



Cell Phone Feature Comparison Chart

To use this chart, take it with you to the store and fill in the blanks for each model you are interested in. Also, you may want to keep it near your desk as you research each model of cell phone.

Feature Description	Enter Brand and Model:	_____	_____	_____
	Price	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Service Plan: Before you set your sights on a particular make or model of cell phone, you should decide on the service plan that interests you.	Provider	_____	_____	_____
	Service type	Cellular __ PCS __	Cellular __ PCS __	Cellular __ PCS __
Mode: In the United States, analog phones offer the greatest amount of coverage since the AMPS network covers about 95 percent of the country. However, digital phones provide many more features, including e-mail/text messaging, wireless Internet and Caller ID. The 900 MHz band is mainly used in Europe and Asia. Look for dual mode/dual band phones if you travel a lot.	Type	Analog __ Digital __	Analog __ Digital __	Analog __ Digital __
	Band	800 MHz __ 900 MHz __ 1900 MHz __	800 MHz __ 900 MHz __ 1900 MHz __	800 MHz __ 900 MHz __ 1900 MHz __
	Technology	CDMA __ TDMA __ GSM __ PCS __ Other _____	CDMA __ TDMA __ GSM __ PCS __ Other _____	CDMA __ TDMA __ GSM __ PCS __ Other _____
Battery type: Look for fast recharging, long lasting batteries. While most batteries are removable, some smaller phones only have a built-in battery. An included DC adaptor is handy if you will be using the phone in a car.	Battery type	NiMH __ Li-Ion __ Other _____	NiMH __ Li-Ion __ Other _____	NiMH __ Li-Ion __ Other _____
	Removable battery	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __
	Battery life	Talk time ____ Standby time ____	Talk time ____ Standby time ____	Talk time ____ Standby time ____
Display: A large multi-line display is typically more expensive but necessary if you plan to use the phone for wireless Internet.	Size	____ by ____	____ by ____	____ by ____
	Color	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __
Included functions: Most phones include basic functions such as phone directory, clock, calculator, automatic redial, last number recall and the ability to customize the ring/tone of incoming calls. Some phones include simple games, such as blackjack or poker.	Calendar	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __
	Incoming number save	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __
	One button dialing	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __
	Vibrate mode	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __
	Lock/Alarm	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __
	Minibrowser	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __
	E-mail/text messaging	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __
Special features: Additional features such as the ones listed here can greatly affect the price of a phone. Make sure that you are not paying a premium for features that you never intend to use. If the phone has a headset plug, check to see if it is a standard plug or proprietary. A proprietary plug means that you can only buy headsets, hands-free kits and speakerphones designed to work with that specific system.	Wireless Internet	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __
	Headset plug	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __
	Car adapter	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __
	Modem function	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __
	PC synchronization	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __
	PDA	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __
	MP3 player	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __
	GPS receiver	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __	Yes __ No __
Physical: If you will be carrying it often, be sure the size and weight are comfortable for you.	Size	____ X ____	____ X ____	____ X ____
	Weight	_____	_____	_____