

Kuuube's Tablet Buying Guide

All tablets on their respective lists are listed in order of best to worst raw performance. In cases of considerable tradeoffs in specs, the tablet with a higher Price/Performance Ranking will be placed higher. For tablets with a range of Targeted Prices, the average of that range is used for the Price/Performance Ranking.

Each category's Price/Performance rankings are separate. Tablets with the same Price/Performance in different categories are not equal. Refer to the Performance Ranking and other specs when comparing between categories.

Check the Targeted Price of tablets before buying. Secondhand options and some brand new options may be wildly more or less expensive than the Targeted Price. These differences can cause the price to performance ratings to change dramatically.

Check tablet sizing before you buy. Most players will be best with small size. Price to performance assumes you will use an area larger than smaller tablets. Do not buy a medium or large tablet if you do not need that area size.

If you wrap your pen, apply grip tape covering the pen's button rocker/cover, or make similar modifications, you must remove the button rocker/cover first. Issues that could occur from improper modifications are not noted in this guide.

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Brand New Low Budget Options

Brand	Model Identifier	Recommendation	Price/Performance Ranking	Targeted Price	Performance Ranking	Size	Hardware Smoothing	Hover Distance	Surface Feel	Additional Relevant Product Information
Amazon	S442	Highly Recommended	10/10	25-40 USD	A	5	Minimal	Low	Low Friction	Input dropping when pressing pen side buttons and firmware version can be upgraded or downgraded.
Lenovo	S442B8-A	Not Recommended	6/10	40-100 USD	A	5	Minimal	Low	Low Friction	High snapping issues, may be unavoidable to buy (even when ordering a Pen A, pen may instead a Pen B), and input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.
Wacom	S442	Usually Not Recommended	7/10	20-100 USD	C	5	More than minimal	Low	Low Friction	May be unreliable to buy, input dropping when pressing pen side buttons, and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	S442B8	Usually Not Recommended	7/10	20-100 USD	C	5	More than minimal	Low	Low Friction	Input dropping when pressing pen side buttons and report rate may drop to 40Hz when moving slowly.
Wacom	S442 V2	Not Recommended	5/10	20-100 USD	C	5	More than minimal	Low	Low Friction	Input dropping when pressing pen side buttons, non-detachable cable, and report rate may drop to 40Hz when moving slowly.
Wacom	S442B8	Not Recommended	4/10	20-100 USD	C	5	Correct	Medium	Low Friction	Input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.
Wacom	S442B8-GS-0180	Not Recommended	4/10	30-100 USD	C	10	Correct	Medium	Low Friction	Angle snapping issues, input dropping when pressing pen side buttons and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	S442	Highly Not Recommended	2/10	20-100 USD	C	10	Bad	Low	Low Friction	Input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.
Wacom	S442	Highly Not Recommended	3/10	35-100 USD	C	5	Bad	Low	Low Friction	Input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.
Wacom	S442B8-GS-0180 or new tablet.com	Highly Not Recommended	3/10	25-100 USD	C	10	Bad	Medium	Low Friction	Hardware smoothing changes to Desktop and strong anti-chatter is triggered when dragging, hardware smoothing applies stronger the slower the pen is moved, input glitching and dropping when pressing pen side buttons, and surface prone to loud squealing when dragging on it.
Wacom	S442B8	Highly Not Recommended	2/10	25-100 USD	D	5	Bad	Low	Low Friction	Input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.
Wacom	S442B8	Highly Not Recommended	3/10	50-100 USD	D	5	Bad	Low	Low Friction	Angle snapping issues and input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.
Wacom	S442B8-A	Highly Not Recommended	1/10	40-100 USD	D	5	Bad	Low	Low Friction	Input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.
Wacom	S442	Highly Not Recommended	3/10	20-100 USD	D	5	Bad	Low	Low Friction	Input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.
Wacom	S442B8-GS-0180	Highly Not Recommended	3/10	20-100 USD	D	10	Bad	Medium	Low Friction	Button pens, and input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.
Wacom	S442B8-GS-0180	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	0/10	30-100 USD	F	5	Bad	Low	Low Friction	Input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.
Wacom	S442B8	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	0/10	30-100 USD	F	5	Very Bad	Low	Low Friction	Input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.
Wacom	S442B8	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	0/10	25-100 USD	F	5	Very Bad	Low	Low Friction	Input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.

