

# OnePlus 2

Yet another flagship killer priced under 25K, and the tech fraternity has already slogged enough, providing one verdict after another, and predictably making a flagship out of the flagship killer. With an innovative marketing plan executed with perfection, OnePlus has already strengthened further its place in the smartphone market, which it first made with the already successful OnePlus 1. However, to give all the credit to their marketing strategy would seriously undermine the powerful tech specs of the OnePlus 2. So here is an objective take on the key features of the phone, with an advise to buy it only for the features that work for you.

I assume that if you are contemplating whether to buy this one, you have already embraced the 5.5" smartphone segment, compromising your trouser pocket space. With a 1.8 GHz octa-core processor, 4GB RAM, 64GB eMMC storage, and 3300 mAH battery, it has almost everything it takes to be a giant killer, or at least claim to be one. Let's venture into the finer details.

OnePlus 2 comes with dual sim slots. Yeah you heard that right; dual-sim phones have finally broken into the premium phones club. It might be a welcome feature for some, but even if you are not fond of dual sim phones, don't be disheartened. Being a Dual Sim Dual Standby (DSDS) phone, it is easier on the battery compared to the Dual Sim Dual Active (DSDA) phones. However, you may not want to read further, if its a DSDA phone that you need.

Among the first things that you would notice, is the unique notification slider, which has been introduced by pushing the power button on the same edge as the volume button. If like me, you always wanted a way to turn notifications on/ off, without looking at the screen, your wish just came true. Not just on and off, this button can be set to the priority mode, which shows you only custom defined high-priority notifications. A USB C-type port allows you to plug in the charger either upright or inverted. Although it rids you off the hassle of having to carefully insert the charger into the port, on the downside, it makes your existing data cables redundant.

The new in-house Oxygen OS makes a steady start with almost as many positives as negatives. Based on Android, it ships without any bloatware, which to me is a clear positive. The new screenshot option made available on the shutdown screen may also appeal to you, if you would like to take screenshots with one hand too. Like any new OS this one has its glitches too. Some apps, like Google Maps work only in portrait mode. The App killer on requires you to kill one app at a time, and provides no option to close all apps at once.

With every other phone offering as many pixels as you want, this one is no different. What makes its 13 MP camera stand out is the optics. An f/2.0 aperture six lens camera is good enough for amateur photography. The pictures are crisp, although a notch overexposed, even when you click indoors without flash.

A lot has been written about the missing NFC, and I agree that NFC is a routine feature at this budget. However, with NFC not having found too many applications in India yet, you may still want to go for it. The fingerprint scanner may be a cool feature to boast of, but will remain just that, until more applications start fingerprint authentication.

To sum up, the OnePlus 2 packs enough ammo for the 25K price tag, but before buying it, you may want to see enough of the new OS, or make sure you are not going to make NFC based payments anytime soon. Having said that, if fast processing or good camera quality is your thing, go for it.