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When set side by side, you would think that the HTC Desire was an identical twin to the Google Nexus One. The insides are virtually the same, as well. Both offer a 1 GHZ Qualcomm Snapdragon Processor, a GPS, A-GPS, a microSD, 512 MB of flash and 265 MB of Ram. The 3.7 WVGA AMOLED screen and the curves of the device, as well as the fact that the power button is on the top, also seem to mimic the Google Nexus One. The HTC Desire even incorporates a proximity sensor as well as a compass so that you can use it with augmented reality apps as well as HSDPA. It is Wi-Fi and Bluetooth ready. Dont forget the 5 megapixel camera with its LED flash and ability to capture 800 x 480 video. Both the HTC Desire and the Google Nexus One offer shortcuts on the screen to options like home, menu, back and search. Is there a difference between the two smartphones? The Google phone has better active voice cancellation meaning you may not be able to use the voice to text function on the Desire either. So no chatting with your smartphone, should you feel lonely! But that, in no way, means that the HTC Desire is a lesser product. No way. The mechanical trackball on the front of the Nexus One as well as the touch sensitive buttons on the screen have disappeared and been replaced with hard shortcut keys and a button that offers better optical navigation. This change has been appeared across the industry, with the BlackBerry jumping on the same bandwagon. Trackballs are prone to breakage and nobody whos tied to an 18 or 24 month contract wants to be stuck with a broken trackball. The user-interface is different too, with the HTC Desire making use of the Sense UI that was used on the HTC Hero. The latest version of HTCs Sense UI id bigger, better and faster though. Put simply, theyve taken what was already a great interface and have made it even better. A new option is the helicopter view, which works in a similar way to Expose on Mac products. Pinching the homescreen displays all of the homescreen pages youve got running at the time. You just have to tap to switch between apps. It really is the best interface that youll find on any smartphone, and that includes the iPhone. So, which is the better buy? Theyre virtually the same. Really, its mostly a matter of personal preference. If youre really stuck, consider the fact the HTC Desire is a newer release than the Google Nexus One. That fact alone might make it a better buy.

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