Secondhand Low Budget Options

Brand	Model Identifier	Recommendation	Price/Performance Ranking	Targeted Price	Performance Ranking	Size	Hardware Smoothing	Hover Distance	Surface Feel	Additional Relevant Product Information
Wacom	CTL471	Highly Recommended	9/10	35-100 USD	A	5	None	High	Low Friction	
Wacom	CTLN-480	Highly Not Recommended	6/10	35-100 USD	A	5	None	High	Mid Friction	May have minor EMR noise issues (this causes your cursor to shake more).
Wacom	CTLN-470	Highly Recommended	10/10	20-100 USD	A	5	None	Medium	High Friction	
Wacom	CTLN-480	Highly Recommended	9/10	20-100 USD	A	5	None	Medium	High Friction	Non-detachable cable.
Wacom	CTLN-480	Recommended	9/10	20-100 USD	A	5	None	Medium	High Friction	Non-detachable cable.
Wacom	CTLN-480	Highly Recommended	10/10	20-100 USD	A	5	None	Medium	High Friction	Hardware smoothing is disabled when pen pressure is detected (performance ranking 8 while dragging), and glitchy hover/drag transition.
Wacom	CTLN-480	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	2/10	20-100 USD	C	5	Bad	Medium	High Friction	

Brand New Mid Budget Options

Brand	Model Identifier	Recommendation	Price/Performance Ranking	Targeted Price	Performance Ranking	Size	Hardware Smoothing	Hover Distance	Surface Feel	Additional Relevant Product Information
Wacom	CTL472	Highly Recommended	10/10	50-100 USD	A	5	None	Medium	High Friction	Under rare conditions, may have input dropping or jumping when pressing pen side buttons.
Wacom	CTL472	Highly Recommended	10/10	70-100 USD	A	5	None	Medium	High Friction	May have issues resulting from laser distance measurements and under rare conditions, may have input dropping or jumping when pressing pen side buttons.
Wacom	CTL472B8-A	Highly Not Recommended	2/10	90-110 USD	B	5	Minimal	Mid Friction	High Friction	Slight input glitching, report rate dropping when pressing pen side buttons, and some issues with pressure handling (this is bad for drawing).
Wacom	CTL472B8	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	0/10	40-100 USD	D	5	Bad	High	High Friction	Hardware smoothing is disabled when pen pressure is detected (performance ranking 8 while dragging), minor anti-chatter remains.

Secondhand Mid Budget Options

Brand	Model Identifier	Recommendation	Price/Performance Ranking	Targeted Price	Performance Ranking	Size	Hardware Smoothing	Hover Distance	Surface Feel	Additional Relevant Product Information
Wacom	PTH460	Recommended	7/10	80-100 USD	A	5	None	High	Mid Friction	Revised report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets.
Wacom	PTH480	Highly Recommended	10/10	50-100 USD	S	5	None	High	Mid Friction	Revised report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets.
Wacom	PTH481	Recommended	7/10	80-100 USD	S	5	None	High	Mid Friction	Revised report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets, may have minor EMR noise issues (this causes your cursor to shake more).
Wacom	PTH480	Highly Recommended	10/10	70-100 USD	A	5	None	High	Mid Friction	Revised report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets.
Wacom	CTL471	Highly Recommended	10/10	60-100 USD	A	5	None	High	Mid Friction	Revised report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets.
Wacom	CTLN-470	Recommended	10/10	50-100 USD	A	5	None	Medium	High Friction	
Wacom	PTH480	Not Recommended	5/10	90-120 USD	A	10	None	High	Mid Friction	May have minor EMR noise issues (this causes your cursor to shake more).
Wacom	CTLN-480	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	1/10	50-100 USD	C	10	Bad	High	High Friction	Hardware smoothing is disabled when pen pressure is detected (performance ranking 8 while dragging), and glitchy hover/drag transition.

