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Hi! I just wanted to know your opinions on screen protectors vs no screen protector. I know that this is very individual and depending on how, and where, you use your phone. Some have a screen protector installed right out of the box when they buy a new phone, while others never use them. I've never been a fan of screen protectors, but considering the size of the iPhone 12 Pro max big screen, and how I hate scratches (even thin hairline scratches), I decided to have one installed. It's edge to edge, so I really can't tell that it's there, but there are times when I imagine that it has a very subtle, milky white tint to it, and that in certain angles, I can kinda see a faint rainbow effect. So, the question is, with the new and stronger Ceramic Shield glass this year, is a screen protector still "needed". I treat my phone very good, and during this pandemic, I'm mainly using it at home. Am I being too cautious, or have I made the right decision when installing a screen protector? Sometimes I just want to rip it off, but then I think, is it really ruining the quality of the display to such a degree that it's worth the risk of getting scratches on my screen..? Are you using a screen protector or not? I had one installed the day I got it. Lasted a few months before cracking. Took it off with intentions of replacing. Just haven't got around to it and the screen feels better without it. I have apple care as a back up. Reactions: Glideslope and Telesmurfen I have not used screen protectors for at least the past 6-7 years. Up until the 12 Pro Max, I figured that I would get micro scratches from being in my pocket even though it resides there alone never anything else with it. After I guess 4 months now, I can see no scratches of any kind on the 12 PM. The new glass does seem to be tougher than before. Ditto on AppleCare+, I do the month by month plan. Reactions: SigEp265 and Telesmurfen I decided to use a Spigen EZ fit Tempered Glass because its like using nothing at all. And keeps the phones oleophobic coating in good condition. Its gonna be a mess once the Oleophobic coating wears off. I like cleaning my screen with Pre Moistened wipes. But thats just me. Reactions: Glideslope, Apple OC and Telesmurfen What screen protector did you install? I'm *very* sensitive to clarity issues (I've worn eye glasses since I was like 5, always kept my glasses crystal clean, I hated the haze fingerprints gave) so I know what you mean about the "milky" haze. The OLED black parts of the screen has a slightly muted graphite look to it. It's not as inky black as without a screen protector. 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They aren't the strongest or clearest glass (no one will notice anyway) but mannnn is the easy install worth the trade off. You get a perfect install every time. yes...stray dust...i once did a "perfect" install of the WSD but there was dust so i ended up removing it.As for the 12 PM,i was looking for perfect install...and in my entire lifetime only the Spigen EZ Fit was able to do it. its annoying having to manually put on a screen protector. Reactions: Apple OC and Telesmurfen Thanks for all the comments and recommendations - I really appreciate it. But, the ultimate question is, is it worth the hassle to get a "perfect" screen protector with this new Ceramic Shield screen, or is it obsolete? I know that the CS screen is supposed to be more break resistant, but is it still as easily scratched as the previous generations of iPhones (say from X and up)? As I said above, I use my phone mainly at home these days, and when carrying it around, I always wear a case and put it in my front jeans pocket with no other things in it. But, I have experienced with earlier phones that tiny scratches and "hairline scratches" still appear out of "nowhere". So, that's why I'm asking. As for the Belkin screen protector I posted a picture of earlier, is that a recommended choice, and does anyone know if it's easy to install (it does come with a tray for easy fit and application, but I'm not very experienced when it comes to applying screen protectors, so it's gotta be kinda "fool proof")? Reactions: Spetsgruppa Thanks for all the comments and recommendations - I really appreciate it. But, the ultimate question is, is it worth the hassle to get a "perfect" screen protector with this new Ceramic Shield screen, or is it obsolete? 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I got my 12 pro max unexpectedly so just went into a shop and got one installed instead of waiting a week for a Spigen. Reactions: Telesmurfen Feb 2, 2009 283 191 Rockford, IL I've been using one on both my Pro and PM. I never have used one in the past, ever since the 3G. I've never had a scratched screen until the PM. It's very small, around 1/16" at almost the bottom edge of the phone. No idea how it got there. I just noticed it one day. I baby the phones. Designated phone pocket and nothing else goes in with it. I also never have the phone face down when on a counter, desk etc. Even so, I've been debating lately on taking it off. Reactions: Telesmurfen Oct 3, 2010 1,382 1,018 Denville, NJ New iPhones I buy don't even leave the Apple Store without getting a tempered glass screen protector installed and silicone case put on. Right there in the store. Reactions: Telesmurfen Otterbox alphaglass. Darn near the closest thing to a bare screen and has saved my wife's phones many times. Reactions: Telesmurfen Do you all prefer an edge-to-edge screen protector, or one with a cutout for the notch? Dec 14, 2010 4,298 2,961 UK Never used a screen protector with any iPhone Ive ever owned - just dont like them. Never had any issues either. Oct 14, 2010 3,667 4,328 Hogtown I've always been good at putting screen protectors on straight and without dust... however, it's so easy with the Spigen screen protectors now, even a child could put them on perfectly. Spigen is an excellent choice and if for some strange reason you don't like it... they are inexpensive. Dec 7, 2007 8,560 6,003 The Adirondacks. Ugh that's awful. The funny part is, doing all those acrobatics and steps with the WSD just allows a stray dust to land on the screen with all the movement. 