
A third of laptops fail in three years

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One-third of laptops fail within three years because of malfunctions or accidents, a study found, with notebooks from Asustek Computer Inc and Toshiba Corp being the most reliable among surveyed brands. Those from Hewlett-Packard Co and Acer Inc were the least reliable, it said.....

Broken down by brand, Asustek and Toshiba notebooks have malfunction rates under 16 percent - the lowest among the nine brands surveyed - while notebooks from Sony Corp and Apple Inc followed closely with malfunction rates of about 17 percent, it said.

By contrast, more than one-fourth of HP laptops malfunction within three years, the study found. Acer and its sub-brand Gateway, meanwhile, had malfunction rates of about 23 percent.

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