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## Google pixel g- 2pw4100 review

The Google Pixel remains our favorite phone, no bar – unless you're looking for a bigger screen, in which case we'd recommend its older brother, the Pixel XL.The Pixel strikes a great balance between speed and beauty, ergonomics and immediate usability. It is the purest vehicle for Android Nougat 7.0, Google's mobile operating system. It's a relatively fast charger. And it offers the smoothest integration with Google's Daydream View VR headset (although the list of compatible phones is growing). See all other +26 photos Of course, pixel isn't perfect; Rear panel glass treatment may be an aesthetic error for some people, and prone to cracking. It's also not as waterproof as the others, and although the camera is amazing, the iPhone 7 Plus delivers superior video quality in portrait mode (read more about how the two stack up). However, these are mostly small quibbles; if you're looking for alternatives to the latest iPhone models, the Google Pixel and Pixel XL are worth a serious look. Going forward, Google hasn't officially stated anything about the future of the Pixel line, but there are swirling rumors about the development of innovative AR and VR and, perhaps, a collapsible display. But with the next Pixel not expected before October 2017 (a year after the original debut), Android fans may be tempted by the Samsung Galaxy S8, which is rumoured to be reaching in March or April.Editor's note, February 16, 2017: The original Google Pixel review, first published in October 2016, follows. With the Pixel, Google stepped into the bat, called his shot, and dropped it from the park. If there are lingering doubts about Google's capacity to step out on its own, it's gone. Sure, HTC may have put the phones together, but Google designed, engineered and branded them. And the timing couldn't be luckier with Samsung still emerging from a very difficult 2016 hangover. Jason Cipriani/CNET Starting at \$649 in the US, £599 in the UK and AU\$1,079 in Australia, the Pixel is fast, with an elevated and refined design. A big investment in his camera results in a nimble shooter as well. Although portrait mode is especially bad, it instead takes incredible shots that rival Apple's photos of the iPhone 7 Plus.It's also the first phone to have the search giant's new and powerful voice and search service, called google assistant, built in. This is the most natural voice assistant I've ever experienced, and closest to giving me that Jarvis from the Iron Man experience all these assistants seem to be pursuing. The Samsung Galaxy S7 Edge may still be the most visually striking phone on the market. But, if you're wary of Samsung phones, the Pixel - a strong contender for The best premium Android - make a great alternative. Why is the Pixel one of the best Android phones right nowSo what's so great about the Pixel? Aside from premium premium like cameras and processors, it packs new software features that are useful for everyday use. Read on to find out more. This camera is (mostly) awesomeAll you can tell from its name, Google makes a big deal about pixel cameras, and it's amazing. It takes a better shot than the already star-starred iPhone 7 Plus, which I consider the defending champion of camera phones. If you want a complete scoop on how the two compare, check out CNET. Google Pixel vs. iPhone 7 Plus features: Which camera is better? The camera is fast, the image is in focus, and the colors look vibrant. Close-up shots appear very sharp and smooth. Landscape scenes retain an impressive amount of detail and depth, even with distant objects. Zoom In Image,modalTemplate:{{content}},setContentOnInit:false}&gt;Mobile phone 12.3 megapixel friends. Josh Miller/CNET Photos taken in dim lighting are understandably not as sharp and have more digital artifacts. But the camera does a good job in capturing the available light and brightening the scene. The flash makes the skin tone look natural too, and if it weren't for some reflection in the eyes, it would be hard to say in the photo that it was even used. The front camera is also very good. It has a lens wide enough to fit a lot of content (read: face) in each frame, and softens skin tone enough to look attractive without appearing too airbrushed. To see the picture I took, check out the slideshow below. See all photos +23 More Cameras can record 4K video, and although it doesn't have optical image stabilization, it uses a combination of gyroscope and software to stabilize your videos all the same. This feature works well, and is useful when you're moving while recording a recording. But it gives your video a kind of surreal, almost drone-like quality. The Google Assistant helps organize your day Pixel is heavily integrated with Google's search service, and this is the first hardware the Google Assistant baked. Assistant is an AI bot that uses machine learning and an extensive Google search database to answer all kinds of questions you throw. It can schedule reminders, find facts and places to eat, set alarms, give directions, translate phrases, and more. And the more you use it, the more it should learn about you and become more personalized. Unlike Google Now (a previous iteration of the digital assistant), Apple's Siri, Amazon's Alexa, and Microsoft's Cortana, the Assistant is really a conversation. You can use your voice to talk