

# Technology & Electronics Selling Guide

Everything you need to know about what's selling when, and how to sell more of it yourself.

Technology and electronics are *very* popular with eBay buyers.

We know just about everything there is to know about how to sell tech and electronics and we want to share it with you.

This easy-to-follow guide will tell you how to make money on stuff you were just going to throw out anyway. You know those cameras, computers, chargers, cables, players, recorders, widgets and digital watchmacallits you've accumulated?

Gather them up and start selling them on eBay.

That way, you can use the money to get yourself some brand new stuff.

Smart, huh?

#### **Check inside for:**

- Why electronics are easy to sell on eBay
- The best selling categories
- Pricing ranges and selling histories
- The best selling brands
- Peak selling seasons
- Proven selling tips

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Plus, add Buy It Now FREE too.

\*List up to 50 auction-style listings per month.

# Why eBay is a great place to sell your tech and electronics.

### Electronics sell well on eBay.

The best idea in technology and electronics since electricity? Sell it on eBay.

It's one of our hottest categories. There's always a big demand for technology and electronics—even if it isn't the latest and greatest.

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#### We make it simple.

Using our catalog makes it fast and easy for you to list and price your items and get them onto eBay so somebody can send you some money for them.

With many items, just entering the UPC code or the brand and model will provide a set of similar products. If there's an exact match, it could automatically fill in a listing for you. In some cases, you can even use the same photos. Now that's a time saver!

# Get the skinny on the do's and don'ts of using the catalog on page 12.

Even if you're new to selling on eBay, you'll see just how easy it can be. We'll walk you through it every step of the way, and you'll be getting extra spending money before you know it.

#### Shipping is easy.

Most of these items are easy to ship, too, and you'd be surprised how far a little cardboard and bubble wrap will get you.

Predictable weight and size make it straightforward to calculate shipping costs.

> TIP: Include "free shipping" to improve your popularity with buyers.

<sup>\*</sup> List up to 50 items per month. Additional optional Feature fees apply when used. 9% final value fee applied to the total amount of the sale—including the cost of the item, shipping, and any other fees a seller may charge (for example, engraving or gift wrapping), excluding any sales tax. Does not apply to eBay Store subscribers and Vehicle categories on eBay Motors.

# The 20 most in-demand products in Tech & Electronics

#### Check your house for these best sellers in tech and electronics.

Hey, if some of this stuff is hanging around, it's almost like finding money. See page 10 for tips on researching prices for your particular item.

PORTABLE DEVICES







Cell Phones & Smartphones



**Speaker Docks** 



iPod & MP-3 Players



Headphones



**GPS** 





Laptops



**Desktops** 



Tablets & eReaders



**Computer Accessories** 



**Drives and Storage** 



**Digital Cameras** 



Film Photography



**Camera Accessories** 



Camcorders



**Home Audio** 



Video Game Systems



Gadgets



Vintage Electronics



DVD, HD, & Blu Ray



Video Games



Items either sell in large numbers relative to other items in this category or a relatively high percentage of those listed are sold.



Items both sell in large numbers and a relatively high percentage of those listed are sold.

# These accessories are top sellers

**Popular gear, very popular accessories.** Many categories come with oodles of cables and plugs and controls and what not. Look for accessories you have that are just itching to go to someone else. Good news, millions of buyers look on eBay to replace the cable the dog chewed or to get a bigger hard drive or a niftier camera lens more affordably. Now you know why you were hanging on to that old box full of electronic flotsam and jetsam.

