

# 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:**

**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.**

Brand New Low Budget Options						
Performance Ranking	Tagged Price	Performance Rating	Hardware Smoothing	Hover Distance	Surface Feel	Additional Relevant Product Information
30-40 USD	\$ 100	A	N	Medium	High Friction	Under no conditions, may have input drooping or janking when pressing pen side buttons.
20-30 USD	\$ 150	B	N	Minimal	Low	Input drooping when pressing pen side buttons and firmware version can be upgraded or downgraded.
10-20 USD	\$ 200	C	M	Minimal	Low	Angle snapping issues, may be unreliable to buy when ordering a Rev B, and input drooping when pressing pen side buttons.
5-10 USD	\$ 250	D	M	More than minimal	Low	Input drooping when pressing pen side buttons, non-detachable cable, and report rate may drop to 40Hz when moving slowly.
3-5 USD	\$ 300	E	M	More than minimal	Medium	Input drooping when pressing pen side buttons, non-detachable cable, and report rate may drop to 40Hz when moving slowly.
2-3 USD	\$ 350	F	S	More than minimal	Low	Angle snapping issues, input drooping when pressing pen side buttons and non-detachable cable.
1-2 USD	\$ 400	G	X	Decent	Medium	Angle snapping issues, input drooping when pressing pen side buttons.
0-1 USD	\$ 450	H	S	Bad	Low	Input drooping when pressing pen side buttons.
35-40 USD	\$ 500	I	S	Bad	Low	Input drooping when pressing pen side buttons.

## **Brand New Low Budget Options**

## Secondhand Low Budget Options

Brand	Model Identifier	Recommendation	Price/Performance Ranking	Tagged Price	Performance Ranking	Size	Hardware Smoothing	Newer Distance	Surface Feel	Additional Relevant Product Information
Wacom	CTU-471	Highly Recommended	10/10	20-35 USD	A	S	None	High	Light Friction	
Wacom	CTU-470	Recommended	9/10	20-40 USD	A	S	None	High	Medium Friction	
Wacom	CTU-470	Recommended	10/10	20-40 USD	A	S	None	Medium	High Friction	May have minor EMR noise issues (this causes your cursor to shake more).
Wacom	CTU-670	Recommended	10/10	20-40 USD	A	M	None	Medium	High Friction	
Wacom	CTU-461	Highly Recommended	9/10	20-30 USD	A	S	None	Medium	Light Friction	
Wacom	CTU-461	Highly Recommended	10/10	20-30 USD	A	S	None	Medium	High Friction	
Wacom	CTU-661	Highly Recommended	9/10	20-30 USD	A	M	None	Medium	Light Friction	
Wacom	CTU-661	Highly Recommended	10/10	20-30 USD	A	M	None	Medium	High Friction	
Wacom	CTU-490	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	2/10	20-30 USD	C	S	Bad	Medium	High Friction	Hardware smoothing is disabled when pen pressure is detected (performance ranking B while dragging), and glitchy how/drag transition.
Wacom	CTU-680	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	2/10	20-40 USD	E	M	Bad	Medium	High Friction	Hardware smoothing is disabled when pen pressure is detected (performance ranking B while dragging), and glitchy how/drag transition.

## Brand New Mid Budget Options

Wear Type	Wear Condition	Wear Rating	Wear Description	Wear Location	Wear Pattern	Wear Intensity	Wear Progress	Wear Status	Wear Impact	Wear Mitigation	Wear History	Wear Log
Wear Type A	Highly Recommended	9/10	50-60 USD	A	None	Medium	High	Fraction	Under new conditions, may have impact during <b>penning</b> when pressing pen side buttons.	Under new conditions, may have impact during <b>penning</b> when pressing pen side buttons.	Under new conditions, may have impact during <b>penning</b> when pressing pen side buttons.	Under new conditions, may have impact during <b>penning</b> when pressing pen side buttons.
Wear Type B	Recommended	8/10	40-50 USD	B	None	Medium	High	Fraction	Under new conditions, may have impact during <b>penning</b> when pressing pen side buttons.	Under new conditions, may have impact during <b>penning</b> when pressing pen side buttons.	Under new conditions, may have impact during <b>penning</b> when pressing pen side buttons.	Under new conditions, may have impact during <b>penning</b> when pressing pen side buttons.
Wear Type C	Caution Required	7/10	30-40 USD	C	None	Medium	High	Fraction	Under new conditions, may have impact during <b>penning</b> when pressing pen side buttons.	Under new conditions, may have impact during <b>penning</b> when pressing pen side buttons.	Under new conditions, may have impact during <b>penning</b> when pressing pen side buttons.	Under new conditions, may have impact during <b>penning</b> when pressing pen side buttons.
Wear Type D	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	6/10	40-50 USD	D	Bad	High	High	Fraction	Hardware smoothing is disabled when pen pressure is detected (performance ranking = 4 while dragging), minor anti-chatter remains.	Hardware smoothing is disabled when pen pressure is detected (performance ranking = 4 while dragging), minor anti-chatter remains.	Hardware smoothing is disabled when pen pressure is detected (performance ranking = 4 while dragging), minor anti-chatter remains.	Hardware smoothing is disabled when pen pressure is detected (performance ranking = 4 while dragging), minor anti-chatter remains.
Wear Type E	Extremely Highly Not Recommended	5/10	100 USD	E	Bad	High	High	Fraction	Hardware smoothing is disabled when pen pressure is detected (performance ranking = 4 while dragging), minor anti-chatter remains.	Hardware smoothing is disabled when pen pressure is detected (performance ranking = 4 while dragging), minor anti-chatter remains.	Hardware smoothing is disabled when pen pressure is detected (performance ranking = 4 while dragging), minor anti-chatter remains.	Hardware smoothing is disabled when pen pressure is detected (performance ranking = 4 while dragging), minor anti-chatter remains.

## Secondhand Mid Budget Options

S	M	None	High	Mid Friction	Boosted
S	L	None	High	Mid Friction	Boosted
A	M	None	High	Low Friction	

**Round-Now-High-Budget Options**

## Brand New High Budget Options

		Minimal	High	Mid Friction	Slight Ing.
		Bad	High	Low Friction	Hardware
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Price	Performance Ranking	Size	Hardware Smoothing	Hover Distance	Surface Feel	
\$100	5+	L	None	Extremely High	Mid Friction	Boosted

## Low Availability Secondhand Options

D-120 USD S L None High Mid Friction Boosted report rate (200hz) compared to consumer line wacom tablets (133hz).

D-120 USD S L None High Mid Friction Boosted report rate (200hz) compared to consumer line wacom tablets (133hz) and rubber button cover on tablet shell does not age well.

Some of the highest recommended information on these tablets and other

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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)