

# Consumer watchdog warns iPads hot to handle

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A customer tries the new Apple iPad at Apple's flagship store on Fifth Avenue, in New York, on March 16. A vaunted consumer watchdog organization on Tuesday warned that Apple's new iPad is a bit hot to handle.

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US nonprofit product testing group Consumer Reports reported that the new-generation [iPad](#) with its more powerful processor hit temperatures as high as 116 degrees Fahrenheit, particularly when running videogames.

"It does run warmer than its predecessor," Consumer Reports spokesman James McQueen said of the third-generation iPad.

"People need to exercise caution," he continued. "We are not saying it is a dangerous product, but 116 degrees can be a little uncomfortable."

Consumer reports said the new iPad got about 12 degrees warmer than the iPad 2 tablet while performing the same intensive tasks, such as videogames or downloading large files.

One rear corner of the new iPad appeared to be a hot spot.

Apple did not respond to AFP requests for comment, but prior to the release of the [Consumer Reports](#) thermal analysis issued a public statement saying that the new iPad operates "well within our thermal specifications."

Operating temperatures of the latest iPads were hot topics among Apple gadget owners at online forums.

"It does get pretty warm," a person using the screen name ShadowJeff wrote in a public chat at website MacRumors.com. "Hope Apple fixes it or something."

California-based Apple announced on Monday that it sold three million of its new iPad tablet computers over the course of its first weekend on the market.

"The new iPad is a blockbuster with three million sold -- the strongest iPad launch yet," said Apple senior vice president of worldwide marketing Philip Schiller.

The new iPad went on sale on Friday with [Apple](#) fans lining up from Sydney to San Francisco to snap up the latest model of the hot-selling [tablet computer](#).

The new iPad is available in Australia, the United States, France, Canada, Germany, Japan, Singapore, Switzerland, Britain and Hong Kong. It will go on sale in another two dozen countries on March 23.

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