Apple has upgraded the MacBook Pro

The new 15-inch MacBook Pro features Intel's latest, 9th-generation processors – while the 13-inch keeps the 8th-gen chip.

Back in April, Intel launched the mobile versions of its 9th-generation Core processor, which introduces an 8-core mobile processor for the first time. As we noted at the the time, we expected to see this introduced into laptops for designers and artists pretty soon – and here's the first we've seen. It's rare for Apple to beat the likes of Dell and HP to release a pro-grade laptop featuring Intel's latest chip, but that's what it's done with today's launch of an upgraded MacBook Pro

The new 15-inch MacBook Pro is otherwise nearly identical to the model Apple released in 2018 – though our US-based sister site *Macworld* is reporting that it has an improved keyboard mechanism, which prevents problems in older models that have lead to Apple offering a repair programme for affected MacBooks and MacBook Pros.

However, it's the performance boost that some creatives are going to be most interested in. Apple says that the 2019 MacBook Pro 15-inch is up to 40% than the previous top-end model, which had a six-core chip. Compared to an older, quad-core model, Apple claims that the new MBP is up to 75% faster running filters in Photoshop, twice as fast rendering scenes using Maya's Arnold renderer, and capable of 11 simultaneous streams of 4K video in Final Cut Pro.

Pricing for the MacBook Pro with 9th-gen processors starts at £2,349/US$2,399 for model with a 2.6GHz 6-core processor

(which can be Turbo Boosted to 4.5GHz), 16GB DDR4 RAM, a 256GB SSD, and a Radeon Pro 555X graphics chip with 4GB RAM.

The 8-core chip runs at slower clock speeds – either 2.3GHz or 2.4GHz depending on the chip chosen – but is capable of Turbo Boosting to 4.8GHz or 5GHz respectively due to the additional cores. A model with the 2.3GHz processor, 16GB RAM, a 512GB SSD, and Radeon Pro 560X graphics with 4GB RAM costs £2,699/$2,799. Upgrading to the 2.4GHz chip adds £180/$200.

The new 15-inch MacBook Pro is available to order from today from the Apple website.

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