

**SPECS**

**CPU**  
Intel Core i7  
4700HQ

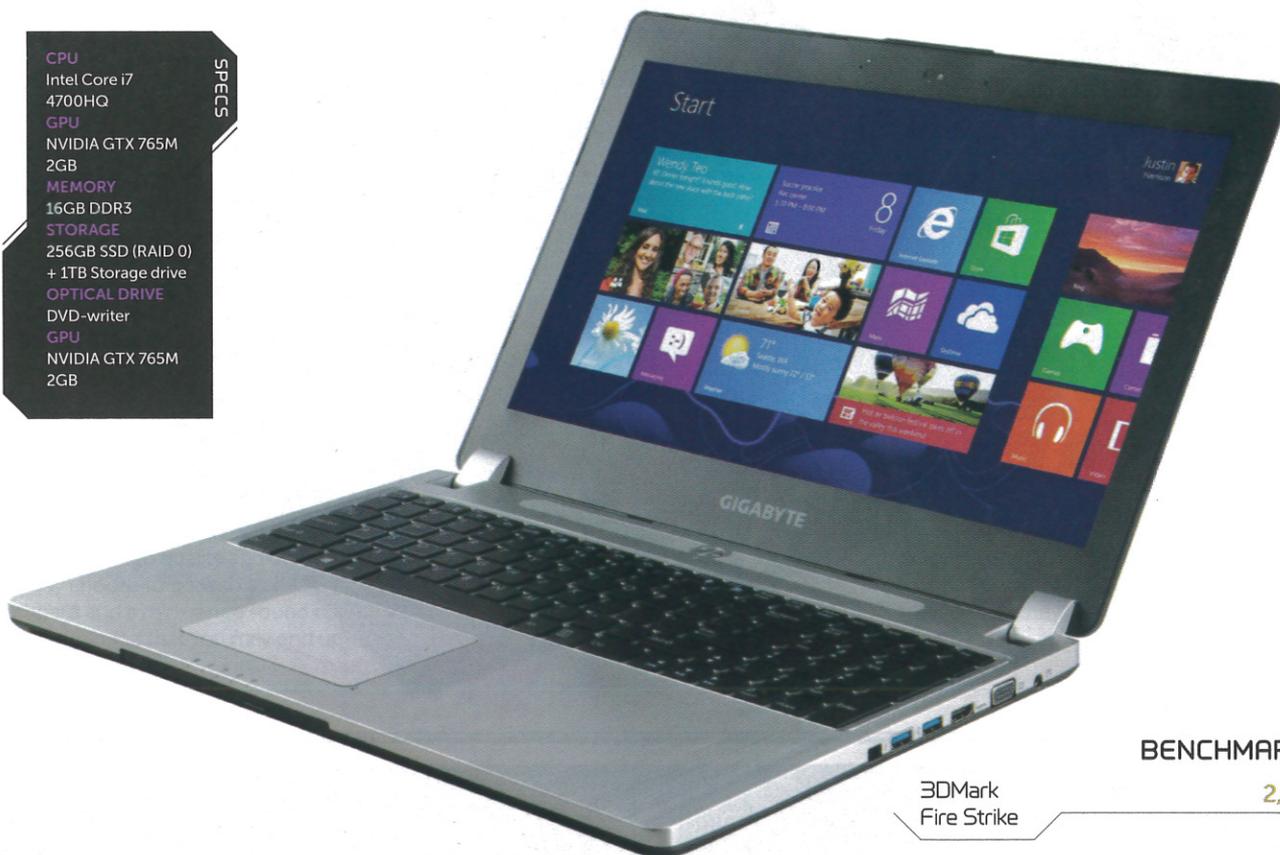
**GPU**  
NVIDIA GTX 765M  
2GB

**MEMORY**  
16GB DDR3

**STORAGE**  
256GB SSD (RAID 0)  
+ 1TB Storage drive

**OPTICAL DRIVE**  
DVD-writer

**GPU**  
NVIDIA GTX 765M  
2GB



**BENCHMARKS**

3DMark  
Fire Strike **2,606**

# GIGABYTE P35K Notebook

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In the December issue of NAG, we looked at GIGABYTE's P25W gaming notebook and found it quite pleasant to use. It wasn't a top of the range device but it did a good enough job to justify its price for the most part.

What we have here then is the P35K. The model name is higher but that doesn't necessarily mean it's a more powerful notebook. Once again this is a problem with numbers for names, as you can't know by the SKU name where this notebook lies. Much like the P25W it is powered by NVIDIA graphics through the NVIDIA Optimus technology, so you'll be able to use the integrated Intel GPU for the desktop and more basic computing needs and switch to the dedicated GPU for your gaming. A technology that has proven itself time and time again and it works just as well here on the P35K.

Looks-wise, the P35K isn't as stylish as the P25W, it is just gunmetal grey all over with no accents or anything at all to suggest that it may be anything more than a modern slim line business notebook. This is a pity, especially since it's in the gaming range, or at least it should be with a GPU like the GTX 765M.

Performance, much like with the P25W, is great, especially with Windows 8.1. Boot-up and shutdown times are phenomenal and the entire experience is smoother than it is on many desktop computers. GIGABYTE

has once again put together a solid package on that front that delivers reliable performance. The 3DMark Fire Strike score isn't anything to be impressed about, as it's more than 1,000 points lower than on the P25W, but that has everything to do with the GTX765M not being remotely close to the 770M in processing power. Everything else for the most part however is very similar in specifications, including the use of dual 128GB SSD drives in RAID 0.

One thing that we found really impressive about the P35K is the screen quality. It's crisp and precise, producing vivid colours and detail that many notebooks can't really claim to compete with. Even though it's only a full HD resolution, the 15.6" IPS display is a pleasure to work on and GIGABYTE deserves full praise on picking such a great display.

This large display however would have been better driven by the GTX 770M. Then you can truly take advantage of it while playing the latest or at least the most demanding titles available today at consistent frame rates. That aside, much like with the P25W there is no external mouse included. At a lower price point we do acknowledge that opting for an expensive professional gaming mouse isn't an option, but a cheaper one would do, even outside the context of gaming. The touch pad may feel great but it's not really user friendly. Knowing when you've pressed a button is hard as there's no tactile

feedback as to when you're at the base of the track pad where you can press the buttons or not. Often you are not as precise as you may be with other track pads and that can be frustrating where simple things like moving a window can prove to be challenging. That aside we find again that the audio is something that GIGABYTE needs to do some serious work on in their next generation, as it's far from acceptable for such a brand or a notebook at this level.

Overall, this is a solid device that has some quirks that should be ironed out in due time. Until then, if you're looking for a business-like gaming notebook, then you may want to look at the P35K. **NAG**

- Neo Sibeko



**In some ways the P35K is a decent notebook that performs well enough to play most games on low to medium settings.**

**PLUS**

NVIDIA GTX 765M GPU / 256GB SSD in RAID 0  
Great display

**MINUS**

Mushy keyboard / Audio quality is not up to scratch / Looks rather bland