

**Utah State Tax Commission  
Property Tax Division  
2020 Personal Property Classification Guide**

**Introduction**

Refer to the **2020** Recommended Personal Property Valuation Schedules for guidelines and requirements for the valuation of assessable personal property. Tax Commission Administrative Rule R884-24P-33 details requirements regarding personal property valuation guides and schedules pursuant to Utah Code Section 59-2-301. The administrative rule requires that valuation schedules are to be reviewed and updated annually by the Property Tax Division, and must be approved by the Tax Commission. Classification of personal property are also reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

Classifications in this guide may be used as examples for other like personal property not listed.

**Classification Schedules**

- Class 1 - Short Life Property : Property which is fungible in that it is difficult to determine which items are retired from service by age group. Such property is highly susceptible to breakage, loss, rapid wear and tear or subject to extreme obsolescence.
- Class 2 - Computer Integrated Machinery : Must meet the criteria listed on page C-6.
- Class 3 - Short Life Equipment : Electronic types of equipment and office machines subject to rapid functional economic obsolescence or items subject to severe wear and tear.
- Class 4 - This classification has been replaced with Class 28 : Non-Capitized Property
- Class 5 - Furniture and Trade Fixtures: Non mechanical furniture and trade fixtures subject to functional obsolescence due to style and design changes.
- Class 6 - Heavy and Medium Duty Trucks : Subject to a 1.5% (.015) State Wide Uniform Fee based on taxable value when registered. Assessed by Ad Valorem Tax rates when not registered.
- Class 8 - Machinery & Equipment and Medical & Dental Equipment : Used in production or processing industries having an economic life of 12 years or more but subject to functional and economic obsolescence as technologically advanced and more efficient equipment or machinery becomes available.  
Note : (Class 7 was merged with Class 8 in 2018)
- Class 9 - Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles : Subject to an Age Based State Wide Uniform Fee when registered.
- Class 9a - ATK Street Legal : Subject to an Age Based State Wide Uniform Fee when registered.
- Class 9b - Snowmobiles : Subject to an Age Based State Wide Uniform Fee when registered.
- Class 10 - Railroad Cars : These are generally considered Centrally Assessed, includes all types of railroad cars.
- Class 11 - Street Motorcycles : Subject to an Age Based State Wide Uniform Fee when registered.
- Class 12 - Computer Hardware : Data processing equipment, main frame computers, LAN systems, personal computers and peripherals subject to rapid functional and economical obsolescence.
- Class 13 - Heavy Equipment : Mobile machinery used in the construction, forestry, mining and quarry industries as well as equipment used in the processing of construction materials; i.e., cement and asphalt.
- NOTE : Class 14 - Motor Homes : Due to 2018 Legislation, this has been designated as Age Based Fees.

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- Class 15 - Semiconductor Manufacturing Equipment : Used exclusively in the production of semiconductor products.
- Class 16 - Long Life Property : Property having a long physical life, subject to little obsolescence.
- Class 17 - Vessels (Boats) : Vessels 31 feet & above in length: subject to a 1.5% (.015) Uniform Fee when registered.  
Class 17 - Vessels below 31feet in length are subject to Age Based Fee depending on length and type.
- Class 18 - Travel Trailers : Subject to an Age Based State Wide Uniform Fee when registered.  
Class 18a - Camping (Tent) Trailers : Subject to an Age Based State Wide Uniform Fee when registered.
- Class 20 - Petroleum & Natural Gas Exploration and Production Equipment : Used in the petroleum and gas exploration and production industry, subject to significant functional and economic obsolescence due to the volatile nature of the petroleum industry.
- Class 21 - Commercial Trailers : Subject to a 1.5% (.015) Uniform State Wide Fee based on taxable value when registered. Assessed by ad valorem tax rates when not registered.  
Class 21a - Other (Non-commercial) Trailers : Subject to an Age Based State Wide Uniform Fee when registered.
- Class 24 - Leasehold Improvements : Used only with leasehold improvements made to exempt property where the exemption does not apply to those improvements. See Tax Commission Administrative Rule R884-24P-32.
- Class 23 - Aircraft : Subject to an Aircraft Uniform Fee of \$25 when registered.
- Class 25 - Aircraft Parts Manufacturing Tools and Dies : Equipment and fixtures used to manufacture aircraft parts and components. Property in this class is generally subject to rapid physical, functional and economic obsolescence due to rapid technological and economic shifts in the aircraft parts manufacturing industry.
- Class 26 - Personal Watercraft : Subject to an Age Based State Wide Uniform Fee when registered.
- Class 27 - Electrical Power Generating Equipment and Fixtures : Equipment and fixtures used to generate consumer electrical power.
- Class 28 - Non-Capitalized Property : Non Capitalized personal property under IRS Code Section 162 &179 having an acquisition cost of \$1,000 or less. This election applies to all Classes of Property.**

**Applying The Recommended Schedules:**

Personal property subject to an ad valorem tax is classified according to its economic life. Taxable value is calculated by applying the acquisition cost against the percent good factor for the year of acquisition.

Assessable personal property subject to as valorem tax rates and valued using the Recommended Personal Property Valuation Schedules must be reported to the county assessor where the property has situs (where the property is located) on January 1st. Each county assessor provides a signed statement of assessable personal property for this purpose.

TABLE 1

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2020 Personal Property Percent Good Valuation Schedules by Class																	
	SHORT LIFE PROPERTY	COMPUTER INTEGRATED	SHORT LIFE EQUIPMT	FURNITURE & FIXTURES	HEAVY & MED DUTY TRUCKS	MACHINERY & EQ and MEDICAL & DENTAL EQ	RAIL CARS	COMPUTER HARDWARE	HEAVY EQUIPMENT	SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING	LONG LIFE PROPERTY	YACHTS & HOUSEBOATS	OIL & GAS EQUIPMENT	COMMERCIAL TRAILERS	LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS	AIRCRAFT TOOLING	NON-CAPITALIZATION
YR	1	2	3	5	6	8	10	12	13	15	16	17	20	21	24	25	28
2020					90%			NC		NC		90%		95%	NC		NC
2019	75%	95%	89%	96%	73%	97%	97%	62%	51%	47%	97%	70%	97%	86%	94%	89%	75%
2018	44%	85%	73%	87%	68%	91%	94%	46%	49%	34%	96%	68%	90%	82%	88%	73%	50%
2017	11%	73%	55%	77%	63%	82%	88%	21%	47%	24%	93%	66%	84%	78%	82%	56%	25%
2016		61%	37%	66%	59%	74%	81%	9%	45%	15%	88%	63%	76%	74%	77%	38%	0%
2015		50%	18%	57%	54%	66%	76%	7%	41%	6%	85%	61%	69%	68%	71%	20%	0%
2014		39%		47%	49%	59%	70%		39%		82%	59%	63%	66%	65%	4%	
2013		26%		35%	44%	48%	62%		37%		76%	57%	57%	62%	59%		
2012		13%		24%	40%	40%	56%		35%		72%	54%	48%	58%	54%		
2011				12%	35%	31%	50%		33%		65%	52%	42%	54%	48%		
2010					20%	22%	44%		31%		64%	50%	35%	51%	42%		
2009					15%	11%	37%		29%		59%	47%	28%	47%	36%		
2008					10%		29%		25%		58%	45%	20%	42%	30%		
2007					4%		20%		23%		53%	43%	11%	37%			
2006							9%		15%		47%	41%		34%			
2005											39%	38%		30%			
2004											31%	36%		20%			
2003											24%	34%					
2002											16%	32%					
2001											8%	29%					
2000												27%					
1999												22%					