your meeting is shorter than that, you probably do not need to bring anything with you other than the computer.

What to bring to long meetings

If your meeting will last longer than 5.5 hours or if your battery is not fully charged, you may want to bring the AC adapter with you to plug in your computer in the meeting room.

If the meeting room does not have an electrical outlet, reduce the drain on the battery by putting the computer in Sleep mode. Press **Fn-F4** or close the display cover whenever you are not actively using the computer. Then tap any key or open the display to resume.

Taking the computer home

“when you are moving from your office to your home or vice versa”

Preparing the computer

After disconnecting the computer from your desktop, follow these steps to prepare the computer for the trip home:

- Check if you have removed all media, diskettes and compact discs, from the drive(s). Failure to remove the media can damage the drive head.
- Pack the computer in a protective case that can prevent the computer from sliding around and cushion it if it should fall.



Caution: Avoid packing items next to the top cover of the computer. Pressure against the top cover can damage the screen

What to bring with you

Unless you already have some items at home, bring the following items with you:

- AC adapter and power cord
- The printed user's manual

Special considerations

Follow these guidelines to protect your computer while traveling to and from work:

- Minimize the effect of temperature changes by keeping the computer with you.
- If you need to stop for an extended period of time and cannot bring the computer with you, leave the computer in the trunk of the car to avoid exposing the computer to excessive heat.
- Changes in temperature and humidity can cause condensation. Allow the computer to return to room temperature, and inspect the screen for condensation before turning on the computer. If the temperature change is greater than 18°F (10°C), allow the computer to come to room temperature slowly. If possible, leave the computer for 30 minutes in an environment with a temperature between outside and room temperature.

Setting up a home office

If you frequently work on your computer at home, you may want to purchase a second AC adapter for use at home. With a second AC adapter, you can avoid transporting the extra weight to and from home.

If you use your computer at home for significant periods of time, you might also want to add an external keyboard, monitor, or mouse.

Traveling with the computer

“when you are moving within a larger distance, for instance, from your office building to a client’s office building or traveling locally”

Preparing the computer

Prepare the computer as if you were taking it home. Make sure that the battery in the computer is charged. Airport security may require you to turn on your computer when bringing it into the gate area.

What to bring with you

Bring the following items with you:

- AC adapter
- Spare, fully-charged battery pack(s)
- Additional printer driver files if you plan to use another printer

Special considerations

In addition to the guidelines for taking the computer home, follow these guidelines to protect your computer while traveling:

- Always take the computer as carry-on luggage.
- If possible, have the computer inspected by hand. Airport security X-ray machines are safe, but do not put the computer through a metal detector.
- Avoid exposing floppy disks to hand-held metal detectors.

Traveling internationally with the computer

“when you are moving from country to country”

Preparing the computer

Prepare the computer as you would normally prepare it for traveling.

What to bring with you

Bring the following items with you:

- AC adapter

- Power cords that are appropriate for the country to which you are travelling
- Spare, fully-charged battery packs
- Additional printer driver files if you plan to use another printer
- Proof of purchase, in case you need to show it to customs officials
- International Traveler's Warranty passport

Special considerations

Follow the same special considerations as when traveling with the computer. In addition, these tips are useful when traveling internationally:

- When travelling in another country, check that the local AC voltage and the AC adapter power cord specifications are compatible. If not, purchase a power cord that is compatible with the local AC voltage. Do not use converter kits sold for appliances to power the computer.
- If you are using the modem, check if the modem and connector is compatible with the telecommunications system of the country you are travelling in.

Securing your computer

Your computer is a valuable investment that you need to take care of. Learn how to protect and take care of your computer.

Security features include hardware and software locks — a security notch and passwords.

Using a computer security lock

A security keylock notch located on the right panel of the computer lets you connect a Kensington-compatible computer security lock.



Wrap a computer security lock cable around an immovable object such as a table or locked drawer handle. Insert the lock into the notch and turn the key to secure the lock. Some keyless models are also available.

Setting a password

Follow these steps:

- 1 Use the cursor up/down keys to highlight a password parameter and press the Enter key. The password box appears.

Set Password		
Enter New Password	[]
Confirm New Password	[]

- 2 Type a password. The password may consist of up to eight characters (A-Z, a-z, 0-9).
- 3 Press Enter. Retype the password to verify your first entry and press Enter.
- 4 After setting the password, the computer automatically sets the chosen password parameter to Present.

Removing a password

Should you want to remove a password, do the following:

- 1 Use the cursor up/down keys to highlight a password parameter and press the Enter key. The password box appears.
- 2 Enter the current password and press Enter.
- 3 Press Enter twice without entering anything in the new and confirm password fields to remove the existing password.

Set Password	
Enter Current Password	[]
Enter New Password	[]
Confirm New Password	[]



Note: When you want to remove the Hard Disk (or 2nd Hard Disk) password, you are prompted for the current Hard Disk password before it is removed.

Changing a password

Should you want to change a password, do the following:

- 1 Remove the current password.
- 2 Set a new password.

Setting passwords

You can set passwords using:

- Notebook Manager
- BIOS Utility

2 Customizing my computer

After learning the basics of your TravelMate computer, let's get acquainted with the advanced features of your computer. In this chapter, you will learn how to add options, upgrade components for better performance, and customize your computer.

Expanding through options

Your TravelMate offers you a complete mobile computing experience.

Connectivity options

Ports allow you to connect peripheral devices to your computer as you would with a desktop PC.

Modem

Your computer has a built-in V.90/V.92 56Kbps AC'97 Link modem.



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Warning! This modem port is not compatible with digital phone lines. Plugging this modem into a digital phone line will damage the modem.

To use the modem, connect a phone cable from the modem jack to a phone line jack.



Start your communications software program. See your communications manual for instructions.

Network

Your computer has built-in Ethernet/Gigabit Ethernet capabilities. To use the network feature, connect an Ethernet cable from the network jack to a network jack or hub. Consult your network administrator for details.



Universal Serial Bus

The Universal Serial Bus (USB) 2.0 port is a high-speed serial bus which allows you to connect and daisy-chain USB peripherals without taking up precious system resources. Your computer has two ports available.

