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The CPU is the foundation of your PC, and also dictates other components such as the motherboard, so you want to make sure you make the right choice. If you're thinking of building a new PC, but don't know which CPU will best fit your needs (and your budget), then turn to p44 and start reading. Meanwhile, on p84 we dissect Intel and AMD's current processor microarchitectures to see what makes them tick.

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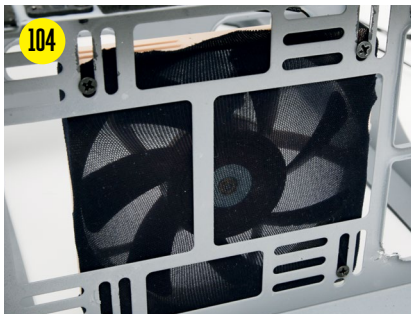

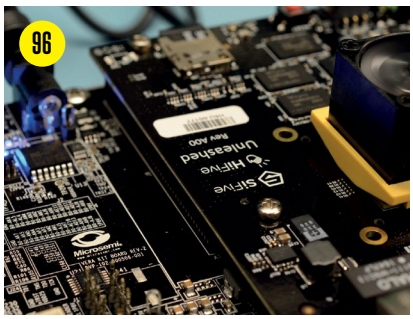

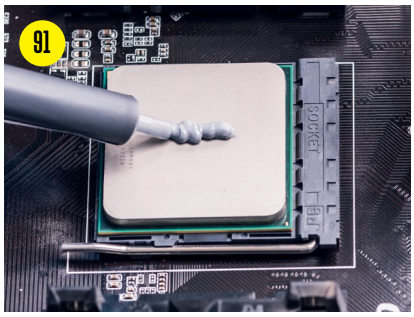

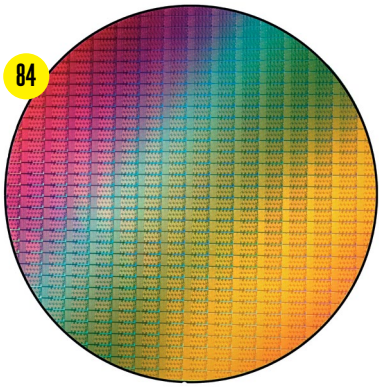

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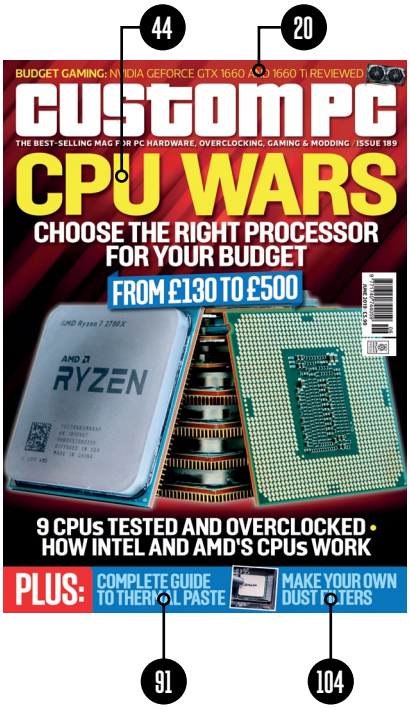

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