

Things to keep in mind while deciding to buy used or refurbished phones

As we know it is very easy to buy a **new phone** but when it comes to <u>buying second hand</u> <u>mobiles</u> there is a bit of hesitation. why?



Anybody who is about to buy a new phone he/she is excited to buy the mobile & seeing the specifications and extra features inside the phones the excitement gets double, but when it comes to buying a <u>used mobile phone</u> there is no excitement rather there is a bit of calmness inside us because we are buying a used product.

Most people search online Are refurbished phones any good? Which are better used or refurbished phones? Where to purchase **refurbished cell phones**? Is it better to buy a used phone or a refurbished one? Are refurbished phones worth it? How do I know if my phone is new or refurbished? Is a certified refurbished iPhone good? How to check **certified used cell phones for sale**? Are **refurbished iPhones** good? What is the unboxed phone? **New and refurbished cell phones** which is better? How to check **problems with refurbished phones**? and many more queries. The most important thing is people want to buy used phones but are still confused.

People want to buy **second hand mobile phones**, But seeing someone getting scammed or being a victim of fraud is the biggest drawback in buying or trusting to buy a **used mobile phone**. Few people want o make quick money by selling their poor or bad quality product by hiding the original details of the product and selling the product smartly to the customers and making their money go waste on buying a worthless product.

Most of the people who are buying <u>second hand phones</u> are from rural areas, who are not very financially strong wish to buy a used phone. But confused whether to buy a second hand mobile phone or not. Why would someone who is not financially strong risk all his money in buying a product that is already used by someone and it is very difficult to figure out what's wrong with the product and the time you figured out what's wrong with your phone? It is late now to return it to the seller and you have no other option other than repairing the phone with your own pocket money?

What are refurbished phones? & Why should you buy it?

Refurbished phones are used phones that are used by somebody for a very limited amount of time and due to some fault or some problems in the phones, they are then returned to the manufacturer or third-party seller for repairing and solving the product issue. After getting repaired and reconditioned of the phone like a new-one. They are available for sale at a low cost than the original product price.

Refurbished products are usually not sold in original packing but you can get all original accessories present in the mobile phone and the reason you should buy a refurbished phones is that they are well tested and free of any damages and problems as it is verified by authorized technicians and checked thoroughly before being available for sale. Moreover, almost every **refurbished phone** comes with a manufacturer's warranty, the same warranty period as the new ones.

You should buy it as you are getting the product at a low cost and also with a warranty. This means buying a used phone is as good as buying a new one the only difference is that the new one's price is higher than the refurbished ones.

Why sell your smartphone & What to do before selling your smartphones?

You can sell your smartphone on classified sites like **CIFIYAH**. Every month a new phone gets released from almost every smartphone manufacturing companies and each phone released

is a better phone comparing to the previous one and in this case, most people want to buy the newly released phones with better facilities and extra features rather than exchanging the phone it is better to sell the phone.

If you exchange the phone then your phone that you are about to exchange, the price is set by the company and the company will always try to exchange the product with less price. So, it is better to sell your smartphone on classified sites or at any pawn shop and here you get the price set by you and could get more benefit than exchanging it.

But before selling your smartphone there are few things to be done to ensure your privacy to be safe and also convenient for your day-to-day life work.

• Backup your Contacts, E-mails, and Messages

If you are an android user then make sure you sync your contacts, email, messages to your Google account. It will hardly take a few minutes to backup your details and if you forget to do it then you might be in problem. As you might have a lot of contacts and important messages that you need in your daily life and losing it might be a very difficult task getting it back.

There are also few third-party apps on PlayStore that can backup your details on the cloud and when you switched to a new phone then you can install the same app and restore all your details on your new device easily and very simple and make sure that the third-party app you are using is a trusted app.

• Backup your other files present inside the phone

Backup all your media, important documents, and files present inside the internal storage of the phone by connecting a USB data cable to a PC and transfer all your important and required things or you can download some third-party apps like Google Files and connect your phone to which you want to transfer all your files through wifi and can transfer all your data very quickly and easily.

• Backup your Whatsapp

If you are using apps like WhatsApp then you have to back up your messages and media to WhatsApp cloud at least once a month. If you haven't backup your files recently it is better to back up all your chats, photos, videos, and many more documents or files easily and you can restore the backup after installing the WhatsApps on your new phone. *5 Steps to backup WhatsApp media and Messages:*

1. Open WhatsApp

2. Tap on the Three-dots on top right corner > Settings > Chats > Chat backup.

- 3. Tap Back up, It will backup all your files to Google cloud.
- 4. Select the Google account you'd like to back up your chat history to. If you don't have a Google account connected, tap Add account when prompted and enter your login credentials.
- 5. And done, now all your WhatsApp conversations are backed up onto Google Drive and this backup can be restored on any Android device anytime.

