



Product Environmental Report

21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display

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Made with better materials

60%

recycled plastic in the speakers

50%

or more recycled plastic in the stand foot, input/output panel, and AC inlet

Energy efficient

79%

less energy consumed than the ENERGY STAR® energy efficiency limit

Responsible packaging

100%

of the wood fiber comes from recycled and responsible sources



Engaging suppliers

100%

of iMac with Retina 4K display final assembly supplier sites are Zero Waste

Made without¹

- Arsenic-free display glass
- Mercury-free
- Brominated flame retardant-free
- PVC-free
- Beryllium-free
- Lead-free solder

Apple GiveBack

Return your device through Apple GiveBack and we'll give it a new life, or recycle it for free.

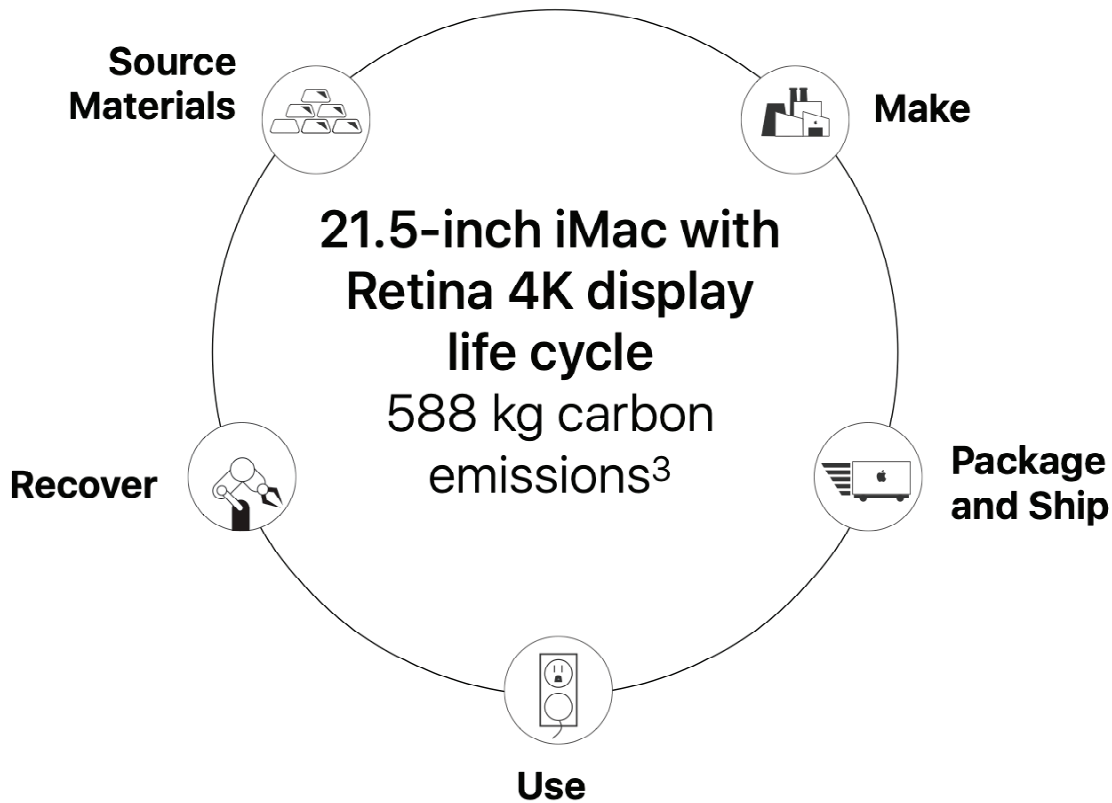
Made with the environment in mind



Taking responsibility for our products at every stage

We take responsibility for our products throughout their life cycles—including the materials they are made of, the people who assemble them, and how they are recycled at end of life. And we focus on the areas where we can make the biggest difference for our planet: reducing our impact on climate change, conserving precious resources, and using safer materials.

We sell millions of products. So making even small adjustments can have a meaningful impact.



Carbon footprint

We continue to make progress in reducing Apple's contribution to climate change—by focusing on making energy-efficient products with recycled or bio-based materials and with renewable energy. However, the design of the new 21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display resulted in a 3.6 percent increase in the product's carbon footprint compared to the previous-generation 21.5-inch iMac,⁴ primarily due to increase in energy consumption during use. We're committed to continuing to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and using our life cycle assessment to drive that change.

Product life cycle carbon emissions

43%	Production
5%	Transport
51%	Use
<1%	End-of-life processing



Source Materials

We increased recycled content in components, including speakers made with 60 percent recycled plastic.