😂 Those Spigen EZ Fit are such a good bang for your buck! They aren't the strongest or clearest glass (no one will notice anyway) but mannnn is the easy install worth the trade off. You get a perfect install every time. Agreed. Did allot of research. Installed the Spigen EZ Fit on my wife's 12. Very pleased with the price, performance component. No haze, screen looks great. I've been very happy using iCarez matte film screen protectors - have had them on my last couple of iPhones and iPad Pro. They are super thin, so they don't add the height that all glass protectors have. The matte surface is also easy to clean and doesn't show smudges as much as the glass screen tends to. My only complaint on the 12 Pro Max is that they cut them with too much of a boarder, which is noticeable when I use the phone case-less. In a case, it's a non-issue. It's not enough for me to not use it though. On my current iPad Pro 12.9", it's a perfect edge to edge fit (~0.03" from the edges) and it saved my screen from what would have been nasty scratches when it slid off of a table onto a brick patio. The screen protect scratched and needed to be replaced, but no damage to the screen. I have been rocking the iPhone 12 Pro for 4 years now and each year I find myself debating on upgrading or not. Needless to say, I have not upgraded (obviously). I am not sure exactly what it is, but maybe it is due to the fact that phones are now like TVs or Laptops and are simply at a mature state where they can easily last several years and still be a worth using. I am leaning towards upgrading this year to the 16 Pro and my wife is also ready to move on from her iPhone 13 mini. I will say though, that the excitement is long gone from the days where it was an event to get the new iPhone. I think they last time I felt that was the iPhone 12 Pro 4 years back. Thoughts? Reactions: uknation87 I did finally decide to upgrade my 12 Pro 128 gb to the 16 Pro 256 gb. I also decided there were enough upgrades in the last four years to warrant this change. Hopefully this 16 lasts me until the 20 or 21! Apr 28, 2017 1,529 1,442 Europe 13Pro user here and was initially quite set on upgrading. Main reason was that I thought that it would be nice with USB-C and a new battery. But tbh, my 13pro is still doing pretty well in terms of battery so prob wont. Might wait another year, we'll see. Jan 2, 2002 11,368 24,638 Each new iPhone is very similar to the previous generation, so there isn't much to get excited about. But if you wait many many years, then the new model will obviously be a big improvement over the obsolete iPhone you'll have by then. Each new iPhone is very similar to the previous generation, so there isn't much to get excited about. But if you wait many many years, then the new model will obviously be a big improvement over the obsolete iPhone you'll have by then. The 12's are hardly obsolete. I will be heading to the Apple Store tomorrow or Saturday to get the iPhone 16 Pro to replace my iPhone 12 Pro. The last 2 weeks of travel for work left me very frustrated with my 12 Pro battery life and decided it is time after 4 years. I will use the Verizon promo with the 12 Pro trade in as will my wife who will trade in her 13 mini. Reactions: uknation87 I updated from a 12 Pro to a 16 Pro mainly because my 12 Pro had a small screen crack and the lightning port no longer worked. Overall, I'm relatively happy. The 120mhz display makes it feel zippy and smooth, and the USB3 charging is handy so I can share that with my iPad and Macbook. Battery life is certainly better. The camera on the 12 Pro was pretty good, but the macro capability on the 16 Pro is a nice touch, as is the 5x telephoto. Overall, not disappointed, but the updates/changes seem quite small and incremental and I likely would've stuck with the 12 Pro if it hadn't been broken! At the same time, the fact that it's all so familiar and there was very little learning curve, is appealing. Finally moving on from my 12 PM and ordered the 16 PM. I'm pretty excited about the upgrades I've seen in multiple reviews. Reactions: svish Picked up my new iPhone 16 Pro last night to replace my iPhone 12 Pro. For me, this is a big upgrade in many ways. The first and most noticeable difference is in performance o the device. My old iPhone 12 Pro became very laggy with IOS 18 especially and the battery was not good. While I cannot comment on battery life on the 16 Pro yet, the iPhone feels very snappy, responsive and much smoother to use. I have not had a chance to use the cameras much yet, but I am sure they will be a nice upgrade. Overall, no regrets finally moving on from the 12 Pro. I have been rocking the iPhone 12 Pro for 4 years now and each year I find myself debating on upgrading or not. Needless to say, I have not upgraded (obviously). I am not sure exactly what it is, but maybe it is due to the fact that phones are now like TVs or Laptops and are simply at a mature state where they can easily last several years and still be a worth using. 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My wife and I both instantly noticed a difference in clarify, colors and the 120hz is noticeable in a way I never believed it would be. We also noticed how much better the speakers sound as well. I think the upgrade is well worth it from the 12 and if the iPhone 17 is that big of a jump you can always upgrade in the future. Reactions: uknation87 Hi, Just got an iPhone 12 pro and for the most part, the fast charging doesnt really bother me too much as i usually just chazarge my phone overnight and even with the 5w charger its full by the next morning. Having said that, on the odd occasion where i may need to get home and charge my phone before leaving quickly, i want to get a charger that will give my phone the best amount of juice in the shortest possible time. 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