

Engineering Workstations Compared

		HP Z1 workstation (one 3.5GHz Intel Xeon E3-1280 quad-core CPU [3.9GHz turbo], NVIDIA Quadro 4000M, 16GB RAM)	Lenovo E30 workstation (one 3.2GHz Intel Xeon E3-1230 quad-core CPU [3.6GHz turbo], NVIDIA Quadro 600, 4GB RAM)		HP Z210 workstation (one 3.36GHz Intel Xeon E3-1245 quad-core CPU [3.7GHz turbo], NVIDIA Quadro 2000, 8GB RAM)		BOXX 3DBOXX 3970 EXTREME workstation (one 3.4GHz Intel Core i7-2600K quad-core CPU over-clocked to 4.5GHz, NVIDIA Quadro 4000, 8GB RAM)	Dell Precision T1600 workstation (one 3.4GHz Intel Xeon E3-1270 quad-core CPU, NVIDIA Quadro 2000, 4GB RAM)		HP Z820 workstation (two 3.1GHz Intel Xeon eight-core CPU [3.8GHz turbo], NVIDIA Quadro 5000, 32GB RAM)	BOXX 3DBOXX 8550XTREME workstation (two 3.33GHz Intel Xeon X5680 six-core CPUs over-clocked to 4.2GHz, NVIDIA Quadro 5000, 24GB RAM)	
Price as tested		\$5,625	\$1,099		\$2,269		\$4,048	\$1,875		\$9,984	\$11,396	
Date tested		6/29/12	4/21/12		2/12/12		10/12/11	9/11/11		7/16/12	3/20/11	
Operating System		Windows 7 64-bit	Windows XP	Windows 7 64-bit	Windows XP	Windows 7 64-bit	Windows 7 64-bit	Windows XP	Windows 7 64-bit	Windows 7 64-bit	Windows XP	Windows 7 64-bit
SPECviewperf	higher											
3dsmax-04		82.83 ¹	79.01 ¹	77.43 ¹	80.67	79.46	99.03 ¹	83.61	81.72	82.08 ¹	95.97	95.44 ¹
catia-02		98.89 ¹	77.80 ¹	77.68 ¹	94.20	91.47	124.75 ¹	96.38	93.28	111.43 ¹	120.44	121.1 ¹
ensight-03		90.20 ¹	48.20 ¹	49.27 ¹	75.78	73.57	109.56 ¹	76.62	74.16	124.41 ¹	132.41	130.13 ¹
maya-02		330.32 ¹	156.64 ¹	157.63 ¹	291.17	270.83	399.43 ¹	297.27	270.53	461.72 ¹	529.89	476.95 ¹
proe-04		97.22 ¹	60.66 ¹	60.79 ¹	88.48	84.83	120.33 ¹	89.24	85.86	114.54 ¹	113.84	113.24
SW-01		196.11 ¹	94.38 ¹	94.68 ¹	168.06	161.45	231.44 ¹	169.31	160.61 ¹	236.8 ¹	221.31	214.06
tcvis-01		62.98 ¹	34.25 ¹	34.22 ¹	56.41	54.43	79.05 ¹	56.76	54.24	94.77 ¹	98.58	94.17
ugrx-01		44.98 ¹	29.01 ¹	29.16 ¹	43.41	42.49	65.91 ¹	43.40	42.47	86.93 ¹	89.32	86.90
SPECapc SolidWorks	lower											
Score	seconds	110.61 ^{1,2}	127.48 ¹	n/a	110.91	n/a	n/a	106.63 ¹	n/a	126.73 ^{1,2}	106.56 ¹	n/a
Graphics	seconds	38.31 ^{1,2}	48.40 ¹	n/a	35.71	n/a	n/a	34.24 ¹	n/a	42.43 ^{1,2}	35.33 ¹	n/a
CPU	seconds	30.52 ^{1,2}	27.90 ¹	n/a	25.89	n/a	26.44 ¹	25.05 ¹	n/a	37.53 ^{1,2}	25.99 ¹	n/a
I/O	seconds	41.32 ^{1,2}	55.17 ¹	n/a	50.74	n/a	47.01 ¹	48.26 ¹	n/a	46.77 ^{1,2}	46.51 ¹	n/a
SPECapc SolidWorks	higher											
Score	ratio	4.46 ^{1,2}	6.25 ¹	n/a	7.92	n/a	n/a	8.04 ¹	n/a	3.84 ^{1,2}	8.23 ¹	n/a
Graphics	ratio	5.06 ^{1,2}	3.89 ¹	n/a	5.78	n/a	n/a	5.74 ¹	n/a	4.58 ^{1,2}	6.08 ¹	n/a
CPU	ratio	4.01 ^{1,2}	11.57 ¹	n/a	12.46	n/a	12.20 ¹	12.88 ¹	n/a	3.26 ^{1,2}	12.61 ¹	n/a
I/O	ratio	3.42 ^{1,2}	5.74 ¹	n/a	6.24	n/a	6.73 ¹	6.56 ¹	n/a	3.03 ^{1,2}	6.81 ¹	n/a
Autodesk Render Test	lower											
Time	seconds	87.92 ¹	85.66 ¹	71.75 ¹	71.66 ¹	62.33 ¹	45.6 ¹	82.2 ¹	60.5 ¹	41.0 ¹	34.0 ¹	19.0 ¹

Numbers in **blue** indicate best recorded results. Numbers in **red** indicate worst recorded results. 1=Hyper-threading enabled. 2= SPECapcSW2007 benchmark. Results are shown separately for single- and dual-socket workstations.