

Checklist: 10 things to verify before buying a smartphone

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- ☐ **Promised updates and their length**
How many years of system and security updates the maker guarantees - and since when they count (model release, not your purchase).
- ☐ **Display refresh rate**
90 or 120 Hz feels far smoother than 60 Hz. Older base iPhones (16 and below, 16e) still have 60 Hz.
- ☐ **Storage of at least 128 GB**
Photos and apps grow; 64 GB fills up within a year. Check whether a memory card fits (most pricier models do not take one).
- ☐ **Memory (RAM)**
Below 6 GB on Android expect stutter when switching apps. 8 GB is the sensible mid-range standard.
- ☐ **Real battery life**
Do not judge by mAh - look for independent battery tests of the exact model. Check charging speed and whether a charger is included.
- ☐ **Camera quality according to tests**
Megapixels say nothing. The sensor and software decide - look at comparison photos, especially in low light.
- ☐ **NFC, 5G, eSIM and other equipment**
Card payments (NFC) are missing on some cheap models. eSIM helps when travelling; verify your carrier bands too.
- ☐ **A brand with backing and service**
Unknown brand = uncertainty about updates, service and spare parts. The euro saved returns as a worry.
- ☐ **Reviews of the exact model**
Not the brand - the exact model and storage variant. Search "model name problems" to avoid surprises.
- ☐ **Price elsewhere and release date**
A model just before its successor gets much cheaper - sometimes waiting a month pays off. Compare at least three shops.

We will help with the choice and with moving data to the new device.

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