



# Lenovo FLEX 3

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## User Guide



Read the safety notices and important tips in the included manuals before using your computer.

## Notes

- Before using the product, be sure to read *Lenovo Safety and General Information Guide* first.
- Some instructions in this guide may assume that you are using Windows® 8.1. If you are using another Windows operating system, some operations may be slightly different. If you are using other operating systems, some operations may not apply to you.
- The features described in this guide are common to most models. Some features may not be available on your computer or your computer may include features that are not described in this user guide.
- The illustrations used in this manual are for Lenovo FLEX 3-1580 unless otherwise stated.
- The illustrations in this manual may differ from the actual product. Please refer to the actual product.

## Regulatory Notice

- For details, refer to **Guides & Manuals** at <http://support.lenovo.com>.

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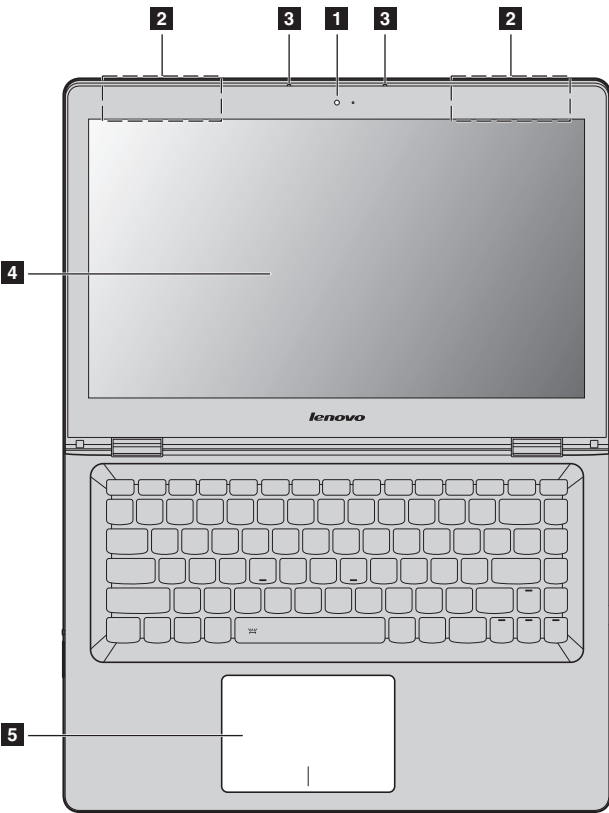


# Chapter 1. Getting to know your computer

## ■ ■ Top view

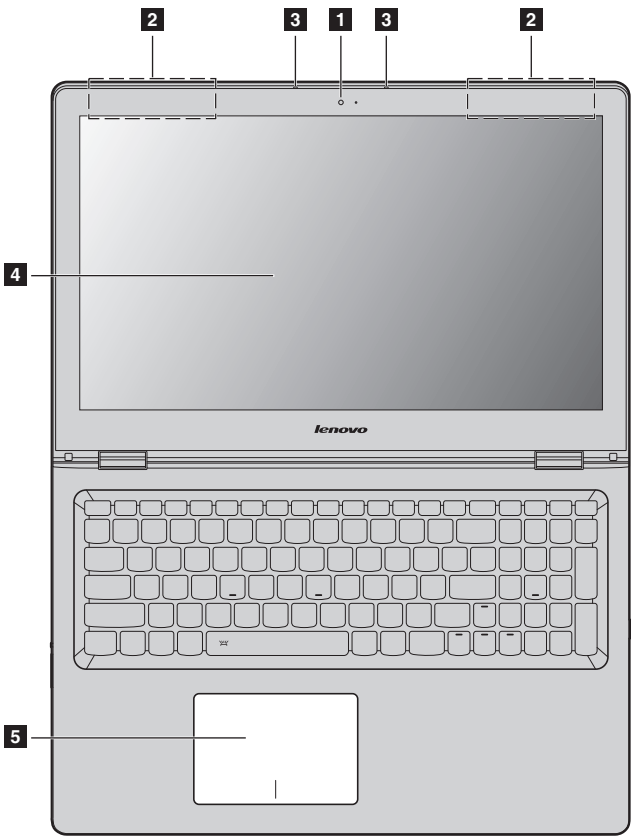
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**Note:** The dashed areas indicate parts that are not visible externally.

