

# 5 MUST HAVES FOR YOUR WORK LAPTOP

Business laptops see heavy daily use. While it's tempting to focus solely on cost when choosing a laptop to buy in bulk, doing so could result in overlooking factors that contribute to the quality and longevity of your devices.



## 1 Durability and Portability

When compared with consumer-grade laptops, business laptops are usually more durable, made of magnesium or carbon alloy with a polycarbonate shell. They should also be lightweight, weighing in at less than 4 lbs.

## 2 Storage and Speed

The latest software programs demand at least 8GB of RAM with SSD storage. A business laptop should run on the latest Intel Core CPU generation processor. For a remote workforce, a slow processor can make file sorting a nightmare.

## 3 Updated Operating System and Firmware

An up-to-date OS is essential for smooth compatibility with daily-used programs. Also, a laptop's BIOS should enhance tamper resistance, secure pre-boot communication and optimize performance.

## 4 Customization and Input Options

Off-the-shelf laptops may not have the optimal functionality for your use case. Look into pre-configuration options like image loads, asset tagging and logo boot up from BIOS. Add additional connectivity options like HDMI ports, smart card readers, multiple USB ports, IR cameras or fingerprint readers.

## 5 Appropriate Display Size and Graphics

Large displays (15" and higher) are essential to graphics and multitasking, while smaller "notebook" screens (around 13" or 14") are ideal for browsing, word processing or travel. A graphics processor such as Intel HD Graphics can improve performance.

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