



DREAM SCREEN

The unparalleled 10.6" screen supports a stunning native resolution of 1920x1080.

SAY PLEASE?
It's safe to say the Pro's 1.2MP front- and rear-facing cameras won't replace your DSLR anytime soon.

TIME TO GO PRO...2?

Just before review, Microsoft announced a Surface Pro 2 that aims to fix many of the gripes about the current system (see: short battery life and slightly limited graphics processing capabilities), but will run you an extra hundred bucks.



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While the trackpad works in a pinch, you're better off using the available USB 3.0 port for a mouse.

KEY-BORED
Though handy on the go, the Type Cover (\$129.99) isn't ideal for games like League or WoW.

TECHNICAL SPECS

GRAPHICS	Integrated Intel HD Graphics 4000
DISPLAY	10.6" 1080p Full HD Touch Display with MiniDisplay Out
PROCESSOR	Intel Core i5-3317U
MEMORY	4GB RAM
STORAGE	128GB HDD (or 64GB alternative for \$799.99)
OPERATING SYSTEM	Windows 8 Pro
WEIGHT	~2 lbs.
BATTERY LIFE	Four to five hours web surfing, two hours gaming

It's tough to find a capable Windows 8 tablet for less than 10 Benjamins. Enter Microsoft's Surface Pro. Sure, \$900 is still pretty pricey, but it won't seem as bad once you see the kind of power this device packs.

While the Intel Core i5-3317U processor and integrated HD Graphics 4000 card aren't the baddest hardware available, they're certainly no slouches. The Surface won't rock Crysis 3 on its

highest settings, but it's burly enough to run last year's games reasonably well. Just watch your battery level—when I wanted to get in a few games of League after work, the battery gave out after only two or so hours.

Wondering if there'll be enough software to support your system? Unlike the cost-sensitive Surface RT, the Pro enjoys a genuine Windows 8 architecture—meaning any app (read:

game) you can install on a desktop will work here, too...just as long as it doesn't require an optical disc drive.

The Surface works well as a work-horse machine and, compared to other full-fledged Windows 8 tablets, its lower price helps it stand head and shoulders above the competition. If you're looking for a versatile Windows machine that goes where you do, Microsoft has you covered. ☺