



Pixel 4a
Product environmental report



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Environmental sustainability at Google

At Google, operating in an environmentally sustainable way has been a core value from the beginning. As our business has evolved to include the manufacturing of electronic products, we've continually expanded our efforts to improve each product's environmental performance and minimize Google's impact on the world around us.

This report details the environmental performance of the Pixel 4a over its full life cycle, from design and manufacturing through usage and recycling.

Product highlights



The Pixel 4a is designed with the following key features to help reduce its environmental impact:

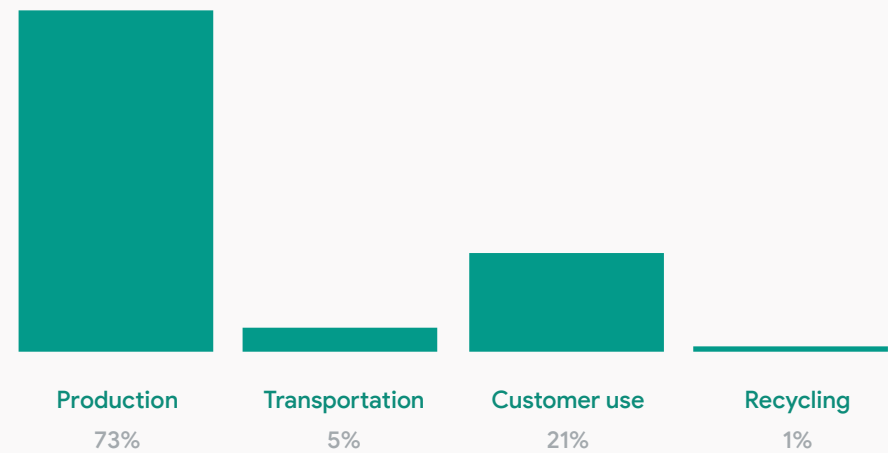
- ✓ EPEAT Gold
- ✓ Mercury-free LED-backlit display
- ✓ Arsenic-free glass
- ✓ PVC-free
- ✓ Brominated Flame Retardant (BFR)-free
- ↻ 47% post-consumer recycled content across its plastic mechanical parts
- ↻ 98% paper and fiber-based packaging
- ⚡ Power adapter with Level VI efficiency rating
- ⚡ Standby power less than 0.3 W

Greenhouse Gas
(GHG) emissions

The production, transportation, use, and recycling of electronic products generate GHG emissions that can contribute to rising global temperatures. Google conducts a life cycle assessment on products to identify materials and processes that contribute to GHG emissions, with the goal of minimizing these emissions.

Estimated GHG emissions
for Pixel 4a

Total GHG emissions
assuming three years of use:
45 kg CO₂ e



Energy efficiency

The Pixel 4a uses an energy efficient DOE Level VI power adapter and incorporates power-management software to maximize battery-charging efficiency and extend battery life during use.

Energy efficiency
of Pixel 4a

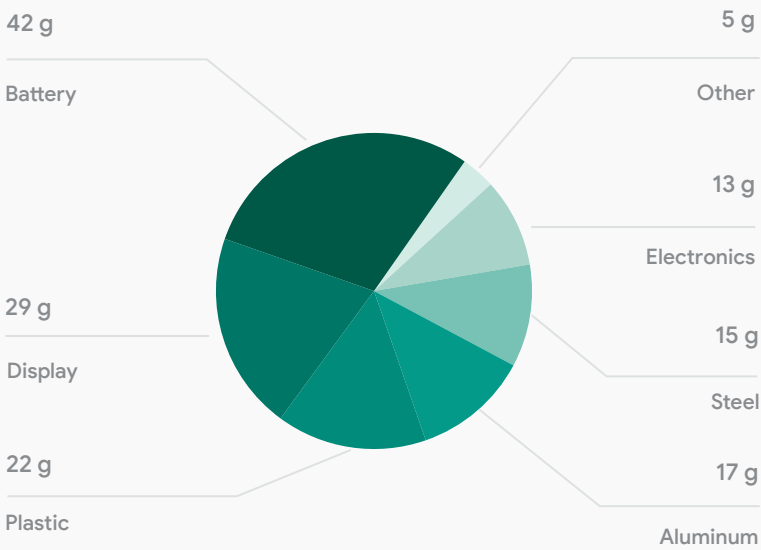
| Mode | 115 V, 60 Hz | 230 V, 50 Hz |
|--|--|--|
| Power adapter average efficiency | 83.5% at 5 V output 86.0% at 9 V output | 82.5% at 5 V output 85.9% at 9 V output |
| Power adapter no-load power | 0.02 W | 0.02 W |
| Standby (battery maintenance mode) power | 0.21 W | 0.21 W |
| Annual energy use estimate | 6 kWh | 6 kWh |
| Annual cost of energy estimate | US\$0.78 | €1.32 |

Material use

Pixel 4a is designed to be light and compact. Minimizing the size and weight of the Pixel 4a allows materials to be used more efficiently, thereby reducing the energy consumed during production and shipping as well as minimizing the amount of packaging.

