

Lg g8 phone review

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LG is a company whose products I once adored. Over the years, though, the company has lagged behind in some major ways, and is paying for it dearly. Unfortunately, its new LG G8 ThinQ doesn't do much to buck this trend. Instead, it's a phone with some really great ideas, ruined by a bunch of bad ones. Good Ideas ToF Face Unlock The first great idea that LG has on the G8 ThinQ is Face Unlock. Now that tech itself is nothing all that new, but it's LG implementation that deserves credit. The Z-Camera inside the notch on this device is a flight time sensor that can properly map your face. With this, the LG G8 ThinQ can not only accurately recognize your face, but is much harder to spoof. Think of Apple FaceID on the iPhone X. Unlike Samsung and OnePlus, you can't fool the LG G8 ThinQ with a simple image. It's not flawless, though. LG Face Unlock feature is definitely slower than most, and a little more picky too. You can't hold your phone down at a sharp angle, instead of having to keep it in line with your face. However, a constant thought that I had while using the LG G8 ThinQ is that this is what everyone should do. Face Unlock will be the next big thing in biometrics, and while I'm legitimately sad to see the fingerprint sensor go, I want at least proper security from facial recognition instead of ridiculous deployments from other OEMs. Crystal Sound Amplifier If you look closely at the LG G8 ThinQ, you will notice that there is no speaker anywhere at the front of the device. Instead, LG is using what is called a Crystal Sound Amplifier on this device. This technology vibrates the screen itself to be a speaker. This is not a new technology, and the G8 ThinQ is far from the first to implement it in a smartphone. However, I think this is a good idea for more OEMs to jump on board with. The sound quality is clearer with this technology, and I found the caller's voice being overwhelmed by background noise less often. My only complaint is the placement of the speaker, which is smaller on the screen than I would prefer. Skipping the fingerprint sensor in the screen Without a doubt, the stupidest trend of 2018-2019 is the fingerprint sensor in the screen. Optical or ultrasonic, they're just a bad idea. They are slower, less accurate and less convenient. In general, they are just a waste for consumers across the board. Fortunately, LG didn't jump on board with this technology. Instead, the G8 ThinQ has a rear-facing capacitive fingerprint sensor. It's accurate, easy to use, and complements face unlock well until Google allows apps to use this authentication. In addition, LG has finally implemented the drag gesture to access notifications! When the fingerprint sensor dies, this is a feature I will miss very much. Headphone jack deserves credit credit is because of the talking of things that people miss the pain, the LG G8 ThinQ still has a jack for headphones. The 3.5mm jack is located on the bottom of the device and uses the same HI-FI DAC that the company has been using in recent years. If you're still in analog audio, it's a welcome feature that sticks around, and LG does it better than anyone else. Kudos, LG. Second vibrations just to the Pixel One thing LG started before everyone else in the Android world is caring about the vibration engine. After years of Apple dominating this part of the phones, LG has finally improved its vibration engines starting with the LG V30. That same technology has stuck around and lives in the LG G8 ThinQ. At this point, Google has overtaken LG (while still being in the shadow of Apple) here, but it's still a high point for LG devices. Vibrations are punchy and don't feel empty like a lot of other devices. Lg Bad Ideas SOFTWARE is still a business-breaking trainwreck good ideas out of the way, let's talk about what ruins them, and that starts with the software. While Android as a whole has been improving slowly especially in the last two years, LG is somehow getting worse and worse by comparison. Out of the box, the LG G8 ThinQ runs on top of Android Pie - the company's only device on the operating system - with a skin on top. That skin is full of bloatware and bizarre UI changes. There is a lot that could be said about this, but I just want to tap on some of the upsets that affected my time with LG software. While Google takes on this is wrong for many (I'm not one of them), LG has some janky animations and weird scrolling problems that make it even worse. The drag gesture that goes back and forth, although apps, for example, often skip over two or three apps even on a quick drag. Another aspect that blows my mind is that, yet, the LG home screen doesn't have an app drawer that works. Each time you download a new app, the app drawer places it at the end of the list, even if you set it alphabetically. Sometimes the drawer will even leave just blank spots on the pages for no reason at all. That's not even to mention that this phone still ships without the app drawer enabled by default. LG, why are you like that? Former 9to5-er Hayato Huseman pointed out in his video review of LG G8 ThinQ that when using the phone, a prompt occurs during installation, which warns you not to remove the battery. For context, LG hasn't delivered an iconic device with a detachable battery in almost 3 years, so why does