To conserve precious resources, we work to reduce the material we use and aim to source only recycled or renewable materials in our products. And as we make this transition, we remain committed to the responsible sourcing of primary materials. We identify and map materials in our products to the farthest reaches of our supply chain and proudly lead our industry in establishing the strictest standards for smelters and refiners. Our product designs also consider the safety of those who make, use, and recycle our products, restricting the use of hundreds of harmful substances. Our standards go beyond what’s required by law to protect people and the environment.



Aluminum

Our focus on Apple’s carbon footprint extends to the materials we source. So we prioritized aluminum that was smelted using 100 percent hydroelectricity rather than fossil fuels for the enclosure, where the majority of the aluminum is located.



Plastic

We’re transitioning to bio-based and recycled alternatives from petroleum-based plastics. For the 21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display, we use these alternatives in a number of components, including the speakers (60 percent recycled), stand foot (60 percent recycled), input/output panel (60 percent recycled), AC inlet (50 percent recycled), and fan (27 percent bio-based).



Tin, tantalum, tungsten, gold, and cobalt

Apple requires 100 percent of identified tin, tantalum, tungsten, gold, and cobalt smelters and refiners to participate in third-party audits.⁵



Made without

The 21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display is free of harmful substances like mercury, brominated flame retardants, PVC, phthalates, beryllium, lead in the solder, and arsenic in the display glass.¹ And 100 percent of the materials in the 21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display are covered by our [Apple Regulated Substances Specification](#). We go even further by aiming to understand the nonregulated substances in every part of every product—so far we’ve identified the makeup of 75 percent by mass of the 21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display.



Make

Every year, we assess our suppliers against our Supplier Code of Conduct, which requires suppliers to make workplaces better for employees and the environment.

We work closely with the suppliers that make our products to reduce their environmental impact, and we ensure that everyone making Apple products is treated with dignity and respect, is given opportunities to advance, and works in a safe environment. Our Supplier Code of Conduct sets high expectations for our suppliers. With strong foundational standards, we can make further progress, from helping suppliers transition to renewable energy to providing educational opportunities for their employees. And in 2018, we achieved UL Zero Waste certification for all Mac final assembly test and packaging facilities.⁶

Greener chemicals

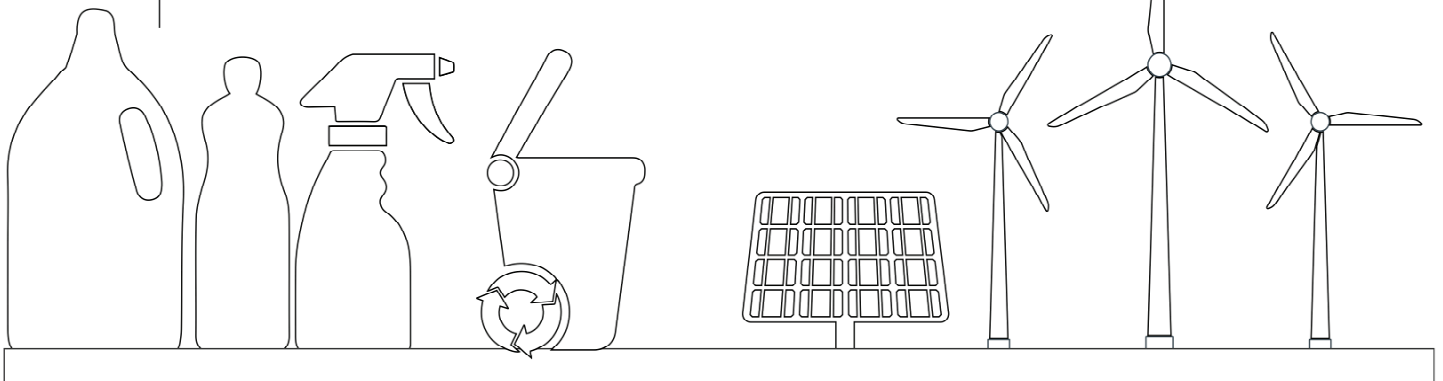
All 21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display final assembly supplier sites use safer cleaners and degreasers in their manufacturing processes.⁷

Zero Waste

All 21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display final assembly supplier sites are Zero Waste.⁶

Supplier energy use

Supplier renewable energy use avoided emissions equal to 2 percent of the manufacturing footprint of the 21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display.⁸





Package and Ship

All of the primary wood fiber in our packaging comes from responsibly managed forests.⁹

To improve our packaging, we are working to eliminate plastics, increase recycled content, and use less packaging overall. And we have protected or created enough sustainably managed forests to cover all the wood fiber we use in our packaging. This ensures working forests are able to regrow and continue to clean our air and purify our water. Smaller and lighter packaging also means fewer emissions from transporting our products—we take responsibility for that too. The 21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display packaging uses expanded polystyrene foam, a material we are actively looking to replace in our packaging.

