

"The Ultimate Gaming Rigs Roundup!"

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Introduction

Computers today, in most people minds, are nothing more than a tool for work and communication. In most cases people don't think of their machines as being special in anyway and look upon them as any other household item. Some may value their PC, but don't see it as a part of themselves or as unique as they are. There are many pc manufacturers out there today ranging from huge corporate manufacturing plants to small 'ma and pa' computer stores. Each offers some kind of flavor but nothing truly unique for the individual punching down thousands to buy the machine. There are a few in the world that truly make a unique product worth buying and claiming its uniqueness. [Alienware](#), [Falcon Northwest](#), [Overdrive PC](#), [Voodoo PC](#), and [Zeus PC](#) are a few to mention. Each offers a different kind of machine, and not some kind of production line PC that never stands out from the rest.

In this round-up I will go over the difference between each machine; who builds what, the uniqueness behind each machine, the hardware they choose, and we will run benchmarking applications as well as games. For the professional users out there I will also review why these machines are probably the best on the planet when comparing them to production-line PC's.

The Contenders

[Alienware](#) – Probably the best known of the pre-built enthusiast computers in the world. Their marketing department is probably one of the fastest moving as well. With ads in almost every major magazine, almost everyone knows who they are.

[Overdrive PC](#) – A small and relatively new company that many people have not yet heard of, but truly should. They make a groundbreaking computer and offer plenty of differences in their machines.

[Voodoo PC](#) – Not as well known as some but still a big player in the market. They are starting to truly offer some of the most uniquely built machines in the world.

[Zeus PC](#) – Another small company from Georgia producing gaming systems ranging from affordable performance PC's all the way up to high performance machines.

The Difference

Most people think that buying a computer from one of these company's is the same as buying from the rest. The truth is that they are truly 'different' in this industry and it is these specialized company's that are pushing for the highest quality and performance in today's PC market.

The difference between how each company builds their machines is essentially what makes them stand apart from the rest. Anything from custom paint jobs and cases to specialized wiring and water-cooling are perfect examples of what some of these specialized manufacturers go through to make sure you get more for your money than with other company's.

Looks

Looks can make or break a sale when it comes to a computer. It is the first thing that makes an impression on you, and that impression can last for a long time. Although the average computer has come a long way from the (shudder) beige boxes of old, these company's go above and beyond in the 'looks' department. These systems are a joy to look at and will make your friends very jealous, guaranteed!