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Your Notebook; A Love/Hate Relationship

Notebooks are now more popular to buy than desktops, even though desktops typically last longer. But we demand to take our computers with us so we buy a laptop computer. Then life's

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bumps, scratches and collisions take their toll on our notebooks and what once was a dream machine can become a nightmare if data is lost or if the cost of repair is too high.

When It's Time To Move On To A New Notebook

At some point you're going to get a new notebook. The question then is what to do with the old one. If it still works, perhaps you're going to give it to your kids or just keep it as a back up. But if you're going to donate it to charity or sell it you don't want to give them your personal e-mails and financial data. Make sure to get the hard drive cleaned or remove the drive so the next person has to buy one.

So what can you do to make your investment last as long as possible? First, since you probably carry an AC adapter, flashdrives, CD's or DVD's, and a variety of other stuff with you, get a good notebook case with adequate padding and pockets. Stuffing the AC adapter into the same pocket as the laptop focuses an impact on one area of the laptop, so use a separate pocket. The AC adapter cord plugs into the laptop and connects to the motherboard. Over time, tugs and sudden yanks on the cord can stress the connection to the motherboard, eventually breaking it. Consider where and how you use your notebook. If tugs and yanks on the cord seem likely, just use the battery. Another consideration is heat. Not surprisingly, some folks use

their laptop on their lap. This seems like a completely reasonable expectation, but then they realize it gets hot and put a towel underneath and block the air pathways. Heat needs to be removed by airflow, so don't block the fans or vents on the bottom or sides. Using a TV tray or other secure flat surface is good. Blow out the vents once per month so they don't get clogged with dust. But what if that's not enough? If your notebook runs too hot, many Intel processors will slow down or stop to prevent damage. For better performance consider getting a laptop cooler tray with fans that run off a USB port. It keeps the notebook cooler so it runs faster and will extend the life of the laptop, not to mention one's lap.

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Special points of interest:

- > Laptop too hot? Find out what you can do to keep your cool.
- > The lever/fulcrum action of your ac adapter port can destroy your motherboard.
- > What can you do with your old laptop?
- > Protect your personal e-mails and financial data.
- > New life for your old notebook parts!



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637,000 Laptops Lost at Airports Last Year

My wife goes on business trips several times a year and usually takes her laptop with her. According to PC World, September 2008, 637,000 laptops were lost or stolen at airports last year. To prevent this from happening to you, you could buy a notebook with a type of anti-theft tracking device built into it at time of purchase, costing you an additional \$2,000 on top of the price of the laptop, or you could follow some less expensive steps. Make sure your luggage and your laptop are both marked with your name and contact information. If it's lost and the airport

finds it then your notebook can be returned to you. If you bought your laptop at More Power Computers then it already has an MPC serial number and contact information for the store safely placed under the battery. Your contact information is on file here at the store and we try to keep up-to-date phone numbers and e-mail addresses. To prevent your notebook from being stolen you can get a security system that locks onto your notebook's security slot or easily attaches to your bag or luggage to protect them as well. Targus makes one that is a thick secu-

rity wire connected to an alarm that goes off if the wire or alarm is tampered with, alerting everyone around with a 110 decibel screech. If it is stolen, having a password will protect the information inside your laptop. You don't want to add to your loss by losing your personal e-mails and financial data to a thief. And if you are carrying data you don't want at risk, consider storing it separate from your computer on a flashdrive with password protection. Keep your flashdrive with you, and above all, be safe out there.

