

iPhone XS Review



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The iPhone XS and XS max are the latest phones launched by apple last year. These phones also have brought much needed feature upgrades that were needed by apple's previous flagship models. Though compared to current set of choices among smartphones, the iPhone XS isn't a winner in all aspects but it does strike a right balance when it comes to screen size and body ratio which is very important for user experience now a days.

Though when its predecessor iPhone X was launched, apple set a standard for majority of flagship devices by managing to pack edge-to-edge display, replacing the top bezel with a notch and doing away with the home button. This year as well, apple has managed to woo the competition by making iPhone XS more powerful by using its A12 bionic processor, IP68 water protection and a massive 5.8 inch super retina display. Apart from that apple has also added a brand new gold colour to its current line up which honestly looks really good and has a premium appeal to it.

As far as the camera is concerned, the iPhone Xs has a dual camera setup (wide-angle lens and telephoto lens) which is capable of shooting 4K videos at 60fps. On the front side it sports a 7MP – TrueDepth camera which can shoot photos and videos at 1080p. This year's iPhone also comes with dual sim capability but with a twist i.e the iPhone XS only accepts the combination of Nano-SIM along with eSIM card.

Furthermore the iPhone Xs comes in 3 beautiful finishes – Gold, Silver & Space Grey along with 3 storage options – 64GB, 256GB and 512GB. Though a 128GB option would be much better as I think now a days, 64GB wont be enough to use iPhone Xs at its full capacity.

Coming to its design, this year's iPhone with the surgical-grade stainless steel but the screen and rear glass has a new formulation of glass which Apple says is the toughest ever used in a phone. The water-resistance has also been improved to IP68, up from IP67, therefore allowing it to be submerged at a depth of 2m for upto 30 minutes.

Performance wise, the all new A12 bionic processor is 15% faster than the previous A11 chip. With 8 cores, it is also 50% faster in terms of graphics performance and has 50% lower power usage in efficiency cores. According to apple the A12 chip is capable of processing upto trillion operations per second, considerably up from the 600 billion which the A11 could handle. This amount of powerful processing will also allow us to see more augmented reality based apps in the future. Moreover battery life has also been improved a little bit, allowing an additional 30 min extra screen time.

Key Specifications –

- Display – 5.80-inch (1125 x 2436)
- Processor – Apple A12 Bionic
- Front Camera – 7MP
- Rear Camera – 12MP + 12MP (Wide-angle and Telephoto)

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- Storage – 64GB, 256GB, 512GB
 - iOS 12
 - Price – Starting from ₹99,900
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Apple Watch Series 1 Review



Apple Watch Series, the wearable technology lineup of Apple, that started in 2015 has become immensely popular among all the generation. With over 50% Market share, It has clearly dominated the wearable technology Sector. As long as you're expecting iPhone tied convenience gadget, Apple watch is a fantastic piece of technology and is more focussed towards people who are fitness oriented.

Design

The Apple Watch comes in 2 standard sizes : 38mm and 42mm ,

both are identical with the only difference in the screen resolution. Apple Watch starts from Rs.18994 onwards all the way to over 1 lakh depending upon the material you choose (Aluminium, Stainless Steel, Ceramic and Gold).

Display

Apple Watch uses the OLED technology. With OLED only the pixels used are turned on, and fewer pixels equals less battery drain.

Lightweight

Personally after wearing it for a while I really loved that unlike other tech watches, it doesn't feel heavy. Indeed with its gorgeous design, it also has that premium feeling that I really liked a lot

Call

I don't really use this feature quite a lot but apple do provide support for calling. The only downside is that you need to have iPhone within a certain range to make it functional.



Music

This is one of the feature that I use quite frequently. The UI

is pretty intuitive and with its seamless integration with the iPhone Music. I can easily listen up all my favourite tracks on the apple watch as well.

Health

Equipped with the heart rate sensor, It automatically records my heartbeat, calories, step-count. Personally this is one of the best feature for someone who is a fitness freak and like to keep track of his/her health activities

Mail

The Mail functionality is pretty neat as it allows you to check mails on the go. It also notifies you with its Taptic engine whenever a new mail comes in.

Messaging

The Messaging app in general is nice. It easily notifies you about any messages from any social platform such as WhatsApp, iMessage, Messenger etc. No Doubt, Apple Watch is a great piece of technology and after using it for a while I personally feel that although its is really useful in fitness related activities and in general as well. However the only drawback I do feel is that the battery runs out pretty quickly , therefore you need to charge it up in the night in-order to use it the next day but overall I really liked it.

Key Specifications

- Internal Storage and RAM – 512 M | 8 GB
- Water Resistance – IPX7 water resistant
- Display – 390 x 312 pixels, 303 ppi OLED display
- Display 3D Touch Support along with brightness upto 450 nits
- Processor – Dual-core 520 MHz Cortex-A7 and Apple S1P Chip

iPad Pro (11 inch) Review



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What's New

- Completely Redesigned iPad
- Comes in 12.9 and 11-inch variant
- A12x Bionic Octa-core processor
- Edge to Edge display
- 2388 x 1668 pixels, 264ppi Retina LCD display
- Face ID
- USB Type C port
- Up to 1 TB internal storage

Apple released two very interesting tablets last year, that could be one of the best tablets ever made. With its all-new

design, edge to edge display, Face ID, 4 speakers, USB type C Port it packs quite a lot of features. From specs, impression and design. Here's everything you need to know about the iPad Pro 2018 model.

