



New smartphones, smartwatch and earbuds: Here's everything Google recently announced

Google officially revealed a plethora of new products and software updates in their Google I/O 2022 event, held on May 11.

Some of the most anticipated Google products finally received confirmation, including the upcoming Pixel 6a and Pixel 7 smartphones, the new Pixel Buds Pro, the updated Android 13 OS and Google's first-ever smartwatch, Pixel Watch.

GOOGLE PIXEL 6A

Google's new mid-range smartphone will be released soon, featuring notable similarities with the Pixel 6. Pixel 6a will reportedly feature Google's 5 nm Tensor chipset, the same as Pixel 6, and the signature Pixel camera bar. According to Google, the frame is made of recycled aluminium.

Google Pixel 6a reportedly has a 6.1-inch display, 12.2 MP and 12 MP dual main camera setup, 8 MP selfie camera and runs on Android 12 OS. It also comes with 128 GB internal memory, 6 GB RAM and a Li-Po 4410 mAh battery.

Google Pixel 6a will be available for pre-order from July 21 and is currently priced at \$449 in the US.

GOOGLE PIXEL 7

At the Google I/O 2022 event, Google also announced their latest flagship: the Pixel 7 and Pixel 7 Pro. While not a lot regarding these new phones have been confirmed by Google yet, the rumour mills are already full of speculations.

What is confirmed though, is that the Pixel 7 and Pixel 7 Pro will feature the "next generation" Google Tensor chipset, and will run on the brand new Android 13 OS. Based on how the phone looks, the display size of the Pixel 7 should be around 6.2 to 6.4 inches. To note, the Pixel 6 has a 6.4-inch display.

Google has also confirmed that the Pixel 7 will be available in three colours: obsidian (black), snow (white) and lemongrass (yellow). The company has further stated that the new flagship phone will be released this fall, alongside the Pixel Watch.

GOOGLE PIXEL WATCH

Google Pixel Watch features an improved Wear OS 3 UI with voice-enabled functions, Fitbit integration and apps such as Google Assistant, Google Maps and Google Home. It also features the

new Google Wallet app, as well as basic smartwatch features such as step counter and heart monitor.

As stated in the Google I/O presentation, Google's first-ever smartwatch is made of recycled stainless steel with customisable bands.

Google Pixel Watch is slated to release this fall, alongside the upcoming Pixel 7 smartphone. No other official details regarding the Pixel Watch, including the price, have been announced by Google yet.

PIXEL BUDS PRO

Google also announced their latest flagship earbuds: the Pixel Buds Pro.

Keeping the design similar to its predecessors Pixel Buds, the new earbuds include features such as 11m dynamic speaker drivers, three microphones on each bud, Bluetooth 5.0, up to 11 hours of playback and other audio features such as active noise cancellation, spatial audio and ambient mode.

Google Pixel Buds Pro is currently priced at \$199 in the US. While pre-orders are not available yet, official sources state that the earbuds will be released in the US

on July 21.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Other than brand new products, Google also revealed the second Android 13 beta, with compatibility with non-Pixel phones as well. The new Android version also comes with interactive features such as predictive back gestures, new alarm functions, new notification permissions and as always, improved security and privacy features.

Google has also rebranded Google Pay to launch the new Google Wallet app. With new functions such as storing credit cards, flight tickets and digital car keys, Google Wallet aims to digitalise the physical wallet. According to Google, Google Wallet will replace Google Pay in nearly all countries upon release, except the US, Singapore and India.

Google is also making the tablet experience more user-friendly by updating classic apps such as YouTube Music and Google Maps to function more smoothly on Android tablets. Third-party apps such as Facebook and TikTok will be getting tab-compatible UI updates as well, states reports.