#### A/V Accessories & Cable

- Headphones & Headsets
- Remote Controls
- Video Cables & Connectors



Example: Bose QuietComfort 15 headphones. Average sale price:\* \$236

#### Brands in demand:

Bose Logitech Monster Philips Sennheiser Skullcandy Sony Vizio

#### **Phone Accessories**

- •Cell Phone & PDA Accessories
- •iPod & MP3 Accessories



Example: Bose SoundDock portable digital music system. Average sale price: \$293

#### Brands in demand:

OtterBox Apple Belkin Philips BlackBerry **Plantronics Body Glove** Samsung Bose Sennheiser Griffin Skullcandv HTC Sony iHome Jabra Monster

Motorola

Nokia

#### **Computer Accessories**

- Computer Accessories
- Keyboards, Mice & Input



Example: Logitech QuickCam Pro 9000 web cam. Average sale price: \$84

#### Brands in demand:

Acer Microsoft
Apple Razer
Dell Sony
HP Toshiba
Logitech

#### **Camera Accessories**

- Lenses & Filters
- Camera & Photo Accessories



Example: Nikon 55-200 mm zoom lens. Average sale price: \$120

#### Brands in demand:

Canon SanDisk Leica Sigma Lowepro Sonv Nikon Tamron Olympus Tokina Panasonic Transcend Vivitar Pelican Pentax Zeiss Samsuna

#### **Video Game Accessories**

 Video Game System Accessories



Example: Nintendo Wii controlller. Average sale price: \$11

#### Brands in demand:

Activision Atari Bandai Intellivision Logitech Microsoft Xbox 360 Nintendo Nintendo DS Lite Nintendo Wii Nyko Sega Sony PlayStation

<sup>\*</sup>Average Sale Price – this is the average selling price on eBay for the product in both new and used condition sold from 6/6/2011 to 9/6/2011 by sellers who are not self identified as a business and who made fewer than 101 sales or less than \$10,000 in sales in the 12 months from 9/6/2010 to 9/6/2011. The average for the webcam for the same dates, was across all sellers. Because this is an average, the actual price may vary. No representation is made that any item will sell at a particular price.

## Top movers

Here are the big dogs in tech and electronics. If you own some of these items yourself, it's time to cash in. Here's an idea of the kind of moolah they could generate. Because the marketplace for tech and electronics is constantly changing, you'll get the most up-to-the-minute info on market prices by checking eBay. See page 10 for tips on researching prices for your particular item.

### **Apple products** are always hot

- Apple Desktops
- Apple Software
- Apple Laptops & Notebooks
- iPads
- iPods
- iPhones



Find out more about selling the hottest Apple products by clicking Shop Top Products.



#### Cell Phones & **Smartphones**

Example: iPhone 4 16 GB. Average sale price:\* \$421

Apple Blackberry HTC Nokia Other Cell Phones

Other PDA Phones

Samsung

Sony Ericsson



#### Computer Components

Example: ATI Radeon 9250 video card. Average sale price: \$17

Memory

Video & TV Graphics Cards **CPUs** 

Motherboards

Sony



#### Video Games

Example: Call of Duty: Black Ops (Xbox 360, 2010) Average sale price: \$34

Atari Microsoft Xbox 360

Nintendo Nintendo Wii

Sega



#### iPod & MP3 **Plavers**

Example: iPod Nano 4th Generation. Average sale price: \$71

Apple Belkin Bose Griffin iHome Monster Philips Sennheiser

Skullcandy

Sony



#### **PC Laptops** & Netbooks

Example: Dell XPS M1710. Average sale price: \$287

> Acer ASUS Compaq Dell Gateway HP

> > **IBM** Lenovo

Sony Toshiba



#### Video Game Systems

Example: Nintendo Dsi matte Average sale

price: \$91 Nintendo

Sony Microsoft Atari Sega **GPH ATGames** Super

Nintendo NFC

Nintendo Wii

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# Best selling brands, top dollar getters

**Big brand, big bucks.** Here are the brand names most buyers are looking for. If you've got some of these, and chances are you do, what are you waiting for? Get them on eBay and start selling. Just as these brands have selling power at retail, they also generate the most buzz on eBay, too. You can cash in on the cachet of these brands, and by checking back often, you can track just what kind of revenue (that's potential revenue to you) these brands are pulling in.

