Subject: Buying used
Posted by Kaleb on Fri, 01 Apr 2011 19:36:01 GMT
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Have you ever had luck buying used electronics on Ebay? It seems like there's a lot of great deals, but are you getting what they advertise?

Subject: Re: Buying used
Posted by russman on Fri, 01 Apr 2011 23:49:34 GMT
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It's a crap shoot really. Depends on the seller. More often than not, the problems don't lie in the fact of whether the gear was as advertised, but in the ability to pack it properly to arrive in the condition stated.

I try to do most of my purchases local, or from people I know.

Cheers,
Russ

Subject: Re: Buying used
Posted by cheeta on Sat, 02 Apr 2011 02:16:11 GMT
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I bought an iPod off Ebay and it was a decent price, I thought. I live in Canada and the duty cost was more than I paid for the iPod. Thankfully it worked though.

Subject: Re: Buying used
Posted by Adveser on Sat, 02 Apr 2011 04:45:15 GMT
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I would just suggest being weary of anything that has time sensitive components.

Don't buy things with hard drives in them unless they are fairly new.

Skip the 30 year old amp that has never been serviced.

Stuff like that.

Personally I wouldn't buy a CD that's more than 15 years old right now either, unless one were to get it strictly to make FLAC files out of it the day it arrives and couldn't care less about it after that.

Subject: Re: Buying used
Posted by iDummy on Sun, 03 Apr 2011 03:55:11 GMT
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I have bought a few electronics from eBay buy I have always tried to do it from sellers that only have good ratings. There are a lot of places that do sell new items that are in their original package. Paying with PayPal helps you dispute the charge if the item is not as promised.

Subject: Re: Buying used
Posted by cheeta on Sun, 03 Apr 2011 23:31:45 GMT
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That's a very good point iDummy. I didn't have a paypal account at that time and thought that paying by money order would be traceable, but I guess it doesn't work like that.