

## iPhone SE Review

Folks:

My phone carrier is offering a promotion on iPhone SE for seriously cheap. Spec. is as follows: It's a 4G phone with 64 GB with memory RAM at 3G. It says that its platform won't support Gmail. What does that mean? You can still use Gmail through Gmail App right? Can anyone share some insights on this phone?

Anybody recommends this iPhone SE as this promotion is dirt cheap and within my dirt cheap budget..

Thank you in advance!

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I have a new iPhone SE (I got it about a month ago). I like it very much—it is smaller than most smartphones these days (which I like), but slightly larger than the first-edition SE it replaced (which had the form factor of a iPhone 5). It is faster than the first-edition SE, but does not have as many cameras as the “top-of-the-line” iPhones. It also uses touch ID (instead of facial recognition), and the screen is (supposedly) not as high quality (although it is fine for my purposes). As far as I am concerned, it meets all of my needs, and does not have any “bells and whistles” that I don't need.

I have the Gmail app on my phone, so I do not understand the statement. Having said that, however, I mostly use the built-in Mail app for most of my mail-related activities, and gmail can be easily set to display there, if you prefer that.

Please let me know if you have other questions.

Brian H. Cole, California

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And let me add additional weight to what Brian said. I got the original SE because I wanted something small, like my iPhone 5. I loved it, and I had my Gmail on it.

A couple months ago, I upgraded to the SE2020, because my SE wouldn't hold a charge for a full day. It's slightly larger than the original, but it's the smallest iPhone out there.. and that was one of my criteria. I left my old phone with The Verizon store, came back 45 minutes later, and my new SE works just like the old one... screens are the same, settings are the same, and Gmail works just fine.

The SE 2020 is cheaper than the others, but do make sure you're getting the New version, and not the original version.

Laurie Axinn Gienapp, Massachusetts

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I have an iPhone SE that i carry for my second line. It's a very good phone. A tad small, especially compared to my gargantuan Samsung S20 Ultra which is my main phone. I've given iPhone SEs to my employees in the past and they did the job perfectly. If I had to do it over again, I would get the iPhone SE every time.

Eugene Lee, California

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I just upgraded to the new SE (2020). I pre-ordered so had it just after its release. I like it and also do not understand the reference to Gmail not working.

I had a 6S that was starting to have battery issues. Already replaced battery some time ago, but phone old and time to replace. I plan to replace battery to have it for a backup. Batteries are cheap and my friend installs them.

I am not a fan of the facial recognition and like the actual "Home Button" so the SE was the right choice. I do not the "best" camera and do not notice any difference in screen resolution. The screen same size as the 6S (and the 7 and the 8). I have used a 10 with larger screen and the difference in size did not make it a must have option. Having the phone the same size as my 6S made my cases still fit and also makes getting new cases cost effective. Many on sale, or lower price since they are not new cases for a new sized phone.

Internally, the phone is the same as the new 11. You get the performance of the 11 in the case of the 8 (or 7, or 6S as they are same size). That is what made me get it. I will say that overall, I do not notice much better performance, but I have more memory now and I presume the insides are working faster, but at that speed who really notices.

Phil A. Taylor, Massachusetts

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Gene:

Yes, I am also going to use this iPhone SE as a second line. I have Android LG G7 as my first line., Thank you all. Looks like this will be a great buy!

John Kang, Nevada

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Why not just add a Google Voice number to your existing phone? That way you have two numbers but only one device to manage.

David Masters, Colorado

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Because the new line is also free from my carrier due to a special promotion. They have just shipped the new SIM card. I already have Google voice and I use it for different purpose and while it is very good, there are so many limitations.

John Kang

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I own an original SE. I purchased because I wanted a small phone. I note that many of the responses include approval of smaller phones.. Still don't understand why we can make even a smaller smart phone. I want a size that fits comfortably into my pocket. I think Apple is missing a relatively large market for smaller iPhones

Jim Winiarski

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I do not think the SE is a made smaller sized phone. It is the same size as the 6, 7, and 8. It is only marginally larger than the 10. Not too noticeable, but the 10 has a larger screen (goes to the edges unlike the 6, 7, 8, SE).

Phil A. Taylor

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If that's directed at me, I need two phones, two displays.

Eugene Lee

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At the time the original SE came out, it was the smallest of the 'new' models. ie.. you could still buy a 4 or 5, but it was refurbished. And it was marketed that way, in response to those who were refusing to upgrade, bc they didn't like the larger sizes of the new phones. These days, I think it's being marketed as the least expensive of the iPhone. But it's also one of (if not 'the') smallest.in April 2020, Business Insider said :

- The new iPhone SE is Apple's smallest available phone, with a 4.7-inch display. ...
- The iPhone 11 Pro is the next smallest, with a 5.8-inch screen.

However, for those who feel size really does matter, the rumors are that the iPhone 12 (due out in the fall) will be the smallest of the current line-up, and will be no larger than the iPhone 4.

Laurie Axinn Gienapp

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FWIW, I got 5s which is getting a bit long in the tooth at this point.

Mainly it does not run IOS 13. I like it because it is small, however I have been looking at new SE which is current hardware and half way decent price. Point is Boost mobile, which is what I use, is selling SE 64 gb for \$299, 128 for \$349, and today they are running additional 10% off. So for \$315 plus tax I just ordered 128 GB SE. Y'all convinced me.

Ronald Jones, Florida

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My Samsung is on the way out but due to slow business because of COVID I'm not looking to spend a ton of money, if at all. I have pretty big hands, would the SE be too small for a guy like me?

Jason Komminos, New Jersey

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I've got pretty big hands and I find the SE a little awkward to handle because of that. Adding a bulky case definitely improves the situation.

Eugene Lee

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Seems like Apple is catching on that the phones were growing too large. As noted in another thread, cannot really focus on screen size as the overall sizes are not that far apart.

With the new technology related to screens (the 10 going to the edge vs. 6-8, SE that do not go to the edge) I wonder if the smaller phone that it expected will have a maximized screen.

Phil A. Taylor

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I suspect it is also the price. Latest, greatest iPhone 11 can run \$1000. Even midline one can run \$500, \$600 depending on specs. You buying for say a family of 4 people, that gets expensive real fast.

Ronald Jones

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I guess nobody here including me cares about the latest 5G. I am very happy with 4G and I thinki this 5G is a gimmick to make \$\$\$\$...

John Kang