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Bluetooth Cases With Keyboard Can Turn Ipad Into Laptop

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When iPads exploded onto the tech scene just a few short years ago, experts predicted that this new technology that did away with keyboards would replace the more cumbersome laptop. Today, that debate still rages on, particularly with advances in Bluetooth cases that have built in keyboards that effectively turn your iPad into a smaller version of a laptop or more aptly a notebook or netbook.

But let's look back a moment in Bluetooth history.

It may surprise you to know that Bluetooth has been around since 1994 and was named for a 10th century Norseman named Harald Bluetooth. The reason this name was chosen for this new wireless technology was because the original designers at Norwegian technology giant Ericsson wanted to call the technology they had developed PAN which was an acronym for personal area networking. However, this name failed to pass trademark searches so they tried the name Bluetooth and it stuck. The way in which this name came about may have seemed something of a joke back then, but today's success regarding the name Bluetooth and the technology it represents is no laughing matter.

It is estimated that there are some 7 billion Bluetooth devices all over the planet running everything from cell phones, running shoes, watches and even some toothbrushes. As an industry, Bluetooth has annual sales of more than \$10 billion.

As iPads have become a popular device for accessing the web, playing games and a whole host of other uses, the one drawback has been its ability to replace the laptop as an all-around communication tool. Maybe when you bought your iPad you quietly retired your laptop since this new technology seemed more promising. The one thing missing, you soon discovered, was a keyboard and so perhaps the iPad was left for a while. This is why **Bluetooth cases** with keyboards are making waves and reuniting iPad owners with their devices after they had gone back to the laptop to get that solid keyboard action again.

Bluetooth cases with keyboards built in really do turn iPads into notebooks if not small laptops. The iPad rests on a specially built stand that makes the device look like a notebook. Most keyboards feature a silicone cover for protection from accidental spills as well as wear from finger tips gently tapping on their surfaces. In actual fact, you are typing more than tapping and that's the whole point of Bluetooth cases with keyboards.

Most Bluetooth cases are made from soft, synthetic leather with a magnetic clasp that closes. There are some models that are made of a light aluminum material but the most popular are the ones made from synthetic leather.

They also come in an array of colors. The advantage of the leather case is that it is lightweight and doesn't bog you down while you are out with your iPad, perhaps at your favorite coffee house. Combined with the iPad, the whole package typically weighs just less than three pounds.

The keyboard itself has all the features that make the iPad popular including a home key, volume control, search function and all the iPad controls. If you tap the home button you get to your apps menu. Two taps brings up mini iPod control.

Here's a key consideration when buying your Bluetooth case with keyboard; portability versus functionality. Basically, the thinner or lighter the keyboard that comes with a Bluetooth case the more difficult it will be to type. Size does matter too as the smaller the keyboard the more crowded the keys will be.

So, you will need to think about what trade-offs you might be willing to make as you consider your purchase. A test drive of a new case with your iPad would be a good idea and make sure the shop you buy from has a reasonable return policy in case you don't like the case you bought.

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