HP Notebook PC

Startup Guide

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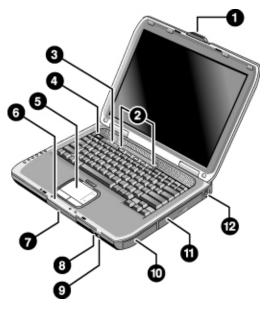
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Getting Started with Your Notebook

Identifying Parts of the Notebook

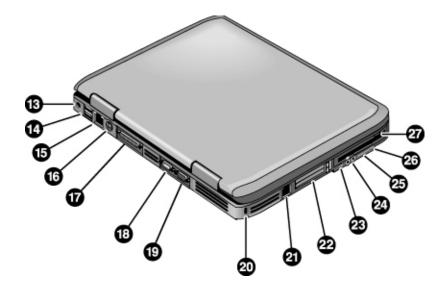
Series ze4200

NOTE: Components included with the notebook vary by geographical region and features selected. The following illustrations identify the standard external components included with most notebook models.



The following table describes the Series ze4200 standard external components identified in the previous illustration.

- 1 Notebook open/close latch
- 2 One-Touch buttons
- 3 Keyboard status lights
- 4 Power button: turns the notebook on and off
- 5 TouchPad, scroll pad, Click buttons, and an on-off button
- **6** Main status lights (left to right): power mode, hard disk activity, and battery
- 7 Hard disk drive
- 8 Infrared port (select models)
- **9** Wireless on-off button and indicator light (select models)
- **10** Battery
- 11 CD-ROM, DVD, or other drive
- **12** PS/2 port

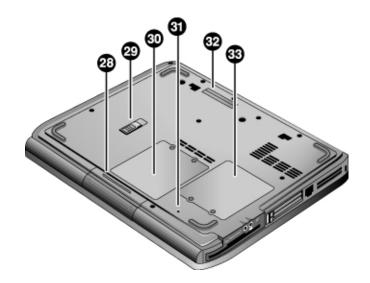


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- 13 AC adapter jack
- 14 Universal serial bus ports (USB)
- 15 RJ-45 jack: connects a network cable
- **16** S-video-out jack
- 17 Parallel port (LPT1): use this port for a parallel printer or other parallel device
- 18 Serial port (COM1): use this port for a serial mouse, modem, printer, or other serial device
- 19 External monitor port
- 20 Kensington lock slot (security connector)

- 21 RJ-11 jack: connects the modem cab
- 22 PC Card and CardBus slot and button (location varies by model)
- 23 IEEE 1394 port (select models)
- 24 Audio jacks (left to right): external microphone, audio out (headphones)
- 25 Volume control
- **26** Audio mute button and audio mute light
- 27 Floppy disk drive (select models)

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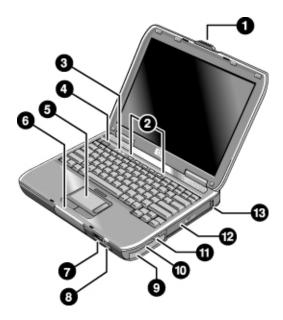


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- 28 Hard disk drive
- 29 Battery latch
- 30 RAM (memory) cover

- 31 Reset button
- 32 Docking port (select models)
- 33 Mini-PCI cover (no user parts inside)

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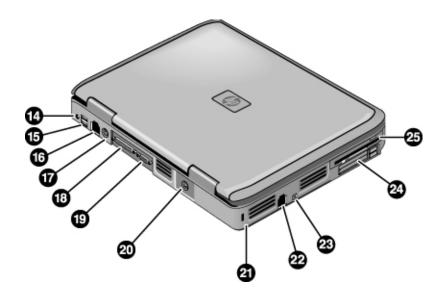


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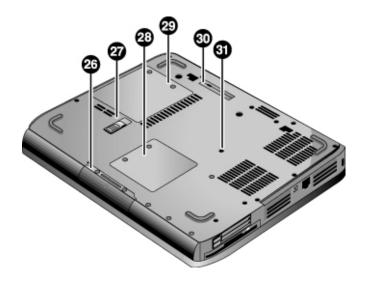
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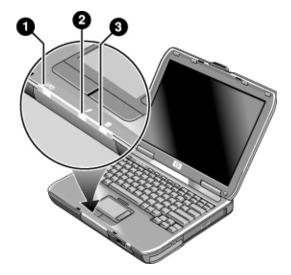
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Status Lights

The notebook includes a number of status lights that report power and battery status, drive activity, and keyboard functions such as Caps Lock and Num Lock.

The following diagram shows the main status lights on the front of the notebook.



