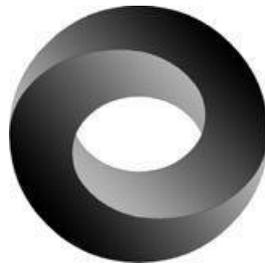




**Purchasing An iPhone From Apple
A Handy First-Time Buyer's Guide**

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1. Purpose

1.1. Introduction

This document provides a guided overview for the purchase of an iPhone from Apple. It covers the key issues and topics a consumer would usually experience while performing this task. This guide only provides useful information on purchasing an iPhone from Apple's website. The scope of this guide does not cover using the iPhone itself.

1.2. Audience and Assumptions

The user (reader) of this guide is assumed to be a first-time buyer of an iPhone who has chosen to make this purchase on Apple's website and webstore.

A consumer can purchase an iPhone from a big box store such as *Costco* or *Target*, or at any retail website that sells iPhones, such as *BestBuy.com* or *Amazon.com*. If these alternatives were considered, the scope of this guide would expand greatly. Also, there are definite advantages to making this purchase at *Apple.com*, as described in this guide.

The user is assumed to be a regular user of the internet and the most common browsers available, including Mozilla *Firefox*, Google *Chrome*, Apple *Opera*, Microsoft *Edge*, and others. So the most basic types of browsing activities such as links (hyperlinks), navigation, searching, scrolling, cutting and pasting, etc. are not explicitly described.

Lastly, since the user is a first-time buyer of an iPhone, the user will do this task on a generic PC, Linux workstation, or Mac, but not on a Smartphone.

1.3. Terminology

While shopping you may encounter some terminology or word usage that may be unfamiliar. Some of the most common terms are defined here.

Carrier	A specific cell phone network signal type and technology in the SIM card used by a corporate entity to differentiate itself from other incompatible cell phone Carrier network Service Providers.
Cell phone	A handheld device with a bound Carrier network SIM card capable of making and receiving both calls and text messages, but with no internet connectivity.
IMEI	The International Mobile Equipment Identifier is a 15-digit number that is linked to your mobile phone, but not the SIM card. Changing the SIM card to switch to another Carrier will not affect the IMEI.

IMSI	The International Mobile Subscriber Identity is a 15 digit unique identification number for a Carrier cellular network and SIM card. This number is linked to the SIM card and not the user. The IMSI is stored on the SIM card.
Locked Phone	A locked phone is bound to one Carrier network and cannot be bound to another Carrier network, unless it is first unlocked. A locked phone is less versatile and thus less valuable than an unlocked phone. Carrier Service Providers generally have a lower upfront cost for a locked phone.
Service Provider	A specific corporate entity offering bound cell phone Carrier network connectivity, e.g.: <i>AT&T</i> or <i>Verizon</i> . This term is sometimes used synonymously with Carrier.
SIM Card	A SIM (Subscriber Identity Module) card acts as a digital key, allowing a mobile device to connect to a Carrier cellular network by securely storing your phone number and a unique identification number (IMSI). This connection enables you to make calls, send texts, connect to the internet, and use mobile data with your Carrier using the card's information to authenticate your account for billing and service. The card also holds other network-specific data and can store contacts and text messages.
Smartphone	A handheld device with a bound Carrier network SIM card, with all cell phone functionalities plus internet connectivity, data services, searching, and email services. Typically, Wi-Fi and Bluetooth connectivity are also provided.
Unlocked Phone	A phone that is not bound to a specific Carrier network and can be bound to any valid Carrier network Service Provider using the proper SIM card. Unlocked phones are more flexible and versatile and thus considered more valuable than locked phones.

2. Key Data And Step-by-Step Instructions

2.1. Apple Website Advantages

This guide is focused on purchasing an iPhone using Apple's website, [Apple.com](https://www.apple.com). There are several distinct and useful advantages to this approach, and they are summarized here.

2.1.1. All Carrier Choices

Some stores and websites have agreements with some Service Providers to prefer and promote them. For example, *AT&T* and *Verizon* both only sell iPhones bound to their Carrier. Apple provides iPhones that are unlocked or bound to the Carrier you prefer. This includes:

- ***AT&T***
- ***Boost Mobile***
- ***T-Mobile***
- ***Verizon***
- ***Unlocked***

With an unlocked iPhone, you may be able to get it bound to your local cable TV provider with cell phone service (for example, *Spectrum*).

2.1.2. Better And Faster Service

Other iPhone retailers get their products from Apple. By purchasing directly from Apple, you have full and timely access to Apple's inventory. Some retailers may discount the iPhone itself but may overcharge on services or accessories, or they may not offer some accessories or services. By shopping at Apple, you have ready access to all iPhone services and accessories, providing the time-saving benefit of one-stop shopping.

Apple offers several iPhone models in a selection of colors and features. Consider these new models:



iPhone 17 Pro



iPhone Air



iPhone 17

Other retailers may not offer Apple's full model lineup or availability.