- ⦿ **Attention:**
  - When closing the display panel, be careful *not* to leave pens or any other objects in between the display panel and the keyboard. Otherwise, the display panel may be damaged.

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Integrated camera</b>     | Use the camera for video communication.   |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Wireless LAN antennas</b> | Connect to a wireless LAN adapter to send and receive wireless radio signals.                 |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Built-in microphone</b>   | Captures sound which can be used for video conferencing, voice narration, or audio recording. |


**Note:** Select models may have only one microphone, please refer to the actual product.

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| <b>4</b> | <b>Multi-touch screen</b> | The LCD display with LED backlight provides brilliant visual output. Multi-touch function is available on this display. |
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| <b>5</b> | <b>Touchpad</b> | The touchpad functions as a conventional mouse. |
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**Touchpad:** To move the pointer on the screen, slide your fingertip over the pad in the direction in which you want the pointer to move.

**Touchpad buttons:** The functions of the left/right side correspond to that of the left/right mouse button on a conventional mouse.

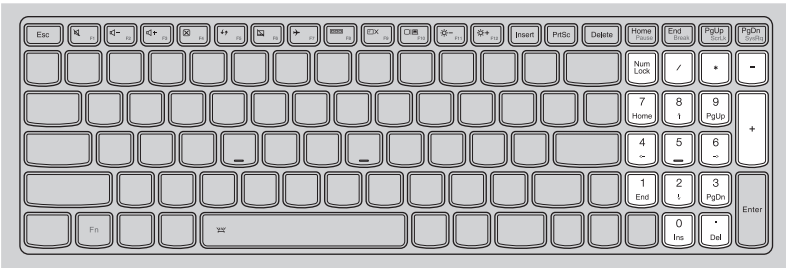
**Note:** You can enable/disable the touchpad by pressing **F6** (  ).

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■ Using the keyboard

Numeric keypad (Lenovo FLEX 3-1580)

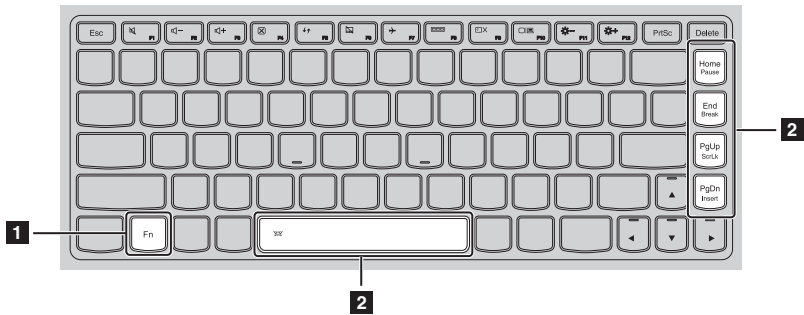
The keyboard has a separate numeric keypad. To enable or disable the numeric keypad, press the **Num Lock** key.



Function key combinations

Through the use of the function keys, you can change operational features instantly. To use this function, press and hold **Fn** **1**; then press one of the function keys **2**.

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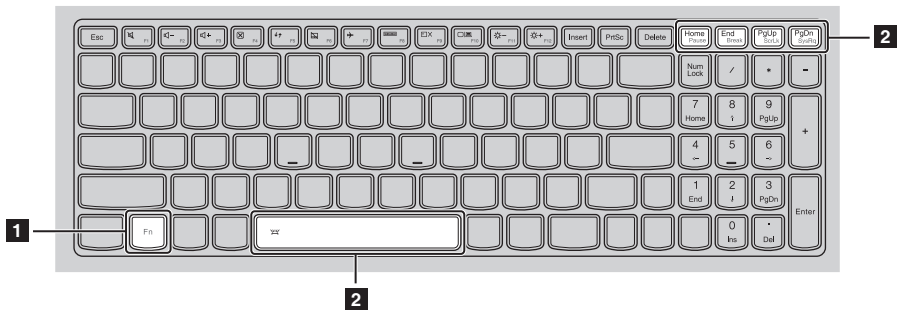


The following describes the features of each function key.

