






Environmental Labels for Computer Equipment – Desktops, Notebooks, Displays

Quick Guide

	 TCO	 Energy Star	 EPEAT	 Nordic Swan	 Blue Angel
Featured Attributes					
Energy Efficiency	• (Energy Star 5.0)	Energy Star 5.0	• (Energy Star 5.0)	• (Energy Star 5.0)	• (Energy Star 4.1)
Design for Recycling	•		•	•	•
Product take-back (WEEE)	•		•	•	•
Certified Environmental Management System	•		Optional		
Social Responsibility	•		Optional	•	
Limits on hazardous materials - No cadmium, mercury, lead (RoHS)	•		•	•	•
Limits on chlorinated / brominated flame retardants	•		Optional	•	•
Limits on other flame retardants	•		Optional	•	



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Packaging	•		•	•	•
Product Life	•		•	•	•
Ergonomic / user-centered design	•			• (some, ISO)	• (some, ISO)
Panel performance / visual ergonomics	•			• (some, ISO)	• (some, ISO)
Noise limits (Desktops / Notebooks only)	•			•	•
Low levels of electromagnetic emissions	•			• (TCO)	• (TCO)
Third party tested and verified	•			•	•
Criteria set	Must meet all requirements	Must meet all requirements	Some required, some optional	Must meet all requirements	Must meet all requirements

This Quick Guide is offered as a summary comparison tool between the major eco-labels for personal computers. Its intended use is to briefly highlight the major features of each label. It is not intended to serve as a detailed explanation of each label, its certification system or criteria sets. For more detailed information on each label, please contact each program individually. For further information about this Quick Guide, contact TCO Development at development@tco.se