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The Laptop Repair Workbook: An Introduction To Troubleshooting And Repairing Laptop Computers



Synopsis

This book will help you troubleshoot your laptop problem and take the most cost effective approach to repairing it, getting it repaired, or replacing it. But the troubleshooting process depends on your observations of the symptoms and your willingness to keep your mind open to solutions other than your first impression, or those suggested by friends who say they had "exactly the same problem." If the laptop is still usable but acts up, pay close attention to when and where it acts up, whether the problem always occurs after the laptop has been moved, or shut-down for the night, or running all day. Even the weather plays a part in troubleshooting some problems, so try to read through all of the general troubleshooting sections, just to get a feel for the things that go wrong with different components. If it doesn't make you into a laptop hypochondriac, it will make you a stronger diagnostician. You may notice we don't talk about the razzle-dazzle technology of computer components in this book. The reason is simple. You can't upgrade or repair your laptop by using the latest technology available, nor can you save money by repairing it with older technology rescued from a random laptop at the recycling center. You have to use the exact parts your laptop was engineered to work with. Hard drives and memory are the only replaceable parts that are often compatible between models of a similar vintage. For some readers, the lack of an illustrated discussion on how hard drives store data bits will take some fun out of the book, but that knowledge can't help you when it comes to troubleshooting. There are plenty of books with beautiful color illustrations that try to explain basic computer technology, but they do so at the expense of helping you solve real laptop problems. Two final notes about using this workbook. First, if your laptop is in warranty, it doesn't make any sense to take it apart in hopes of fixing something yourself. This book can still help you troubleshoot the problem to determine if it's a software setting or incorrect use, which may save you sending the laptop out for repair. Second, feel free to cut out the twelve flowcharts in the second half of the book and staple them together. This will save on page flipping as you read the expanded explanations of the decision symbols. It's a workbook, not English literature. The Laptop Repair Workbook includes twelve full page troubleshooting flowcharts for laptop hardware troubleshooting and explanatory text for every decision point. The book begins with an introduction to basic laptop terminology, troubleshooting procedures, and cost decisions. Supplementary illustrated tests and procedures are available on the publisher's website and an ebook version is also available direct from the publisher.

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Customer Reviews

I just finished reading this book, cover to cover. Just couldn't stop reading it, as Morris keeps it interesting. Moreover, it's an amazing resource for laptop troubleshooting and repair. In fact, the best I've ever read. Much better than Mueller's in terms of troubleshooting and the depth and scope of repairs - and it only has 191 pages. Armed with this book and the laptop's service manual, you are set to attack most of the problems you'll run into with laptops. Like Morris says in the front of the book, you'll notice we don't talk about the razzle-dazzle technology of computer components in this book." It's about fixing them and getting them back into working order. I highly recommend this book.

The best resource/guide out there! I know how to fix notebooks and PCs but sometimes you could be lost or not on the right track and that's when a book like this one comes in handy. Also, the author links each troubleshooting step in the book to great pics posted on his website. The website also gives you some extra valuable tips. I highly recommend this book to anyone. Why? Because you don't know EVERYTHING and ANYBODY can make mistakes and need a little help or guidance. Great job!

Based on steps provided I was able to repair an issue with my own laptop. The local shop gave an estimate of over 200 dollars for the repair. Doing it myself I was able to replace the 20 dollar part myself in a short period of time. I highly recommend this book.

I became interested in laptops recently and decided to purchase this book. I did an extensive search and I could not find many resources for laptop repair. This field is constantly moving with new models every year. This a great book if you are interested in fixing your laptop. Although it is more about troubleshooting rather than repair it will get you to the problem.

I work in a computer repair/service shop and love using this book as a quick check guide. It's just what I expected and wanted.

Due to all of the integrated parts of a laptop, this is a nice way to get a good starting point in diagnostics. Very easy to use and very specific flowcharts!

I am a computer repair technician and have found the flow charts very useful when in a hurry or having someone help me. Well worth the money.

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