#### **PHOTO & CAMERA**

#### Camcorders

Canon Panasonic
Flip Video Samsung
GoPro Sanyo
JVC Sony
Kodak

#### **Digital Cameras**

Canon Casio Fujifilm Kodak

Nikon Olympus Panasonic

Pentax Samsung Sony



#### Film Photography

Nikon Pentax
Leica Hasselblad
Canon Mamiya
Fujifilm Konica Minolta
Polaroid Olympus

#### **COMPUTERS & NETWORKING**

#### **Drives & Storage**

Dell Seagate
HP Sony
Kingston Super Talent
Samsung Toshiba
Sandisk Western Digital



#### **Software**

Adobe McAfee
Apple Microsoft
Corel Open Office
Intuit Rosetta Stone
Kaspersky Symantec

#### **PC Laptops & Netbooks**

Acer
ASUS
Compaq
Dell
Gateway
HP
IBM
Lenovo
Sony
Toshiba



parts. **\$200.00** 

#### **CONSUMER ELECTRONICS**

#### **DVD & Home Theater**

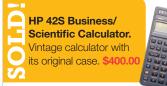
Bose Pioneer
LG Samsung
Magnavox Sony
Panasonic Toshiba
Philips Vizio

#### **Gadgets (including calculators)**

Bounty Hunter Minelab
Casio Olympus
Fisher Sony

Garrett Texas Instruments

Hewlett Packard



#### Radios: CB, Ham & Shortwave

Cobra Midland
Cobra Electronics Motorola
Galaxy Microsystems Uniden
Icom Workman
Kenwood Yaesu

#### **Home Audio**

B&W Klipsch
Bose Pioneer
Definitive Technology Polk
Infinity Sony
JBL Yamaha



#### **Vintage Electronics**

Dynaco General Electric JBL Marantz McIntosh Mullard RCA

Western Electric

You have stuff to sell you didn't dream would bring money. Stuff like this.



#### Used. Not used up.

One thing to remember is that most tech and electronics companies can put out new models faster than almost anyone can buy them.

But not everyone needs the latest, greatest whiz-bang doo-dad. Even if your gear is a generation behind or three, you'll see there's a market for it on eBay.

You heard it here first.

#### Broken? Sell for parts.

One of our sellers had a digital camera that unfortunately lost an argument with the laws of gravity when it was dropped.

Turns out, in doing some research on whether he should buy a new camera or get the old (and very broken) one repaired, he discovered there's a market on eBay for camera parts.

So instead of sending it to Camera Heaven, he was still able to get \$60 for it because someone wanted the parts. The moral of this story is your disaster could be someone else's salvation. For which they will pay you handsomely, on eBay.



#### ...another man's treasure?

Some of the other things people don't think to sell fall into the category of stuff you've probably accumulated without knowing it. Like cables, rechargeable batteries, and adapter plugs for equipment and gadgets you no longer own (but someone else might).

So check out those boxes in your garage, that tangle of wires in back of your desk, or if you're really brave, the nether regions of the "junk drawer" in the kitchen. You just might find some wire and plastic you can turn into gold.

# Cash in on peak seasons

**Tech and electronics sell year-round,** but there are special times during the year when the selling is particularly good. Take advantage of these times to sock away some splurge money as you make room for the new.

#### **SPRING**

Ah, spring. The time of year when people start to head outdoors. And one of the places they stop along the way is eBay. Here's what they're looking for:

#### **Outdoor fun**

Cameras GPS

Handheld GPS

#### **Mothers Day**

Tablets & eReaders

Laptops

Headphones

Digital Cameras

Digtal Photo Frames

#### Dads & Grads

Tablets & eReaders

Laptops

**HDTVs** 

Universal Remote Controls

Home Theater

Smart Phones

#### SUMMER

Selling really heats up. And for lots of very good reasons. Just check out all the opportunities you'll have to have some hot cash-raising fun this season.

#### **Travel Essentials**

GPS

Cameras

World Chargers

eReader Tablets

Headsets

**Smart Phones** 

#### **Backyard Tech**

Outdoor Projector/Screen

#### Back-to-School

Tablets & eReaders

Laptops

Voice Recorders

Rock Speakers

MP-3

Smart Phones

Printers

**Monitors** 

#### **FALL**

You wouldn't think the beginning of football season would also trigger an important selling season, but it's huge. Throw in the baseball playoffs and the World Series and you've got a selling bonanza. So bear this important selling time in mind when you're planning what to sell.

