Samsung Galaxy Note 3 Review

A fantastic successor of world’s most successful Phablet.

Whenever you think of Samsung, your focus will shift towards the Galaxy Series. And when you look for a Phablet, Note series won’t disappoint you. The fact is that there hasn't been as successful a Phablet as the Galaxy Note series. Samsung essentially invented the Phablet, and it's been taking the idea from strength-to-strength ever since with every subsequent iteration. A stunning handset with plenty of power, a great screen, decent camera and days’ worth of battery life. One of the best multitasking smartphones around. Fantastic display, Lightning fast processor and performance, an excellent battery life and great multitasking.The Galaxy Note 3 was unveiled on September 4, 2013, with its worldwide release later in the month.

Design

The company has selectively chosen slippery and glossy plastics which, to me, don’t exactly feel premium. The removable back panel is a bit of an oddity though. It is still most assuredly plastic but now it has a slightly soft faux leather effect texture and feel. The whole phone is only 8.3mm thick and altogether it’s very neat, clean and tidy to look at from the front.  The Skeuomorphic design elements, certainly do help on a practical level with the faux leather back texture and the surround’s ridged ‘pages’ providing excellent grip and making it easier to cope with the phone's proportions.

Display

Talking about display, an expansive 5.7-inch touchscreen embedded in the front of the Galaxy Note 3, looks fantastic. It’s nothing short of spectacular with incredibly robust colour, contrast and brightness. Sharpness for a display of this size is impressive as the screen has full HD 1920x1080 pixel resolution and a pixel density of 386 ppi. Note 3 boasts of its awesome brightness for more satisfying use. Generally, the Galaxy Note 3 is particularly capable of usage in bright conditions, even in direct sunlight. It’s great for watching full feature length films on the go, viewing angles are also great, meaning you can share whatever you’re watching.

Hardware

The Samsung Galaxy Note 3 comes with tons of storage. Coming with an internal storage capacity of 32GB, the smartphone provides microSD HC card supports up to 64 GB, which is sufficient enough! The phone comes with Qualcomm Snapdragon 800 with mighty 3GB of RAM and an Adreno 330 graphics processing unit. The processor is clocked at lightning fast 2.3GHz. So, performance is just ridiculous, in a good way.

Camera

The camera is a 13-megapixel sensor with a single LED flash plus both 1080p and 4k video capture, and supports many features of the Samsung Galaxy S4, including the Samsung Galaxy Camera style UI and a few of its modes. There’s a selection of the usual controls in the top left for flash, digital stabilisation and sound recording for video while a Settings menu opens up for things like picture size, burst mode toggle and tap-to-capture. It might not be anywhere near the level of the Samsung Galaxy S4 Zoom, Samsung Galaxy Camera or Nokia Lumia 1020, but, just like the Samsung Galaxy S4, it’s highly usable as a quick and easy point n shoot option with fantastic results which most users will likely enjoy.

Battery

With a hunky capacity of 3,200mAh, Note 3’s battery backup is simply spectacular. From 100 per cent charge, Note 3 provides an all-round usage of the smartphone for over 36 hours. The charger is quite powerful and can charge the battery from 0 to 100% in mere 4-5 hours. And without using some of the characteristic features of the Galaxy series, the phone would last for around 4 or 5 days!

Conclusion

The best thing about Galaxy Note 3 is that it's a Samsung handset where the company does continue to truly innovate and make genuine improvements to the user experience. The S-Pen has been refined extensively, however, and Samsung certainly intends to continue showing sometimes skeptical consumers why a stylus is a good thing to have. So, if you are a heavy data user and want a large smartphone, not many phones in the market would beat the Samsung Galaxy Note 3.