

Which Cell Phone Should I Buy?

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This is a question that many of us try to find an answer to each time we decide to update our cell phone. There are many sources readily available and eager to provide an answer, but can you be sure the answer will meet your preferences and needs? I would suggest there are two questions that you need to answer before you start your research:

#1 How do I plan to use the phone?

#2 How much am I prepared to spend?

We are fortunate at this point in the evolution of cell phones that there are many smartphones that offer many amazing features which are not available on the chocolate bar or flip style phones that got cell phones started. The price can vary from about \$100 to more than \$2000. Adding more features and improving quality, adds to the cost so you may decide what features and high ratings level you do not need in order to reduce the cost.

All Smartphones, with few if any exceptions, will have the following features;

*Telephone, Text, E-mail, 2 Cameras, Virtual KeyBoard, WiFi, Blue tooth, Wireless Internet connection, Browsing, GPS, Settings, Security Controls, Updating of Operating System and Apps, Storage, Date/Clock and **Access to many Apps.***

Replacing a Flip or Chocolate Cell Phone

Although you may have little interest in using your cell phone for more than an emergency device, I would encourage you to upgrade to at least a cheap Smartphone. The purchase cost can be minimally more, your current cell plan should work and your monthly cost will be unchanged. There may be a change required in your SIM card which the smartphone vender or your cell phone vender may be able to solve for you.

Once you are using your new Smartphone, show it to friends and family to show them that you are adventuresome and progressive. Also try some of the features such as taking pictures, setting an alarm, check the weather forecast or your email, find where you parked your car at the mall, find the closest washroom and so on. Yes you may need some assistance to learn how to do some of these suggestion, but that is why you are a member of Bits & Bytes and you are here to day.

Without data in your phone plan, all of the features will work fully where ever you can connect to WiFi. It is by using a Smartphone, that you will become aware of what you want for your next Smartphone. Below, I have drafted a list of the popular features on all smartphones. This is a very personalized list so delete or add to it as you choose. The task is to rate the quality and satisfaction of the various features that are important to you on the smartphones you are considering.

Feature				
Price				
Size of the smartphone				
Ruggedness – screen, phone, controls, drop test, etc.				
Audio quality – voice, music, videos				
Camera - resolution, accuracy of colour, video, features				
Data Handling – amount of space, speed				
Operating system - speed, backward compatibility				
Quality and safety of Apps				
Security – privacy, data				
Accessories available				

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Feature	iPhone			
Price	High to very high			
Size of the smartphone	Small to very large			
Ruggedness – screen, phone, controls, drop test, etc.	Excellent			
Audio quality – voice, music, videos	Very Good			
Camera - resolution, accuracy of colour, video, features	Excellent			
Data Handling – amount of space, speed	Varied, Fast Built in			
Operating system - speed, backward compatibility	Fast Many generations			
Quality and safety of Apps	Controlled by Apple			
Security – privacy, data	Above average			
Accessories available	Many			
Ease of use	Very Good			