

NOKIA 3

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The Nokia 3 is the entry level Nokia Smartphone. On first inspection, I found the phone to be evenly weighted, and with the phone surround being curved making it very comfortable to hold. The 5" display has Corning® Gorilla® Glass and the precision-machined aluminum frame gives protection where it matters. The Nokia 3 is available in 4 colours, Matte Black, Silver White, Tempered Blue and Copper White.

Because the Nokia 3 runs "pure" Android 7.0 Nougat, there is no "bloatware" (pre-installed applications by the phone manufacturer), to slow it down, and take up storage space. The built-in 16GB storage can simply be increased by using up to a 128GB microSD card, giving you plenty of additional storage capacity for apps, photos, videos and music.

The Nokia 3 has some impressive features for a budget Smartphone. With its adaptive screen brightness, the ability to change the font size, to make the text message boxes and text smaller or bigger, depending on your personal preference. With the ability to turn the phone over to reject a call, and to mute the phone on pick up, this is a function I am sure many users will find extremely useful. The default Nokia ringtone we all love (or hate in some cases) is set as default, it has been revamped, but it definitely is unmistakable. But, if that isn't for you, there are plenty of other ringtones to choose from.



The FM Radio feature is slightly old school as far as Smartphones go, but it is one of those features that can come in handy should you want to listen to the radio, but not have a Wifi or mobile data connection. The phone uses the earphones as an aerial, so as long as you have a good signal you can listen to your favourite FM station even in the middle of nowhere!

A majority of Smartphones have a built-in torch which uses the camera flash. I compared the torch on my Sony Z3 with the Nokia 3 torch, and the brightness was significantly better on the Nokia. Admittedly you aren't going to use the torch every day, but it's good to know that you something more powerful than a candle if you do!

The Nokia 3 has 8MP auto-focus cameras both back and front, with 4x zoom, which results in good quality images. The built-in camera features include; panoramic and beautify, compass, spirit level, and even watermarking to name a few. After taking some photos with the phone, we zoomed into the image and the detail that the camera had picked up was amazing.

There are some great built-in wallpapers to choose from, with categories including Art, Earth, Landscapes and Cityscapes to name a few. The only problem is choosing which one to use, but as you can have a different Home screen wallpaper to the lock screen wallpaper means you can at least choose two of them!

In conclusion, the Nokia 3 may be an entry level Smartphone, but the functionality is better than expected. In some aspects, it puts other Smartphones to shame, with its sleek look and feel. With a price tag of only £149.99, it is an affordable Smartphone that strongly competes with the other big brands.