Materials used
in Pixel 4a

Total materials:
143 g



Recycled materials

47% post-consumer recycled content across its plastic mechanical parts

Battery

- ✓ Lithium-ion polymer
- ✓ Free of cadmium, lead, and mercury

Restricted substances

Historically, many electronic devices contained materials such as lead, mercury, cadmium, and brominated flame retardants that pose environmental and health risks. We designed the Pixel 4a to meet global regulations that restrict harmful substances, including the following:

- ✓ European RoHS Directive restrictions on lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBB), polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE), and four different phthalates (DEHP, BBP, DBP, DIBP)
- ✓ European Battery Directive restrictions on lead, mercury, and cadmium batteries
- ✓ European Packaging Directive restrictions on lead, mercury, cadmium, and hexavalent chromium in packaging

Voluntary substance restrictions

The Pixel 4a also meets the following voluntary substance restrictions:

- ✓ Mercury-free LED-backlit display
- ✓ Arsenic-free glass
- ✓ PVC-free
- ✓ Brominated Flame Retardant (BFR)-free

Packaging

Packaging for the Pixel 4a uses 98% paper and fiber-based materials. The chipboard material used in the box base and lid is made with 100% recycled content. We have designed the Pixel 4a packaging to minimize its weight and volume, which helps conserve natural resources and allows more devices to be transported in a single shipping container.

Packaging materials for Pixel 4a (U.S. configuration retail packaging)

| Material | Mass |
|---------------------|-------|
| Paper / fiber-based | 138 g |
| Plastic | 3 g |
| Total packaging | 141 g |

Ethical sourcing

Google and its subsidiaries are committed to ensuring that working conditions in our operations and in our supply chains are safe, that all workers are treated with respect and dignity, and that business operations are environmentally responsible and ethically conducted. Learn more about our expectations for manufacturing partners in the [Google Supplier Code of Conduct](#), our [2019 Responsible Supply Chain Report](#), and our [Conflict Minerals Policy](#).

Learn more

For more information about our environmental sustainability initiatives—including case studies, white papers, and blogs—please see our [Sustainability website](#) and our [2019 Environmental Report](#).

Learn how to recycle your used device in the [Google Store Help](#) section of our website.

Endnotes

1. Google defines its restrictions on harmful substances, including definitions for what Google considers to be “free of,” in the [Google Restricted Substances Specification](#).
2. EPEAT registered in the US only.
3. GHG emissions estimates are calculated in accordance with ISO 14040 and ISO 14044 requirements and guidelines for conducting life cycle assessments, and include the production, transportation, use, and recycling of the product, accessories, and packaging.
4. Level VI is the highest available efficiency rating for power adapters as defined in the [International Efficiency Marking Protocol for External Power Supplies Version 3.0](#).
5. Average efficiency of power adapter when input and output power is measured at 25%, 50%, 75%, and 100% of rated output current and averaged. Tested in accordance with the [U.S. Department of Energy Uniform Test Method for Measuring the Energy Consumption of External Power Supplies](#).
6. Power measured when the power adapter is plugged into an AC power source without being connected to the product. Tested in accordance with the [U.S. Department of Energy Uniform Test Method for Measuring the Energy Consumption of External Power Supplies](#).
7. Power measured with phone connected to cellular and WiFi networks in standby mode with fully charged battery and attached to the power adapter. Tested in accordance with the [U.S. DOE Uniform Test Method for Measuring the Energy Consumption of Battery Chargers](#). Maintenance mode calculated as average power over first five hrs after charging is complete.
8. Based on average charging of previous generation devices. Actual energy consumption will vary by user.
9. The average residential cost of energy for U.S. households is \$0.13 per kWh (source: [U.S. Energy Information Agency Mar 2020 report](#)).
10. The average household cost of energy for consumers in the EU-28 was €0.22 per kWh in the first half of 2019 (source: [Eurostat Statistics Explained](#)).
11. Product material masses are for the Pixel 4a only. For the U.S. configuration, an additional 92 g of electronics accessories can be included in-box.