T1600 - When Black and White is Progress from Colour.


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In line with its promise of bringing improved technology to its customers as soon as it is available Toshiba today announced changes to the screen of the very popular T1600. Though the old screen was clear and easy to read, the trend nowadays is towards page white displays. By changing the T1600, Toshiba is following this trend. The new screen is still detachable, an exception among laptop computers, which allows unhindered views of an external monitor. Interestingly the two types of screen are also interchangeable, without any reprogramming necessary.

Toshiba is one of the world's leaders in liquid crystal display technology - the reason why its screens are always so much easier on the eye than those of many competitors - and supertwist back-lit LCD screens are at the forefront of this technology. Many of the latest models from Toshiba already include this technology and equipping the very popular T1600 with this latest technology undoubtedly makes sense.  In technical terms the change in the T1600 is from a Supertwist back-lit LCD to a Supertwist back-lit page white screen. The definition is still 640 x 400 pixels but now has improved contrast.

The success of the T1600 has proved the early reviews to be correct. Its high level of portability (e.g.: up to 4 hrs on batteries) and professional power and capacity (80C286, 12MHz processor) have made it a winner among laptops computers. The T1600 comes with either a 20 or 40 MB hard disk, and 1MB RAM expandable to 5MB. The change in screen will undoubtedly enhance the EGA graphics with its 16 grey scales and grey scale manager, which together with its full, well laid out keyboard make this Toshiba model a very user friendly laptop. At only 5.2kg (11.4lb) and measuring 315 x 325 x 83mm (12 x 12.8 x 2.8") is clearly a very portable machine. In the ever more competitive market of laptop computers this revised T1600 should stand Toshiba in good stead for a while to come yet.

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