2.1.3. More Plans and Financing Choices

Apple provides consumers with a full set of financial choices that other retailers can't match. These include:

- Trade-in offers for your current phone
- Pay overtime interest free with an **Apple Card**
- Specific Carrier Deals with major discounts or purchase credits
- AppleCare, AppleCare+. AppleCare+ with Theft and Loss

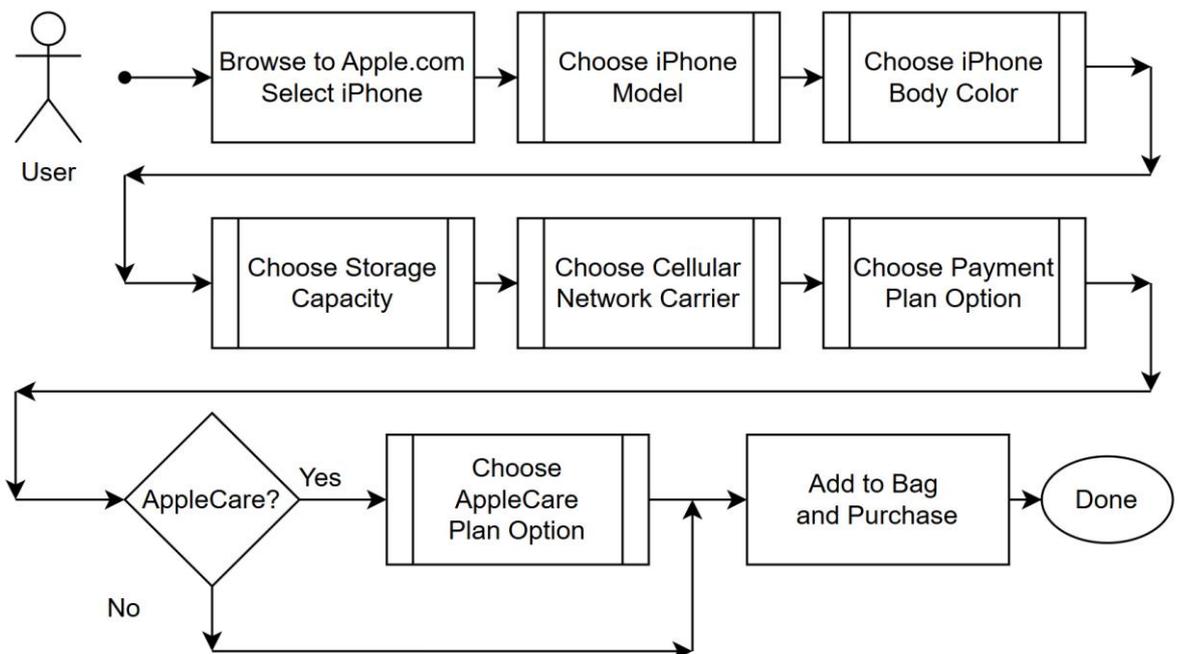
2.1.4. Delivery Method and Deliverables

Apple offers flexible delivery methods for you to receive your iPhone with accessories and get it serviced or upgraded. This includes AppleCare insurance plans. Other retailers may not provide these choices or services.

2.2. Purchasing the iPhone at Apple.com

This guide has step-by-step procedures to buy your iPhone using Apple's website [Apple.com](https://www.apple.com). All of the basic information you need is available on this website. This document has key data and sources of information you will need.

This basic workflow diagram illustrates the steps needed to buy an iPhone from Apple's website:



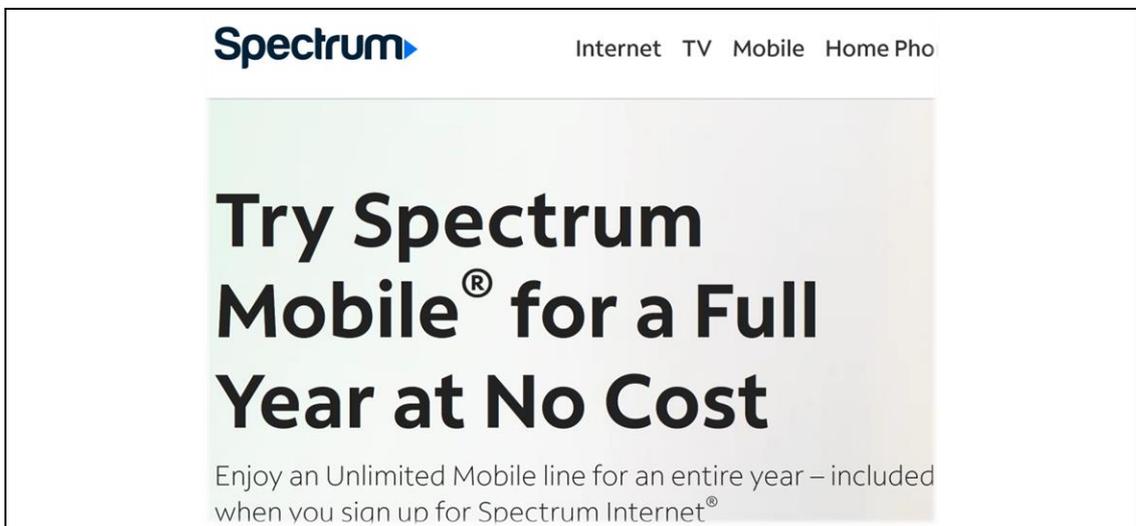
For a first-time buyer, there is no need to show the trade-in step in the workflow. Also, there is an independent step to purchase accessories. Since this can be done at any time, it is not in this workflow diagram.