Brand New High Budget Options

Brand	Model Identifier	Recommendation	Price/Performance Ranking	Targeted Price	Performance Ranking	Size	Hardware Smoothing	Hover Distance	Surface Feel	Additional Relevant Product Information
Wacom	PTH560	Usually Not Recommended	5/10	250 USD	D+	5	None	Extremely High	Low Friction	Revised report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets, extremely high pressure scan rate (pen taps send almost instantly), extremely minor anti-chatter on hover, and glitchy position reporting when pen is lifted roughly 15° or lower to the tablet.
Wacom	PTH560	Usually Not Recommended	5/10	300 USD	D+	10	None	Extremely High	Low Friction	Revised report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets, extremely high pressure scan rate (pen taps send almost instantly), extremely minor anti-chatter on hover, and glitchy position reporting when pen is lifted roughly 15° or lower to the tablet.
Wacom	PTH560	Usually Not Recommended	5/10	400-500 USD	D+	5	None	Extremely High	Low Friction	Revised report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets, extremely high pressure scan rate (pen taps send almost instantly), extremely minor anti-chatter on hover, and glitchy position reporting when pen is lifted roughly 15° or lower to the tablet.
Wacom	PTH560B8	Highly Not Recommended	5/10	140-160 USD	A	10	Minimal	High	High Friction	Slight input glitching, report rate dropping when pressing pen side buttons, and some issues with pressure handling (this is bad for drawing).
Wacom	PTH560B8	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	0/10	200 USD	D	10	Bad	High	High Friction	Hardware smoothing is disabled when pen pressure is detected (performance ranking 8 while dragging), minor anti-chatter remains.
Wacom	PTH560B8-GS-0180	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	0/10	140 USD	D+	10	Bad	High	Low Friction	Hardware smoothing changes to Desktop and anti-chatter is disabled when pen pressure is detected, horrible anti-chatter when hovering low, and glitchy hover/drag transition.
Wacom	PTH560B8-GS-0180	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	0/10	170 USD	D	10	Bad	High	Low Friction	Hardware smoothing changes to Desktop and anti-chatter is disabled when pen pressure is detected, horrible anti-chatter when hovering low, and glitchy hover/drag transition.
Wacom	PTH560B8-GS-0180	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	0/10	200 USD	D+	10	Bad	High	Low Friction	Hardware smoothing changes to Desktop and anti-chatter is disabled when pen pressure is detected, horrible anti-chatter when hovering low, and glitchy hover/drag transition.
Wacom	PTH560B8-GS-0180	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	0/10	300-350 USD	D	5	None	Medium	Low Friction	Input dropping and angle snapping when pressing pen side buttons, glitchy hovering transitions, and 40Hz pressure scan rate (this causes fast pressure to not be detected).

Secondhand High Budget Options

Brand	Model Identifier	Recommendation	Price/Performance Ranking	Targeted Price	Performance Ranking	Size	Hardware Smoothing	Hover Distance	Surface Feel	Additional Relevant Product Information
Wacom	PTH610	Recommended	8/10	120-175 USD	F	10	None	High	Mid Friction	Revised report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets.
Wacom	PTH610B8	Recommended	7/10	120-200 USD	S	10	None	High	Mid Friction	Revised report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets.
Wacom	PTH610	Recommended	8/10	210-300 USD	S	10	None	High	Mid Friction	Revised report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets.
Wacom	PTH610B8	Recommended	9/10	130-200 USD	D	5	None	High	Mid Friction	Revised report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets.
Wacom	PTH610	Recommended	10/10	120-175 USD	S	5	None	High	Mid Friction	Revised report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets.

Low Availability Secondhand Options

Some tablets are totally viable for osu! and can compete with some of the highest recommended listings but have very unreliable availability. Generalized listings of those tablets are shown here. For more detailed information on these tablets and other wacom tablets on this list check out Kuuube's Wacom

Tablet Mastersheet.

Brand	Model Identifier	Recommendation	Price/Performance Ranking	Targeted Price	Performance Ranking	Size	Hardware Smoothing	Hover Distance	Surface Feel	Additional Relevant Product Information
Wacom	PTH1200	Recommended For High Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	S	10	None	High	Mid Friction	Revised report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480B8W [1]	Recommended For Low-Mid Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	S	All	None	High	Low Friction	Revised report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	GD-wacom [1]	Recommended For Low-Mid Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	L	All	None	High	Low or Mid Friction	Revised report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	CTL480 [4]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Non-detachable cable.
Wacom	MPT490	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S	None	Medium	Mid Friction	
Wacom	CTL480 [5]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	CTL480 [6]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	CTL480 [7]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [8]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	CTL480 [9]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [10]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [11]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [12]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [13]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [14]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [15]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [16]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [17]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [18]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [19]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [20]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [21]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [22]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [23]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [24]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [25]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [26]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [27]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [28]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [29]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [30]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [31]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [32]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [33]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [34]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [35]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [36]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [37]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [38]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [39]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [40]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [41]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH480 [42]	Recommended For Low Budget	7/10 (price/availability vary)	7,100 (price vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowest report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.

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[1] (PTZ-430, PTZ-431W, PTZ-630, PTZ-631W, PTZ-930, PTZ-1230, PTZ-1231W)

[2] (XD-0405-U, XD-0608-U, XD-0912-U, XD-1212-U, XD-1218-U)

[3] (GD-0405-U, GD-0608-U, GD-0912-U, GD-1212-U, GD-1218-U)

[4] (CTE-460, CTE-660)

[5] (CTE-450, CTE-650)

[6] (CTE-440, CTE-640)

[7] (CTE-430, CTE-630)

[8] (FW-300, FB-630)

[9] (CTF-430, CTF-221, CTF-420)

[10] (FT-0203-U, FT-0405-U)

[11] (ET-0405A-U, ET-0507A-U)