



More than a PC. It's a full-featured notebook.

VGN-A230/A230P CTO  
Sony® VAIO®

**Portable Multimedia Entertainment**

Feature-packed desktop replacement that performs more like an entertainment center. Plenty of power to serve all your computing needs.

**Choice of Integrated Optical Drive**

Enjoy professional quality DVDs and CDs.<sup>4</sup>

**AV Entertainment Dock (optional)**

Plug in and access Sony's impressive Giga Pocket™ TV tuner/MPEG2 Encoder, personal video recorder, high-end S-Master™ digital audio amplifier and premium Sony speakers. Your notebook just turned into a digital studio.

**Superior LCD Technology**

Powerful combination of Sony technologies is optimized for high-impact multimedia presentations or viewing multiple documents. XBRITE™ LCD Technology delivers ultra crisp graphics. ErgoBright™ automatically adjusts resolution to any lighting environment. Smart Display Sensor automatically adjusts to any projector or display resolution.

**Intel® Centrino™ Mobile Technology**

Intel® Centrino™ Mobile Technology runs cool and quiet, while keeping the profile slim and light, with enhanced performance and battery life<sup>7</sup>. A remarkable blend of full-size power and portability. Wireless capabilities let you connect wire free around your home or on the road<sup>3</sup>. (Not available on all models.)

**Digital Studio™ PC**

The Sony® VAIO® A Series Personal Notebook seamlessly unites desktop PC power and functionality with a fully loaded entertainment center, and performance that will rival any notebook computer. Optional AV entertainment dock plugs you into a powerful TV tuner, personal video recorder, high-end digital audio amplifier and premium Sony speakers.

**Model**  
VGN-A230/A230P CTO

**HARDWARE**

**Processor (Configurable)<sup>1</sup>**

- Intel® Pentium® M Processor 755 (2GHz, 2MB L2 Cache)
- Intel® Pentium® M Processor 745 (1.80GHz, 2MB L2 Cache)
- Intel® Pentium® M Processor 735 (1.70GHz, 2MB L2 Cache)
- Intel® Pentium® M Processor 725 (1.60GHz, 2MB L2 Cache)
- Intel® Pentium® M Processor 715 (1.50GHz, 2MB L2 Cache)
- Intel® Celeron® M Processor 330 (1.40GHz, 512KB L2 Cache)
- Intel® Celeron® M Processor 350 (1.30GHz, 1MB L2 Cache)

**Front Side Bus Speed**

400MHz

**Chipset**

Intel® 855PM

**Integrated Wireless LAN (Configurable)**

Intel® PRO/Wireless 2200BG Network Connection (802.11b/g)<sup>3</sup> or none

**LCD (Configurable)**

- 15" SXGA+ (1024x768) with ErgoBright™ Technology or
- 15" SXGA+ (1400x1050) with XBRITE™ Technology and ErgoBright™ Technology

**Hard Drive (Configurable)<sup>2</sup>**

- 40GB (4200rpm), 60GB (4200rpm), 80GB (4200rpm), 80GB (5400rpm), 100GB (4200rpm)

**Memory (Configurable)**

- 256MB PC-2700 333MHz DDR (256MBx1), 512MB PC-2700 333MHz DDR (256MBx2), 512MB PC-2700 333MHz DDR (512MBx1), 1GB PC-2700 333MHz DDR (512MBx2), 1GB PC-2700 333MHz DDR (1GBx1), 2GB PC-2700 333MHz DDR (1GB x 2) (Expandable to 2GB Maximum)

**Graphics**

ATI Mobility™ Radeon™ 9200  
64MB Video RAM

**Graphics Interface**

VGA out w/ Smart Display Sensor

**Video Interface**

AV mini jack ( Composite out/ Line out)

**Optical Drive (Configurable)**

DVD-R Double Layer/DVD±RW Drive

DVD-R Double Layer

+R

DVD-R Write (2.4x MAX)

**DVD±RW<sup>4</sup>**

±RW  
DVD-R Write (8x MAX), DVD-RW Write (4x MAX)  
DVD+R Write (8x MAX), DVD+RW Write (4x MAX)

**DVD±RW/CD-RW Drive<sup>4</sup>**

±RW  
DVD-R Write (8x MAX), DVD-RW Write (4x MAX)  
DVD+R Write (8x MAX), DVD+RW Write (4x MAX)  
-RW  
CD-R Write (24x MAX), CD-RW Write (24x MAX)

**DVD-ROM/CD-RW Drive<sup>4</sup>**

DVD Read (8x MAX), CD-R Write (24x MAX),  
CD-RW Write (24x MAX)

**Modem**

Integrated V.90 Modem with RJ-11 interface

**Ethernet**

10BASE-T/100BASE-TX Ethernet with RJ-45 interface

**Audio**

Windows® sound system compatible,  
Built-in stereo speakers

**Audio Interface**

Monaural mini microphone jack,  
Headphone jack

**Memory Stick® Media Slot**

Supports optional Memory Stick, Memory Stick PRO™ and Memory Stick DUO™ media<sup>5</sup>

**PC Card Slots**

One PCMCIA - Type II/Type I card slot with CardBus support

**Other Interfaces**

i.LINK® connector(IEEE 1394)<sup>6</sup>, 3 USB 2.0 ports, port replicator connector