#### World Series/Football

**HDTVs** 

Universal Remote Controls

Home Theater

Tablets & eReaders

Media Centers

Laptops

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**Holiday Sellers**Cameras & Camcorders

Tablets & eReaders

WINTER—THE HOLIDAYS

Most of the year's retail selling is

and eBav is no different. Many

things trigger sales this time of

done in November and December.

Laptops

HDTVs

GPS

Smart Phones

#### **Stocking Stuffers**

Headsets

Voice Recorders

Headphones

Universal Remote Controls

#### **New Years**

Fitness

Games

Accessories

#### Superbowl

HDT\/s

Home Theater

#### Valentine's Day

eReaders

Mp-3 Plavers

Headphones

Digital Cameras

Digtal Photo Frames

# **Early Bird Holiday Shoppers**Get an early start (ok. retailers w

Get an early start (ok, retailers who put up their Christmas decorations before Labor Day are pushing it, but you get the idea), and plan to do a lot of business on eBay. Because the buyers will be here, early.

Sell what you got—get what you want

January is also a great time to sell that gift you got and get what you really want—all on eBay. Just because it wasn't on your list, doesn't mean it wasn't on someone else's. And while getting exactly what you want on eBay is not quite the same as Santa bringing it, by the time January rolls around, it'll do in a pinch. Trust us on that.

#### **TIP #1. PRICE IT TO SELL**

One of the most important pieces of information you can get is to **find out what your items are worth on eBay.** It's important because pricing competitively is the first big step in helping make the sale. Here are several ways to get pricing information, quickly and easily.

**Check the current market price** by searching for a similar item in the same condition as yours. Auction-style listings with many bids give you a sense of buyer demand at that price. Check out the tabbed **Product Summary Page**, for a quick way to scan items by condition.

Search for an item similar to yours.

Clicking on the item will take you to the tabbed Product Summary page.

Select the tab that best matches the item you want to sell.

Back to Search Results



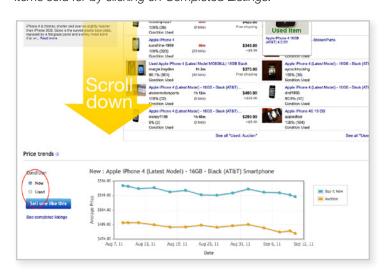
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Scroll down the page to see **Price Trends**. Select the Condition that matches yours (used or new) to see the correct trends. From here you can also see what similar items sold for by clicking on Completed Listings.



#### **TIP #1. PRICE IT TO SELL (CONTINUED)**

See what similar items sold for from Completed Listings. Enter your item in the search box, then just filter using the left column. Look for Show Only and then check Completed Listings.

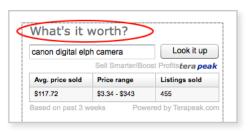
You can learn more about how to use this particular feature in just a few minutes by watching our demo, **Researching the Marketplace** found here. You'll also learn which keywords, pictures and descriptions were most successful.

In the left column, first click on Show Only, then click on Completed Listings.



Do a quick search in What's it Worth? found here on the Sell page. As with any search terms, the more specific you can be about the item you're looking for, the better your results will be.

If items similar to yours are in our database, clicking on What's it Worth? can provide a wealth of pricing information.



Get pricing guidance as you list. The eBay Sell Your Item form provides you with the current average sale price of items like yours when you list your item with the eBay catalog. As you use the form with more listing choices, you'll be offered a set of similar products with photos. If you see an exact match to your item, choose it. Key details will be added automatically to your listing and you'll see the price that similar items have sold for in the section where you enter prices. This will help you decide on an Auction-style starting price or a Buy It Now price for your item. As always, be clear about your item's condition and add your own photo if you're selling a used item.