this prompt appear? Further diving in this regard, a smaller but still annoying complaint. When you edit a screenshot on the LG G8 ThinQ, you're thrown into the QuickMemo+ app. For whatever reason, cropping is not available in the default view and is hidden under an unrelated button. Once you go Save the screenshot, it is also saved as a copy, leaving you with a duplicate. A minor complaint, sure, but a good example of what's wrong with LG software too. The brief on LG software is that it is still a mess, and the company does not do much to fix the problem. Over time, things have slowly worsened, as Android as a whole has worsened. It's a shame, and for me, a hill-breaker. AirMotion is impressively useless then it's not AirMotion. So I mentioned above, the Z-Camera ToF sensor on the LG G8 ThinQ is a good thing. However, the company for some reason thinks that Sure Face Unlock is not enough of a selling point. Instead, they developed AirMotion. This feature requires a scan of the hand and tracks its movements to do things such as adjusting the volume or controlling playback. Pitch is to use this when your hands are dirty, which is a good idea, but the implementation is too horrible to make as worthit. 8 times out of 10, AirMotion doesn't detect the hand, and a few times it does, it barely works. You have to place your hand perfectly to get this kind of thing, and even then, it takes so much more to get the feature working. If your hands are dirty, it would be faster to wash and dry them and then complete the action against using AirMotion. That said, the little animation that shows sees the phone's hand is very cool. This glass finish is like a cube of ice glass phones are inherently slick and there is really no avoidance of that without a case. However, I have to say, LG has somehow made this problem much worse on the LG G8 ThinQ. This phone is as slippery as an ice cube and it looks like it just wants to fall off anything. On my desk, closet, or even dash my car, the LG G8 ThinQ finds a way to slip where no other phone ever has for me. If I leave the phone on the closet, which is as level as any surface you have in your home, let it use the toilet until I turn the phone is on the floor. Given 5 minutes here, the LG G8 ThinQ definitely would have found your way to the ground if you do not intend to use a case and especially if you live or work somewhere with hard flooring, you should fully expect this phone to fall and probably break faster than any other device you have owned. The most annoying thing about this is that I can't figure out why it does. Could it be (of course nice) the lack of a camera cuckoo? LG uses a different layer? Does it have anything to do with the shape? Now I have no idea, but it's annoying. You'll virtually never get a software update The biggest problem with LG G8 and any other LG phone right now, it's updates. Simply put, LG is godawful at providing software updates, and even security patches do not see the best track record. If you buy this phone, you should not more of a major software update in its lifetime and, even then, it will probably be months late for everyone else. Rounding up the LG G8 ThinQ - Camera On the back of the LG G8 ThinQ, you'll find either two or three cameras, depending on your region. The American model I tested has two cameras, which seems to be a strange choice when Samsung is adopting three. Regardless, the cameras here are middling at best. The main 16MP shooter takes respectable photos, and ultrawide is fine, too. Don't come close to anything Huawei, Apple or Google offers here by any means. - Battery life In several days we tested lg G8 ThinQ, we found the battery life to be fine. I'm not exactly blown away, but it's better than the Galaxy S10 and S10e, and it still holds up my Pixel 3 XL as well. These are not huge facts, but it is acceptable and should be enough for most users. Wireless charging and fast charging are also in toting, which is nice. - Lg G8 ThinQ Display is also the company's first G-Series device with an OLED screen, and I'm glad to see that. LG's OLED panels have continuously gotten better and while one of the G8 is saturated a little too much for my taste, it's sharp and quite bright for the most part. It's a good panel, just not quite up to par with the Galaxy S10. Final Thoughts LG G8 ThinQ is a phone I can't recommend to anyone. This phone has so many good ideas that are clearly looking to the future, but it is also full of unnecessary tricks and software that creates an absolute disaster. However, it is the complete distrust of LG when it comes to software updates that I find telling people to avoid this phone. When you buy a phone, especially a flagship, you buy a device that is meant to last for years, being always safe by receiving new features to go with it. With LG, this is a promise that simply doesn't come unfulfilled. You'll probably find some discounts on this phone in the coming months, but I really think that the OnePlus 7/Pro, Pixel 3a, or even a used Samsung Galaxy device will treat you better. Until LG changes its habits, its good ideas are just going to waste. There are only better phones out there for the price, and much less too. FTC: We use earning revenue links to auto affiliates. More. Check out 9to5Google on YouTube for more news: news:

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