The following table describes the main status lights identified in the previous illustration.

1 Power mode

On: the notebook is on (even if the display is off).

Blinking: the notebook is in Standby.

Off: the notebook is off or in Hibernation.

2 Hard disk drive activity

On: notebook is accessing the hard disk drive.

3 Battery status

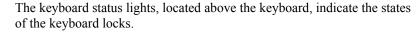
Green: the AC adapter is connected and the battery is fully charged.

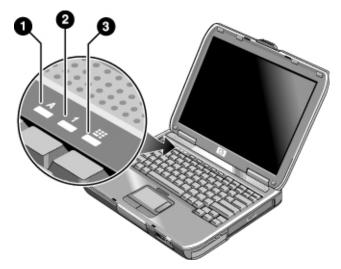
Amber: the AC adapter is connected and the battery is charging.

Blinking: the AC adapter is connected and the battery is missing or

has a fault.

Off: the AC adapter is not connected.





The following table describes the keyboard status lights identified in the previous illustration.

1 Caps Lock On

Caps Lock is active.

2 Num Lock On

Num Lock is active. (The Keypad Lock must also be on to use the embedded keypad.)

3 Keypad Lock On

The embedded keypad is active (Fn+F8). Num Lock must also be for the numeric keys. Otherwise, cursor control is active (as marked on an external keyboard).

Setting Up Your Notebook

WARNING: Improper use of keyboards and other input devices has been associated with ergonomic injury.

If you are using your notebook as your primary computer, or using it for extended periods, you should use it with a full-sized keyboard, monitor, and mouse. Docking accessories offer quick, easy connections to these devices. This can reduce the risk of ergonomic injury.

For information about reducing your risk, see the Safety & Comfort Guide on the Documentation Library CD included with your notebook.

When you set up your notebook for the first time, you'll charge the battery, connect the AC adapter, turn on the notebook, and run the Windows setup program.

Step 1: Insert the battery

WARNING: Do not mutilate or puncture batteries. Do not dispose of batteries in fire, or they can burst or explode, releasing hazardous chemicals. Rechargeable batteries must be recycled or disposed of properly.

Your notebook is shipped with the battery installed. If the battery has been removed, you should install it:

- 1. Turn the notebook upside down.
- Insert the connector end of the battery into the battery compartment, and slide it in until it latches.



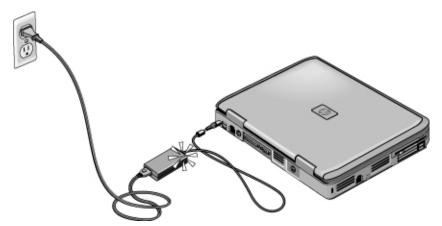
Step 2: Connect AC power

CAUTION: Use only the AC adapter included with your notebook (or other approved adapter that meets the power requirements of the notebook).

Using the wrong AC adapter could damage the notebook or adapter or cause data loss and may void your warranty. (See the printed *Worldwide Limited Warranty and Technical Support* document that came with your notebook).

- 1. Plug the AC adapter into the notebook.
- 2. Connect the power cord to the AC adapter.
- 3. Plug the power cord into a wall outlet. The notebook battery then starts charging.

NOTE: When unplugging the power cord, unplug it from the outlet before unplugging it from the AC adapter.



While the battery is charging, you can continue with step 3.

Step 3: Connect a phone line

- 1. Make sure the telephone line is an analog line, sometimes called a data line. (You must not use a digital line.)
- 2. Connect the telephone cord (RJ-11) into a telephone jack.
- 3. Plug the other end of the phone cord into the RJ-11 modem jack on the notebook.



For details about using the modem, including AT commands, see the *Reference Guide* on the *Documentation Library* CD.

Step 4: Turn on the notebook

Press the power button above the left side of the keyboard. The notebook then boots up, and Windows starts automatically.



NOTE: If your notebook does not turn on when operating on battery power, the battery may be out of power. Plug in the AC adapter and press the power button again. Leave the AC adapter plugged in for at least an hour—or up to 3 hours to charge the battery fully.

Step 5: Set up Windows

Your notebook has the Microsoft Windows operating system preinstalled on its hard disk drive. The first time you turn on your notebook, the Windows Setup program runs automatically so you can customize your setup.

- 1. Follow the Setup program instructions on the screen. If the program prompts you to enter the Product ID code, you will find this code on the bottom of the notebook.
- 2. Check the modem's country or region settings: select Start > Control Panel > Printers and Other Hardware > Phone and Modem Options, then choose your country or region.

