

Megabytes off Your Footprint

Laptop Report

There is more to a laptop's hardware than memory, gigs, and ramalama-dingdongs. For example, a lighter computer with better battery life is not only more efficient, it's better for the environment and your wallet. Here are the best laptops based on what the folks at EnergyStar and the Electronic Product Assessment Tool (EPEAT) had to say. And remember, the best way to ensure your high tech gear is low-impact is to recycle them (90% of most laptops can be reused). Go to epa.gov to find out how.

Battery Life

The greater the power life, the less electricity you use. Results: lower energy bill and carbon footprint.

Starting Weight

The lighter the computer the fewer materials that were used to produce it. Also easier on the shoulder.

Energy Star

A label given by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy to designate energy-efficient products.

EPEAT Rating

Rating system based on energy efficiency, design for end of life, materials used, and general efforts in reducing a product's environmental impact.

BRAND	MODEL	BATTERY LIFE	WEIGHT W/BATTERY	ENERGY STAR	EPEAT RATING	PRICE
Apple	MacBook	5 hours	4.5 pounds	yes	Gold	\$999
	MacBook Air	4.5 hours	3 pounds	yes	Gold	\$1799
	MacBook Pro	5 hours	5.5 pounds	yes	Gold	\$1999
Gateway	HP Mini	3.5 hours	2.25 pounds	yes	Silver	\$359
	Q Series	6 hours	4.4 pounds	yes	Silver	\$1149
	X Series	7.5 hours	2.8 pounds	yes	Silver	\$1599
HP/Compaq	P Series	6 hours	5.3 pounds	yes	Silver	\$1149
	TT Series	7.5 hours	2.9 pounds	yes	Gold	\$2049
	Z Series	6 hours	3.4 pounds	yes	Silver	\$1499
	SR Series	6 hours	4.1 pounds	yes	Gold	\$994
	CS Series	4 hours	5.7 pounds	yes	Silver	\$899
Samsung	NS Series	4 hours	6.4 pounds	yes	Silver	\$799
	FW Series	5.5 hours	6.7 pounds	yes	Silver	\$899
	Satellite Pro	5.5 hours	4.5 pounds	yes	Silver	\$529
	Satellite	5.5 hours	4.5 pounds	yes	Silver	\$579
	Portege	6 hours	2.4 pounds	yes	Gold	\$1399
Sony	Tecra	4.5 hours	5.4 pounds	yes	Silver	\$1299
	Qosmio	4 hours	8.1 pounds	yes	Silver	\$1249