to it in a natural way, back and forth, and have a chat-like interface. every interaction, there are suggested follow-up queries that you can tap to keep the conversation running. Zoom In Image,modalTemplate:{{content}},setContentOnInit:false}&gt;Tenik Google Assistant (left) and ask the Assistant where to find Japanese tapas nearby Lynn La / CNET As with most voice assistants, you forget that they are there. But when you remember, the Assistant can be useful. It doesn't hear every question correctly all the time, but when it does, it works relatively quickly. Compared to Siri, which type of check after completing each task, the Assistant built my previous query, making me interact with it for longer. Android Nougat packs some sweetness This device runs a pure version of Android 7.1 Nougat. This is the first to have google messaging service Allo and duo video calling app preloaded (you can uninstall it if you want). Google's alias launcher shortcut uses Apple's 3D Touch, allowing you to long press multiple apps to call additional menu options. You can send GIFs inside Google Keyboard, for all your GIF-fy delights. To reduce eye strain so as not to see a bright, bluish look at night, there is a Night Light setting that stains the screen to yellow. (Other Android phones and iPhones are already doing this.) On the back is a fingerprint reader for security and additional user services like Android Pay. It works quickly, and as a bonus you can use it to slide down notifications on the screen. It looks and feels great the Pixel and Pixel XL are almost identical, but the latter has a bigger, sharper screen and a banged-up battery. Besides, they're almost the same. Both are polished and well made, and the sleek one-piece aluminum design makes it more elegant than previous Nexus devices. Page 2 Zooming in on Pixel Images is one of the leanest parts of the technology. Josh Miller/CNET Granted, the Pixel does look like an iPhone, but it has a chamfered, wedge-shaped edge, which likely keeps the camera flushed and avoids unsightly bumps. I also have to agree with what CNET's Stephen Shankland wrote about the Pixel before: it reached the heavy area and heft Goldilocks. While the Nexus 6P is too heavy and the 5X feels too hollow, the Pixel feels right. As for the funky two toned thing on the back, it hit me as weird the first time I saw it too. Others may never like it (though I guess you can slap the case on it), but it eventually grows on me. Juxtaposition between matte-metal finish and unique shiny panels, and glass resistant to scratches and blisters (unlike other shiny finishes we've tested). And while I can't test Google's claim that this shade is supposed to help antennas, it makes gripping the phone easier. It's as fast as its Android rivals With its Snapdragon 821 processor, work quickly and smoothly. I don't see any lag with everyday tasks like launching a camera, quitting an app, and calling the keyboard. Intense graphics games like Riptide GP 2 deliver sharp scenery and high frame rates. On paper, the Pixel prints benchmarks comparable to its Android competitors. It fell just between the expected 27,000-30,000 to 27,000-30,000 for the Ice Storm Unlimited 3DMark test, and has the highest multi-core score for Geekbench 4. The iPhone 7, however, blew this benchmark out of the water, surpassing all of these devices by a prominent margin. But unless you're a hardcore mobile gamer, these numbers shouldn't mean much. Yes, the iPhone 7 is lightning fast, but so are all other devices. And when it comes to ordinary people and how we use our phones every day, the differences in these benchmarks are not particularly noticeable in real life. One of these flagship phones should be fast enough to meet most of your phone's needs. Google Pixel Apple iPhone 7 Samsung Galaxy S7 HTC 10 Motorola Moto Z 3DMark Ice Storm Unlimited Longer bar shows better performance Why Google Pixel is not perfect As great as the Pixel, it has a weak point that keeps it from being the ultimate phone. The camera has several drawbacks One big drawback is the optional Lens Blur mode which uses the software to try the same arty background blur as the iPhone 7 Plus does in Portrait mode. Pixel bombs this, with inconsistent patchy results. The iPhone 7 Plus dual camera nailed it. The camera also defaults to HDR+Auto. You can switch from this option, but reset it to Automatic every time you launch the camera. This is annoying for those who prefer to shoot their images au naturel by default. In addition, while the low-light image looks great, the video is not so star. Things look smudged and muddy compared to the 7 Plus. For more on video quality, check out our in-depth dive. Finally, photos can be accessed through Google's Photos app, and you get unlimited cloud storage for your images and videos at full resolution (yes, even 4K). You can turn off cloud sync, but if you're a sticker for privacy and don't want your photos connected to Google's servers in any way, you'll need to go ahead and download a different gallery app. Enlarge The ImageYou can see how patchy the blurry effect around this model wisps the hair. Vanessa Orellana / CNET It's not dunkableUnlike Apple iPhone 7 and 7 Plus, Samsung Galaxy phones 2016 and some Sony handsets, pixel can not take dunking. It is rated only IP53 for dust and water resistance, which means it will only survive a light water spray. In the end, it's