

My PowerBook G4 is not working, should I just buy a new Mac?

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Nov. 7, 2009 - [PRLog](#) -- That's a great question - one that the PowerBook experts at TechRestore can help you with. With the introduction of the PowerBook G4 in 2001, Apple brought portable Mac computing to an entirely new level. The first G4 PowerBook was the Titanium 400Mhz with a 15" widescreen - this thing was incredible at the time - a laptop made with Titanium? Yes! The TiBook evolved through 1GHz models, eventually making way for the Aluminum PowerBook G4 introduction in 2003. These Aluminum PowerBooks are real workhorses and, depending on what the problem with your PowerBook G4 is, are often worth repairing, rather than replacing, if for no other reason than to have an additional Mac for someone else to use when you do decide to buy that shiny new MacBook.

The most frequent PowerBook G4 repairs that we perform at TechRestore are hard drive upgrades and screen replacements. Let's talk about drive replacements first.

Most older G4 PowerBooks shipped with drives ranging from 40 Gigabyte to 80 Gigabytes. You have to remember, in 2003 no one thought you would actually have a music/video/photo library that might ever be larger than 60 GIGs! Plus, drive prices were high and Apple was putting in the largest drives available at the time. The good news is that PowerBook G4 owners that need a hard drive replacement can now choose from 160 Gigabyte, 250 Gigabyte or 320 Gigabyte drive upgrades. And although size does matter, these drives also offer some very important technological enhancements including faster data transfer rates, cooler operating temperatures and most importantly, increased reliability. So, you're not just getting more space for all your stuff, you're getting a faster drive that runs cooler and is more reliable than your old drive. What's not to love?

The PowerBook G4 Aluminum model was the first Mac laptop to offer a glossy screen option - the glossy screen offered a shiny surface over the LCD itself that brought a lot of controversy and trade-offs to the Mac world. The glossy screen is great at enhancing colors, increasing their brightness, depth and richness, with the trade-off being the reflectiveness of the screen itself. The new, mirror-like quality of the glossy screens is still argued about by PowerBook and MacBook users alike. Fast forward to 2009 and with the fact that all current model Mac laptops ship with not only a glossy screen, but a glossy screen with a glossy glass cover - well, we know which argument won, at least at Apple.

OK, so you dropped your PowerBook G4 and broke your LCD screen. You either cracked your PowerBook G4 LCD screen and are seeing dark liquid-like splotches on the screen, or your screen is just completely black. Either way, TechRestore can help. With prices starting at just \$199 for screen repair, our answer to your question about it being worth repairing a G4 PowerBook is a resounding YES. A TechRestore PowerBook LCD screen repair includes the following:

Installation by an Apple Certified Technician

A 1-year warranty on parts and labor

1-year of toll-free phone support for your repair questions

Installation within 24-hours of receipt to our repair facility

Free return shipping

Optional pickup at one of our 2000+ local drop-off locations

Service with a smile - we are Mac people and we feel honored to get to work on these incredible products each day.

To learn more about our PowerBook G4 repair and upgrade options, please visit our website at <http://www.techrestore.com>, or call 1-888-572-7372 to speak to one of our friendly humans.

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