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Source: Joe Maring/Android Central Best Android One Phones Android Central 2020 The best Android One phones receive the latest Android updates at the same time as Google's Pixels. With guaranteed software updates and security patches and a clean interface without any bloatware, they offer quite significant benefits. There are a lot of great Android One phones out there, but if you ask us, the Nokia 7.2 is the best you can get. Source: Joe Maring/Android Central Of all Android One phones you can buy in the US, our top choice should be Nokia 7.2. The HMD Global-led Nokia brand has kicked out many great smartphones over the past couple of years, and for the North American market, the 7.2 stands out as an incredibly strong offering. Nokia phones have a legacy to be well built, and this point holds 100% true to the 7.2. It has a durable aluminum frame with an elegant glass back that looks and feels incredible. Around the front, the 6.3-inch screen is a joy to see. Not only is it crisp with a resolution of 2220x1080, but its ability to natively play HDR10 content and convert SDR video to HDR means everything is filled with color and vibrancy at all times. What else helps Nokia 7.2 stand out? Its battery life is fantastic, an NFC chip allows contactless payments with Google Pay, USB-C is used for charging, and you can extend the generous 128GB of base storage up to an extra 400GB if you plan on storing a bunch of local files. There aren't many drawbacks to the Nokia 7.2, but we'll point out that the triple rear cameras are just OK and that the bottom bezel under the screen is on the big side of things. Other than that, this is a stellar headset. Premium Glass Build HDR10 Screen Large Battery 128GB Expandable Storage 3.5mm Headphone Jack Big Down Bezel Back Cameras is fine The best Android One phone you can buy If you live in the US and need a good, reliable phone that won't break the bank, it's hard to do much better than Nokia 7.2. Source: Android Central One step below Nokia 7.2, we have Nokia 6.2. The 6.2 is not as technically impressive as its more expensive brother, but there is no denying how good a value proposition brings to the table. The Nokia 6.2 is essentially the same body as the Nokia 7.2 with some slightly degraded specs. It has the same 6.3-inch Full HD+ display, along with support for playing native HDR content and converting SDR video to HDR video. You can also get the same 3,500 mAh battery, triple rear cameras, 4GB of RAM, and NFC for Google Pay. The 6.2 has a different processor than the 7.2, less internal storage, and a 16 megapixel main camera for a 48-megapixel one, but for the most part, it's a similar experience. When you factor in the pretty big price difference between the two, the 6.2 becomes that much more exciting. Excellent Hardware HDR Screen Three Rear Cameras Large 3,500 mAh Battery Google Pay Support Average Processor quality is OK Why not save some cash? Essentially a degraded version of Nokia 7.2, the 6.2 offers one of the best prices Android One has to offer. Source: Harish Jonnalagadda / Android Central There is no denying that Nokia 7.2 and 6.2 are fantastic phones, but at the same time, we also understand that they may still cost too much for some people. If you prefer to keep your budget even lower, our top recommendation goes to Nokia 4.2. Nokia 4.2 packs serious value. It has a 5.7-inch screen with a small waterdrop notch, face unlock, and a metal+ glass design that looks and feels just as good as phones that cost hundreds of dollars more. Speaking of its design, the Nokia 4.2 has some unexpected flair that we dig. There's a special button for the Google Assistant prompt, along with an LED notification light that wraps around the power button. How nice is that? Specs-wise, Nokia 4.2 also packs the nifty Snapdragon 439 Chipset, 32GB expandable storage (up to 400GB), a fingerprint sensor, and NFC for Google Pay. The screen is not the steepest at just 720p HD and the older Micro-USB charging port is annoying, but for the price, it's hard to complain too. Durable, flashy design Google Assistant button Notification light Waterdrop notch NFC chip for Google Pay Dual rear cameras 720p screen resolution 32GB internal storage Micro-USB Spend even less Nokia 4.2 is a budget phone done correctly. It is built well, has great specs, and excellent software at a budget price. Source: Apoorva Bhardwaj / Android Central The latest participant in HMD Global's portfolio has a lot to offer. The Nokia 5.3 is powered by a well-known Snapdragon 665 chipset and comes with 4GB of RAM and 64GB of internal storage, making it a pretty decent phone for everyday use. The phone is ready for Android 11, meaning it will be one of the first to receive the fixed update. There is also a 13MP camera on the back and a 5MP wide-angle lens, as well as a 2MP macro and 2MP portrait lens. However, the standout feature in Nokia 5.3 is battery life. With a 4,000mAh battery under the hood and an energy efficient chipset, you'll have a two-day battery life. The phone has a huge 6.55-inch screen, but the resolution itself is at 720p. This isn't too bad as the screen feels fine in everyday use, but a 1080p panel would be better. Elsewhere, there's NFC for Google Pay, FM radio, 3.5mm headphone jack, Wi-Fi ac connectivity and Bluetooth 4.2. Two-day battery life Exciting colors with minimalist 3.5mm Headphone Jack Large Screen Outdated Chipset Only a 720p Screen Just The Basics Nokia 5.3 offers familiar hardware in a durable frame supported by excellent battery life and clean software. Source: Motorola The first Motorola One was a reliable Android One device that did the basics well, but in terms of