**Pointing Device**

Electro-Static touch pad

**Keyboard**

QWERTY, 86 keys with 3mm stroke and 19.05mm pitch

**Action Buttons**

Power On, S1(programmable), Magnify Screen, Brightness, Volume(+), Volume(-), Mute, Wireless LAN on/off

**Power Requirements**

90W+10%

**Battery**

Lithium-ion Battery (PCGA-BP2EA)

**Estimated Battery Life**

Standard Battery: 2.0-4.5 hours<sup>7</sup>

**Weight**

7.1 lbs. with standard battery (weight is approximate and may vary by components)

**Size (W x H x D)**

13.5" x 1.5" - 1.7" x 10.9"

**Supplied Accessories**

Standard Lithium-ion battery (PCGA-BP2EA), Power cord & AC adapter

**Configurable Accessories**

AV Entertainment™ Dock w/Giga Pocket® Engine MPEG2 Realtime, 4 USB 2.0 ports, Monitor (VGA) port, VHF/UHF TV port, Printer port, DC in, S-Video in/out, DVI-D, RJ-45 Ethernet, Optical out, Line in (RCA Pin), Line out (RCA Pin)

Speakers (2) & Remote Control

**Optional Accessories**

- Additional Battery (PCGA-BP2EA)
- Port Replicator (VGP-PRA1)
- AC Adapter for notebook depending on configuration (PCGA-AC19V3)
- AC Adapter for AV Dock depending on configuration (PCGA-AC19V7)
- 802.11 a/b/g Wireless LAN Router Access Point (PCWA-AR800)
- 802.11 a/b/g Wireless LAN Ethernet Converter (PCWA-DE80)<sup>3</sup>
- Visual Communication Camera (PCGA-UVC11A)
- Wireless optical mouse (PCGA-WMS5/S)
- USB Mobile Mouse- Black (PCGA-UMS3/B)
- USB Mobile Mouse- Silver (PCGA-UMS3/S)
- USB Optical VAIO Mouse (PCGA-UMSS)
- Memory Card Adapter (VGP-MCA10)
- 512MB memory expansion(VGP-MM512G)
- 60GB External Hard Drive (PCGA-HDM06)<sup>2</sup>
- External Floppy Disk Drive (PCGA-UFD)

**SOFTWARE**

**Operating System (Configurable)**

Microsoft® Windows® XP Home Edition(VGN-A230) or XP Professional (VGN-A230P)

**Sony Original Software**

- Sony Click to DVD™ - DVD Creation (w/DVD±RW drive option only)
- Giga Pocket® Personal Video Recorder (w/AV Dock option only)
- DVGate Plus™ - Digital Video PictureGear Studio™ - Digital Photo SonicStage® 2.1 - Digital Music VAIO Media™ - Network File Sharing

**Standard Additional Software**

- Intuit® Quicken® 2005 New User Edition (w/ XP Home option only)<sup>9</sup>
- InterVideo® WinDVD®
- Microsoft® Works 8.0
- Sonic RecordNow!® 7 (w/DVD±RW drive option only)

**Anti-Virus & Recovery Software**

Norton Internet Security™ 90-Day

- Subscription - Norton AntiVirus®, Norton Personal Firewall, Norton Privacy Control, Norton AntiSpam®, Norton Parental Control
- Sony VAIO Recovery Wizard software
- Sony VAIO Help and Support software
- Sony VAIO Update software

**Internet Services**

AOL Online™ 90-day Trial

**Optional Software**

- Microsoft® Office 2003 60-Day Trial (Student/Teacher or Small Business Edition depending on OS)
- Microsoft® Office 2003 (Basic, Small Business, or Professional Edition)
- Adobe® Photoshop® Elements
- Adobe® Photoshop® Album Starter Edition
- Adobe® Premiere® (Standard or Professional Edition)<sup>11</sup>
- Sony SonicStage® Mastering Studio software with MP3 encoder

**SERVICE AND WARRANTY INFORMATION**

**Limited Warranty**

1 Year Limited Warranty<sup>8</sup>

**Telephone Support**

1 year toll-free technical telephone assistance, available 24-hours, 7-days-a-week<sup>12</sup>.

**On-line and Email Support**

Support available from <http://www.sony.com/pcsupport>

1. GHz denotes microprocessor internal clock speed; other factors may affect application performance. CPU speed will be reduced under certain operating conditions.
2. GB means one billion bytes when referring to hard drive capacity. Accessible capacity may vary. A portion of hard disk space is reserved as a recovery partition.
3. Requires compatible wireless LAN access point, sold separately. Internet connection may require fees.
4. DVD Media/Formats are not universally compatible.
5. Supports Memory Stick PRO™ high-capacity media tested up to 1GB. Does not support MagicGate™ functionality.
6. i.LINK is a trademark of Sony used only to designate that a product contains an IEEE 1394 connector. All products with an i.LINK connector may not communicate with each other.
7. Estimated battery life. Actual battery life may vary on usage and configuration options selected.
8. See actual Limited warranty for details. For a copy of Sony's warranty, please visit [www.sony.com/pcsupport](http://www.sony.com/pcsupport), call toll-free 888-476-6972 (888-4SONYPC), or write to Sony Electronics, 12451 Gateway Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33913.
9. Previous Quicken users may require additional upgrade.
10. AV Entertainment Dock Option only available at time of purchase.
11. Not all features supported.
12. For certain third party software applications, Sony

provides first level Phone Support. Additional telephone support may be available from the applicable 3rd party vendor. Availability and schedule for any such support is determined by the applicable software vendor.

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