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CyberPowerPC Ultra R5RX

Beyond the pale

The worst thing you can say about the CyberPowerPC Ultra R5RX is that it's a middling gaming PC that's not particularly exciting. Yet even that's not fair. With its white finish, grille cover and diagonal sash centrepiece (pictured below), the case is actually quite striking, especially with the RGB lighting from the internals glowing through the tempered glass side panel.

“You're getting lots of gaming bang for your buck, but RAM inflation makes it costly**”**

Remove that panel and it's easy to access the Ultra R5RX's components, including the mid-range MSI Pro B85-S Wi-Fi 6E motherboard, which – as its name suggests – includes an integrated **Wi-Fi 6E** chip. Screw the two aerials on to the rear panel and you're ready to connect to your wireless network, though you could opt instead for an even faster wired connection via the 2.5Gbps **Ethernet** port.



Between the top of the case and the rear panel, you also have no less than nine **USB 3.2** ports and two **USB-C** ports, with speeds on the fastest sockets reaching 10Gbps.

The motherboard's other big feature is support for the latest **PCIe 5.0 M.2 SSDs**, though CyberPowerPC has gone for capacity over raw performance by fitting a 2TB PCIe 4.0 drive. This is still fast enough for gaming purposes and you can always swap it for a PCIe 5.0 drive later and reuse the existing SSD in the spare M.2 slot.

In theory, you also have a PCIe x16 slot and a PCIe x1 slot ready for upgrades, but these are impossible to access due to the dual-slot **graphics card** and the way the case fits the motherboard tight against a false bottom, which conceals the 650W power supply and much of the cabling.

On the plus side, this keeps the system looking good and the airflow between the three front fans and rear fan free of obstructions. As a result, noise levels are surprisingly low unless you're gaming, and even then they only ramp up slightly. All the fans have RGB lighting, but the front fans aren't fully customisable. Instead, you select from 14 colour patterns by clicking a button at the top of the case.

The six-core **Ryzen 5 7500F** processor uses AMD's previous-generation Zen 4 technology, but it's still pretty nifty. It beats the Medion Erazer Recon P40 (£899 from www.snipca.com/57374, reviewed in Issue 726) in non-gaming tests, even though the latter uses a 10-core Intel Core i5 14400 chip.

Meanwhile, the R5RX's AMD Radeon RX 9060XT graphics card means it gets higher **frame rates** in games at **1440p** resolutions with high detail settings than the P40 manages at **1080p**. You can get over 60 frames per second in some games using the Ray Tracing Ultra preset.

Sadly, the Ultra R5RX is one of the first victims of the recent rise in RAM pricing bought on by the AI gold rush. When we



tested it, the price was set at £1,000, but this has since climbed to nearly £1,300 to take in the 32GB of RAM. You're still getting lots of gaming bang for your buck, but it's a sign that if you want a high-performance PC in 2026, you're going to have to swallow higher costs.

SPECIFICATIONS

Six-core AMD Ryzen 5 7500F processor • 32GB RAM • 8GB AMD Radeon RX 9060XT 8GB graphics • 2TB SSD • 9x USB 3.2 ports • 2x USB-C ports • 3x HDMI ports • 3x DisplayPort ports • 2.5 Gigabit Ethernet port • 3x 3.5mm audio jacks • 650W power supply • Windows 11 Home • 487x217x455mm (HxWxD) • Three-year warranty www.snipca.com/57638

VERDICT Stylish looks and fast performance for a mid-range gaming desktop PC, even with the 32GB of RAM pushing the price skywards



ALTERNATIVE

Medion Erazer Recon P40 £899
If you're happy to stick at 1080p resolutions, this budget gaming machine gives you the latest Nvidia graphics

