

Today's Topics

- Is it time to consider a computer for your wrist?
- Windows 11 irritations and workarounds – a continuing series.



Apple Watch Series 8 vs. Google Pixel Watch: Specs

| | Pixel Watch | Apple Watch Series 8 | Apple Watch SE (2022) |
|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Case sizes | 41mm | 45mm / 41mm | 44mm / 40mm |
| Display | 1.6-inch AMOLED (450 x 450px, 320ppi) | 1.69-inch LTPO OLED (430 x 352px, 326 ppi) | 1.57-inch LTPO OLED (394 x 324px, 326 ppi) |
| | | 1.9-inch LTPO OLED (484 x 396px, 326 ppi) | 1.78-inch LTPO OLED (448 x 368px, 326 ppi) |
| Always-On Display | Yes | Yes | No |
| Processor | Exynos 9110 | Apple S8 | Apple S8 |
| GPS | Yes, with A-GPS, GLONASS, GALILEO, BDS | Yes, with A-GPS, GLONASS, GALILEO, QZSS, BDS | Yes, with A-GPS, GLONASS, GALILEO, QZSS |
| Connectivity | Wi-Fi 802.11 b/g/n, Bluetooth 5.0, NFC | Wi-Fi 802.11 b/g/n (dual-band), Bluetooth 5.3, NFC | Wi-Fi 802.11 b/g/n, Bluetooth 5.3, NFC |

| | Pixel Watch | Apple Watch Series 8 | Apple Watch SE (2022) |
|-------------|---|--|---|
| RAM/Storage | 2GB/32GB | 1GB/32GB | 1GB/32GB |
| Battery | Li-Ion 294 mAh | Li-Ion 282 mAh | Li-Ion 245 mAh |
| Charging | Qi wireless charging | Wireless fast charging | Wireless charging |
| Protection | 50m/5ATM water resistant (IP68) | 50m water resistant (IP6X) | 50m water resistant |
| Size | 41 x 41 x 12.3mm (1.61 x 1.61 x 0.48 in) | 41 x 35 x 10.7mm (1.61 x 1.38 x 0.42in) | 40 x 34 x 10.7mm (1.57 x 1.34 x 0.42in) |
| | | 45 x 38 x 10.7mm (1.77 x 1.50 x 0.42in) | 44 x 38 x 10.7mm (1.73 x 1.50 x 0.42in) |
| Weight | 36g (1.27oz) | 42.3g (1.48oz) / 51.5g (1.83oz) | 27.8g (0.99oz) / 33g (1.16oz) |

Prices

| Model | Retail |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Apple Watch Series 8 | \$399 |
| Apple Watch SE (2022) | \$249 |
| Apple Watch Ultra | \$799 |
| Pixel Watch (non-LTE) | \$349 |
| Pixel Watch LTE | \$399 |

Features

Both smartwatches seem very "smart", with access to third-party app downloads, music streaming, notifications, messaging, calling, mobile payments and more.

NOTE: Pixel Watch *only* works with a paired Android smartphone. Apple watch has *only* ever worked with iPhone.

Both watches also have a full suite of fitness tracking features for things like logging workouts, counting steps and analyzing sleep. Apple uses its native fitness and health apps, while Google leveraged Fitbit's platform for the Pixel Watch. Apple Fitness Plus and Fitbit Premium are the paid tiers of each brand's fitness services, unlocking more advanced programming and data.

In terms of health sensors, the Pixel Watch can record ECGs and take blood oxygen (SpO2) measurements from the wrist. It also packs a continuous heart rate sensor. The Apple Watch Series 8 has all these sensors plus a skin temperature sensor.

Coming in October: Pixel Watch 2

October 4 is when the Pixel Watch 2 will be available for pre-order. It is rumored to be IP68 (better water and dust resistance), and have a newer, faster processor.

Windows 11 Irritations

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