

Prompt:

is surface laptop 6 (for business) known to have a shitty battery life?

Response:

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Mixed reputation, leaning toward "not great" for an Intel business laptop.

Microsoft claims up to 18.5 hours on the 13.5" model, but that's a best-case marketing number. Real-world reports are much lower: most reviewers land around 7–10 hours of moderate use, and there's a Microsoft Q&A thread from a business customer reporting 4 hours or less on their unit (likely a specific hardware/config issue, not the norm). It's also notably behind Qualcomm ARM-based Surface models (Laptop 7 with Snapdragon X), which get 14+ hours — the Intel-based Laptop 6 gives up a lot of battery life for x86 compatibility.

Bottom line: fine for someone who's near an outlet most of the day, but not the pick if you need a full day unplugged. If all-day battery matters more than x86 app compatibility, the ARM-based Surface Laptop 7 is the better bet.

Sources:

- [New Surface Laptop 6 for Business has a battery life of 4 hours or less – Microsoft Q&A](#)
- [Surface Laptop 6 for Business Review \(2026\) – iFeeltech](#)
- [Microsoft Surface Laptop 6 Review: Battery, Display, Value – FeatureLens](#)
- [Microsoft Surface Laptop 6 – A Comprehensive Review – The Cloud Admin](#)

Prompt:

i can't get an hour using 15". tech support was useless. is there a place where i can post about this?

Options, roughly in order of how much traction they tend to get:

Microsoft's own Feedback Hub or the Microsoft Q&A / Answers forums (you already found one relevant thread there) — Microsoft engineers occasionally monitor these.

r/Surface and r/MicrosoftSurface on Reddit — active communities, often faster and more candid than official support, and good for finding others with the same issue (that 4-hour thread suggests you're not alone).

Microsoft Tech Community (techcommunity.microsoft.com) — more business/IT-pro focused, good if you want to flag it as an enterprise device issue.

If you bought it through a business/volume licensing channel, your account rep or Microsoft 365 admin support line sometimes gets better escalation than consumer tech support.

Before posting, worth checking Task Manager > battery report (run `powercfg /batteryreport` in Command Prompt) — it'll show design capacity vs. current full charge capacity. If the battery has degraded significantly or a background process is draining it, that's useful info to include and might also point to a fix (bad driver, runaway process, etc.) rather than a hardware replacement being your only path.

Want help drafting a post for one of these, or walking through the battery report first?

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is there a way to test battery with absolutely minimum useage?

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Yes — a few ways, in order of rigor:

1. Battery report (easiest, no active testing needed)

Run this in Command Prompt or PowerShell:

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powercfg /batteryreport
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It generates an HTML file (path shown in output) with design capacity vs. full charge capacity, and — most usefully — a "Battery usage" and "Usage history" table showing

actual drain rate over recent sessions, including active vs. standby drain. This alone often reveals whether you have a capacity problem or a drain-while-idle problem.

2. Idle drain test (minimum usage)

- Charge to 100%, unplug.
- Turn on airplane mode, set screen brightness low, close all apps.
- Let it sit completely idle (don't touch it) for a fixed period — say 1 hour.
- Check `powercfg /batteryreport` again or just look at battery % — calculate % drained per hour.
- A healthy modern laptop should lose only a few percent per hour idle. If you're seeing double-digit drain per hour doing nothing, that points to a background process, driver, or hardware fault — not "usage."

3. Sleep drain test

- Charge to 100%, close the lid (sleep), leave overnight.
- Check battery % in the morning. Should lose only a few percent overnight in modern standby. Big drops here are a classic Surface complaint (background wake activity).

4. Energy report (find what's draining it)

`powercfg /energy`

Runs a 60-second scan and flags power-management issues — problem drivers, USB devices preventing sleep, etc.

If idle/sleep drain is high, that's strong, specific evidence to bring to Microsoft or post publicly — much more compelling than "battery only lasts an hour."