disappointing for the phone you'll be carrying in 2017.Another design drawback is how dim the screen looks outdoors. Having a screen that's comfortable to see in direct sunlight is a challenge for most handsets, but it's very difficult for the Pixel. I often have to shade it with my hands, which is an obstacle when take a photo. Zooming in on imagea some light water spray won't hurt the phone, but you can forget about a full dive underwater. Josh Miller/CNET The battery is good, but it's not special the Pixel survives a solid work day with moderate to heavy use, but requires charging at the end of the day. In our lab we The Pixel records an average of 13 hours and 12 minutes of continuous video playback in Airplane mode. It was longer than the iPhone 7, LG G5, HTC 10 and Motorola Moto Z, but the Samsung Galaxy S7 outperformed all its competitors with a 16-hour run. Pixel batteries use fast charging technology. Within 30 minutes, it was back up at 42 percent and fully charged within 1 hour 45 minutes. It's not superfast compared to, say, phones that use Qualcomm's Quick Charging technology. For them, a full re-up after an hour and a half is the usual sweet spot. The pixel available is not locked on Google's online site. You can also buy it from Verizon (and save \$300 if you trade on your old device), which is the only network to sell it. This is no big deal, as the unlocked version will work on other carriers, but it would be nice to walk into an AT& amp; store T, T-Mobile or Sprint brick-and-mortar and can buy pixel. For such a hypnotic phone, it should be available through more channels. If you want more retail info, see how to buy a Pixel here. Google Pixel Apple iPhone 7 Samsung Galaxy S7 LG G5 HTC 10 Motorola Moto Z Screen size, resolution 5 inches; 1,920x1,080 pixels 4.7 inches; 1,334x750 pixels 5.1 inches; 2,560x1,440 pixels 5.3 inches; 2,560x1,440 pixels 5.2 inches; 2,560x1,440 5.5-inch pixels; 2,560x1,440 pixels Pixel density 441 ppi 326 ppi 576 ppi 554 ppi 564 ppi 535 ppi Dimensions (inches) 5.66x2.74x0.34 inch (at thickest) 5.44x2.64x0.28 inches 5.6x2.7x0.3 inches 5.88x2.90x0.30 inches 5.7x2.8x0.3 5 inches 6.11x2.96x0.2 inches Dimensions (millimeters) 143.84x69.54x8.58 mm (thickest) 138.3x67.1x7.1 mm 142.14x69.6x7.9 mm 149.4x73.9x7.7 mm 145.9x71.9x9 mm 155.3 x 75.3 x 5.19 mm Weight (ounce , gram) 5.04 oz.; 143 g 4.87 oz.; 138 g 5.4 oz.; 152 g 5.61 oz.; 159 g 5.7 oz.; 161 g 4.79 oz.; 136 g Mobile software Android 7.1 Nougat iOS 10 Android 6.0 Marshmallow Android 6.0 Marshmallow Android 6.0 Marshmallow Android 6.0 Marshmallow Camera 12.3-megapixel 12-megapixel (wide) 12 megapixel 16 megapixels; Front camera 8 megapixels (wide) 12 megapixels 13 megapixels Home 8 megapixels 7 megapixels 5 megapixels 5 megapixels 8 megapixels 5 megapixel 5 megapixels Video capture 4K 4K 4K 4K Processor 4K 4K 4K 2.15GHz + 16Hz quad-core Qualcomm Snapdragon 821 A10 chip (64-bit) 2.15GHz + 1.6GHz quad-core Qualcomm Snappgradon 820 2.15GHz quad-core Qualcomm Snapdragon 820 2.2GHz quad-core Qualcomm Snapdragon 820 2.2GHz quad-core Qualcomm Snapdragon 820 , 128GB 32GB, 128GB, 256GB 32GB, 64GB (varies by region) 32GB 32GB, 64GB (varies by region) 32GB, 64GB RAM 4GB TBD 4GB 4GB expandable storage No Up to 200GB Up to 2TB Up to 2TB Up to 2TB 2TB Battery 2TB 2,770 mAh (not removable) talk time 14 hours at 3G, standby 10 12-hour internet usage on LTE 3,000 mAh (non-removable) 2,800 mAh (non-removable) 3,000 mAh (non-removable) 2,600 mAh (non-removable) 3,000 mAh (non-removable) battery 2,600 mAh (non-removable) 3,000 mAh (removable) 2,600 mAh (imovable) 3,000 mAh (removable) 3,000 mAh (not removable) battery 2,600 mAh (not removable) 2,600 mAh (not removable) removable) Rear cover Home Button sensor Home button Main cover back button Under display Usb-C Connector Lightning Micro-USB USB-C USB-C Special features Google Assistant built-in; unlimited cloud storage; Daydream VR ready Waterproof; Waterproof taptic home button; Battery Pull-out wireless charging; two OIS rear cameras on the front camera; BoomSound Magnetic Moto Mod snap-on accessory; The dedicated accessory port behind The Pixel represents a new era for Google phones, and it's a strong start. True, it has its drawbacks. It's not as waterproof as its main rivals, and its battery life isn't impressive. In that case, the Galaxy S7 is still an Android champion. It's also expensive, which is off-putting when you know that phones like the OnePlus 3 perform just as well and don't cost nearly as much. Zoom in on the self-branching ImageGoogle and the strategy pays off. Josh Miller/CNET But pixel is gorgeous. It went fast and came at a time when the biggest Android phone maker, Samsung, was hitting some rough luck. Save for its Lens Blur feature, the Pixel camera exceeded my high expectations and gave the iPhone a run for its money. The Google Assistant feels more natural than other voice search systems, and is useful for organizing your daily life (if you remember it's there). Now that many are justifiably wary of Samsung phones, the Pixel is a great choice for Android users wondering where to go next. Its brand cache already rivals Samsung and Apple. Unlike last year's Nexus model, you don't need to be an Android fan to appreciate it. The only thing you should be enthusiastic about is having a beautiful phone, taking amazing photos and having a smooth performance. If so, the Pixel is for you. You.

