

HANDS-ON REVIEW

OPPO F19 Pro - A phone for noobs and pros

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After a very long time, we are back with OPPO's exciting upper-midrange device- the F19 Pro. F19 is an iteration of OPPO's mid-tier product segment and since its launch several months back readers have been asking us for a review of the device. OPPO handed us this review unit almost a month back and here's what we have to say about the device:

Firstly, the phone comes with an 'atypical' form factor and not an 'awe-inspiring' design. But does it mean it's mundane? Definitely not. The phone does not shy away from the F series design language rather embraces it. The plastic body has a glossy finish and is really soothing to hold on hand. The phone is slim and sleek as well: weighing around 172gm and just 7.8mm thick. On the back, you will find the quad-camera housing and a flash. The power button is on the right and the volume rockers are on the left with the triple card sim slot. The phone comes with a 3.5mm audio port which is

becoming rare these days.

The phone sports a stunning 6.44-inch AMOLED 60Hz Widevine L1 display despite not having a higher refresh rate screen. The smoothness while scrolling the screen was evident but the colour rendition and high brightness of the screen were trying to compensate for it (it was not able to though!).

The performance of the phone is where we feel like it has significant room for improvement. The phone comes with a MediaTek Helio P95 chip and 8GB RAM + 128GB ROM. Helio P95's 12nm process output is not the best in its class and the result can be seen while gaming, particularly if you are playing graphics-intensive games. For example, while running Call of Duty Warzone we could only get around 30frames per second in high settings.

The phone comes with OPPO's proprietary Color OS 11.1 which is based on Android 11. Over the years, OPPO has made significant improvements on its Color OS 11. It is light, smooth and much more intuitive than before. One great thing about the UI is that it does not, unlike Xiaomi or Tecno, show any advertisements which is a nuisance to many.

The camera of the phone has a quad-camera setup in the back and houses a 48 MP main camera with a 5MP ultrawide lens, 2MP Macro and 2MP depth sensor. The options on the camera were plentiful and not so hard to use. If you are pro- you can try to use the macro features. Sadly, the quality of the images was not that great in macro mode.

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Check our website for sample shots. Regular photos seemed fine to use. The night mode tried to suppress noise but was not able to bring out too many details either. The run of a mill punch-hole selfie camera on the front was able to produce average 'groupfies'.

The phone comes with VOOC 4.0 30W fast charger. It could charge the phone from zero to full in a little over an hour. The 4,310 mAh battery nearly lasted a day which is something we loved about the phone. Priced at BDT 26,990, the phone is expected to face stiff competition in the market as there are several great phones out there with excellent hardware in the same price range.

