



Updated EPEAT Computer & Display Criteria (2018)

What Purchasers Need to Know

IT product design has evolved so EPEAT is evolving as well. The same brands who have brought you EPEAT-Registered IT products for more than a decade are excited to introduce innovative products that meet the 2018 updated criteria within the EPEAT Computer and Display category.

The Green Electronics Council (GEC) assists in the development and maintenance of sustainability criteria for use by the EPEAT ecolabel. We are pleased to announce that the sustainability criteria for the Computers and Displays category have been updated and purchasers can go to the Computers and Displays (2018) section of the EPEAT Registry to find hundreds of products that meet these new criteria.

Products Meeting (2009) Criteria will Sunset on June 28th, 2019

After a six-month transition period that began with the launch of the new Computer and Displays (2018) product category in January of this year, GEC will archive all products found in the (2009) category on June 28, 2019. "Archive" means that the (2009) products will no longer meet EPEAT procurement requirements. Only products found in the Computer and Display (2018) category will be considered "Active" EPEAT registered products and meet any EPEAT procurement requirements.

What are archived products?

Archived products are previously registered EPEAT products that are no longer subject to verification. In many cases, products are archived because they are no longer active on the market and can no longer be purchased. In this case, (2009) products will be archived if they do not meet the updated Computers and Displays (2018) criteria. Worried about finding (2009) products after they have been archived? Don't be! The EPEAT Registry will have a way for purchasers to identify these archived products and be able to confirm the dates that they were EPEAT registered.

Need to Update Your Contract Language!

The updated criteria of Computer and Displays (2018) has resulted in more products within that category being at Bronze and Silver tiers than products in the (2009) category. It is important that purchasers not constrain their access to products, so we recommend that purchaser modify contract specifications and now require only "EPEAT" and not necessarily specify a specific tier, such as Silver or Gold. To assist purchasers, GEC has developed recommended [model contract language](#), which requires EPEAT-registration while giving preference to EPEAT tiers.

US Federal Purchasers can refer to Government-wide Strategic Solutions specifications for desktops and laptops at https://www.sewp.nasa.gov/strategic_solutions.shtml

Questions?

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Environmental and Social Impacts Addressed in 2018 EPEAT Computer and Display Category

Impacts Addressed	EPEAT Computer and Display Criteria
Toxics Reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bromine and chlorine restrictions in plastics • Safer chemical assessment and use • Full substance inventory in product • Restriction or elimination of substances of concern (EU RoHS, EU REACH, beryllium)
Climate Change/GHG Emission Reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy performance of product and power supplies • F-GHG in semiconductor and display manufacturing • Green product transport • Renewable energy use by manufacturer and their suppliers • Energy management system/energy performance improvement for manufacturers and their suppliers
Resource Consumption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postconsumer recycled content in product • Recycled content and sustainably forested materials in packaging • Increasing product life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Long life rechargeable battery ○ Battery replacement and information ○ Service support and public information ○ Enable upgrades and repair
End-of-Life Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product take-back • Use of certified recyclers • Design to facilitate recycling, repair and reuse • Easy removal of lithium ion batteries
Social Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socially responsible supplier manufacturing – labor practices and worker health and safety • Conflict minerals disclosure and due diligence
Environmental Management and Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS for manufacturers and their suppliers • Corporate environmental reporting for manufacturing and their suppliers
Supplier Manufacturing Facility & Supply Chain Transparency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full substance inventory in product • F-GHG in semiconductor and display manufacturing • Green product transport • Renewable energy use • Energy management system/energy performance improvement • Socially responsible supplier manufacturing – labor practices and worker health and safety • Conflict minerals disclosure and due diligence • Environmental Management Systems (EMS) • Corporate environmental reporting