<b>Fn + Home:</b>	Activates the pause function.
<b>Fn + End:</b>	Activates the break function.
<b>Fn + PgUp:</b>	Enables/disables the scroll lock.
<b>Fn + PgDn:</b>	Activates the insert function.
<b>Fn + Space (on select models):</b>	Adjusts the keyboard backlight (off → dim → bright → off).



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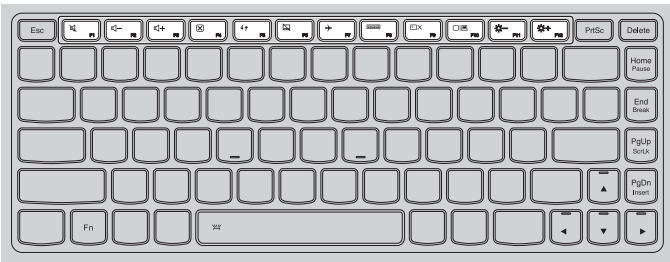
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<b>Fn + Space (on select models):</b>	Adjusts the keyboard backlight (off → dim → bright → off).

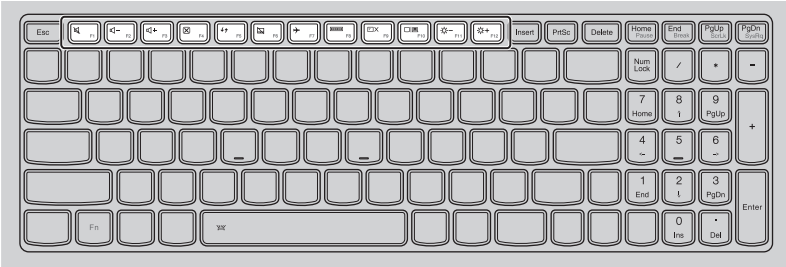
Hotkeys













You can access certain system settings quickly by pressing the appropriate hotkeys.

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	: Mutes/unmutes the sound.		: Enables/disables Airplane mode.
	: Decreases the volume level.		: Displays all currently active apps.
	: Increases the volume level.		: Turns on/off the backlight of the LCD screen.
	: Closes the currently active window.		: Toggles the display between the computer and an external device.
	: Refreshes the desktop or the currently active window.		: Decreases the display brightness.
	: Enables/disables the touchpad.		: Increases the display brightness.

Setting hotkey mode

By default, the hotkey functions are accessible by pressing the appropriate hotkey. However, you can disable the hotkey mode in the BIOS setup utility.

To disable the hotkey mode:

- 1 Shut down the computer.
- 2 Press the Novo button and then select **BIOS Setup**.
- 3 In the BIOS setup utility, open the **Configuration** menu, and change the setting of **HotKey Mode** from **Enabled** to **Disabled**.
- 4 Open the **Exit** menu, and select **Exit Saving Changes**.

**Note:** When hotkey mode is disabled, press the **Fn** key and the appropriate hotkey to access the corresponding hotkey function.

### ■ Positioning the display panel

The display panel can be opened to any angle up to 360 degrees.



### Notebook Mode



Suitable for tasks that require a keyboard and mouse (such as creating documents, writing e-mails, and so on).

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### Stand Mode (Theater Mode)



Suitable for tasks that require little or no touch (such as viewing photos or playing videos).

### Tablet Mode



Suitable for tasks that require touching the screen often (such as surfing the Web, playing games, and so on).

### Tent Mode (Presentation Mode)



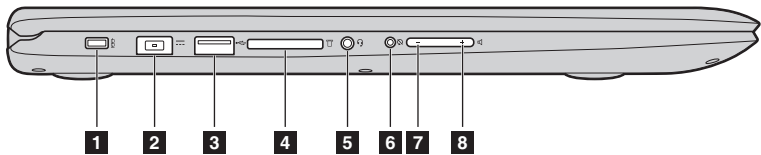
Suitable for tasks that require limited interaction with the touch screen (such as displaying graphs or PowerPoint presentations).

