

How can I find what I want to buy?

You can find items on eBay by either searching or browsing. Each method has its advantages, depending on what you're looking for.

- **Searching** — If you're looking for a specific item, searching can help you find it fast. When you search on eBay, you enter two or three descriptive words about the item into a search box, and you receive search results that match those words. Searching also offers sophisticated options and commands that allow you to narrow your search in a variety of ways.
- **Browsing** — If you're not sure what you're looking for, or if you just want to window-shop or scroll through items, browsing is the way to go. When you browse on eBay, you click through categories and lists of items—exploring as you go—until you find something you're interested in.

. What's next?

Review your search or browse results. If you see an item you're interested in, click on the item title. An item page is displayed with the seller's description of the item. You can [bid on the item](#) or [buy it now](#) (if the Buy It Now option is offered).

Note: If you want to purchase or bid on an item, you'll need to register first.

Learn more about all of the things you can do with your [search and browse results](#).

About Your Search and Browse Results Page

When you search and browse for items, you get a list of results that includes a lot of information about each item. The results page also has tabs, links, and drop-down lists that allow you to reduce the number of items that are displayed on your results page. Understanding how eBay's results pages are organized will help you find items more efficiently.

There are two types of results pages:

- **Search:** When you search, results are ordered according to the time left for the listing. Items with the least amount of time remaining are at the top. You can change the sort order by changing the **Sort by** menu. To customize your default sort on a permanent basis, click the "Customize display" link to open the customization window. Then click the "Show" link next to **Advanced options**. Make your changes, then click the **Apply Changes** button.
- **Browse:** When you browse by category, your results are ordered according to the time the seller listed the item, with newly listed items near the top. Items are added every few hours. As new items are posted to that category, older listings move farther down in the listing order. As with search function, you can change the sort order by changing the **Sort by** menu. To customize your default sort on a permanent basis, click the "Customize display" link to open the customization window. Then click the "Show" link next to **Advanced options**. Make your changes, then click the **Apply Changes** button.

To learn how to search for passenger vehicles, motorcycles, powersports vehicles, other vehicles, or vehicle parts and accessories, go to [Searching on eBay Motors](#).