Using the Documentation Library CD

Information about using the notebook can be found on the *Documentation Library* CD, included with the notebook. When you insert the *Documentation Library* CD into a CD or DVD drive, the CD menu appears on the screen after a brief pause. Or you can display the menu manually:

- 1. Click Start > Run.
- 2. In the Open field, type explorer X: (where X is the letter of the CD/DVD drive).
- 3. From the list that appears, select the file with the **.exe** extension. For example, Filename.exe.
- 4. Click OK.

Using Acrobat Reader

Adobe Acrobat Reader is the application used to display the notebook documentation. If you see Adobe Acrobat messages when you install the *Documentation Library* CD, do the following:

Choose to install Acrobat Reader.

When prompted, choose to accept the Acrobat Reader license agreement.

Basic Operation

Operating Your Notebook

You can start and stop your notebook using its power button. However, at certain times you may want to use other methods to start or stop the notebook—depending on power considerations, types of active connections, and startup time.

For information on caring for and protecting your notebook, see the "Basic Operation" chapter in the *Reference Guide* on the *Documentation Library* CD included with your notebook.

For information about the following topics, see the *Reference Guide* on the *Documentation Library* CD:

Connecting your modem or Local Area Network (LAN)

Connecting PC Cards or external devices

Modem AT commands

Default power settings

You can also customize the way these power modes work. See the "Batteries and Power Management" chapter in the *Reference Guide* on the *Documentation Library* CD included with your notebook.

The following table describes the different default power settings.

Power mode	To enter this mode	Function
ON —Power status light will turn on.	Briefly press the power button.	Powers on the notebook.
OFF —Power status light will turn off.	Select Start > Turn Off Computer > Turn Off. If the system has stopped responding and Windows shutdown procedures cannot be used, press and hold the power button for at least 4 seconds to turn off the notebook.	Powers off the notebook.
Standby—Power status light will blink.	Select Start > Turn Off Computer > Stand By. -or- Allow the system to time out.	Saves significant power. Turns off the display and other components.
		Maintains current session in RAM.
		Restarts quickly.
		Restores network connections.
Hibernation—Power status light will	If the unit is already on, briefly press the power buttonor- Press Fn+F12or Allow the system to time out.	Saves maximum power.
turn off.		Saves current session to disk, then shuts down.
		Restores network connections.

To reset the notebook

Occasionally, you may find that Windows or the notebook has stopped responding and will not let you turn the notebook off. If this happens, try the following in this order:

If possible, shut down Windows: press ctrl+alt+del, and then select Shut Down > Restart.

-or, if this fails-

Press and hold the power button for at least 4 seconds until the display shuts down. Any unsaved data will be lost. Then press the power button again to restart.

-or, if this fails-

Insert the tip of a paper clip into the reset button on the bottom of the notebook, and then press the power button to restart.

To change the boot device

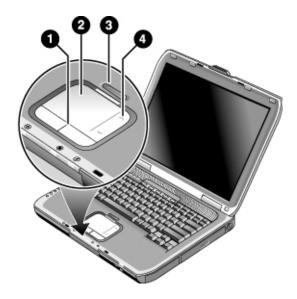
The notebook normally boots from its internal hard disk. You can also boot the notebook from a floppy disk drive, a CD-ROM drive, or an internal network interface card.

- 1. Click Start > Turn Off Computer > Restart.
- 2. When the logo screen appears, press esc to display the Boot menu.
- 3. Use the arrow keys to select the boot device, and press enter.

If you want to boot from a specific device whenever it is present, change the boot order using the BIOS Setup utility. See "Configuring Your Notebook" in the "Troubleshooting and Maintenance" chapter in this guide.

To use the TouchPad

The TouchPad includes an on-off button so you can turn off the TouchPad to avoid moving the pointer accidentally, such as by touching the pad while typing. The indicator light turns off when you turn off the TouchPad.



The following table describes the external components of the TouchPad identified in the previous illustration.

- 1 Click buttons. The click buttons work like the left and right buttons on a standard mouse.
- 2 TouchPad (touch-sensitive pointing device).
- 3 TouchPad on-off button and indicator light.
- 4 **Scroll pad.** The scroll pad scrolls vertically to display the contents of the active window.

To use the function hot keys



The combination of the **Fn** key plus another key creates a *hot key*—a shortcut key sequence—for various system controls. To use a hot key, press *and hold* **Fn**, press the appropriate second key, and then release both keys.