ⓘ **Attention:**

- Do *not* open the display with too much force, otherwise the panel or hinges may be damaged.

**Note:** The keyboard and touchpad are automatically locked when the screen is opened beyond 190 degrees (approximately).

■ ■ Left-side view



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**Kensington lock slot**

Attach a security lock (not supplied) here to help protect your computer from theft and unauthorized use. You can attach a security lock to your computer to help prevent it from being removed without your permission. For details on installing the security lock, please refer to the instructions shipped with the security lock that you have purchased.

**Notes:**

- Before purchasing any security product, verify that it is compatible with this type of security keyhole.
- You are responsible for evaluating, selecting, and implementing the locking devices and security features. Lenovo offers no comment, judgment, or warranty regarding the function, quality, or performance of locking devices and security features.

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**AC power adapter jack**

Connects to the AC power adapter.

- 3

**USB port**

Connects to USB devices.

**Note:** For details, see “Connecting USB device” on page 14.

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**Memory card slot**

Insert memory cards (not supplied) here.

**Note:** For details, see “Using memory cards (not supplied)” on page 11.

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**Combo audio jack**

Connects to headsets.

**Notes:**

- The combo audio jack does not support conventional microphones.
- The recording function might not be supported if third-party headphones or headsets are connected, due to different industry standards.

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**Rotation lock button**

Keeps the screen locked in portrait or landscape orientation. Locking the screen rotation will disable the gravity sensing function, thereby preventing the screen from changing its orientation automatically depending upon the angle at which it is held.

**Note:** The screen rotation lock button will be disabled in notebook mode.

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**Volume down button**

Decreases the volume level.

- 8

**Volume up button**

Increases the volume level.

### ■ Using memory cards (not supplied)

Your computer supports the following types of memory cards:

- Secure Digital (SD) card
- Secure Digital High Capacity (SDHC) card
- Secure Digital eXtended Capacity (SDXC) card
- MultiMediaCard (MMC)

#### **Notes:**

- Insert *only* one card in the slot at a time.
- This card reader does not support SDIO devices (e.g., SDIO Bluetooth, etc.).

### **Inserting a memory card**

Insert the memory card until it touches the bottom of the slot.

### **Removing a memory card**

Gently pull the memory card out of the memory card slot.

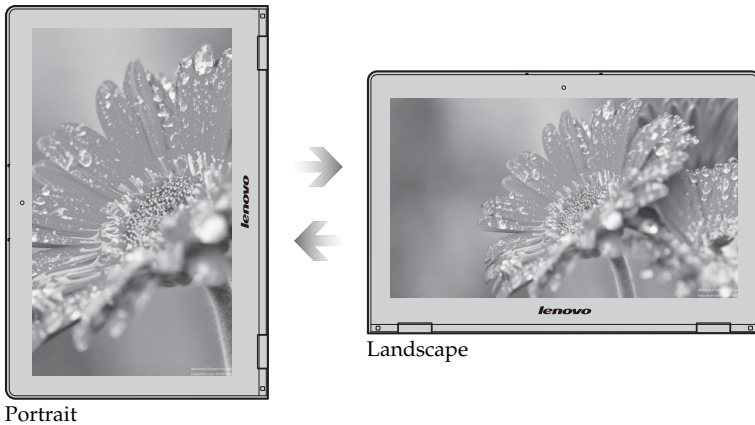
**Note:** Before removing the memory card, disable it by using the Windows safely remove hardware and eject media utility to avoid data corruption.

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### ■ Screen orientation

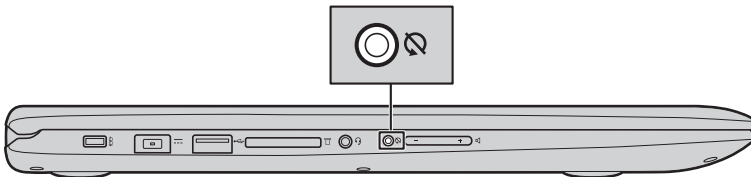
You can rotate the display panel to your preferred orientation.

