

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.

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
Gasmon	5620	Highly Recommended	10/10	25-40 USD	S	S	Minimal	Low	Low Friction	Input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.
XP-PEN	G640	Not Recommended	7/10	40 USD	B	S	Minimal	Low	Low Friction	Angle snapping issues, may be unreliable to buy, and input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.
Venk	S640 or S640 V2	Usually Not Recommended	8/10	20-35 USD	C	S	More than minimal	Low	Low Friction	Input dropping when pressing pen side buttons and non-detachable cable.
Huion	H420K	Not Recommended	5/10	25 USD	XS	Decent	Medium	Low Friction	Low Friction	Input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.
XP-PEN	G430 or G430S	Not Recommended	5/10	30 USD	XS	Decent	Medium	Low Friction	Low Friction	Angle snapping issues, input dropping when pressing pen side buttons and non-detachable cable.
Gasmon	5630	Highly Not Recommended	3/10	30-35 USD	C	XS	Bad	Low	Low Friction	Input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.
Gasmon	S630	Highly Not Recommended	3/10	35-40 USD	C	S	Bad	Low	Low Friction	Input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.
XP-PEN	G640S	Highly Not Recommended	1/10	50 USD	D	S	Bad	Low	Low Friction	Angle snapping issues and input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.
XP-PEN	G640 Rev B	Highly Not Recommended	1/10	40 USD	D	S	Bad	Low	Low Friction	Input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.
Huion	H564	Highly Not Recommended	1/10	30-40 USD	D	S	Bad	Low	Low Friction	Input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.
Huion	420 or H420	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	0/10	20-35 USD	F	XS	Bad	Medium	Low Friction	Battery pen, and input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.
Huion	H640P	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	0/10	30-40 USD	F	S	Very Bad	Low	Low Friction	Input dropping when pressing pen side buttons.
Huion	H430P	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	0/10	30-40 USD	F	S	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	CTL-471	Highly Recommended	9/10	35-45 USD	A	S	None	Medium	Low Friction	
Wacom	CTL/H-480	Recommended for Low Budget	7/10	35-45 USD	A	S	None	Medium	Mid Friction	May have minor EMR noise issues (this causes your cursor to shake more).
Wacom	CTL/H-470	Highly Recommended	10/10	20-30 USD	A	S	None	Low	High Friction	
Wacom	CTL-461	Highly Recommended	9.5/10	20-30 USD	A	S	None	Low	Low Friction	Non-detachable cable.
Wacom	CTL/H-460	Recommended	9/10	20-30 USD	A	S	None	Low	High Friction	Non-detachable cable.
Wacom	CTL-661	Highly Recommended	10/10	20-30 USD	M	None	None	Low	Low Friction	Non-detachable cable.
Wacom	CTL/H-490	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	2/10	20-30 USD	C	S	Bad	Low	High Friction	Hardware smoothing is disabled when pen pressure is detected, and glitchy hover/drag transition.

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	CTL-472	Highly Recommended	10/10	50-80 USD	A	S	None	Medium	High Friction	Under rare conditions, may have input dropping or jumping when pressing pen side buttons.
Wacom	CTL-672	Highly Recommended for Mid Budget	10/10	70-90 USD	A	M	None	Medium	High Friction	Under rare conditions, may have input dropping or jumping when pressing pen side buttons.
Wacom	CTL-4100	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	1/10	70-80 USD	C	S	Bad	Medium	High Friction	Hardware smoothing is disabled when pen pressure is detected.

