

on our battery test, lasting 3 hours and 28 minutes.

The \$3378 Dell C600 has 128MB of RAM and a brilliant, 14.1-inch active-matrix LCD screen powered by an ATI chip set with 8MB of RAM. It comes with a nice-sized 10GB hard disk and with a CD-ROM drive in the media bay; other modules are available. Besides the standard

all. Rather, it's an industrial-strength MP3 player, with a built-in 6GB hard drive that can store more than 100 hours of music.

The shipping version I tested truly stored more music than I could reasonably listen to in a month. Powered by four AA rechargeable batteries (two sets of four are included), the device played for 4 hours straight before pooping out. With its vast storage capacity, the \$499 Jukebox could readily function as a home stereo component, when powered by the supplied AC adapter. (The adapter performs double duty as the battery recharger.)

Transferring MP3 files to the Jukebox proved effortless and amazingly swift. Using the bundled Creative PlayCenter 2 software, I was able not only to rip CD tracks in sec-

Dell Latitude C600

PRO: A lightweight laptop for its class; a top performer.

CON: A bit pricey, tricky eject button for CD-ROM drive.

VALUE: Well suited for power-hungry business travelers.

Street price: \$3378

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