

iPhone 7 and 7 Plus

Apple announced new *iPhones* this month and once again the question is, should you replace your current *iPhone* with one of the new models? I think all *iPhones* are great smartphones so my recommendation is usually to only get a new *iPhone* when it is time for you to get a new phone. In other words, don't replace a perfectly fine *iPhone* that is less then 2 years old and working fine for you. Only replace it if your *iPhone* is older than 2 years or there is some problem with it (button does not work, battery does not stay charged, cracked screen, etc.). That will push you into upgrading your *iPhone*.

New Features

If you are in the market for a new *iPhone* you can still purchase the 4" *iPhone SE*, the 4.7" *iPhone 6S* and the 5.5" *iPhone 6 Plus* for less. But if you want the latest and greatest, here are some of the new features in the 4.7" *iPhone 7* and 5.5" *7 Plus*. To compare the different *iPhone* models click here.

Headphone Jack

The big news with the new *iPhone 7* and *7 Plus* is the absence of a headphone jack. Most people probably don't use the headphone jack very often. But for some this will be a major inconvenience. To use wired headphones, the *Square* credit card reader for businesses or other headphone accessories, you will need to use the Lightning port adapter that comes with the new *iPhone*. This is one more wire to keep track of.



Lightning-to-3.5 mm adapter

Instead of using an adapter with the wired headphones, *Apple* will start selling wireless headphones for \$150. It is hard to say whether the *AirPods* will be popular or not since they look a little funny sticking out of people's ears and are easy to loose.



AirPods, Wireless Headphones

Water Resistant

Now you can get the *iPhone* wet and it will not get damaged. If you use it out in the rain or drop it in the bathtub by mistake, no problem. The phone will still work.

Stereo Speakers

There is now a speaker on the top as well as the bottom of the phone for better sound.

Better Camera

Both the *iPhone 7* and *7 Plus* have new improved cameras especially for low light shots. The *7 Plus* also has two camera lens for greater depth of field and zoom.

iOS 10

With every new *iPhone* and *iPad* model comes a new operating system. That is the software that runs the device. The software that runs them is called *iOS* and it can be installed on *iPhone 5* or later, *iPad 4*th generation

or later, *iPad mini 2* or later, *iPad Pro* range and the 6th generation *iPod touch* or later. It is fine to run a new *iOS* on a new device, but I usually recommend waiting a month or so before upgrading older devices so we can see if there are any problems running *iOS 10* on older *iPhones* and *iPads*. So when you see a message on the screen of your older *iPhone* or *iPad* to upgrade to *iOS 10*, don't do it just yet. Let's wait for the dust to settle before we jump in. Here is a quick list of the new features that you will find in *iOS 10*.

New Features in iOS 10

- New Notifications
- iMessage Overhaul
- Smarter Siri
- Apple Photos challenges Google Photos on Android phones
- Apple Maps improves
- Polished Apple Music
- Collaborative Notes
- Clever Clock
- iPad Specific Upgrades

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