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Apple iPhone 7 Rumor Roundup – Release Date, Camera, **Storage And More**

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A mock-up of the potential iPhone 7

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With the fall release of the highly-anticipated iPhone 7 fast approaching, speculation about Apple's upcoming phone has the internet buzzing. Here is an overview of the most popular leaks and rumors surrounding the iPhone 7.

Release Date

As has been the case with its last four iPhones, Apple is expected to launch the iPhone 7 in September 2016.

Sources have raised the possibility of Apple bringing the iPhone 7 to the market earlier than the speculated time frame. However, this rumor surfaces before every iPhone release and has yet to come into fruition.

Additional evidence from tipster Evan Blass suggests that the iPhone 7 will be released during the week of Sep. 12.

Rumored New Features

- A pressure-sensitive home button or <u>possibly complete elimination</u> of the home button
- Increase in battery size
- Better water resistance, including a new feature called "Pixel Eyes", which makes it easier to use the phone with wet fingers
- Redesigned back with no antenna bands
- A possible new color option named "Space Black"
- A 1mm slimmer body
- A Smart Connector that provides wireless charging, possibly located on the back shell

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Headphone Jack

One of the most widely-circulated rumors about the iPhone 7 is that <u>there will no longer be a headphone jack</u>. As of now, it is rumored that in order to decrease the thickness of the iPhone 7, Apple eliminated the headphone jack and instead opted for an all-in-one Lightning port that will support not only charging, but also music playing with Lightning-equipped headphones that will be included with the phone.

With the headphone jack removed, those wishing to plug regular headphones into the iPhone 7 will need either a Lightning connector or a 3.5mm jack-to-Lightning adaptor. The device will also support wireless Bluetooth headphones.

Camera

Many websites have revealed leaks concerning the iPhone 7's camera. Sites such as <u>TechnoBuffalo</u> and <u>the Indian Express</u> speculate that the device will have a larger, dual lens camera with a protruding, pill shaped enclosure instead of the two separate circular camera openings that current iPhones possess.

Screen

The iPhone 7 will likely <u>have a sharper screen made with Gorilla Glass 5</u>, a product known to be more durable and four times as resilient as previous designs. Korean news sources believe that Apple <u>will introduce edge-to-edge</u>, <u>OLED displays</u> for the iPhone 7 with no home button at all.

Cost

According to <u>technadar</u>, it is likely that iPhone 7 costs will remain similar to those of the iPhone 6. iPhone costs rarely vary each year, which means that the iPhone 7 will probably be priced around US\$649 ((£539, AU\$1079).

Storage

Apparently, buyers will also receive more gigabytes of storage. The price that currently provides 16 GB of storage will provide 32 GB for the iPhone 7, technadar says.

Reports claim the new entry-level capacity for the iPhone 7 will be 32 GB instead of 16 GB. The maximum storage size has also been increased to 256 GB.

Name

In the past, Apple has saved major name changes for phones with substantial redesigns, while tending to add an "S" to a pre-existing name for phones with minor upgrades that mostly resemble their predecessors.

The iPhone 7 has been said to be very similar to the iPhone 6, with much of the same features and not as many significant changes. According to <u>Forbes and the German site Apfelpage</u>, it is likely that Apple's new phones will be called the "iPhone 6SE" and the "iPhone 6SE Plus". <u>MacRumors</u> states that rumors suggest the iPhone 7 might be dubbed the "iPhone Pro".

Last month, Blass <u>tweeted</u> a request for people to stop calling the 2016 handsets "iPhone7", considering it "highly unlikely they will be named thusly."

Furthermore, a departure from the expected naming choice will allow Apple the possibility of saving the name "iPhone 7" to go along with a major upgrade in 2017, which will be the tenth anniversary of the release of the original iPhone.

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A new piece of artwork appeared on a Los Angeles street corner today, clearly without the blessing of the Republican Party.



Legendary director Arthur Hills, a 45-year Beverly Hills resident and former president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and the Directors Guild of America, died Wednesday after a long illness. He was 92.



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