2.2.1. Choose Your Carrier Service Provider

Apple makes, sells and supports the iPhone but it does not offer Carrier services to iPhone consumers. Apple does offer unlocked phones with no Carrier Service Provider, or locked phones with the appropriate SIM card for the major Carrier Service Providers.

2.2.1.1. Unlocked iPhone (no Carrier Service Provider)

If you purchase an unlocked phone, it will not have a SIM card or an accompanying Carrier Service Provider agreement and plan. You will need to get a SIM card and a Carrier Service Provider yourself. Unlocked phones usually come at a higher price, but you have some advantages. For example, Cable TV / Streaming providers such as [Spectrum](#) have local cell phone network services at potentially lower cost when bundled with other services such as TV, internet service, Video over IP (VOIP), etc.



The image is a screenshot of a Spectrum website advertisement. At the top left is the Spectrum logo. To its right are navigation links for 'Internet', 'TV', 'Mobile', and 'Home Pho'. The main text of the ad reads: 'Try Spectrum Mobile® for a Full Year at No Cost'. Below this, in smaller text, it says: 'Enjoy an Unlimited Mobile line for an entire year – included when you sign up for Spectrum Internet®'.

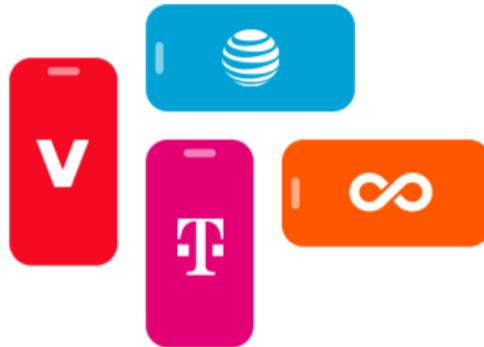
You will need to arrange for such a third-party Carrier Service Provider yourself. Apple only offers unlocked iPhones. It does not offer iPhone deals to customers that include these types of Carrier Service Providers. Also, if you buy a locked phone bound to a Carrier, you can have it unlocked for connection to a third-party Carrier Service Provider. You must contact the third-party Carrier Service Provider in your local area yourself.

2.2.1.2. Locked iPhone (with a Carrier Service Provider)

Apple makes it easy for you to choose both the iPhone you need and the Carrier Service Provider you want. Apple offers iPhones that are locked with the corresponding SIM cards for all of the major Service Providers. These Carriers are:

- **AT&T – the original iPhone Service Provider**
- **Boost Mobile – the newest and most competitive iPhone Service Provider**

- **T-Mobile – now larger after merging with Sprint**
- **Verizon – formerly known as GTE, now with the largest cellular network**



These Carrier providers vary in their speed, size, coverage, plans and pricing. Apple makes it easy to compare and decide which is better for you. Go to Apple's website from the link below to explore your options:

<https://www.apple.com/shop/buy-iphone/carrier-offers>

On this page you will find these clickable buttons:



Click 'All deals' to compare features and plans for all providers or click on a specific Service Provider's button to get direct information. The amount of information on these Service Providers is very extensive and detailed. You will need to invest a significant amount of time on this page if you are as yet undecided about your preferred Carrier.

For each of the Service Providers, you will find specific plans and pricing for each iPhone model. There is a button to get Chat help for specific questions.

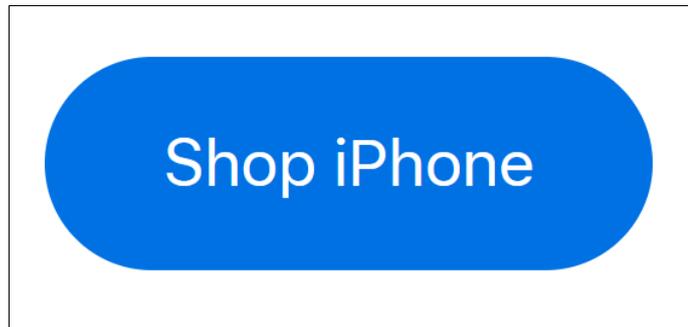
Get Specialist help.

Chat now

There is also a link to request an iPhone specialist:

[Connect with an iPhone Specialist](#)

If you need additional help to pick the right iPhone model, you can click this button on the page:



The next section of this guide will provide more information on selecting your iPhone.

If you purchase a locked phone, Apple will securely transmit the necessary information to the Carrier Service Provider for your iPhone. This will include some sensitive personal information. The Carrier will honor the initial service plan, as per their agreement with Apple. However, you will need to establish an account with the Carrier to use your iPhone and pay for the Carrier's cellular network service.

2.2.1.3. Which Carrier Service Provider Is Best?

Apple's website provides complete plans and pricing for its iPhone models with the major Carrier networks. However, Apple's website does NOT analyze and rank or rate these networks. As a result, Apple's website is neutral about the Carriers and supports them equally.

