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# **A Review Of The HTC Desire**

HTC came out of the gates swinging with the highly impressive Legend smartphone. The company has followed up that device with the Desire, a phone HTC hopes will leave the Android crowd reeling. A large number of people who have tested the handset mention the Desires resemblance to the Nexus One. This isnt to say that the phone is a rip off or some sort of inferior product.

The [HTC Desire](#), in fact, is packaged with HTC Sense which already provides better usability right out of the package than the Nexus One. The phone is by no means huge, measuring 119 x 60 x 11.9mm. This makes it just a bit larger than its cousin the Nexus One, but not gargantuan by any stretch of the imagination. Of course, the Desire would be a little bigger in order to house the large 3.7-inch OLED capacitive touch screen. The AMOLED display offers 800 x 480 pixel resolution, creating sharper images than most other Android phones.

Any display of this quality should have a camera that produces photos worthy of its abilities, and the HTC Desire delivers. The handset retains the 5-megapixel camera of its predecessor, but provides still images in 5:3 aspect. Video recording is a given on smartphones these days, and the Desire shoots video at 800 x 480p resolution which is better than the closely related Legend and Nexus One. The Desire reduces the frame rate in videos shot in lower light, probably by extending exposure time in order to create a better contrast in darker settings.

As previously mentioned, on top of Android 2.1, HTC has placed its own Sense UI on the Desire. Users can really see what the display is capable of with features such as the whole screen weather effects. Sense also ups the number of homescreens from the usual five found on many Android phones to seven. Live View is another new feature that takes the seven panels and displays them in thumbnail format. Any smartphone worth its salt will offer a vast array of applications and allow for extensive multitasking. Desire accomplishes this better than almost all other models with a whopping 576MB of RAM. This is up to, if not beyond, the standards of most consumers. Desire also brings Friend View to the table. This feature, pretty much the answer to Motoblur, takes updates from Facebook, Flickr, and Twitter and places them in a single timeline.

The HTC Desire has basically taken the best features of the Legend and freshened them up. Because the previous phone was already top notch, the Desire remains near the top of the Android game. Sometimes its best to go with what works.

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