

eReaders, Tablets & Tablet PC Differences.

So you think you'll never need a tablet, ereader or tablet PC? Think again! There's been a massive rise in the number of tablet-like devices on the market, and with good reason. From afar, they all look like thin, handheld computer screens, but there are major differences between them. The easiest way to find out which is which is to see if it's considered an eReader, tablet, or a tablet PC.

- eReaders:** The primary function of an eReader is reading, and the device is built around enjoying your favorite novels in comfort. Usually, eReaders have eInk screens, which allow for easy viewing in bright areas and a longer battery life. While they might have apps, the selection is usually limited, since the screens aren't always touch-sensitive. With an eReader, you can take thousands of books with you wherever you go.

- Tablets:** More multifunctional than an eReader, a tablet is used for browsing multimedia content. It usually has a color touchscreen with a wide selection of apps, turning it into a multipurpose tool for games or movies. Often, this easy-to-use device can download eReader apps, though the lack of an eInk screen makes it slightly less comfortable for long reading sessions.

- Tablet PCs:** The most robust of the three, a tablet PC packs the power and punch of a notebook computer. In fact, it's often a fully functional notebook with the ability of turning into a tablet. This can be accomplished by flipping over the screen or sliding back the keyboard.