Price

In India, the 11-inch iPad Pro (non-cellular version) starts at around ₹ 71,900 with 64 GB storage and crosses 1 Lakh mark for 1 TB storage at ₹ 1,39,900. While the bigger model (12.9 inch) retails at Rs. 85,900 for the base 64 GB storage option.

Design

Since its release, the iPad has looked pretty much the same. However, I am glad that 2018 was the year of change for the iPad for its biggest makeover yet. Following the design of the iPhone X, the iPad no longer features a physical home button nor a 3.5 mm headphone jack. This was indeed replaced by a seamless liquid retina edge to edge display which in my opinion looks much better. This also makes the previous generations iPad look outdated in terms of design. Though the bezels aren't overly small this gives you a little bit extra room to hold the tablet without touching the screen accidentally. The iPad Pro also comes in 2 sizes (11 and 12.9 inches) along with 2 beautiful variants – silver and space grey.

Display

The iPad Pro features a 264ppi "Liquid Retina Display", which quoting from apple, allows the screen to "follow the curves of the device, while a new backlight design allows the display to extend into the corners.". Moreover, the iPad also packs in apple's ProMotion display allowing a refresh rate of up to 120 Hz, thus allowing gamers and designers to experience a much faster refresh rate while using iPad Pro. At the same time, the viewing angles are also very wide and colour reproduction is excellent. Overall the edge to edge display is outstanding

and accounts for much better user experience.

Camera

On the backside, the iPad pro has a 12 MP camera (which I find slightly more protruding) whereas there is a 7MP true depth camera on the front. Though I think the back camera in comparison, gained only minor improvements, retaining the same 12 megapixels as the previous generations iPads. Apart from that the camera is equipped with Smart HDR and is also capable of recording 4K video at up to 60fps which is double the frame rate from last year.

Features

Powered by A12X bionic chip and a 7-core GPU, the graphics performance of the iPad Pro has been 2x than the last year's iPad. The iPad Pro also comes with Face ID which Apple says is more fast and secure than the Touch ID used in its predecessors model. Moreover, the Face ID is also capable of recognizing the face in both portrait and landscape mode which I find pretty handy. Furthermore, the introduction of USB type C which allows iPad Pro to connect to an external monitor, transfer images from memory cards into Photos, use a wired keyboard or even connect to an Ethernet network. As for audio, the new iPad Pro models come with a four-speaker setup that houses two woofers and two tweeters offering wider stereo sound.

Overall, all the aspects of the 2018 iPad pro are pretty good. Liquid Retina display, 120 Hz refresh rate, the cameras, Face ID, Stereo Speakers all makes it one of the best tablet out there. Though the only downside is its pricing which as mentioned earlier crosses the ₹ 1 Lakh + mark thus making it accessible to only people with a high-end budget.

Key Specifications –

- Display – 12.9 inches (2048 x 2732 pixels)

- Processor – Apple A12X Bionic Processor
 - Front Camera – 7MP
 - Rear Camera – 12MP, HDR
 - Storage and RAM – 1 TB, 6 GB RAM or 64/256/512 GB, 4 GB RAM
 - iOS 12
 - Colours – Silver, Space Grey
 - Price – Starting from ₹99,900
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AirPods (Generation 2) Review



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What's New

- Wireless Charging
- All-new Apple's H1 Chip

- Voice Activated “Hey Siri”
- Improved talk time
- Faster Connectivity with Bluetooth 5.0

Introduction

After 2 years since the introduction of AirPods, apple’s new AirPods have arrived this year. Though from a design perspective, nothing much has changed but apple has packed it with some pretty powerful features. Let’s take a closer look at its specifications.

Price

The 2nd Generation of AirPods is priced at ₹18,900. This time the AirPods come with the wireless charging case instead of the standard AirPods case. With this move, Apple is shifting towards a complete wireless lifestyle, thus no longer you have to struggle to find those strangled wires.

Design

Coming to its design, apart from some minor changes in the AirPod case, nothing much has changed since its predecessor. AirPods look pretty much identical to its first generation.

Performance

However in terms of performance, AirPods now comes with apple’s all-new H1 chipset, which according to apple allows a faster connection, lower latency and up to 50 percent more talk time compared to the 1st generation AirPods and even enables hands-free “Hey Siri” feature which I find pretty handy during the workout. Additionally, the chip allows faster switching between your iPhone and Apple Watch. You can also connect these AirPods to apple tv, iPad or even MacBook. Apart from that even if you are an android user, you can still connect them with your smartphone thus making AirPods compatible with almost all the smartphones out there.

Sound Quality

Considering how loud these can get, I'm impressed with the highs. Just like the regular wired EarPods, the mids are given a huge boost in these. Overall the AirPods have a very consumer-friendly sound, making it a perfect companion for the workout.

Verdict

Overall the AirPods are very easy to use, easy to carry and even easy to charge. Apart from that the charging case is amazingly built and easy to carry (removing one bud to pause or play music works perfectly) and the connection rarely drops. Plus, the 2nd generation of AirPods gives even more battery life and you can charge the case wirelessly which is a nice little addition.

Key Specifications –

- Battery life (talk) – 3 hours
- Weight – 4g
- Battery life (music) – 5 hours
- Chipset – Apple H1
- Bluetooth version 5.0
- Siri connection – Voice-activated or double-tap
- Wireless charging
- For iOS 12.2 or later
- Apple TV support – Yes