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Wacom	PTH/K-450	Recommended	7/10	80-130 USD	S	None	None	High	Mid Friction	Boosted report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets.
Wacom	PTH-440	Highly Recommended	10/10	50-60 USD	S	S	None	High	Mid Friction	Boosted report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets.
Wacom	PTH-451	Not Recommended for Mid Budget	5/10	80-100 USD	S	S	None	High	Mid Friction	Boosted report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets, may have minor EMR noise issues (this causes your cursor to shake more).
Wacom	PTH-660	Usually Not Recommended	10/10	70-100 USD	S	M	None	High	Mid Friction	Boosted report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets.
Wacom	CTL/H-480	Not Recommended for Mid Budget	4/10	70-100 USD	A	S	None	Medium	Mid Friction	May have minor EMR noise issues (this causes your cursor to shake more).
Wacom	CTL-671	Highly Recommended	10/10	60-70 USD	A	M	None	Medium	Low Friction	
Wacom	CTL/H-670	Recommended	10/10	50-60 USD	A	M	None	High	High Friction	
Wacom	CTL-680	Not Recommended	5/10	90-120 USD	A	M	None	Medium	Mid Friction	May have minor EMR noise issues (this causes your cursor to shake more).
Wacom	CTL/H-690	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	1/10	70-90 USD	C	M	Bad	Low	High Friction	Hardware smoothing is disabled when pen pressure is detected, 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	PTH-460	Usually Not Recommended	5/10	250 USD	S+	S	None	Extremely High	Low Friction	Boosted report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets, and the absolute best in raw performance.
Wacom	PTH-660	Usually Not Recommended	5/10	350 USD	S+	M	None	Extremely High	Low Friction	Boosted report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets, and the absolute best in raw performance.
Wacom	PTH-860	Usually Not Recommended	5/10	400-500 USD	S+	L	None	Extremely High	Low Friction	Boosted report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets, and the absolute best in raw performance.
Wacom	CTL-672	Not Recommended for High Budget	3/10	130 USD	A	M	None	Medium	High Friction	Under rare conditions, may have input dropping or jumping when pressing pen side buttons.
Wacom	CTL-6100	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	0/10	200 USD	C	M	Bad	Medium	High Friction	Hardware smoothing is disabled when pen pressure is detected.

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Wacom	PTH-451	Not Recommended for High Budget	5/10	120-200 USD	S	S	None	High	Mid Friction	Boosted report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets, may have minor EMR noise issues (this causes your cursor to shake more).
Wacom	PTH-651	Recommended	8/10	120-175 USD	S	M	None	High	Mid Friction	Boosted report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets.
Wacom	PTH/K-650	Recommended	7/10	110-200 USD	S	M	None	High	Mid Friction	Boosted report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets.
Wacom	PTH-851	Recommended for Low Budget	8/10	230-300 USD	S	L	None	High	Mid Friction	Boosted report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets.
Wacom	PTH/K-850	Recommended	9/10	130-250 USD	S	L	None	High	Mid Friction	Boosted report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets.
Wacom	PTH-840	Recommended	10/10	120-175 USD	S	L	None	High	Mid Friction	Boosted 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	PTH-1240	Recommended for High Budget	7/10 (prices/availability vary)	7 USD (prices vary)	S	L	None	High	Mid Friction	Boosted report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	PTH-310/31W	Recommended for Low Mid Budget	7/10 (prices/availability vary)	7 USD (prices vary)	S	All	None	High	Low Friction	Boosted report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	XD-xxx-U	Recommended for Low Mid Budget	7/10 (prices/availability vary)	7 USD (prices vary)	S	All	None	High	Low or Mid Friction	Boosted report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	GD-xxx-U	Recommended for Low Mid Budget	7/10 (prices/availability vary)	7 USD (prices vary)	S	All	None	High	Low or Mid Friction	Boosted report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	CTE-460	Recommended for Low Budget	7/10 (prices/availability vary)	7 USD (prices vary)	A	S/M	None	Unknown	Friction	Boosted report rate compared to consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	MTE-450	Recommended for Low Budget	7/10 (prices/availability vary)	7 USD (prices vary)	A	S	None	Low	Mid Friction	Non-detachable cable.
Wacom	CTE-450	Recommended for Low Budget	7/10 (prices/availability vary)	7 USD (prices vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	
Wacom	CTE-440	Recommended for Low Budget	7/10 (prices/availability vary)	7 USD (prices vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowered report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	CTE-X30	Recommended for Low Budget	7/10 (prices/availability vary)	7 USD (prices vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Low or Mid Friction	Lowered report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	Fxxx	Recommended for Low Budget	7/10 (prices/availability vary)	7 USD (prices vary)	A	XS/S	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowered report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	CT-xxx	Recommended for Low Budget	7/10 (prices/availability vary)	7 USD (prices vary)	A	XS/S	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowered report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	FT-xxx-U	Recommended for Low Budget	7/10 (prices/availability vary)	7 USD (prices vary)	A	XS/S	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowered report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	ET-xxx-A-U	Recommended for Low Budget	7/10 (prices/availability vary)	7 USD (prices vary)	A	S/M	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowered report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	ET-040S-U	Recommended for Low Budget	7/10 (prices/availability vary)	7 USD (prices vary)	A	S	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowered report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.
Wacom	CT-040S-U	Recommended for Low Budget	7/10 (prices/availability vary)	7 USD (prices vary)	A	S	None	Low	Unknown Friction	Lowered report rate compared to other consumer line wacom tablets and non-detachable cable.