



Cyberpower Media Center Ultra Edition PC

Summary: Get a great price for a media center PC that performs as good as it looks and it receives our Editor's Choice Award for value, performance and looks

Price: \$1,299



Media center computers that look more like a piece of equipment that belongs in a home entertainment center is becoming a popular offering. No longer meant to be stuffed away in a corner or next to a computer desk, the Cyberpower Media Center Ultra Edition PC offers a maximum of power while keeping its aesthetic appearance and it wins our Editor's Choice Award for value, performance and looks.

The computer contains an Intel 3.0GHz Pentium D930 dual-core processor with 2MB of Level 2 cache. 1GB of DDR SDRAM was included on our system and it is upgradeable to a total of 2GB. Quite a few drives are built into this system and that includes two optical drives, an LG GWA-4161 DVD+/-RW drive with dual-layer support as well as a standard 16X DVD-ROM. The 250GB SATA-II 7200-RPM hard drive with 8M of internal cache keeps up with the speed of the rest of the system. The GigaByte GA-8I945P-G motherboard used with this computer integrate the SATA PCI-E controller, a 10/100Base-T Ethernet port and a built-in 7.1 high definition sound system.



The intention of Cyberpower is to make this media center computer appealing in an entertainment center

The model we received to review has a small LCD on the front panel that gives it a state-of-the-art appearance however its intended use is with a widescreen or high definition television. Graphics are provided by one of the

card. The tuner card does give you Tivo-like capabilities of recording one show while watching another in addition to the sliding window where you can pause, rewind and fast forward you current show.



The latest version of Microsoft's Windows Media Center Edition 2005 operating system is preinstalled onto the Cyberpower Media Center Ultra Edition PC. The company's online configuration program allows you to select other software titles at OEM prices as well as upgrade certain components of this system.

The baseline system is priced at \$1299 which is a very good price for this type of system and

the components installed. You can find out more information about this media center computer at the company's web site located at www.cyberpowersystem.com

hottest line of adapters on the market, the NVIDIA Geforce 6600 PCI-Express that includes SLI (scalable link interface) technology and supports the piggy back of the same card if you want to spend a little bit extra. A Wireless 802.11b/g interface offers additional networking capabilities to the machine.

With the intention of making the Cyberpower Media Center Ultra Edition PC appealing in an entertainment center, the package includes a wireless keyboard and mouse as well as a remote control that let's you take advantage of the media center's functions and channel selection of the dual-tuner