You as a consumer and user need to research and decide for yourself which Carrier Service Provider is the best fit for your needs. [Section 3](#) of this guide has the results of internet comparisons and analysis of these Carriers.

This guide does not pick, rank or rate the major Carriers. If you are uncertain about picking a Carrier Service Provider, go to [Section 3](#) for more guidance. Use the data and links in [Section 3](#) as useful information and a starting place to inform your own choice about which Carrier you might prefer. When you have selected a Carrier, proceed to the next subsections.

2.2.2. Choose Your iPhone Model And Configuration

Apple offers three new iPhone models. The **iPhone 17** is the base model. The **iPhone 17 Air** is lighter and smaller without sacrificing key features. The **iPhone 17 Pro** offers greater capabilities and features. The **iPhone 17 Pro Max** variant is the largest model with all key features. Apple additionally sells all **iPhone 16** models.

On Apple's website, you will find a highly interactive page that compares current iPhone models with all pertinent details, configurations and even pricing. Here is that page's link:

<https://www.apple.com/iphone/compare/>

This page has **everything** you need to select your preferred model and start the purchase transaction. This page is packed with a lot of information, so be prepared to spend some time going over it all. There is a summary below of some key differentiated characteristics and features to get you started.

Note that memory capacity is fixed once you make a purchase. If you need more memory later, the existing memory needs to be removed and the new memory can then be configured. If you think you might need more memory later, it is better to configure the initial memory with a larger capacity to avoid additional expense later.

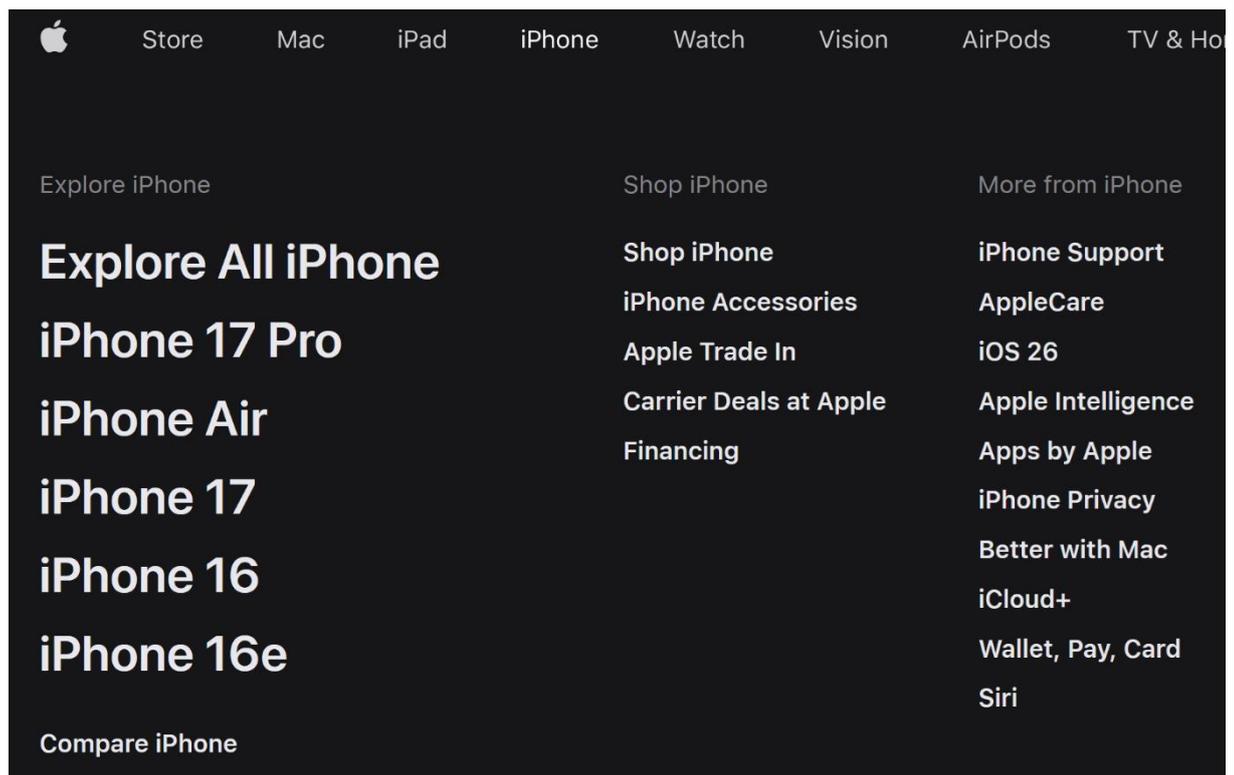
All iPhone Models come with mostly the same features, such as 5G+. MagSafe Wireless charging, Siri, emergency SOS via satellite, Dual eSim, 4K Dolby Vision, Smart HDR, two cameras, etc. The list of all common features is on the linked page provided above. Here are some significant differences among the models:

