

Samsung Beefs Up Chromebox With a Core i5 Processor



Chromebox, [Samsung](#) [1]'s Chrome OS-based mini PC, has been [criticized](#) [2] for not packing enough power for its price. Now, it looks like Samsung is responding with a new version of Chromebox that has a much faster processor.

Instead of the lowly Celeron processor, the [new Chromebox](#) [3] has a 2.5GHz dual-core Intel i5 processor. Its other specifications are identical to the old model: 4GB of memory and a 16GB SSD. The device, named XE300M22-A01US, is available through [multiple](#) [4] [retailers](#) [5].

Price-wise, the Chromebox has gone up a little. The latest version costs upwards of \$405, depending on the retailer, whereas its predecessor retails for \$329.

While we welcome this increase in processing power, the fact that it comes with a significantly higher price tag makes us wonder whether the new Chromebox is worth purchasing.

Would you buy it? Share your thoughts in the comments, below.

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