

NEW TECH GADGETS



Keyboardless Apple MacBook available

Axiotron Inc. recently unveiled the ModBook, the first ever Mac OS X tablet computer at the Macworld Conference & Expo in San Francisco.

The ModBook is an Apple MacBook computer modified to make it keyboardless. It uses a true pen input with 256 pressure points, with a 13.3-inch-wide-screen LCD contained in a satin chrome-plated magnesium shell.

Artists, students and medical professionals are the target audience for the \$2,279 unit.

After the computer is converted to the tablet, the result is a more durable computer than the original. The strengthened glass is built to absorb high impact. The glass will not wear, even from extended pen use.

Users can write and draw on the screen, and the handwriting recognition built into Mac OS X Tiger turns this into text in all applications. Wacom Penabled hardware is used for writing, requiring no batteries.

The MacBook's iSight camera and the CD/DVD combo drive or optional DVD SuperDrive work fine after the conversion. Also available is an optional global-positioning system.

Customers can purchase the ModBook through www.macsales.com/modbook.