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The 5 best Google Android phones

After the grand success of the iPhone 3GS in India, it's time to have a gander over the fence at Apple's biggest competitor in the touchscreen mobile space, Google Android. Here are the top 5 Android phones that we are looking forward to:

1. HTC EVO 4G: The most feature-rich and hardware-heavy Android phone in the near future is the HTC EVO 4G, brought out in collaboration with US mobile carrier Sprint. Packing a large 4.3-inch capacitive touchscreen (480×800 pixels) and powered by the 1GHz Snapdragon processor, Gizmodo reckons that this is "the best Android phone out there. It may even be the best phone, period. Its combination of speed, size, and power mean that everyone else is officially playing catch-up." The icing on top? It can use 4G WiMAX networks for higher Internet speeds, comes with an 8-megapixel camera and offers a mini-HDMI port! The HTC EVO 4G promises to convert those who don't believe in love at first sight



2. Samsung Galaxy S I9000: An hour before HTC launched the EVO 4G, we featured the Samsung Galaxy S I9000 as the 'HTC HD2 with Android that everyone has been waiting for'. Indeed, the handset is an amazing piece of machinery and Samsung's customized version of Android 2.1 promises to further the functionality of this baby manifold. The addition of Swype for all messaging will make typing on the 4-inch Super AMOLED screen (480×800 pixels) a much more pleasurable experience than any other touchscreen phone.



3. Sony Xperia X10: There are very few brands like Apple that have ardent followers. Sony is one such and its legions of fans have been waiting patiently for the company to release the Xperia X10, their first Android phone. The specifications are impressive here too, with a 4-inch screen (480×854 pixels), 8-megapixel camera, 1GHz Snapdragon processor and up to 10 hours of continuous talk-time. What's got us drooling, though, is the awesome new overlaid UI, with its special TimeScape and MediaScape features. GSMarena is reporting that the handset is now available in some US online stores at a hefty price of \$770 (Rs. 35,000 approximately). Expect that to go up by about 10-15% when it hits India!



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4. Dell Aero: While the EVO 4G, Galaxy S and the Xperia X10 promise to cause a chasm in your wallet, there are other upcoming Android smartphones for those of us who are a bit more budget-minded. The Dell Aero should be one of these, hopefully, as the hardware it packs is nothing out of the ordinary: 3.5-inch touchscreen, 5-megapixel camera, and the usual add-ons. What is noteworthy, though, is that it claims to be the lightest Android phone out there. Being released first in the US with carrier AT&T, it seems that the device would have a customized Android interface as well, although no one's gotten a look-see yet!



5. HTC Desire: At the Mobile World Congress last month, there was only one phone that made us weak in the knees – the aptly named HTC Desire. It seems to us that this handset pushes all the right buttons in balancing cost and features, with a 3.7-inch Super AMOLED capacitive touchscreen, an optical trackball, 1GHz Snapdragon processor, Android 2.1, 5-megapixel camera and Dolby Mobile sound enhancement. It's simply delicious!