This hot key	Does this	
Fn+F1	Decreases the display brightness.	
Fn+F2	Increases the display brightness.	
Fn+F5	Toggles among the built-in display, an external display, and simultaneous display on both.	
Fn+F8	Toggles the built-in keypad on and off. Does not affect an external keyboard. If Num Lock is on, then the numeric functions are active. Otherwise, cursor control is active (as marked on an external keyboard).	
Fn+F12	Enters Hibernation.	
Fn+NumLock	Toggles Scroll Lock on and off.	
Fn+Page Up	Increases the audio volume and cancels the mute setting.	
Fn+Page Down	Decreases the audio volume.	
Fn+Backspace	Mutes/unmutes the audio output.	

Using CDs or DVDs

To play DVD movies

If your notebook came with a DVD, or other readable drive, it also includes DVD player software that lets you play DVD movies.

Select Start > All Programs > Multimedia > DVD Player > InterVideo WinDVD.

NOTE: DVDs can have regional codes embedded in the disc data. These codes prevent DVD movies from being played outside the region of the world in which they are sold. If you get a region code error, you are trying to play a DVD intended for a different region.

Most DVD drives let you change the region code only a limited number of times (usually no more than 4). When you reach this limit, your last change to the region code will be hard-coded on the DVD drive, and will be permanent. Your warranty does not cover the expense of correcting this situation. Refer to the help for your DVD player software for details about setting region codes.

Batteries and Power Management

Using Battery Power

For information about how your notebook regulates its power consumption, and how you can manually reduce power consumption and extend the life of the notebook battery, see the "Batteries and Power Management" chapter in the *Reference Guide* on the *Documentation Library* CD included with your notebook.

To check battery status

From the battery status light

Check your notebook battery status light.

From the Windows taskbar

The Windows taskbar can display a power icon that provides detailed battery status information (see Windows Help for details). The icon looks like a battery when AC is not connected.

Place the pointer over the power icon to display the remaining battery charge. This value is shown as either a percentage of charge remaining, or as time remaining.

Double-click the power icon to open the Battery Meter window.

From the Windows Control Panel

Click Start > Control Panel > Performance and Maintenance > Power Options, and then select the Power Meter tab to see the battery status. The Alarms and Advanced tabs provide additional Windows power-information options.

On the battery

- 1. Remove the battery from the notebook. See the "Getting Started with Your Notebook" chapter in this guide.
- 2. Press the contact pad on the side of the battery. The number of lights that turn on indicates the remaining charge (each light represents 20 percent of a full charge).

To respond to a low-battery warning

The notebook automatically alerts you when the battery power drops to a critically low level. The notebook first emits a high-pitched beep or displays a warning message. Then, if you do not restore power within a short time, the notebook enters Hibernation.

Once the notebook enters Hibernation in this way, you won't be able to turn it on again until you restore power by doing one of the following:

Replace the battery with a charged one.

Plug in the AC adapter.

NOTE: If you plug in the AC adapter, you can continue to work while your battery recharges.

For Intel Pentium 4 processors, speed denotes maximum performance mode on AC power. Processor speed on battery power is approximately 63.5 percent of maximum performance mode. For Mobile Intel Pentium 4 processors featuring Intel SpeedStep technology, speed denotes maximum performance mode. Battery optimization mode is approximately 80 percent of maximum performance mode.

To recharge the battery

CAUTION: The AC adapter is normally warm whenever plugged into an AC outlet. The notebook is normally warm while recharging. Don't recharge the notebook in a briefcase or other confined space, or the battery could overheat.

Plug the AC adapter into the notebook.

To get the longest operating time, wait until the battery charge is below 50 percent before recharging, and then charge it fully (100 percent). Charging can take up to 3 hours. If you continue working while the battery charges, the charging time may increase.

The operating time for a fully charged battery depends on the notebook model, power management settings, and level of use.

Troubleshooting and Maintenance

Troubleshooting Your Notebook

This section contains solutions to a few basic problems you might have with your notebook. Try the solutions one at a time, in the order in which they are presented.

Here are some other sources of information for troubleshooting:

For a more complete list of troubleshooting suggestions, see the troubleshooting chapter in the *Reference Guide* on the *Documentation Library* CD included with your notebook.

Use the Windows troubleshooters: select Start > Help and Support.

See the Microsoft Windows manual shipped with the notebook.

Select the question mark on the One-Touch key located at the top of the keyboard.

Contact your dealer or see the *Worldwide Telephone Numbers* booklet included with your notebook.

Display Problems

If the notebook is on, but the screen is blank

Move the mouse or tap the TouchPad. This will wake the display if it is off.

Press **Fn+F5** in case the internal display was disabled. (Do this 3 times to return to the state you started from.)

If the notebook is cold, allow it to warm up.

If the screen is difficult to read

Try setting the display resolution to its default setting of 1024×768 or higher, depending on your model: select Start > Control Panel > Appearance and Themes > Display.

