

Aspire Notebook Series

Quick Guide

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First things first

We would like to thank you for making an Acer notebook your choice for meeting your mobile computing needs.

Your guides

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

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

The **Aspire Generic User Guide** contains useful information applying to all models in the Aspire product series. It covers basic topics such as using the keyboard and audio, etc. Please understand that due to its nature, the **Generic User Guide** will occasionally refer to functions or features which are only contained in certain models of the series, but not necessarily in the model you purchased. Such instances are marked in the text with language such as "only for certain models".

The **Quick Guide** introduces you to the basic features and functions of your new computer. For more on how your computer can help you to be more productive, please refer to the **Aspire Generic User Guide**. This guide contains detailed information on such subjects as system utilities, data recovery, expansion options and troubleshooting. In addition it contains warranty information and the general regulations and safety notices for your notebook. It is available in Portable Document Format (PDF) and comes preloaded on your notebook. Follow these steps to access it:

- 1 Click on  **Start > All Programs > AcerSystem**.
- 2 Click on **Aspire Generic User Guide**.



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Note: Viewing the file requires Adobe Reader. If Adobe Reader is not installed on your computer, clicking on **Aspire Generic User Guide** will run the Adobe Reader setup program first. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the installation. For instructions on how to use Adobe Reader, access the **Help and Support** menu.






Your Acer notebook tour

After setting up your computer as illustrated in the setup poster, let us show you around your new Acer notebook.

Top view

















| # | Icon | Item | Description |
|---|------|-------------------|--|
| 1 | | Integrated webcam | Web camera for video communication (only for certain models). |
| 2 | | Display screen | Also called Liquid-Crystal Display (LCD), displays computer output (Configuration may vary by models). |

| # | Icon | Item | Description |
|---|---|--------------------------------|---|
| 3 |  | Power button / indicator | Turns the computer on and off. Indicates the computer's power status. |
| 4 | | Keyboard | For entering data into your computer. |
| 5 | | Touchpad | Touch-sensitive pointing device which functions like a computer mouse. |
| 6 |  | HDD indicator | Indicates when the hard disk drive is active. |
| |  | Communication indicator | Indicates the computer's wireless connectivity device status. |
| |  | Power indicator | Indicates the computer's power status. |
| |  | Battery indicator | Indicates the computer's battery status. 1. Charging: The light shows amber when the battery is charging. 2. Fully charged: The light shows blue when in AC mode. |
| 7 | | Click buttons (left and right) | The left and right buttons function like the left and right mouse buttons. |
| 8 | | Microphone | Internal microphone for sound recording. |

Hotkeys

The computer employs hotkeys or key combinations to access most of the computer's controls like screen brightness and volume output.

To activate hotkeys, press and hold the <Fn> key before pressing the other key in the hotkey combination.

| Hotkey | Icon | Function | Description |
|----------------|---|-----------------|---|
| <Fn> + <F3> |  | Communication | Enables/disables the computer's communication devices. |
| <Fn> + <F4> |  | Sleep | Puts the computer in Sleep mode. |
| <Fn> + <F5> |  | Display toggle | Switches display output between the display screen, external monitor (if connected) and both. |
| <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> + <D> |  | Brightness up | Increases the screen brightness. |
| <Fn> + <D> |  | Brightness down | Decreases the screen brightness. |
| <Fn> + <A> |  | Volume up | Increases the sound volume. |
| <Fn> + <V> |  | Volume down | Decreases the sound volume. |
| <Fn> + <Home> |  | Play/Pause | Play or pause a selected media file. |
| <Fn> + <Pg Up> |  | Stop | Stop playing the selected media file. |
| <Fn> + <Pg Dn> |  | Previous | Return to the previous media file. |
| <Fn> + <End> |  | Next | Jump to the next media file. |