Current iPhone Models and Selected Features

<i>Variable Feature</i>	iPhone17	iPhone Air	iPhone 17 Pro / Pro Max
<i>Display Size</i>	6.3"	6.5"	6.3" / 6.9"
<i>460 ppi Pixel Resolution</i>	2622-by-1206	2736-by-1260	2622-by-1206 / 2622-by-1206
<i>Body / Frame</i>	Aluminum frame	Titanium frame	Aluminum unibody
<i>Memory Capacity</i>	256 GB, 512 GB	256 GB, 512 GB, 1TB	256 GB, 512 GB, 1TB, / 2TB
<i>Microprocessor Chip</i>	A19	A19 Pro	A19 Pro
<i>GPU</i>	5-core	5-cores	6-cores
<i>Dolby Vision</i>	4K at 60 fps	4K at 60 fps	4k at 120 fps
<i>Optical Zoom</i>	.5x, 1x, 2x	1x, 2x	.5x, 1x, 2x, 4x, 8x
<i>Video Playback</i>	30 hours	27 hours	33 / 39 hours
<i>USB C</i>	USB 2	USB 2	USB 3
<i>Weight</i>	6.24 ounces	5.82 ounces	7.27 / 8.22 ounces
<i>Model Colors</i>	Lavender, Sage Mist Blue, White, Black	Sky Blue, Light Gold, Cloud White, Space Black	Cosmic Orange, Deep Blue, Silver

2.3. Buying the iPhone Step-By-Step

1. Once you have clarity about your preferred iPhone model and Carrier Service Provider you can proceed to the actual purchase. Have your personal data ready:
 - Full Name
 - Delivery Address
 - Mailing Address (if different)
 - Phone number (voice)
 - Phone number (SMS text)
 - Email address
 - Financial information (Credit Card, or Bank Routing, etc.)
 - Other related optional financial data (wallet, ApplePay, etc.)
2. Use your preferred browser and navigate to Apple's website <https://www.apple.com>
3. Don't click on the splash screen's iPhone 17 image. Instead use your mouse to hover over the top menu list and click on '**iPhone**'. You will now see a large, fully linked submenu for all things focused on the iPhone, as shown below:



This submenu is a dashboard for you to quickly access everything relevant to purchasing an iPhone including models, accessories, Carrier deals, financing and services. There are many paths from this dashboard to get to purchasing an iPhone.

The following steps are one such pathway. This path is better than most because it is a starting point that many first-time buyers are likely to use. For

illustration purposes, this example procedure assumes the buyer will select **the iPhone 17 Pro Max** as the model, and **T-Mobile** as the Carrier.

4. Mouse over '**Compare iPhone**' and click it. Click on the leftmost dropdown box and select '**iPhone 17 Pro Max**', as illustrated below.

The default color for this model on the page is '**Cosmic Orange**'. You can choose a different color with the page's provided selector. You can also change the color on the next page. The page has detailed specifications for your selected model. You can scroll down on the page to see all the model's features and data.



For now, you should ignore the pricing data. Click the '**Buy**' button.

From \$1199 or \$49.95/mo. for 24 mo.*

Buy

[Learn more >](#)

5. The next page summarizes the choices made so far and presents additional choices on the right side. Select the color. Your **Storage** space options become active, with included pricing. Here 512 Gb storage is added to the iPhone's configuration. Keep in mind that once your iPhone is purchased, the configured storage is permanent. Apple can remove it and replace it with more storage later. Be sure about how much storage you will need when you purchase your iPhone.



Storage. How much space do you need?

256GB¹	From \$1199 or \$49.95/mo. for 24 mo.*
512GB¹	From \$1399 or \$58.29/mo. for 24 mo.*

Still on the same page, scroll down to see the Apple Trade-in options.

Apple Trade In. Get \$40–\$700 credit toward your new iPhone.#

<p>Select a smartphone Answer a few questions to get your estimate.</p>	<p>No trade-in</p>
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Since you are a first-time buyer, select the '**No trade-in**' option.

6. Scroll further down to see payment options, as shown below.

Payment options. Select the one that works for you.

<p>Buy \$1,399.00</p> <p>Pay with Apple Pay or other payment methods.</p>	<p>Finance \$58.29/mo. for 24 mo.* From \$15.81/mo. over 36 mo. with a select carrier deal^Δ</p> <p>Pay over time at 0% APR.</p>	<p>Apple iPhone Upgrade Program \$69.50/mo. for 24 mo.*</p> <p>Pay monthly at 0% APR with the option to upgrade to a new iPhone every year.</p>
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You must choose one of these options. Note that all options will also include Carrier plans, covered in the next step. If you select '**Buy**', you will be able pay with a credit card or with ApplePay. If you select '**Finance**' you will need to provide your Social Security Number and other information and then submit to a fast but secure credit authorization process. Since you are a first-time buyer, you have no iPhone to '**Upgrade**'.

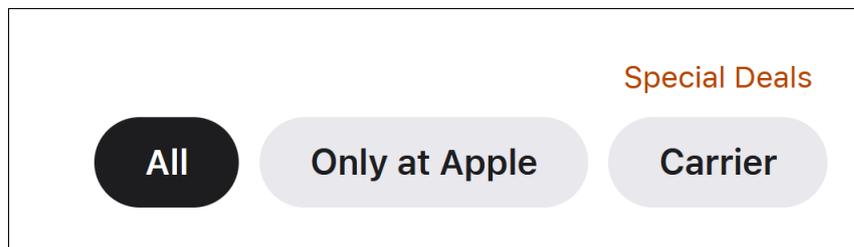
To the right of the **Payment options** selector, there is a clickable help area to get further information on payment options:

Not sure which payment option to choose?