design, it wasn't very exciting. With Motorola One Vision, Motorola retains this focus of giving you a no-nonsense headset can do whatever you ask of it while having a bit of pizzazz. Without a doubt, the most impressive part of One Vision is the 21:9 display. This is much narrower and taller than the majority of phones out there, giving it a much more cinematic experience when watching movies or playing games. It also looks great with a resolution of 2520x1080. The Android One software experience in One Vision is as clean as ever, but you can also get some of Motorola's excellent custom additions, such as the Moto Display, turning the phone twice to open the camera, and more. Specs-wise, you can also take advantage of a 48-megapixel (MP) rear camera, USB-C for charging, and 128GB of built-in storage that can be further expanded up to 512GB. There's a slight arrest, however. While you can buy Motorola One Vision in the US, it is not officially sold here. This means two things – 1) It will work on AT&T and T-Mobile, but your LTE connections may not be as strong in rural areas or crowded buildings. 2) The phone does not come with an authorization. Motorola's super narrow 21:9 screen excellent software features 48MP rear camera USB-C Plastic Construction Meh cameras Does not support all LTE zones of the U.S. One of the most unique screens on an Android phone Equipped with a unique 21:9 display, the Motorola One Vision delivers Android One in a very fancy package. Source: Daniel Bader/Android Central For many people, the camera is one of the most important factors when buying a new phone. While all phones on this list have cameras that are more than adequate for sharing things on Twitter and Instagram, the Nokia 9 PureView is worth a look if you want to take your photo game to the next level. Equipped with a total of five cameras on the back, three of which are exclusive monochrome sensors, while the other two capture color images, the Nokia 9 PureView manages to capture a crazy amount of detail and light data with every shot you take. The automatic download mode is fine, but the real magic happens when you shoot in the manual/RAW. This is a camera that requires a little more work than most other phones, but if you put in time/effort, you can capture some really beautiful photos. In addition to the camera experience, the Nokia 9 PureView also offers with its large OLED display, stunning design, and surprisingly large tvs - something that's still too rare with most Android phones. We hope it's powered by the newest Snapdragon 855 chipset rather than the older 845, and the fingerprint sensor on the screen can be a pain in the butt. If you can ignore these however, the Nokia 9 PureView is a unique phone that could be worth the investment for some folks. Unique Five Camera System Many Manual Photo Controls Colorful OLED Screen Impressive Glass Design Great Tangible Feedback Slow In-Display Fingerprint Sensor Using the Flagship Processor of 2018 Weak Speaker Takes some of the best photos Although it's expensive, the Nokia 9 PureView is a flagship Android One One taking your photo to the next level. Source: Android Central The one action is definitely a unique option as it has an action camera built into its chassis. This makes it stand out from the other options on this list, and if you get a lot of videos on the go, it could be a good choice. The camera at the back has a 117-degree wide-angle lens and shoots horizontal video seamlessly, with Motorola redirecting the lens position to be able to do so. Elsewhere, the phone comes with a 6.3-inch FHD+ display, and is powered by Samsung's exynos 9609 chipset. It's not the fastest phone in this section, but it's discounted at the moment, and holds up fine in everyday use. You can also get 4GB of RAM and 128GB of storage, a microSD slot, NFC, FM radio, and even a 3.5mm slot. The 3,500mAh battery offers the value of using a day with ease, but the downside here is that charging is limited to 10W. Overall, there's a lot to like about One Action, and the video camera on the back is the big differentiator. Built-in Action Camera Live Display Long Battery 3.5mm Headphone Jack Great Design Aging Hardware 10W Charging Only Action Camera and Phone All-in-One With a special action camera baked into the phone, the Motorola One Action is a great choice if you take a lot of videos. You can't go wrong with any of the Android One phones on this list, but at the end of the day, Nokia 7.2 is our top choice. One of the standout features on the phone is its frame, and it continues Nokia's legacy of sturdy designs. Nothing about the Nokia 7.2 design makes it feel as cheap as it is. Instead, it feels like a proper, much more expensive flagship. As you start using the phone and get to appreciate its gorgeous display, long-lasting battery, and features like NFC for Google Pay, the whole experience comes together to create a truly fantastic phone that should last you for years to come. The main reason for buying Android One is for quick updates and clean software, and all the devices in this list deliver to these key areas. Motorola also makes many phones with clean software that are not under the Android One initiative, so be sure to take a look at the best phones in this category for more options. Credits – The team that worked on this guide Joe Maring is Senior Editor of Android Central and has had a love for anything with a monitor and CPU since he can remember. He has been talking about Android in one form or another since 2012 and often does so while camping out at the nearest café. Do you have a tip for Reach @JoeMaring1 Twitter or send an email to joe.maring@futurenet.com! 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