- The orientation of the display automatically changes (alternating between portrait and landscape modes) depending on how you hold it.



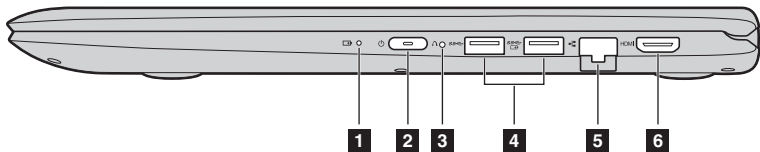
- To prevent automatic orientation, press the rotation lock button. It is located on the left edge of the computer (See illustration below).

**Note:** The screen rotation lock button will be disabled in notebook mode.





■ ■ Right-side view



**1 Battery status indicator**

**2 Power button** Press this button to turn on the computer.

Indicator	Indicator status	Meaning
<b>Battery status indicator</b> 	On (solid white)	The battery has more than 20% charge.
	On (solid amber)	The battery has between 5% and 20% charge.
	Blinking quickly (amber)	The battery has less than 5% charge.
	Blinking slowly (amber)	The battery is being charged. When the battery charge reaches 20%, the blinking color will change to white.
	Blinking slowly (white)	The battery has between 20% and 80% charge and is still charging. When the battery reaches 80% charge the light will stop blinking, but charging will continue until the battery is fully charged.
<b>Power status indicator</b> 	On (solid white)	The computer is powered on.
	Blinking	The computer is in sleep mode.
	Off	The computer is powered off.

**3 Novo button** When the computer is off, press this button to start the Lenovo OneKey Recovery System or the BIOS setup utility, or to enter the boot menu.

- Notes:**
- You can use the tip of an unfolded paper clip (or similar object without a sharp tip) to gently press the Novo button.
  - For details, see “Lenovo OneKey Recovery System” on page 18.

**4 USB port** Connects to USB 3.0 devices.

**Note:** For details, see “Connecting USB device” on page 14.

**5 RJ-45 port** Connects the computer to an Ethernet network.

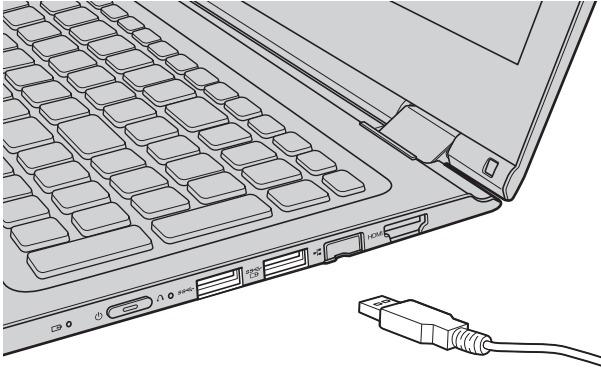
**Note:** For details, see “Connecting network cables” on page 15.

**6 HDMI port** Connects to devices with HDMI input such as a TV or an external display.

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### ■ Connecting USB device

Your computer comes with three USB ports compatible with USB devices.



The first time you plug a USB device into a particular USB port on your computer, Windows automatically installs a driver for that device. After the driver has been installed, you can disconnect and reconnect the device without performing any additional steps.

**Note:** Typically, Windows detects a new device after it has been connected, and then installs the driver automatically. However, some devices may require you to install the driver before connecting. Check the documentation provided by the device's manufacturer before connecting the device.

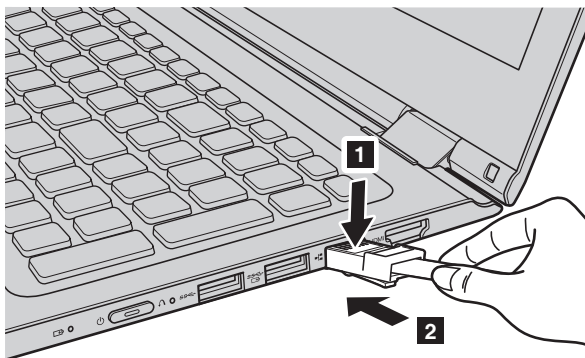
Before disconnecting a USB storage device, make sure your computer has finished transferring data to that device. Click the **Safely Remove Hardware and Eject Media** icon in the Windows notification area to remove the device before disconnecting.

