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## Acer Gemstone Blue laptop launched

### 16-inch screen and Blu-ray

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It won't be officially announced in the UK until next week, but Acer has unveiled to the rest of the world its latest laptop - the Acer Gemstone Blue.

The new model, which actually goes by the moniker of the Acer Aspire 6920 is, according to the company, a laptop designed to "bring the enjoyment of high definition anywhere you go".

Breaking away from traditional laptop design, the new model will feature a touch sensitive media console, called CineDash, that according to Acer allows you to "manage entertainment in seconds, as well as navigate menus, adjust volume and control media on the fly".

The laptop will also be one of the first laptops to offer an unconventional 16-inch screen size to benefit from 16:9 ratio widescreen movies.

Purchasers will be able to choose from a Full HD CineCrystal LCD panel with 1920 x 1080 resolution or a HD CineCrystal LCD screen at 1366 x 768 pixel resolution, 8ms response time and native 16:9 widescreen aspect ratio.

Playing on the movie element further, the laptop will feature a Blu-ray drive, an NVIDIA GeForce 9500M GS graphics engine with up to 1280MB of TurboCache, and an Intel Core 2 Duo processor.

The Aspire 6920 also features an HDMI port with HDCP support, Dolby Home Theater technology including CineSurround, Tuba CineBass booster, and True5.1 output plus a specially crafted tube-style Acer Tuba CineBass subwoofer that exceeds 10 watts.

Other specs include a 320GB HDD, a 6-in-1 card reader that supports the most common card formats, and a TV tuner for digital television on some models.



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The Aspire notebooks come with Microsoft Windows Vista Ultimate or Windows Vista Home Premium pre-installed.

Prices are yet to be confirmed in the UK with Acer deciding to wait a week before letting us know. We will keep you posted.