

We've noticed that more and more of you are looking for more viable solutions for using our software on-site, and one question we keep hearing is "Does Palm-Tech work with the iPad?"

In short, Palm-Tech does not work with the Apple iPad, but there are a number of other more viable options to choose from for using Palm-Tech inspector, the most popular of which would be the Tablet PC.

A Tablet PC at first glance looks like a normal, if not slightly smaller laptop PC. However, a tablet has a few distinguishing features from a laptop. Aside from being smaller, they also have a touch sensitive panel on the screen that can be rotated and snapped down to the laptop, hiding the keyboard and making it more like holding a notepad. The included stylus takes the place of a mouse, allowing you near full control of your tablet using the touch panel. Here are a few of the major differences between a tablet PC and the Apple iPad.

iPad

Limited models, locked down to Apple specifications.

iOS is very limited.

Cannot multitask. If you need to switch applications it always closes the one you are currently in first.

Separate computer is required as iPad is locked to an iTunes account.

Touch panel is optimized for fingers, which makes handwriting impossible.

No expansion capability (internal storage, memory, usb ports, etc.)

Cannot print from iPad.

Tablet PC

Wide variety of available devices, with varying specs and price points.

Tablet PCs run tablet editions of Windows, which are full featured and run like any other computer.

With a tablet PC you can run as many applications as your computer can handle at once. This can however affect performance.

Tablet PCs are standalone devices that do not require another computer to function. iTunes is not required.

Touch panel is optimized for stylus usage, which is great for handwriting.

Expansion varies by model, but generally every bit as expandable as any other laptop PC.

Tablets can print just the same as you would from any other Windows-based computer.

So as you can see, the iPad and tablet PC are two very different types of device for 2 different types of consumer. The iPad is more for the basic user who only wants to hop on the internet for brief periods of time, check personal emails and play a couple of games.

However, for someone wanting a more professional experience, a tablet PC is the way to go. You get much more for your money, more expandability and a full featured operating system. There is next to no learning curve going from your home PC to a tablet with the Palm-Tech software.