

## The Reviews Are In: iPhone 5S

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*The early reviews of Apple's iPhone 5S are generally positive. While many say the company's new iOS 7 operating system might be enough to satiate some consumers, others say the 5S' new fingerprint scanner is reason enough to make the jump. See below for excerpts from some of the early reviews around the Web.*

"My biggest disappointment is that there have been only minor improvements to the keyboard. Unlike in Android, Apple still bars you from substituting third-party keyboards with better auto-correction. The company says this is due to security worries."

"Overall, however, the new iPhone 5S is a delight. Its hardware and software make it the best smartphone on the market."

[Walt Mossberg, Wall Street Journal](#) [1]

"The 5s is a solid effort from Apple, but its true worth is yet to be determined. If developers come up with clever ways to take advantage of the M7 coprocessor and the 64-bit support in iOS 7, the 5s will truly shine. If not, many people might just wait it out another year."

[Myriam Joire, Engadget](#) [2]

"With the iPhone 5s, Apple once again wins the right to claim the title of best smartphone available. The hardware may resemble its predecessor in many key ways, as with the 4-inch Retina display, but it improves dramatically in areas like the camera where it makes the most difference to every day users, and in the addition of the fingerprint sensor, which is already a feature I miss when I switch back to older generation devices or the iPhone 5c. And thanks to the 64-bit A7 processor, this phone, more than any iPhone before it, is likely to be the device that grows more appealing as the software ecosystem catches up, which is great news for buyers looking for something that isn't so easily replaced by the next big thing that comes along."

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[Darrell Etherington, TechCrunch](#) [3]

**The good:** The iPhone 5S delivers an improved camera, a nifty fingerprint sensor, and a next-gen CPU and motion-tracking chip. Apple throws in the iWork app suite for free. iOS 7 adds some nice step-ups, too, including AirDrop file transfers and the Android-like Control Center.

**The bad:** External design is identical to that of the iPhone 5, including a 4-inch screen that looks downright tiny next to Android competitors. For now, the fingerprint sensor only works with Apple apps. The 64-bit A7 processor and M7 motion-tracking chip don't have killer apps yet. iOS 7 differences are potentially jarring for longtime iPhone users.

**The bottom line:** The iPhone 5S is not a required upgrade, but it's easily the fastest and most advanced Apple smartphone to date.

[CNET Editor's Rating \(4 Stars\)](#) [4]

"The iPhone 5s may be Apple's evolutionary stage, but the combination of usable technological advances and the benefits of iOS 7 add up to a supremely compelling device.

[Vincent Nguyen, Slashgear](#) [5]

"It's stunning to use, there's stacks of power, it's without gimmicks and a nod to the future. It's these simple elements that make the iPhone 5S, for us, one of the best phones on the market. There's a lot to admire about that."

[Stuart Miles, Pocket-Lint](#) [6]

"Apple still believes in superb design and tremendous polish. The iPhone is no longer the only smartphone that will keep you delighted for the length of your two-year contract — but it's still among the few that will."

[David Pogue, New York Times](#) [7]

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