Hard disk drive problems

If the notebook hard drive doesn't spin

Make sure the notebook has power. If necessary, connect the AC adapter, and make sure it is fully plugged into a power source and into the back of the notebook.

Remove and reinsert the hard drive.

If files are corrupted

Open My Computer, select the disk you want to scan, select File > Properties. Select the Check Now box under the Error-checking section of the Tools Tab.

Run the virus-scanning program.

If necessary, you can format the hard disk and reinstall the original factory software using the *QuickRestore System Recovery CD* included with your notebook.

Keyboard and pointing device problems

Use these suggestions for built-in or external devices.

If the pointer is difficult to control

Adjust the pointer controls: select Start > Control Panel > Printers and Other Hardware > Mouse.

If the TouchPad doesn't work

Press the TouchPad on-off button to turn on the light.

If an external mouse is connected, the built-in pointing devices are normally disabled. You can change this setting with the BIOS Setup utility. See "Configuring Your Notebook" in this chapter.

Restart the notebook: select Start > Turn Off Computer > Restart.

Performance problems

For best performance, your notebook should have at least 128 MB of memory (RAM).

If the notebook stops responding

Press **ctrl+alt+del** and use Task Manager to end the application that is not responding.

Press and hold the power button for at least 4 seconds to turn off and reset the notebook. Any unsaved data will be lost. Then press the power button again to turn the notebook back on.

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If nothing happens, insert the tip of a paper clip into the reset button on the bottom of the notebook. Then press the power button to turn the notebook back on.

To avoid lockup problems, avoid pressing **Fn+F5** to switch display devices while graphic-intensive applications are running. Also avoid turning the notebook off or putting it into Standby while such applications are running.

Power and battery problems

If the notebook turns off immediately after it turns on

Battery power is probably extremely low. Plug in the AC adapter or insert a charged battery.

If the notebook keeps beeping

The notebook beeps repeatedly or displays a warning when battery power is low. Save your work, shut down Windows immediately, and insert a charged battery or plug in the AC adapter.

If the battery doesn't charge

Make sure the AC adapter is fully plugged into the power source and the notebook, and that the light on the adapter is on.

If you're using a power strip, remove the AC adapter from the power strip and plug it directly into a wall outlet.

Make sure the battery is fully installed and locked in place.

Make sure you're using only the AC adapter included with your notebook (or other approved adapter that meets the power requirements of the notebook). Do *not* use a 60-watt, 3.16-amp adapter.

Move the notebook away from any nearby heat source. Unplug the AC adapter and allow the battery to cool down. If the battery gets too hot, it will not charge properly.

If available, try another battery and AC adapter.

Startup problems

If the notebook doesn't respond when you turn it on

Connect the AC adapter.

Reset the notebook by inserting the tip of a paper clip into the reset button on the bottom of the notebook. Then press the power button to turn it on.

If the notebook still doesn't respond, remove the battery and AC adapter, remove any PC Cards, and undock the notebook if docked. Then plug in the AC adapter again, and reset the notebook using the reset button.

If the notebook won't boot from battery power

Make sure the battery is properly inserted and fully charged. Check the battery charge by removing it and pressing the pad on the side of the battery. The lights show the charge level.

If available, try another battery.

Configuring Your Notebook

To run the BIOS Setup utility

The BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) Setup utility enables you to make changes to the notebook system configuration, and to tailor the operation of your notebook to your individual work needs.

The settings made in BIOS Setup generally control the notebook hardware, and so greatly affect how the notebook operates.

- 1. Click Start > Turn Off Computer > Restart.
- 2. When the logo screen appears, press F2 to enter BIOS Setup.
- 3. The pointing devices are not active in BIOS Setup, so you will need to use the keyboard to navigate:

Press the **left** and **right** arrow keys to move among menus.

Press the **up** and **down** arrow keys to move among parameters in a menu.

Press + or - to move through values for the current parameter, or press **enter** to change a setting.

- 4. After you select the options you want, press **F10** or use the Exit menu to exit BIOS Setup.
- 5. If the settings cause a conflict between devices during reboot, the system prompts you to run BIOS Setup, and marks the conflicting settings.

For a complete list of BIOS Setup menus, settings, and options, see the *Reference Guide* on the *Documentation Library* CD included with your notebook.

Reinstalling and Updating Software

Your notebook features 2 ways to install individual software applications or restore the entire original contents of your hard drive:

QuickRestore System Recovery CD, included with your notebook, allows you to restore your hard drive to its original factory contents.

Application Recovery utility allows you to restore or install one or more applications. Click Start > Software Setup and follow the installation wizard on the screen.

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