

Leather notebook comparison test | 2021

			The winners							Mediocre, a little beautiful, a little functional, but that's enough not							pretty nice, not functional								Not pretty, but functional		Not pretty, not functional								
		weighting	X17-A6	X17-A5	Gusti A6	Newestor A6	Case Elegance (Buckaw) A5	ZLYC set, A6	ZLYC set, A5	LUG ring binder A5	Wanderings (rubber) A5	Wanderings (ring binder) A5	Sload A5	Felicity (18) A6	Nomlette (18) A6	Tivoli (Belcraft) A6	Tivoli (Belcraft) A5	Nuolux A5	Greenbury A5	Saillie A5	Schreiner/leather book A5	KomalC leather book A5	Vietri (Tuscany Crafts (16)) A5	Vietri (Belcraft (16)) A5	LUG leather book A5	Madaki travel diary A5	Kesote A5	WH Journal (AE Quote) A5	Maleden A6	Rymal (leather motif) A5	Vesuvius ring binder A5	Jaidid notebook (tree) A5	Gaywing A5	Komal's Passion Leather A5	
Overall judgment	Focus: quality / benefit / sustainability	100%	1.2	1.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.8	3.9	4.0
quality		40%	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.6	2.9	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.0	1.8	2.0	2.8	1.7	1.6	2.3	2.3	2.4	3.3	4.1	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.6	4.4	4.0	
Case / leather	Feel	20%	++	++	++	++	+	++	++	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	++	++	++	++	++	+	+	+	-	--	-	0	-	-	--	--	-	
	colour	5%	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	0	0	++	++	++	++	++	+	0	-	--	-	-	-	-	--	--	-	
	odor	5%	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	0	0	++	++	++	++	++	-	+	-	--	-	-	-	-	--	--	0	
	Thickness / softness / hardness / stability	10%	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	0	+	+	++	++	++	+	++	++	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
	Type (PU (PU) / Recycled Leather (R) / Real Leather (L))	20%	++ [L]	++ [L]	++ [L]	++ [L]	++ [L]	++ [L]	++ [L]	++ [L]	++ [L]	++ [L]	0 [L]	+	+	+	++ [R]	++ [R]	++ [L]	++ [L]	0 [PU]	++ [L]	++ [L]	++ [R]	++ [R]	++ [L]	- [PU]	-- [PU]	-- [PU]	-- [PU]	-- [PU]	-- [PU]	-- [PU]	-- [PU]	
	colour	5%	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+(17)	+(17)	0	0	--	0 (11)	--	-	+	-	-	0	-	+	--	-	+(17)	+	--	0	
	thickness	5%	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	++	+	+	+	0	--	
	Substility for lead / pen / fountain pen = ink (penetration behavior)	20%	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	--	
	system	Closure (tape (B) / rubber (G) / button (K))	5%	++ [G]	++ [G]	++ [K]	++ [G]	++ [K]	++ [G]	++ [G]	0	- [G]	- [G]	- [G]	0 [B]	0 [B]	++ [B]	++ [B]	++ [B]	- [B]	- [B]	++ [B]	++ [B]	++ [B]	++ [B]	0	- [G]	- [G]	- [B]	- [B]	- [B]	-- [B]	-- [B]	-- [G]	- [B]
		Binding (tape (B) / rubber (G) / rings (R) / inserting (E) / fixed (F))	5%	++ [G]	++ [G]	++ [E]	++ [G]	0 [E]	++ [G]	++ [G]	++ [R]	- [G]	0 [R]	- [E]	- [G]	- [G]	++ [E]	++ [E]	-- [B]	0 [E]	0 [R]	-- [B]	-- [B]	-- [F]	-- [F]	-- [B]	- [G]	- [G]	- [B]	- [R]	- [F]	-- [B]	-- [R]	-- [R]	-- [E]
Utility		40%	1.4	1.4	2.4	1.7	1.6	2.0	2.1	2.5	2.4	2.6	1.3	2.0	2.0	3.3	3.5	2.9	2.8	2.7	3.6	3.8	4.6	4.6	4.2	2.3	2.4	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.3	3.5	3.1	3.6	
function	Compactness (when closed)	5%	++ (1)	++ (1)	++	++	- (10)	++	++	-	+	+	++	0	0	++	+	+	0	0	--	--	+	+	--	+	++	--	--	+	--	--	-	--	
	Compactness & size (when open)	5%	++	++	++	++	0	++	++	0	+	++	0	0	0	--	--	-	--	--	-	-	-	-	--	+	++	--	+	--	--	++	+	--	
	Lockable?	5%	++	++	++	++	++	++	++ (9)	--	++	++	++	+	-	++	+	+	+	++	++	++	++	+	--	++	++	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	
	Is it lying flat? Portability / use on the go	5%	++	++	++	++	+	-	-	++	++	++	++	+	-	-	- (15)	-- (15)	+	++ (11)	++	--	--	-- (15)	-- (15)	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	0
	Is it easy to write on / use the notebook?	25%	++	++	++	++	++	+	0	- (13)	0	-- (13)	++	+	+	+	- (15)	-- (15)	+	0 (5)	- (13)	--	--	-- (15)	-- (15)	--	0	++	- (13)	- (13)	++	- (13)	0	-- (13)	--
equipment (21)	Pocket for notes	5%	++	++	--	- (2)	++	--	++	++	--	++	0 (19)	++	++	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	++	++	++	--	--	--	--	--	++ (19)	
	Pen tab	5%	-- (2)	-- (2)	--	--	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	--	--	--	--	--	++	--	--	--	--	--	++	++	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Book volume	5%	++	++	--	--	++	--	--	--	--	--	--	++	++	--	--	--	--	--	++	++	--	--	--	--	--	++	++	++	--	--	--	--	--
Convertibility	Can you change the insoles?	20%	++	++	0 (5)	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++ (11)	+	+	++ (6)	++ (11)	0 (20)	++ (11)	++	0 (20)	0 (20)	-- (12)	-- (12)	0 (20)	++	--	++	++	-- (12)	++	0 (20)	++	++ (20)	
	Can I use insoles from other manufacturers? Are there other booklets with different rulings?	5%	-- (3)	-- (3)	++ (5)	++ (6)	++ (11)	++ (6)	++ (5)	++ (14)	++ (11)	++ (14)	++ (11)	++ (6)	++ (6)	++ (6)	++ (11)	++ (20)	++ (11)	++ (14)	++ (20)	++ (20)	-- (12)	-- (12)	++ (20)	++ (5)	-- (12)	++ (14)	++ (14)	-- (12)	++ (14)	++ (20)	++ (14)	++ (20)	
	Can I buy a fastener / binding?	5%	++	++	0	- (7)	0	0 (5)	0 (5)	++ (14)	++ (11)	++ (14)	++ (11)	++ (6)	++ (6)	++ (6)	++ (11)	++ (20)	++ (11)	++ (14)	++ (20)	++ (20)	-- (12)	-- (12)	++ (20)	0 (5)	-- (12)	++ (14)	++ (14)	-- (12)	++ (14)	++ (20)	++ (14)	++ (20)	
		5%	++	++	0	- (7)	0	0 (5)	0 (5)	--	0 (5)	--	--	0 (5)	0 (5)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0 (5)	--	--	++	++	++	--	--	--
sustainability		20%	1.0	1.0	4.0	4.4	4.0	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.0	4.4	5.0	2.0	2.0	3.6	3.8	3.2	4.4	4.4	2.0	2.0	3.8	3.8	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.2	5.0	4.4	4.6	
origin	Packaging (proportion of plastic, proportion of extras that are not needed)	40%	++	++	-	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	+	+	0	+	+	--	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
	Transparency: do I know where it's from?	60%	++ (4)	++ (4)	-	-	-	-	-	--	-	-	-	--	--	+	+	--	--	--	-	-	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Production leather		DE	DE	IND	CHN	CHN	CHN	CHN	--	CHN	CHN	IND	CHN	--	ITA	ITA	CHN	--	CHN	IND	CHN	ITA	ITA	--	--	CHN	CHN	CHN	CHN	CHN	--	CHN	--	--
	Production paper		DE	DE	IND	CHN	CHN	CHN	CHN	--	CHN	CHN	IND	CHN	--	ITA	ITA	CHN	--	CHN	IND	CHN	ITA	ITA	--	--	CHN	CHN	CHN	CHN	CHN	--	CHN	--	--
	Ordered (via Amazon (AMZ))		AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ	AMZ
emotion		No value																																	
feeling	I want to use feeling I want to demonstrate feeling to everyone		++	++	++	+	+	++	++	+	+	+	0	-	+	- (15)	- (15)	+	+	0	+	+	+	-- (15)	-- (15)	-	0	--	-	-	--	--	--	--	--
			++	++	++	+	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	-	0	--	-	-	--	--	--	--	--
price																																			
price	Initial purchase (A5 format) Initial purchase (A6 format)		/	€ 50.00	/	/	45.00 €	€ 39.00	€ 41.00	€ 32.00	€ 40.00	€ 24.00	/	/	/	/	€ 34.00	€ 23.00	€ 35.00	€ 16.00	€ 32.00	€ 16.00	€ 30.00	€ 35.00	€ 30.00	€ 10.00	€ 10.00	€ 17.00	/	€ 21.00	€ 15.00	€ 25.00	€ 15.00	€ 17.00	
	Replacement insoles		3.00 €	€ 5.00	/ (5)	€ 3.50	✓ (11)	✓ (6)	/ (5)	✓ (14)	✓ (11)	✓ (14)	✓ (11)	✓ (6)	✓ (6)	✓ (6)	✓ (11)	/ (20)	✓ (11)	✓ (14)	/ (20)	/ (20)	-- (12)	-- (12)	/ (20)	/ (5)	-- (12)	✓ (14)	✓ (14)	-- (12)	✓ (14)	/ (20)	✓ (14)	✓ (11)	