• Final Check

At last, check again if you left out some important files or things to backup or forgot to backup. After that check your account if there are any google accounts logged in and saved inside the device then make sure to remove it and if you are unable to find out your google account or cannot remove the account then you can simply reset the phone.

Backup & Reset > Factory data reset > Reset phone > Erase everything. This will make your phone like a new one no saved passwords no datafiles or any personal things inside the phone all erased and cleaned. Now you can sell your used phones to anyone and anywhere without worrying about your privacy.

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1. Research

Before making the final mindset to **buy used** or **refurbished phones**, Decide which phone you want to buy, whether you want to buy a **cheap iPhone** or <u>refurbished iPhones</u> or **used iPhone** or any other smartphone you want to buy. Do some research on the phones go through different reviews and recommendations and find out what are the most common problems people are facing with the product can you adjust to that problem or you need to change your mind and switch to another smartphone to buy. Researching will help you get a quality and worthy product.

If you are deciding to buy a refurbished phone then search for a certified refurb seller. These sellers provide genuine refurbished products and there are also third-party refurbished sellers, they also provide refurbished products but cannot guarantee the originality of the product. So always go for certified refurb products.

2. Avoid Buying a Stolen Phone

Even if you are getting a very good deal like a high-budget phone at a very low price (i.e) the cost of the **used phone** of that model shouldn't be so low, then be careful while buying the phone as it might be a stolen phone.

Check for original documents of the product. The document or the file where the details of the phones are mentioned should be visible very carefully and neatly if it is not visible properly then the document might be a faked one or might be tampered with to look like the original document. To check the originality of the document look for the *IMEI* number(International Mobile Equipment Identity) or dial *#06# to check the IMEI number of the phone and match the same with the original document or bill of the phone. If the serial number matches the number mentioned on the bill then it is not a stolen phone.

3. Real Vs Fake Phones

There are millions of fake phones getting sold around the world and fake smartphone sale costs the global industry 48 Billion US Dollars annually! There are a lot of Chinese and Korean phones available in the market a lot more cheaper than the original phone. These phones are cheaper because they are the clone version of the phone and it is very difficult for an individual to figure out whether it is an original product or a clone one.

To check the product first thing is to switch on the phone if it is already switched on then off the phone and switch on again and which logo appears during the switch on. From here most of the people can figure out the clone version or not. If still, you couldn't figure it out then Go to settings and check the hardware and software details if still, you are not getting then you can download any third-party apps from PlayStore to check the hardware and software installed inside the phone or you can take help from any technician who has good knowledge on smartphones and from there you can easily figure out whether the phone is a clone one or an original one.

4. Inspecting the Phone Physically

Now we know that the phone is neither stolen nor a fake one. It is time to check the phone more deeply and physically. It is very necessary to check the phone from every angle and look for any sign of damage. If there is a cracked screen on the phone then look whether it the screen guard or the original screen. If the original screen is damaged then it might cost more than 3K and if it is the screen guard then it is manageable.

Look at the phone from every corner of the phone check the touch response brightness shake the phone well and listen if there are any sounds or not. if some sound is heard while shaking then something is broken inside the phone and ensure that the phone is not exposed to water damage.

If the phone's battery is non-removal then look at the sim tray for water damage indicator. If the phone's battery can be removed then switch off the phone and take out the battery and check for any changes on the charging ports, if the color is changed then it might be exposed to water and it is better to avoid buying the phone.

If there are many scratches on the phone then the phone might be frequently falling and getting internal damages. Even if there is no problem with the phone it is better to avoid these types of phones as they might show problems shortly.

5. Final Price

As you have done a lot of research inspecting the phone then you might have compared the pricing of the phone too. Don't always fall for low prices, not low-priced things are worthful.

So, it is better to look at the phone condition and pricing comparing with other sites if there is a 200-300 rupees difference then it is ok. If the price difference is more it is better to go for the other one and look for a better deal and pay the price and don't overpay the seller as it is a used one it is meant to be a lower price, overpaying is a loss of money.



Where can I SELL & BUY used phones for a good price?

You can <u>sell & buy used phones</u> on classified sites like **Cifiyah**. It is one of the most trusted sites to buy and sell your products easily and securely. You can get huge varieties and options to **buy cheap iPhones**, **refurbished iPhones**, **used iPhones** and you can also get good and better **cell phone deals** & <u>latest gadgets</u> deals than any other classified site.

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