



Apple Watch Series 5

What's New and Comparisons

Executive Summary

- The Apple Watch Series 5 replaces the Series 4
- It's a replacement because there's not that much new
- The new features are great, but not worth an upgrade from 4-to-5
- The Series 3 continues at a really low price if you want to try the Apple Watch experience
- The Series 4 is still available from 3rd parties at a somewhat lower price

What's New in Series 5?

- Always On Display with improved ambient light sensor
- Compass
- Titanium and Ceramic case options
- S5 processor (S4 on Series 4)
- 32 GB RAM (16GB on Series 4)
- Band selections are now a la carte
- <https://www.imore.com/apple-watch-series-4-vs-apple-watch-series-5>

Always On Display

- To save power, the display dims when you're not looking at it
- Depending on the watch face and complications displayed, most information is still shown and can be seen at a glance without raising your wrist
- Some less important things, like a moving seconds hand, may not be displayed



Compass App

- Exclusive to the Series 5
- Can be set to Magnetic or True North
- Can also show elevation, inclination, and co-ordinates

• <https://www.igeeksblog.com/how-to-use-compass-app-on-apple-watch-series-5/>



Case Options

- More expensive options
- Both are special Editions that include unique watch faces not available otherwise

- <https://www.imore.com/apple-watch-series-5-aluminum-vs-titanium>
- <https://9to5mac.com/2019/09/27/apple-watch-series-5-edition/>



44mm case



977 sq mm
display area

40mm case



759 sq mm
display area

42mm case



740 sq mm
display area

38mm case



563 sq mm
display area

Size Comparison

Series 4/5 on Left - Series 3 on Right

Pricing

- Series 3 from \$199
- Series 5 Aluminum from \$399 (includes Nike Edition)
- Series 5 Stainless Steel from \$699
- Series 5 Titanium Edition from \$799
- Series 5 Ceramic Edition from \$1299
- Series 5 Stainless Steel Hermes Edition from \$1249
- <https://www.apple.com/shop/buy-watch/apple-watch>