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please review the attached file and interpret it for me

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Good data here — this backs up what you're experiencing, and it's not user error. Key numbers:

Battery health is fine. Design capacity 47,700 mWh vs. full charge capacity 40,440 mWh = 84.8% remaining at 134 cycles. That's normal wear, not your problem.

Active-use battery life is the real issue. The report's own "battery life estimate since OS install" (based on your actual usage) is just **3 hours 1 minute** at full charge, active use. Recent daily estimates: Aug 3 → 4:05, Aug 4 → 4:00, Aug 5 → 3:15, Aug 6 → 2:12. Microsoft claims 18.5 hours. You're getting roughly 15–20% of the advertised number — this isn't "close enough for real-world use," it's a genuine fault.

Standby drain is erratic and sometimes very bad. Looking at the overnight session logged Aug 5–6: the laptop went into Connected Standby (lid closed/screen off, should sip power) and still lost battery at 5–10% per hour in several stretches — dropping from 80% to 3% in under 10 hours despite spending most of that time asleep, not active. Healthy modern standby should lose only a percent or two per hour. This pattern (fine some days, terrible others) points to something — a driver, a background service, or a Windows Update process — periodically waking the machine and burning power while it's supposed to be idle.

Bottom line: battery chemistry is healthy; the drain behavior isn't. This is exactly the kind of report worth attaching when you post — "3-hour active estimate vs. 18.5-hour spec, plus 5–10%/hr connected-standby drain" is concrete and hard for support to wave away. Worth trying: powercfg /energy to catch the specific process/driver keeping it awake, and checking Device Manager > Network adapters for "Allow this device to wake the computer" settings (a common culprit on Surface devices).

Prompt:

this is not about the computer waking. i tried to do an active video call and it went from full charge to approximately 25% in an hour

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Yes, worth checking — it may exist even without an email trail.

Try this first: go to support.microsoft.com/en-us/home/contact, sign in with the same Microsoft account you used at the time, and look for "Request History" or "Service requests." That should list prior support cases tied to your account, with case numbers, even if you deleted or can't find the emails.

If this was through a business/volume-licensing channel: check the Microsoft 365 Admin Center or Services Hub Dashboard under "Support" > "Manage Support Requests" / "View Case History" — business accounts tend to have more complete case history than personal ones.

Caveat: personal Microsoft accounts don't have a fully centralized case dashboard the way business accounts do, so this isn't guaranteed to show everything — but it's worth checking before assuming you have no record. If nothing shows up, it may also have been logged under a phone call or chat that isn't tied to your account login at all.

Fallback if nothing turns up: you can still call and say "I contacted you about this in [month] regarding [device], while under warranty — I don't have the case number, can you search by my device serial number or account for prior contacts?" Support reps can often search their own system by serial number or phone/email used, even without you providing a case ID.

Sources:

- [How do you find support history to re-open a case number? – Microsoft Q&A](#)
- [How to access my support request record in my Microsoft account – Microsoft Q&A](#)
- [Overview of My Cases and Support – Microsoft Learn](#)

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please find a phone number for me to call.

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Confirmed from Microsoft's official page (assuming US, since your account is set up that way — let me know if you're elsewhere).

United States, general Microsoft support: 1-800-865-9408 (toll free), or 1-855-270-0615 (toll free).

For Surface specifically, that general line will route you correctly, but since this is a "for Business" device you may get faster, more relevant handling by asking specifically to be routed to Surface Commercial/Business support when you call — mention it's a Surface Laptop 6 for Business and that you have a prior case you want reopened.

One practical tip given your last experience was "useless": when you get through, ask directly for the case to be escalated to a hardware/depot repair specialist rather than a general tier-1 troubleshooting agent — tier-1 scripts won't get you anywhere with a documented, reproducible hardware fault like this.

Sources:

- [Contact Microsoft customer support – official phone number list](#)

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Uploads

battery-report.html

Connectors

Web Search