**Note:** If your USB device uses a power cord, connect the device to a power source before connecting it. Otherwise, the device may not be recognized.

### ■ Connecting network cables

To insert a network cable, do the following:

- ❶ Hold one connector of the network cable to press the RJ-45 cover down gently **❶**.
- ❷ Insert the connector into the RJ-45 port **❷**.



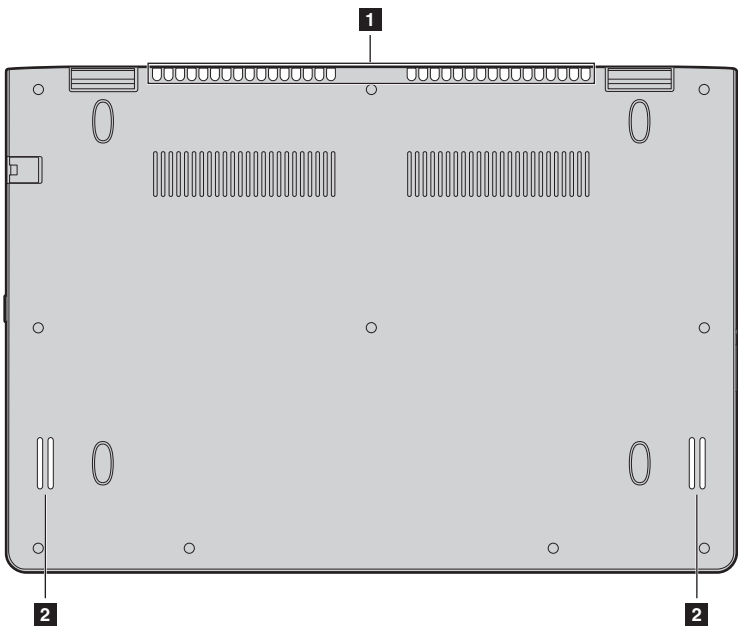
### Software configuration

Consult your Internet Service Provider (ISP) for details on how to configure your computer.

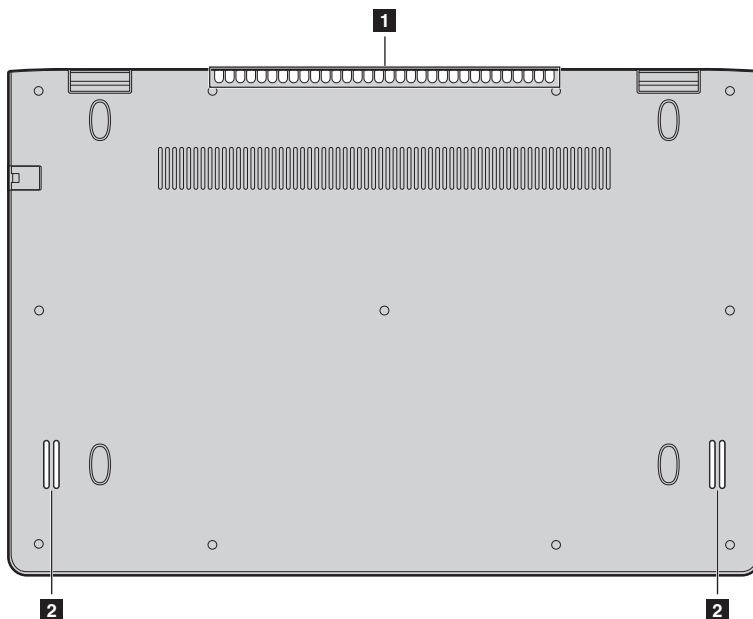
■ ■ Bottom view

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- 1 Ventilation slots** Dissipate internal heat.

**Note:** Make sure that the ventilation slots are not blocked or else the computer may overheat.

- 2 Speakers** Provide audio output.

## Chapter 2. Lenovo OneKey Recovery System

The Lenovo OneKey Recovery System is software designed to back up and restore your computer. You can use it to restore the system partition to its original status in case of a system failure. You can also create user backups for easy restoration as required.