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The average start price for an item like yours regardless of condition is \$87.05. The average selling price for an item like yours in <b>New</b> condition is \$317.18. ②  eBay makes no representation that any item will sell for a particular price.	
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#### TIP #2. USE THE EBAY PRODUCT CATALOG TO DESCRIBE YOUR ITEM

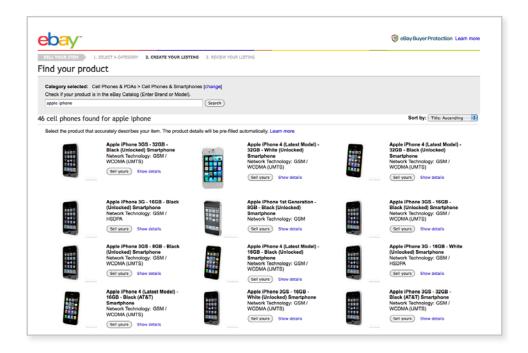
**eBay catalogs thousands of products to streamline selling.** If there's a product that's the same as yours, you can use the supplied picture and have the description and other details filled in for you. Nothing could be easier.

Click on the product that is an exact match to the product you want to sell.

If your item isn't exactly the same as one shown, just go ahead and replace the pictures and adjust the description to more accurately describe your item and its condition.

If your item isn't new, replace the catalog picture with one or more that show the wear. If the item you're selling is new, be sure to add pictures that clearly depict any blemishes. If there are some specifics about how it works or what it works with, include them. The more information you can provide, the better.

To learn more about using the Catalog, visit: www.ebay.com/catalog



SELLING HINT: If you have the original manuals, packaging, or any extras like a case, it's smart to include them in your description along with a picture if you can. It makes your item more complete. Buyers like that.

#### **TIP #3. FREE SHIPPING IS GOOD**

If you can, consider offering your item with free shipping. Many electronic items are small enough to be shipped inexpensively, so it's a great way to make buying from you that much more attractive.

It could also help your visibility with buyers who filter their searches to see only items with free shipping. As with all shipping, you as the seller would pay the shipping cost when the item goes out. So, when offering free shipping, consider the shipping cost when you set your starting price, or Buy It Now price.

It's a good idea to offer two shipping options: an economical one and an expedited one. This helps you appeal to more types of buyers. And of course, always ship your item within 24 hours of when your buyer pays.

SHIPPING HINT: Pay for postage and print your shipping label right on eBay. You get discounted USPS postage, and tracking information is uploaded to eBay in one easy step. If you also pick a Priority Mail Flat Rate™ box or Express Mail® you can skip the trip to the post office and schedule a free carrier pickup.

#### **TIP #4. GO MOBILE**

eBay's mobile app, http://mobile.eBay. com/ is the fastest, easiest way to sell (or buy) when you're on the go.

For instance, you can take a picture and upload it instantly. Use the barcode scanner to create a listing in record time. You can also research sales trends quickly and share your listings with friends on Facebook and Twitter. You can even check the status of your items, post items or bids, reply to buyer inquires, and more.

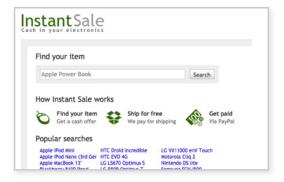
Capabilities and features vary from platform to platform, but suffice it to say, it's the easiest, fastest way to do all things eBay.



#### **TIP #5. INSTANT GRATIFICATION**

Finally, if you're interested in the fastest possible way to turn your tech gear into cash, you might look at **Instant Sale.** 

This option offers a price for qualifying items and, if it's agreeable to you, lets you sell it right then and there without creating a listing. You just print our label for free, and use it to ship your item. You'll get paid via PayPal a few days later. It's about the fastest way to sell on eBay there is.



Curious about Instant Sale? See if your item qualifies and get an instant price offer for it here: http://instantsale.ebay.com/

If you'd rather try for a higher price through a regular listing in our marketplace, you are under no obligation to sell the item at the Instant Sale price offered, so you have nothing to lose. Check it out.

#### **SELLING RESOURCES ONLINE**

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http://instantsale.ebay.com/

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