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HANDS ON REVIEW

# SYMPHONY Z10

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS

The Z10 is Symphony's range topper at a very affordable price bracket. It heads straight to the likeable side of the equation by focusing on the tried and tested design elements. Rounded edges and a 2.5D curve to the edges of the glass give it a contemporary look. The designers were very particular about alignment it seems. Flip over and everything is placed centrally. That includes the camera lens, LED light, fingerprint scanner, logo and speaker grill: all line up along the centre of the device. Neat.

The back is a removable cover housing two SIM slots, a microSD card slot and the removable battery. It's a plastic cover with what appears to be a thin, inlaid metallic surface. In all respect it appears to be a metal phone but the top and bottom strips along with the surrounding edges are plastic.

## DISPLAY

One of their key selling points is the Full Vision display. Full Vision promises to give you maximum screen space with minimum bezel interference. Mostly coined by LG, this type of screen offer a 18:9 aspect ratio. For Symphony this may very well be their narrowest bezel phone. This 5.7 inch screen doesn't take up much space in your hand while the 1440x720 display puts out 282.45 PPI.

## OS & UI

It comes straight out of the box with Nougat 7.1 running. The UI is a custom blend Android with a skin reminiscent of iOS. All icons are on the homescreen. Android fans will appreciate that bloatware is kept low at about 5-6 apps with one being that of Pickaboo. That's a lot lower than most Samsung units.

## PROCESSING

The quad core Cortex-A53 1.4GHz, 64-bit Snapdragon processor is supported by an Adreno 308 GPU. 3GB RAM and 32GB on-board memory should keep you rolling. AnTuTu scores come to 34782. The juice is enough to keep you entertained. The screen is reasonably sharp and the processing power will let you easily play

games like Walking Dead and CarX Highway Racing. Load times were a little long on some but overall gameplay was smooth even for more demanding games like Asphalt Airborne. The 308 is standard fare in many mid rangers and serves well for casual to moderate gaming.

## CAMERA

Both front and rear are Samsung sensors with the rear being a 13MP unit. Unusually, the front is a 16MP unit probably taking into account how often people upload their selfies these days. But, megapixel count does not account for everything.

The lenses apparently have f.20 aperture so low light photos should come out good. Despite that, you get some grain even in lit indoor conditions. Edges of objects in the distance are jagged.

The colours on the other hand are mostly very accurate except for an occasional slight reddish tint on some images. Most yellows and reds do come out accurate meaning a little tweaking with a filter will get you the 'instagrammy' look you prefer.

It will easily serve all your social media needs. It quickly latches onto faces offering minimal lag. That's good when you are outside and want to snap shots of friends doing very objectionable things.

## BATTERY

The 2900mAh battery was good enough to carry me over an entire day of moderate to heavy usage courtesy of the screen. But make sure your GPS isn't always hunting for your app related queries. That and Facebook will quickly eat up your power. I used the Z10 as my secondary phone for more than a week and I didn't have any complaints about the battery.

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## SPECS

**Display:** 5.7" Full Vision HD+ Narrow Bezel  
**CPU:** 1.4 GHz 64-bit Quad Core  
**RAM:** 3 GB  
**ROM:** 32 GB  
**Back Camera:** 13 MP, f/2.0, auto-focus  
**Selfie Camera:** 16 MP  
**Battery:** 2900 mAh  
**OS:** Android Nougat 7.1.2  
**Price:** Tk 15,990/-

## VERDICT

It's build quality is excellent with the phone feeling sturdy and comfortable to hold. The smooth surfaces allow it to easily pass our pocket tests, slipping quickly in and out of tight jeans pockets. Young students, who will probably be the majority of the buyers, will find it an easy, rugged device that can take a bit of abuse. For the price, it offers very decent processing and battery power with a lot of screen in a little bit of space. The camera department is only good for casual social media uploads. Overall, it is a very smart looking device with a capable set of skills.



## ILLOGICAL REASONS WHY NOT TO BUY



NO X FACTOR

Sadly, it doesn't have a single unique feature that sets it apart from the rest.



CROPPED DISPLAY

Thanks to the notch, your display will be annoyingly cropped.