Compare all pricing and deals to find the option that's right for you.

If you select the '**Finance**' option, a separate popup selector is presented:



The '**All**' button shows financing plan offers from Apple and the major Carriers in a vertical selector list, with pricing data. The '**Only at Apple**' button shows the financing plan offers from just Apple. Both choices allow you to pick your Carrier in the next step.

However, the '**Carrier**' button allows you to **simultaneously choose both** your Carrier and your Carrier's financing plan.

This is another key decision point, so consider carefully before making this choice.

All the key plan offers are presented below in the order of their presentation on Apple's website. No endorsement is implied. The pricing is based on the iPhone configuration chosen in this section. Remember that pricing is subject to change.



Apple Card Monthly Installments

\$58.29/mo. for 24 mo.*

\$1,399.00 total financed

- Carrier selection of AT&T, Boost Mobile, T-Mobile, or Verizon is required.
- Finance your new iPhone at 0% APR for 24 months.º
- Choose Apple Card Monthly Installments as your payment option at checkout.

See details ⊕



Apple iPhone Payments

\$58.29/mo. for 24 mo.*

\$1,399.00 total financed

- Carrier selection of AT&T, Boost Mobile, T-Mobile, or Verizon is required.
- Finance your new iPhone at 0% APR with a loan from Citizens One.

See details ⊕



AT&T Installment Plans

From \$38.87/mo. for 36 mo.

- \$1,399.00 total financed at 0% APR.
- Available to new and existing AT&T customers.
- Pay for your iPhone and rate plan on one monthly bill from AT&T.

[See details](#) 



Includes \$830.00 in Boost Mobile bill credits

Boost Mobile Financing

From \$15.81/mo. over 36 mo. with a carrier deal^Δ

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- \$1,399.00 total financed at 0% APR before bill credits applied.
 - Available to new and existing Boost Mobile customers who connect on the Boost Mobile Infinite Access plan for \$65/mo.
 - Pay for your iPhone and rate plan on one monthly bill from Boost Mobile.

See deal details 

T Mobile

T-Mobile Equipment Installment Plan

\$58.30/mo. for 24 mo.

- \$1,399.00 total financed at 0% APR.
- Available to new and existing T-Mobile customers.
- Pay for your iPhone and rate plan on one monthly bill from T-Mobile.

See details 

verizon

Verizon Device Payment Program

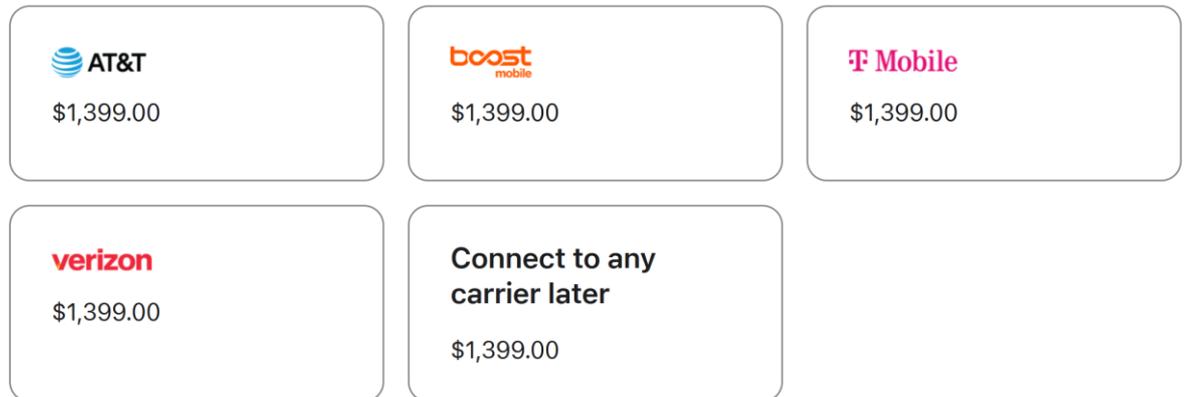
\$38.86/mo. for 36 mo.

- \$1,399.00 total financed at 0% APR.
- Available to new and existing Verizon customers.
- Pay for your iPhone and rate plan on one monthly bill from Verizon.

See details 

7. Once you have selected a payment option, if it did not include a Carrier selection, you will see the following Carrier selector on the page:

Connectivity. Choose a carrier.



[Section 3](#) of this guide has more information to help you choose a Carrier. To the right of this selector is another help area. Click on it to get further assistance from Apple.

Is it easy to get connected? ⊕

Yes. We'll help you set up your carrier, number, and rate plan. And your new iPhone will be unlocked.

When your iPhone purchase is processed, the necessary information will be transmitted to the Carrier, and your iPhone will be bound to that Carrier. At this point, you will have account relationships with both Apple and your selected Carrier. Depending on your choices, you may have an ongoing financial relationship with both Apple and your selected Carrier.