### Notes:

- If your computer is preinstalled with a GNU/Linux operating system, OneKey Recovery System is not available.
- To utilize the features of the OneKey Recovery System, your hard disk already includes a hidden partition by default to store the system image file and the OneKey Recovery System program files. This default partition is hidden for security reasons, which explains why the available disk space is less than the stated capacity.

### ■ Backing up the system partition

You can back up the system partition to an image file. This image file can be used to restore the system partition. To back up the system partition:

- ❶ In Windows, press the Novo button or double-click OneKey Recovery icon to start the Lenovo OneKey Recovery System.
- ❷ Click **System Backup**.
- ❸ Select a back-up location and click **Next** to start the backup.

### Notes:

- You can choose a back-up location on the local hard disk drive or an external storage device.
- Remove the removable hard disk drive before starting the Lenovo OneKey Recovery System. Otherwise, data from the removable hard disk drive might be lost.
- The back-up process may take a while.
- The back-up process is only available when Windows can be started normally.

### ■ Restoring

You can choose to restore the system partition to its original status or to a previously created back-up point. To restore the system partition:

- ❶ In Windows, press the Novo button or double-click OneKey Recovery icon to start the Lenovo OneKey Recovery System.
- ❷ Click **System Recovery**. The computer will restart to the recovery environment.
- ❸ Follow the on-screen instructions to restore the system partition to its original status or to a previously created back-up point.

### Notes:

- The recovery process is irreversible. Make sure to back up any data you wish to save on the system partition before starting the recovery process.
- The recovery process may take a while. So be sure to connect the AC power adapter to your computer during the recovery process.
- The above instructions should be followed when Windows can be started normally.

If Windows cannot be started, then follow the steps below to start the Lenovo OneKey Recovery System:

- ❶ Shut down the computer.
- ❷ Press the Novo button. From **Novo Button Menu**, select **System Recovery** and press Enter.

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### ■ ■ Frequently asked questions

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This section lists frequently asked questions by category.

#### ■ Finding information

##### **What safety precautions should I follow when using my computer?**

The *Lenovo Safety and General Information Guide* which came with your computer contains safety precautions for using your computer. Read and follow all the precautions when using your computer.

##### **Where can I find the hardware specifications for my computer?**

You can find the hardware specification for your computer on the printed flyers which came with your computer.

##### **Where can I find warranty information?**

For detailed warranty information on this machine, please visit below website to check out: [support.lenovo.com/warrantystatus](http://support.lenovo.com/warrantystatus).

#### ■ Drivers and preinstalled software

##### **Where are the installation discs for Lenovo preinstalled software (desktop software)?**

Your computer did not come with installation discs for Lenovo preinstalled software. If you need to reinstall any preinstalled software, you can find the installation program on the D partition of your hard disk. If you cannot find the installation program there, you can also download it from the Lenovo consumer support website.

##### **Where can I find drivers for the various hardware devices of my computer?**

If your computer is preinstalled with a Windows operating system, Lenovo provides drivers for all the hardware devices that you need on the D partition of your hard disk. You can also download the latest device drivers from the Lenovo consumer support website.

#### ■ Lenovo OneKey Recovery System

##### **Where are the recovery discs?**

Your computer did not come with any recovery discs. Use the Lenovo OneKey Recovery System if you need to restore the system to its original factory status.

##### **What can I do if the back-up process fails?**

If you can start the backup but it fails during the back-up process, try the following steps:

- ① Close all open programs, and then restart the back-up process.
- ② Check to see if the destination media is damaged. Select another path and then try again.

##### **When do I need to restore the system to its factory status?**

Use this feature when the operating system fails to start up. If there is critical data on the system partition, back it up before starting recovery.

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### ■ BIOS setup utility

#### What is the BIOS setup utility?

The BIOS setup utility is a ROM-based software. It displays basic computer information and provides options for setting boot devices, security, hardware mode, and other preferences.

#### How can I start the BIOS setup utility?

To start the BIOS setup utility:

- ❶ Shut down the computer.
- ❷ Press the Novo button and then select **BIOS Setup**.

