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FIC indicated that it is seeing satisfactory booking from European OEMs currently. The company aims to ship about 50,000-60,000 units of the 7-inch panel model to OEMs during the first quarter of 2008. Shipments under the brand Everex CE, are expected to hit 20,000-30,000 during the initial stage. The Everex CE series will be introduced to China, Europe, Taiwan and the US, the company added.

UMPC CE260 from FIC. A Linux-based version to launch in 1Q08
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Everex CE series notebook specification

Item

Detail

CPU

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VIA C7R-M ULV with 1.2GHz frequency

Memory

DDR2 533/667 memory up to 1GB

Storage

1.8-inch hard drive with capacity up to 30GB

Size (mm)

230×171×29

Display

7-inch WVGA touchscreen LCD

Price

Lower than NT\$14,000 (US\$432.95)

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