The next step is to choose or opt out of AppleCare. This is Apple's insurance and support plan for your iPhone. If you do not choose AppleCare, your next step will be placing your order. If you choose an AppleCare option, you will need to make one more choice before finishing your order. Since it is purely optional, it is presented here as a choice in another step.

2.4. AppleCare Option

The last part of buying an iPhone is deciding about AppleCare. Scrolling farther down on the same page, you will come to this selector:

 **AppleCare+ with Theft and Loss**

Cover this product only¹

\$13.99/mo. or
\$139.99/yr. until
cancelled

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- Unlimited repairs for accidents like drops and spills
 - Theft and loss coverage for up to 2 claims every 12 months
 - 24/7 priority support from Apple experts
 - Express Replacement Service — we'll ship you a replacement so you don't have to wait for a repair

New

 **AppleCare One**

Cover multiple products, including this iPhone¹

\$19.99/mo. until
cancelled

-
- All the benefits of AppleCare+ for up to 3 products, including those you already own, at one low price
 - Theft and loss coverage for iPhone, iPad, and Apple Watch up to 3 total claims every 12 months
 - Add more products anytime for \$5.99/mo. each

Both plans represent enhanced and extended coverage, with a definite financial impact, as shown above. Note that you don't need to make this choice now. You can also choose this coverage later. This coverage is direct with Apple and NOT with your Carrier.

Click on the help area to the right of the AppleCare selector if you need further information. This will open a pop-up page with more information and additional help links. It is summarized here:



Enjoy convenient coverage for your Apple products. You can cover them individually with **AppleCare+** with Theft and Loss, or protect multiple products in one simple plan with **AppleCare One**. Whichever AppleCare plan you choose, both provide peace of mind:

- Get easy, fast repairs for accidents like drops and spills, with low service fees.
- Get a replacement if your iPhone, iPad, or Apple Watch is lost or stolen. With AppleCare+, you get up to 2 claims every 12 months. Or choose AppleCare One and get up to 3 total claims per year.
- Receive 24/7 priority support for all your hardware or software needs from Apple experts by chat or phone. Or stop by an Apple Store for in-person assistance.
- Choose AppleCare One and add products you already own, swap in new products at any time, and manage it all right in Settings on your iPhone, Mac, or iPad.

AppleCare+ with Theft and Loss

Cover this product only.

\$13.99/mo. per month or \$139.99/yr. Per Year. until cancelled

AppleCare One

Cover multiple products, including this iPhone.

\$19.99/mo. per month until cancelled

2.5. Place Your iPhone Order

Once you have decided on your AppleCare option, you will see a screen that will be tailored to your choices and your location. An example is shown here:

A screenshot of an iPhone order screen. On the left, the product is listed as "iPhone 17 Pro Max 512GB Cosmic Orange" with a price of "\$1,399.00" and "One-time payment". Below this, "AppleCare One" is listed with a price of "\$19.99/mo. until cancelled" and "Monthly payments billed separately". At the bottom left, there is a link "Get 3% Daily Cash with Apple Card". On the right, there is a delivery status: "Order today. Delivers to 91302" with a plus icon, and "Nov 11 - Nov 18 - Free". Below that, a pickup status: "Pickup: Currently unavailable at Apple Topanga" with a plus icon. At the bottom right, there is a blue button labeled "Add to Bag".

You do have an option to take delivery at an Apple Store, if that is available in your area. A '**Bag**' is a term for a local collection and here it is roughly synonymous with Shopping Cart.

If you click '**Add to Bag**', you will be redirected to an accessories page. You can pick and choose accessories now and add them to your order. Here is a link to a representative accessories page:

[**Buy iPhone 17 Pro and iPhone 17 Pro Max - Apple**](#)

You can optionally buy iPhone accessories at any time. This guide introduces these accessories in [Section 4](#).

When you click on '**Review Bag**', you arrive at the actual purchase step.

At this point you may still be a guest. You may need to **sign-in** to your Apple account or create a new one. You will have to provide full disclosure of your identity, contact information, financial information, shipping details, and other information needed by Apple and the Carrier.

When you have provided all the necessary information, you will be able to complete the transaction. You will receive several messages by email and possibly text to authenticate and confirm all the details of the transaction.

3. Carrier Service Provider Comparison

3.1. Overview

The following data was gathered from an internet search. It represents an amalgamation of different perspectives and not absolute truth. It is important to understand that Carrier speeds, traffic loads, coverage and capabilities are highly regional and vary from one part of the country to another.

AT&T and Verizon generally have more reliable rural coverage, while T-Mobile leads in overall 5G speed and coverage, especially in urban areas. Boost Mobile is a budget carrier that uses T-Mobile's network, offering lower prices but potentially slower speeds during congestion because it lacks network priority.

Choosing between them depends on priorities: AT&T and Verizon are better for consistent nationwide service, especially outside of cities, while T-Mobile is faster if you are in a well-served 5G area. Boost Mobile is a good option for cost savings if you don't need top-tier data speeds.