100%

of the primary wood fiber in the packaging comes from responsibly managed forests⁹

77%

of the retail packaging¹⁰ is fiber based

33%

recycled fiber content in retail packaging

This forest in Brunswick County, North Carolina, is one of the sustainably managed forests we have helped protect to cover the wood fiber we use in our packaging.



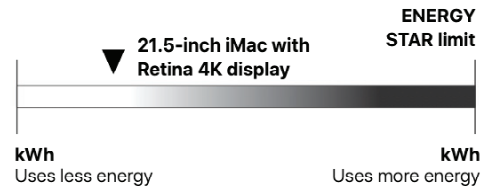
Use

The 21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display consumes 79 percent less energy than the limit for ENERGY STAR.

We design our products to be energy efficient, long lasting, and safe. The 21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display uses software and power-efficient components that intelligently manage power consumption. We also run our own Reliability and Environmental Testing Labs so our products go through rigorous testing before they leave our doors. Our support continues throughout each product’s life cycle, with regular software updates to keep devices current and a network of authorized repair professionals to service them, if necessary.

Energy consumption of ENERGY STAR-rated products

Apple devices consistently rank among the high-performing products rated by ENERGY STAR—which was established to represent the 25 percent most energy-efficient computers on the market. The 21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display consumes 79 percent less energy than the limit for ENERGY STAR.¹¹



Designed to last

To ensure durability, we assessed the 21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display in our Reliability Testing Lab, using rigorous testing methods that simulate customers’ experiences.

Made with safer materials

We apply rigorous controls for materials users touch most—all based on recommendations from toxicologists and dermatologists.



Recover

Return your product with Apple GiveBack and we'll ensure it has a long life, or we'll recycle it for free.

When products are used longer, fewer resources are extracted from the earth. That's why we launched Apple GiveBack—it offers customers a seamless way to return their old devices to Apple. Customers can trade in eligible devices for an Apple Store Gift Card.¹² If a device is not eligible for credit, we'll recycle it for free. We also offer and participate in [product take-back and recycling programs](#) for 99 percent of the countries where we sell products—and we hold our recyclers to high standards. Our efforts to keep harmful substances out of our products also mean our materials are safer to recover and reuse.

Apple GiveBack

For more information on how to recycle your products at end of life, visit:

www.apple.com/giveback



Definitions

Recycled materials: Recycling makes better use of finite resources by sourcing from recovered rather than mined materials. Recycled content claims for materials in our products have been verified by an independent third party to a recycled content standard that conforms to ISO 14021.

Bio-based plastics: Bio-based plastics are made from biological sources rather than from fossil-fuel sources. Bio-based plastics allow us to reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

Renewable materials: We define bio-materials as those that can be regenerated in a human lifespan, like paper fibers or sugarcane. Bio-materials can help us use fewer finite resources. But even though bio-materials have the ability to regrow, they are not always managed responsibly. Renewable materials are a type of bio-material managed in a way that enables continuous production without depleting the earth's resources. That's why we focus on sources that are certified for their management practices.

Supplier Clean Energy Program: Because the electricity used to make our products is the largest contributor to our overall carbon footprint, we're helping our suppliers become more energy efficient and transition to new renewable energy sources. As part of this program, Apple and our suppliers are working to generate and procure more than 4 gigawatts of new renewable energy worldwide by 2020. This goal represents approximately one-third of our current manufacturing carbon footprint.

Carbon footprint: Estimated emissions are calculated in accordance with guidelines and requirements as specified by ISO 14040 and ISO 14044. There is inherent uncertainty in modeling carbon emissions due primarily to data limitations. For the top component contributors to Apple's carbon emissions, Apple addresses this uncertainty by developing detailed process-based environmental models with Apple-specific parameters. For the remaining elements of Apple's carbon footprint, we rely on industry average data and assumptions. Calculation includes emissions for the following life cycle phases contributing to Global Warming Potential (GWP 100 years) in CO₂ equivalency factors (CO₂e):

- **Production:** Includes the extraction, production, and transportation of raw materials, as well as the manufacture, transport, and assembly of all parts and product packaging.
- **Transport:** Includes air and sea transportation of the finished product and its associated packaging from manufacturing site to regional distribution hubs. Transport of products from distribution hubs to end customers is modeled using average distances based on regional geography.
- **Use:** Apple conservatively assumes a four-year period for power use by first owners. Product use scenarios are based on historical customer use data for similar products. Geographic differences in the power grid mix have been accounted for at a regional level.
- **End-of-life processing:** Includes transportation from collection hubs to recycling centers and the energy used in mechanical separation and shredding of parts. For more information on the carbon footprint, visit <https://www.apple.com/environment/answers>.

