

Cellphone Features Worth Having

You want to get that new cellphone but are unsure about the features you may need. For a great many people, sleek design, style, and capabilities such as text messaging, Internet and music are very important. Make up your mind before you walk into that store or order your cellphone online. Take the time to assess what it is that you really want because you may be living with your cellphone buying decision for quite some time.

Some cellphone characteristics are important to everyone and all consumers should carefully check things like:

Battery Life - How many hours between recharging and how long will the battery itself last? Is the battery replaceable? In certain cases, when a battery's life is over, it may be more economical to purchase a new phone than to replace the battery.

Durability - Will the phone handle daily wear and tear? Is it resistant to drops or scratches? Before making your purchase, ask about the warranty on the cellphone. Be sure to find out what is covered and if they will loan you another phone should yours need repair.

Keypad - Is the keypad easy to see and use? Are the numbers or buttons large enough to access easily? Can I use it with one hand?

Screen - Is the screen display of good quality? Will I be able to clearly read my messages, see pictures in different light conditions, etc?

Size - Is it convenient? Will it fit into my bag or purse? Can I put it in my pocket? Is it easy to hold onto while talking?

Another cellphone characteristic to consider is how the cellphone opens. There are various options, such as cellphones that flip, slide or swivel. You may also choose an open-face cellphone that does not require to be opened at all. Personal digital assistants (PDAs) are also another option that can function as both a personal organizer, a cellphone and email device (e.g. "BlackBerry", "iPhone", registered trademarks).

When choosing a cellphone, it is essential to think about the features that you plan to subscribe to with your cellphone service. Some phones for example, may not be equipped with capabilities for text messaging, a camera or music. Ask the salesperson about the capabilities of the phone before you choose.

You should also keep in mind that if you have committed to a contract, you are usually eligible to upgrade your phone after a certain time for a reduced cost. However, the contract term will be renewed starting from the date of the purchase of the phone. Remember to ask your provider for details.

A cellphone can be based on analog or digital technology. Digital technology is more recent and advanced than analog, however some phones use analog technology when the digital mode is not connecting. In general, only older phones use only analog technology. For phone users who will be traveling often, especially outside of North America, a phone with GSM (global system for mobile communications) technology might be a good choice.

Coverage in any given place for the various types of technology can vary considerably so be sure to check with your provider. There are also various accessories that you can purchase to use with your phone. For example, a case, headset, battery charger, etc. A good tip is to always make sure that any accessories that you purchase are compatible with your cellphone.

Last but not least, check out your cellphone's warranty very carefully. A warranty is a written guarantee to the purchaser of the cellphone, promising to replace or repair the cellphone, if necessary within a specified period. A manufacturer's warranty is the guarantee that comes from the manufacturer of the cellphone you have purchased. An extended warranty is one that you may decide to purchase from the store at which you bought the item. The terms of warranties vary so read your warranty carefully to find out what is and isn't covered and for how long.

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