Closed front view



| # | Icon | Item | Description |
|---|------|-------------------------|---|
| 1 | | Multi-in-1 card reader | Accepts Secure Digital (SD), MultiMediaCard (MMC), Memory Stick PRO (MS PRO), xD-Picture Card (xD). Note: Push to remove/install the card. Only one card can operate at any given time. |
| 2 | | HDD indicator | Indicates when the hard disk drive is active. |
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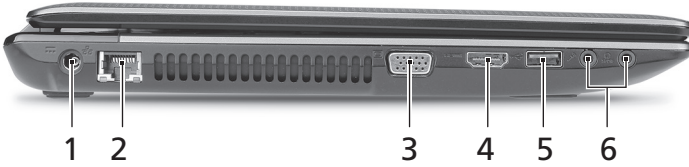
1. The front panel indicators are visible even when the computer cover is closed.








Rear view



| # | Icon | Item | Description |
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| 1 | | Battery bay | Houses the computer's battery pack. |



Left view

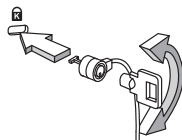


| # | Icon | Item | Description |
|---|---|-----------------------------|--|
| 1 |  | DC-in jack | Connects to an AC adapter. |
| 2 |  | Ethernet (RJ-45) port | Connects to an Ethernet 10/100/1000-based network. |
| 3 |  | External display (VGA) port | Connects to a display device (e.g., external monitor, LCD projector). |
| 4 |  | HDMI port | Supports high-definition digital video connections. |
| 5 |  | USB 2.0 port | Connects to USB 2.0 devices (e.g., USB mouse, USB camera). |
| 6 |  | Microphone jack | Accepts inputs from external microphones. |
| |  | Headphone/speaker jack | Connects to audio devices (e.g., speakers, headphones). Note: Supports compatible 3.5 mm headsets with built-in microphone (e.g., Acer smart handheld headsets). |

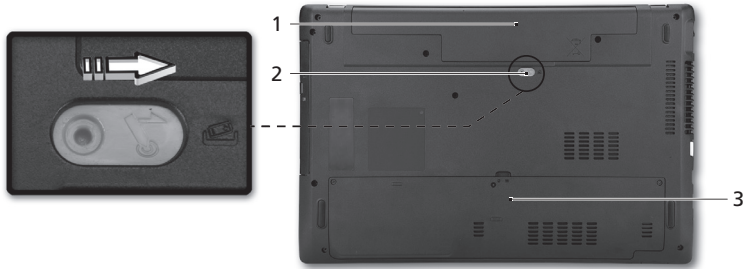
Right view







| # | Icon | Item | Description |
|---|---|-------------------------------|--|
| 1 |  | USB 2.0 ports | Connect to USB 2.0 devices (e.g., USB mouse, USB camera). |
| 2 | | Optical drive | Internal optical drive; accepts CDs or DVDs. |
| 3 | | Optical disk access indicator | Lights up when the optical drive is active. |
| 4 | | Optical drive eject button | Ejects the optical disk from the drive. |
| 5 | | Emergency eject hole | Ejects the optical drive tray when the computer is turned off. Note: Insert a paper clip to the emergency eject hole to eject the optical drive tray when the computer is off. |
| 6 |  | Kensington lock slot | Connects to a Kensington-compatible computer security lock. Note: Wrap the computer security lock cable around an immovable object such as a table or handle of a locked drawer. Insert the lock into the notch and turn the key to secure the lock. Some keyless models are also available. |



Base view



| # | Icon | Item | Description |
|---|---|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 |  | Battery bay | Houses the computer's battery pack. |
| 2 |  | Battery release latch/ lock | Releases the battery for removal. Insert a suitable tool into the latch and slide to release. |
| 3 |  | Memory compartment | Houses the computer's main memory. |
| |  | Hard disk bay | Houses the computer's hard disk (secured with screws). |

Environment

- Temperature:
 - Operating: 5 °C to 35 °C
 - Non-operating: -20 °C to 65 °C
- Humidity (non-condensing):
 - Operating: 20% to 80%
 - Non-operating: 20% to 80%