Endnotes

¹ Apple defines its restrictions on harmful substances, including definitions for what Apple considers to be "free of," in the [Apple Regulated Substances Specification](#). Every Apple product is free of PVC and phthalates with the exception of AC power cords in India, Thailand, and South Korea, where we continue to seek government approval for our PVC and phthalates replacement. Apple products comply with the European Union Directive 2011/65/EU and its amendments, including exemptions for the use of lead such as high temperature solder. Apple is working to phase out the use of these exempted substances where technically possible.

² The 21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display achieved a Gold rating for EPEAT in the United States and Canada. Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) is a program that ranks computers and displays based on environmental attributes in accordance with IEEE 1680.1-2018. For more information, visit www.epeat.net.

³ Greenhouse gas emissions were calculated using a life cycle assessment methodology in accordance with ISO 14040 and 14044 standards and based on 21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display with 3.6GHz (quad-core) processor and 1TB storage.

Carbon footprint			
21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display		21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display (2017)	
3.6GHz (quad-core) processor and 1TB storage	588 kg CO ₂ e	3.0GHz (quad-core) processor and 1TB storage	568 kg CO ₂ e
3.0GHz (6-core) processor and 1TB storage	596 kg CO ₂ e	3.4GHz (quad-core) processor and 1TB storage	578 kg CO ₂ e

Endnotes

- ⁴ The previous-generation 21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display (2017) was used for comparison purposes.
- ⁵ Third-party assessments seek to confirm sourcing practices and are part of our responsible sourcing program. In addition, our efforts consider conflict, human rights, and other risks.
- ⁶ Final assembly supplier sites for 21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display are third-party certified as Zero Waste by UL LLC (UL 2799 Standard). This means these final assembly supplier sites do not generate any waste sent to landfill.
- ⁷ Only chemicals that meet GreenScreen® benchmark 3 or 4 are considered safer and preferred for use. In 2017, 18 final assembly supplier facilities adopted these safer cleaners. And in 2018, 100 percent of process chemicals used at final assembly supplier facilities were verified to comply with the Apple Regulated Substances Specification for the third year in a row. GreenScreen is a comprehensive hazard assessment tool that evaluates substances against 18 different criteria. For more information, visit www.greenscreenchemicals.org.
- ⁸ Percent emissions reduction from supplier renewable energy is based on estimated operational loads as of product launch, compared to default grid emissions. Only the renewable energy the supplier committed to Apple production was counted.
- ⁹ Responsible sourcing of wood fiber is defined in [Apple's Sustainable Fiber Specification](#). We consider wood fibers to include bamboo.
- ¹⁰ Breakdown of U.S. retail packaging by weight.
- ¹¹ Energy consumption and energy efficiency values are based on the ENERGY STAR Program Requirements for Computers, including the max energy allowance for the 21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display. For more information, visit www.energystar.gov. ENERGY STAR and the ENERGY STAR mark are registered trademarks owned by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- Off: Lowest power mode of the system when iMac is shut down. Also referred to as Standby.
 - Sleep: Low power state that is entered automatically after 10 minutes of inactivity (default), or by selecting Sleep from the Apple menu. Wake for network access enabled.
 - Idle—Display on: System is on and has completed loading macOS. Display brightness was set as defined by ENERGY STAR Program Requirements for Computers, and Auto-Brightness was turned off. Connected to Wi-Fi.
 - Power supply efficiency: Average of the power supply's measured efficiency when tested at 100 percent, 50 percent, and 20 percent of the power supply's rated output power.

Mode	Power consumption for 21.5-inch iMac with Retina 4K display		
	100V	115V	230V
Off	0.24	0.20	0.31
Sleep	0.84	0.80	0.80
Idle—Display on	27.6	27.3	27.8
Power supply efficiency	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%

¹² Trade-in values will vary based on the condition, year, and configuration of your trade-in device. You must be at least 18 years old to be eligible to trade in for credit or for an Apple Store Gift Card. Not all devices are eligible for credit. More details are available from Apple's Mac trade-in partner and Apple's iPhone, iPad, and Apple Watch trade-in partner for trade-in and recycling of eligible devices. Restrictions and limitations may apply. Payments are based on the received device matching the description you provided when your estimate was made. Apple reserves the right to refuse or limit the quantity of any device for any reason. In the Apple Store: Offer only available on presentation of a valid, government-issued photo ID (local law may require saving this information). Value of your current device may be applied toward purchase of a new Apple device. Offer may not be available in all stores. Some stores may have additional requirements.