



It's been an exciting year in the smart wristwear space, with Google finally releasing the much hyped Pixel Watch and Apple catering to weekend warriors with an adventure wearable. Let's have a look at our picks for the top smartwatches of 2022.

Apple Watch

8/SE/Ultra

Apple has been at the top of the smartwatch food chain for an absolute age, and though an evolutionary step forward rather than a revolutionary one, the latest batch of wearables have enough going on to keep them at the top of the tree. Plus there's now an adventurous twist to the story. T

The [Watch Series 8](#) is available in cellular and LTE variants and comes in two always-on OLED display options – 41 mm or 45 mm. Either way you'll get up to 18 hours of battery in regular use, but Apple has added in a new low power mode to extend up time.

Along with an electrical heart sensor that's used in conjunction with an ECG app and a blood

oxygen sensor, Apple's latest smartwatch comes with dual temperature sensors for measurement accuracy. Also new is a crash detection tool that makes use of multiple onboard sensors to check the status of the wearer after a car accident, and will contact emergency services if unresponsive.

With the launch of the [Watch Ultra](#), Apple has extended its reach beyond the average consumer and burst into the territories of outdoor enthusiasts such as hikers, runners and the divers.

It shares much of its feature set with the Series 8, but boasts a brighter screen and chunkier build, benefits from dual-frequency GPS for accurate route tracking, comes with a triple microphone array, and promises 36 hours of battery in normal use or up to 60 hours in low-power mode.

There's a depth sensor for avid divers and the Ultra is water-resistant to 10 ATM. And a built-in siren can be used to alert passers-by to your location if you get into trouble while out and about.

If your budget doesn't stretch to either of those wearables, the Watch SE is a great alternative and it got an update for 2022. It features the same S8 chip and operating system as its pricier stablemates, wears a similar look, and matches them for fitness-tracking sensors too. It lacks always-on display, can't measure blood-oxygen saturation and it doesn't include ECG capabilities though.

The [Watch Series 8](#) is priced at US\$399, the [Watch Ultra](#) will set you back \$799, while the [2022 Watch SE](#) comes in at \$249. However, if your smartphone of choice is anything other than an iPhone, you're going to need to look elsewhere for your stylish wrist candy.

Samsung Galaxy Watch 5/Watch 5 Pro

For Android phone users, Samsung's latest [Galaxy Watch](#) models are the best smartwatches available. The Watch5 retains the same processor and storage/memory as the Watch4, but has been upgraded to the latest Wear OS Powered by Samsung for an improved user experience – particularly for those with a Samsung phone.

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