
Subject: Re: Speed test on Mac G5, anyone?

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> It is too bad apple didn't submit SPEC CPU2000 results for the PPC G4 (at
> least I couldn't find them on the spec site. Maybe you can dig up some
> unofficial scores). While the SPEC CPU benchmarks they released for the PPC
> 970 should be taken with a shaker full of salt the comparison would be a
> start.

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And from
http://zdnet.com.com/2100-1103_2-1021642.html:

Although Apple has won praise for the new Macs as a substantial improvement over earlier machines, some have criticized the choices made in putting together the rival Dell machine for use in so-called SPEC tests. Apple's tests used the same GCC compiler for both machines, with the Dell boxes running the Linux operating system. Critics charge that much higher benchmarks can be achieved using the Windows OS and an Intel-optimized compiler, rather than GCC.

"It wasn't really a fair test," said one analyst, who said that the Dell machines are capable of producing scores 30 percent to 40 percent higher than those produced under Apple's methodology. "The reason this happened is Apple had a third party go out and test a Dell under less than optimal conditions."

In response, an Apple representative said it wanted to compare hardware performance, so it made sense to use the same compiler on the Mac and the Dell. The SPEC benchmark tests measure the performance of the hardware and the compiler.