scale			
	++	very good	1
	+	Well	2
	0	neutral	3
	-	below average	4th
	--	unacceptable	5
Footnotes			
(1)	The thinnest notebook in the test.		
(2)	Available separately.		
(3)	Proprietary system - suitable insoles are only available from the manufacturer.		
(4)	The only notebook that comes from Germany.		
(5)	Possible, but unclear where and whether you will find something suitable.		
(6)	A6 or smaller booklets fit.		
(7)	No alternatives found.		
(8)	Comes as a set.		
(9)	Due to the binding, an insert protrudes from the cover.		
(10)	The largest notebook in the test.		
(11)	A5 format inserts fit.		
(12)	Glued system, no exchange possible, new purchase necessary. Ring binding interferes with writing on the left side for right-handers, and vice versa for left-handers.		
(13)	Ring system allows free use of other deposits.		
(14)	Rigid notebook system, does not remain open by itself, difficult to use / describe.		
(15)	These are identical, i.e. identical products. The model of Belcraft comes with a seam in the case, the one from Tuscany Crafts without. There is also a price difference.		
(16)	There are different deposits.		
(17)	Very similar in structure, the leather is different but the Nomalite and 7Felicity are otherwise identical.		
(18)	No pocket available, but insert insert could be used for it.		
(19)			
(20)	Other inlays are possible, but handcraft work is required due to the binding of the ribbon.		
(21)	If the accessory is available (++), if not available (--).		