3.2. AT&T

- **Best for:** Consistent coverage, especially in rural and suburban areas.
- **Network:** Reliable 4G/5G, with some high-speed 5G+ in cities. Offers a special network for emergency services (FirstNet).
- **Price:** Can be more expensive than T-Mobile or Boost for similar plans but offers competitive multi-line deals.
- **Potential downside:** Speeds in some areas may not be as fast as T-Mobile's 5G network.

3.3. Verizon

- **Best for:** Reliable nationwide coverage, particularly in rural areas.
- **Network:** Strong and reliable, with wide 4G and 5G coverage. Offers features like Apple Music and cloud storage on premium plans.
- **Price:** Generally, more expensive than other carriers for premium plans.
- **Potential downside:** Can be pricier, and 5G speeds may not be as fast as T-Mobile's in some areas.

3.4. T-Mobile

- **Best for:** Fast and extensive 5G coverage.
- **Network:** Largest 5G network with high-speed "Ultra Capacity" 5G in many areas.
- **Price:** Competitively priced, especially with its lower-tier plans.
- **Potential downside:** Rural coverage can be weaker than AT&T or Verizon.

3.5. Boost Mobile

- **Best for:** Budget-conscious customers who want a low-cost alternative.
- **Network:** Uses T-Mobile's network, so coverage is similar, but data speeds are not prioritized and can be slower during peak times.
- **Price:** The most affordable option among the four carriers.
- **Potential downside:** Lacks priority access to data, which can lead to slower speeds when the network is congested.

3.6. Conclusions

Apple's website does not evaluate Carrier Service Providers. Apple's website does offer pricing data for your iPhone with each Carrier. Use the pricing data for your iPhone and evaluate your needs (performance vs. coverage, etc.). An Apple iPhone specialist may be able to advise you further in making your Carrier choice.

If you need an Apple iPhone specialist, click this link:

[Connect with an iPhone Specialist](#)

4. Accessories And References

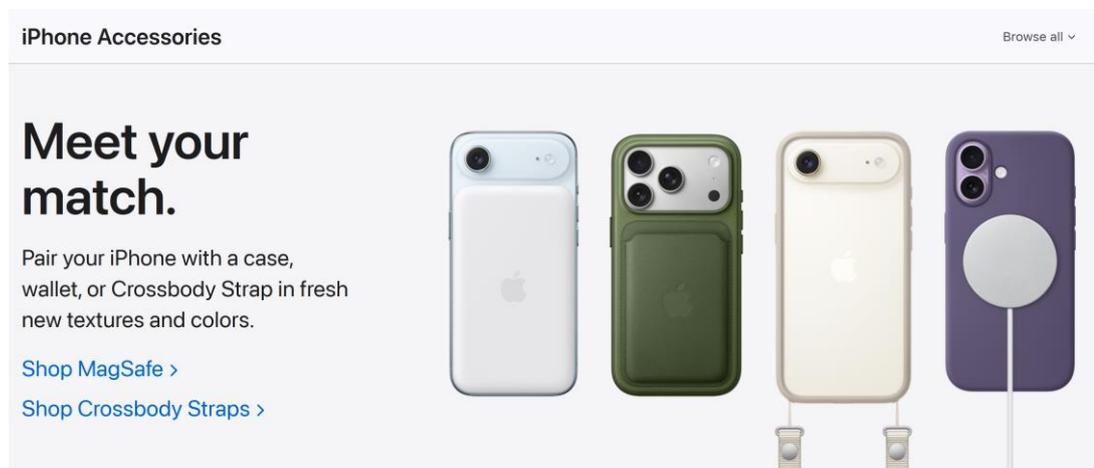
4.1. Apple iPhone Accessories

Apple iPhone accessories are optional add-on features and gear. You do not need them to use your iPhone. They can offer convenience, enhanced capabilities, and even luxury. Apple iPhone accessories can be purchased along with your iPhone, or at any other time.

Use this link to find Apple's iPhone accessories:

<https://www.apple.com/shop/iphone/accessories>

This start page comes up:



Apple's iPhone accessories catalog is quite extensive and features items like:

- Cases and Holsters
- Crossbody straps
- MagSafe products
- Chargers
- Batteries
- Cables
- Air Tags
- Related Apple products
- Beats audio gear
- Other third party products

All accessories have pricing and specifications. You can even order online for Apple Store pick up for some items.

You can also go to an Apple Store and shop for accessories or services. Some Apple iPhone accessories are also available from online retailers such as *Amazon.com*, *BestBuy.com*, etc. These online retailers may have other competing accessories from third parties. Apple does not endorse, guarantee or support third party accessories.

4.2. References And Links

Apple's website is the main starting point for any iPhone need or issue. You should always start here:

<https://www.apple.com>

Each of the major Carriers have their own website. Their clickable links are listed here.

AT&T

<https://www.att.com>

Boost Mobile

<https://www.boostmobile.com>

T-Mobile

<https://www.t-mobile.com>

Verizon

<https://www.verizon.com>

Since you can buy unlocked iPhones online, here are two retailers that carry them and iPhone accessories:

Amazon

www.amazon.com

Best Buy

www.bestbuy.com

There are local third-party retailers and even Carrier providers. Apple does not endorse or support them. **Caveat emptor:** Buyer Beware!