#### How can I change the boot mode?

There are two boot modes: **UEFI** and **Legacy Support**. To change the boot mode, start the BIOS setup utility and set boot mode to **UEFI** or **Legacy Support** on the boot menu.

#### When do I need to change the boot mode?

The default boot mode for your computer is **UEFI** mode. If you need to install a legacy operating system, such as Windows, Linux or Dos, etc (that is, any operating system before Windows 8) on your computer, you must change the boot mode to **Legacy Support**. The legacy operating system, such as Windows, Linux or Dos, etc cannot be installed if you don't change the boot mode.

### ■ Getting help

#### How can I contact the customer support center?

See “Chapter 3. Getting help and service” in the *Lenovo Safety and General Information Guide*.



## ■ ■ Troubleshooting

### Display problems


When I turn on the computer, nothing appears on the screen.

- If the screen is blank, make sure that:
  - The AC power adapter is connected to the computer, and the power cord is plugged into a working electrical outlet.
  - The computer power is on. Press the Power button again for confirmation.
- If these items are properly set, and the screen remains blank, have the computer serviced.

When I turn on the computer, only a white cursor appears on a blank screen.

- Restore backed-up files to your Windows environment or the entire contents of your hard disk to its original factory contents using the Lenovo OneKey Recovery System. If you still see only the cursor on the screen, have the computer serviced.

The screen goes blank while the computer is on.

- Your screen saver or power management may be enabled. Do one of the following to resume from sleep mode:
  - Press any key on the keyboard. (Notebook mode only)
  - Press the Power button.
- Press **F9** (  ) to confirm whether the backlight of the LCD screen has been turned off.

### Sleep problems

The critical low-battery error message appears, and the computer immediately turns off.

- The battery power is getting low. Connect the AC power adapter to the computer.

The computer enters sleep mode immediately after Power-on self-test (POST).

- Make sure that:
  - The battery pack is charged.
  - The operating temperature is within the acceptable range. See "Chapter 2. Use and care Information" in the *Lenovo Safety and General Information Guide*.

**Note:** If the battery pack is charged and the temperature is within range, have the computer serviced.



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The computer does not return from sleep mode, and the computer does not work.

- If your computer is in sleep mode, connect the AC power adapter to the computer, then press the Power button.
- If the system still does not return from sleep mode, stops responding, or cannot be turned off, reset the computer. Unsaved data may be lost. To reset the computer, press and hold the Power button for five seconds or more. If the computer is still not reset, remove the AC power adapter.

### Display panel problems

The screen is blank.

- Do the following:
  - If you are using the AC power adapter or the battery pack, and the battery status indicator is on, press **F12** (  ) to make the screen brighter.
  - If the power indicator is blinking, press the Power button to resume from sleep mode.
  - Press **F9** (  ) to confirm whether the backlight of the LCD screen has been turned off.
  - If the problem persists, follow the solution in the next problem "The screen is unreadable or distorted."

The screen is unreadable or distorted.

- Make sure that:
  - The screen resolution and color quality are correctly set.
  - The monitor type is correct.

Incorrect characters appear on the screen.

- Is the operating system or programs installed correctly? If they are installed and configured correctly, have the computer serviced.

### Sound problems

No sound can be heard from the speakers even when the volume is turned up.

- Make sure that:
  - The Mute function is off.
  - The combo audio jack is not being used.
  - Speakers are selected as the playback device.

### Battery pack problems

Your computer shuts down before the battery status indicator shows empty.

-or-

Your computer operates after the battery status indicator shows empty.

- Recharge the battery.

### Other problems

Your computer does not respond.

- To turn off your computer, press and hold the Power button for five seconds or more. If the computer still does not respond, remove the AC power adapter.
- Your computer might lock when it enters sleep mode during a communication operation. Disable the sleep timer when you are working on the network.

The connected external device does not work.

- Do *not* connect or disconnect any external device cables other than USB while the computer power is on. Otherwise, you might damage your computer.
- When using high power consumption external devices such as an external USB optical disk drive, use an external device power adapter. Otherwise, the device may not be recognized, or the system may shut down as a result.

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