NO PRIVACY

The phone will be storing your facial shots regularly. So, say bye-bye to privacy.



LOW ON SECURITY

Touch ID was a proven system whereas Face ID hasn't been tested before.

## LOGICAL REASONS WHY NOT TO BUY



NOT MARKET TESTED



RIDICULOUSLY EXPENSIVE



NOT AVAILABLE



NOTHING GROUNDBREAKING

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## JUST IN

### Walton offers cash voucher, cashback on smartphones

Walton is offering cash voucher and cashback on some model of smartphones. Customers who purchase selective models of smartphones and register the product by SMS will get maximum cash voucher and cashback of one lakh BDT. The offer began from Tuesday (October 10, 2017) and will be available till December 31 this year. Smartphone buyers can avail the offer from any Walton Plaza, Walton Exclusive Distributor, Walton Mobile Brand and retailer outlets across the country. The offer is available on Primo H6+, Primo N3, Primo NX4, Primo NX4 Mini, Primo RM3, Primo RM3s, Primo RX5, Primo S5, Primo X4 Pro and Primo ZX3.



### Agreement between Bikroy and RFL Autos & Duranta Bicycles

Bikroy has signed an agreement with RFL Autos and Duranta Bicycles to make sure. This agreement has been signed recently at The Daily Star Centre in Dhaka. Isa Abrar Ahmed, Senior Manager of Category Management at Bikroy.com and Md. Rakibul Ahsan and Pial Hasan, Brand Manager, RFL Autos & Duranta Bicycles etc. were present at the signing ceremony. According to the press release issued by Bikroy.com, the agreement will assure that customers find a selection of commercial vehicles from RFL Foton and Bicycles by Duranta with exciting deals and offers on Bikroy.com.

### Samsung mobile Bangladesh launches new offer with Robi

Samsung announced a new offer with Robi where with the purchase of the Samsung J2 and J7 Series 4G smartphones customers can enjoy bundle offer that includes 180 minutes of talk time and up to 18GB of Internet in Whatsapp, Facebook, Messenger, Viber and IMO. With the purchase of Samsung Galaxy J1 Nxt Prime, J2 2015, J2 Prime, J2 Pro, customers can get 12GB data pack and with the purchase of Galaxy J7 2015, J7 2016, J7 Prime, J7 Max, J7 Pro and J7 Nxt customers will get 18GB Internet for 3 months. A phone wallet and winter jacket comes free with every purchase of the aforementioned J7 devices.

## TECH HAPPENING

### 15 Years celebration of Bayer Bangladesh

Bayer Crop Science Limited Bangladesh recently celebrated fifteen years anniversary as 'Bayer Bangladesh Day' in presence of its stakeholders. A day Long program held in head office, Dhaka. The key activities of the event were Blood donation, thanks giving card to each other, town hall meeting, team activity, tree plantation, health check-up and quiz competition. Richard van der Merwe, Vice Chairman

& Managing Director of Bayer group in India and the German Ambassador to Bangladesh Dr. Thomas Prinz joined in the program to its celebration. On the eve of the program the Managing Director of Bayer Bangladesh Srinivasa Kumar Karavadi expressed his gratitude in shaping Bayer in Bangladesh. Bayer Bangladesh Web Page (www.bayer.com/bd) launched at the evening that day too.

### Informatics Olympiad for high school students held

A day-long Informatics Olympiad was held at HURDCO International School last Thursday. Daily Sun Editor Enamul Hoque Chowdhury inaugurated the day-long Informatics Olympiad at HURDCO campus. HURDCO school management committee Vice Chairman Shah Zakir Hossain, Managing Director SM Mofizur Rahman and Head of Computer Science Waliullah Taslim, HURDCO Principal Zinnat Ali were present during the event.

TECH BITS

Twitter makes another rule change; this time tackling revenge porn



Tony West leaves Pepsi to become Uber's new Chief Legal Officer



iPhone X pre-orders are being scalped on eBay for \$1,500, on average



Facebook says its ad transparency features will go live next month



WhatsApp finally lets you recall messages you've sent by mistake

