

AT A GLANCE

Dimensions

340 x 239 x 20.9 mm

Weight

1.80kg

GPU

NVIDIA GeForce GTX 970M (3 GB GDDR5), Intel HD Graphics 4600

OS

Windows 8.1 64-bit

Price

RM6,399



It's so small and slim, don't feel bad if you mistook it for an Ultrabook.

CONCLUSION

Powerful but compact and understated, the Gigabyte P34W v3 is for gamers who travel a lot and would like one machine for both work and play.

SPECIFICATIONS

CPU 4th generation Intel Core i7-4720HQ // **Audio** Dolby Digital Plus Home Theater Edition, built-in stereo speakers // **Display** 14-inch Full HD (1,920 x 1,080), 16:9 aspect ratio, wide viewing angle LCD // **Memory** 8GB DDR3L // **Storage** 128GB SSD, 1TB HDD // **Warranty** 2-years // **Contact** ILLEGAR Sdn Bhd // **Telephone** (03) 7610 0987 // **URL** www.gigabyte.my



STILL WATERS RUN DEEP

Gigabyte P34W v3

Gaming notebooks of late tend to be pretty flashy – mostly aesthetically, sometimes literally. Many of them are not only made to be powerful, but also to attract as much attention to the exterior of the machine as possible. Gaming notebooks by Gigabyte, however, don't really follow this trend, and the P34W v3 is no exception.

At first glance, it looks like any other thin notebook. You might even mistake it for an Ultrabook, in fact. Measuring at 340 x 239 x 20.9 mm and weighing 1.8kg, it sure is small and light enough to pass as one. It is also understated enough to get people to mistake it for an Ultrabook; it has no sports car-esque exhaust vents sticking out of the rear, nor does it blind you with neon lights of every color of the rainbow. Its exhaust system is basic looking on the outside but is still does

its thing to keep heat under control. You do get some lights under the keyboard, which come in three settings; off, bright and brightest.

Of course, under that bare-basic body is a 4th generation Intel Core i7-4720HQ processor, NVIDIA GeForce GTX 970M graphics and 8GB worth of RAM. It comes with a few storage options, but the review model we had came with a 128GB SSD and a 1TB HDD. You also have everything you need to treat it like an actual Ultrabook and do some work on it; it has four USB 3.0 ports, a HDMI port, an audio port, an SD card reader, a D-sub port and a LAN port, the last of which is getting rarer and rarer among thin gaming notebooks. It also has a 15.2V, 61.25Wh battery, which will last you five minutes short of three hours of continuous work-related tasks, like document and spreadsheet editing.

As for its gaming performance, it obtained a score of 6,729 and 3,400 on Futuremark's 3DMark Fire Strike and Fire Strike Extreme, respectively. On PCMark 8's Home and Creative suites, the P34W v3 scored 3,635 and 4,479, respectively. We also ran Batman: Arkham Origins' built-in benchmark, where the P34W v3 yielded an average 63 FPS.

The Gigabyte P34W v3 is a very likeable notebook. 14-inch notebooks are really hard to come by today, and while it may not have a touchscreen to match the Windows 8.1 OS that it comes with, it does come in Full HD resolution, which is perfect for image clarity without draining too much video processing power. Its modest exterior attracts little attention, and the reasonably long battery life lets you do some work on it without passers-by wondering why are you doing mundane work on a gaming notebook.

by Ian Chee

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