Subject: Re: Laptop cooling pad recomendations? Posted by Zion on Fri, 05 Mar 2010 09:17:51 GMT

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Clark Kent wrote on Fri, 05 March 2010 00:44And as it is called a laptop I think it should be used without problems in someone's lap... otherwise they should just call it a mobile desktop.

Usually when it comes to portable computer specifications, there are four areas they fall in.

The lowest spec 'laptops' available are called Netbooks. Netbooks are alot smaller than regular portable computers, they also have smaller screens, smaller net weight and generally lower spec components. Asus and their EeePC series dominates the majority of the market here.

The next level up are Laptops. Laptops currently outsell desktop computers today, due to their portability and weight. There are other variations of these which have more complex hinge designs to allow the screen to be flipped around and lie flat on the keyboard, which are often called Tablet PCs.

The last level is the highest spec systems and are often called Notebooks. Most of the time these will fall under the category of laptops, however can sometimes be incorrect. Notebooks are similar in spec to desktop computers in terms of performence, and can usually set you back a few thousand <<insert national currency here>>. Most of them are able to play most games and graphically intense applications that are available today, due to their isolated (and sometimes removable/upgradable) GPUs and CPUs. They're also able to take and support alot more RAM and possibly up to 3 additional hard drives.

Besides the education i've just supplied to you, most portable computers use their case as the heatsink, so yes, they will get hot, and burn your balls. Try putting it on a desk, or on a tray before putting it on your lap.