iPhone Duo Buyer's Cheat Sheet

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Core Specs

Displays	7.6" inner · 5.4" outer
Refresh rate	Adaptive, up to 120Hz on both displays
Chip	A20 Pro · 6-core CPU · 7-core GPU
Storage	256GB / 512GB / 1TB / 2TB
Rear cameras	48MP Main + 48MP Ultra Wide (2x is an optical-quality crop of the Main camera, not a third lens)
Front cameras	12MP on the outer screen · under-display FaceTime camera on the inner screen
Unlock	Touch ID in the side button (no Face ID listed)
SIM	eSIM only, no physical SIM tray
Colours	Star White · Night Sky
Water / dust	IP68, up to 6m for 30 min (lab rating)

Body, Battery & Charging

Weight	254g
Closed (H × W × D)	117.8 × 84.1 × 11.3mm
Open (H × W × D)	117.8 × 164.6 × 5.2mm
Rated battery	4,883 mAh (EU product sheet, model A3720)
Video playback	Up to 31h on inner · 44h on outer (Apple test rating)

Body, Battery & Charging (cont)

Wired charging	50% in about 20 min, needs a 60W+ adapter (sold separately)
Wireless	MagSafe / Qi2 up to 25W
EU declared values	Battery user-replaceable: no · 1,000+ cycles · repairability class C (2.65/5) · OS updates 5+ years

Launch Price by Storage

256GB	HK$17,499 · RMB 15,999 · US$1,999 · £1,999
512GB	HK$19,299 · RMB 17,999 · US$2,199 · £2,199
1TB	HK$22,799 · RMB 21,499 · US$2,599 · £2,599
2TB	HK$27,999 · RMB 26,499 · US$3,199 · £3,199
Note	Local store prices before trade-in. Different currencies: convert with a dated rate before comparing

What Each Storage Step Costs

256GB → 512GB	+HK$1,800 · +RMB 2,000 · +200
512GB → 1TB	+HK$3,500 · +RMB 3,500 · +400
1TB → 2TB	+HK$5,200 · +RMB 5,000 · +600
Rule of thumb	Write down what would fill the extra space before paying for the next tier

Key Dates

Announced	September 9, 2026
Get Ready opened	October 12, 2026 (store setup, not an early sale)
Preorders	October 16, 2026 · 5 a.m. PDT = 12:00 UTC = 1 p.m. London = 8 p.m. Hong Kong / Beijing
First-wave availability	October 23, 2026 (70+ countries and regions incl. US, UK, China, India, Japan)
Second wave	October 30, 2026 (28 more markets)
US in-store pickup	Apple's site said check back from October 24

Ordering Reality Check

Launch-window preorders sold out within minutes on October 16.

By about 5:30 a.m. PT that day, new US Apple Store orders for all 8 configurations showed **January 25, 2027**.

October 23 is the arrival date for opening-minute orders and the day stores start selling, not a promise for a new order.

Don't plan on a walk-in purchase on October 23; staff at some stores were reportedly told stock would likely be unavailable.

Hong Kong and mainland China stores limit each customer to 2 units and showed no dated ship estimate on October 17.

All delivery dates are snapshots. Check the seller's current estimate before paying.

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US Repair Estimates Without AppleCare+

Inner display cover layer	$49
Back glass	$199
Battery	$229
Rear camera	$229
Outer display	$379
Outer display + back glass	$509
Inner display	$999
Other damage	$1,499
Note	Apple's US repair page is the source of truth; final fee follows inspection

US Fees With AppleCare+

Battery (below 80% capacity)	$0
Inner display cover layer	$19
Outer display damage	$29
Back glass damage	$29
Inner display damage	$99
Other accidental damage	$99
Theft or loss	$149
Plan price (Theft and Loss)	$19.99/month · $199.99/year · $399 one-time

Quick Cost Math

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Monthly plan for 12 months: 12 x
$19.99 = $239.88
Yearly plan: $199.99
Two years on the yearly plan: 2
x $199.99 = $399.98
One-time price: $399.00
One inner- display repair
    without AppleC are+: $999
   with AppleC are+: $99 -> $900
difference
The cover layer that hides the
crease can be
replaced by Apple or an
authorized provider
($49 without / $19 with AppleC -
are+). It is not
a user-a pplied screen
protector.
Check the one-time plan's
coverage term on
Apple's US store before
comparing it with the
yearly plan.
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Hong Kong vs Mainland China

Mainland activation models listed by Apple: **A3518, A3635, A3715, A3718, A3721**. Confirm yours with the carrier.

Supporting mainland carriers: China Mobile, China Telecom, China Unicom; setup includes an in-store identity check.

Apple's mainland support guide says overseas-purchased models cannot install mainland carrier eSIM profiles.

Roaming with a Hong Kong number is not the same as activating a mainland number.

Returns differ: the mainland policy describes 14 calendar days for eligible returns; Hong Kong online orders have no ordinary change-of-mind returns.

HKD and RMB prices can't be subtracted: convert both with the same dated rate first.

Not Confirmed Yet

RAM	Not published by Apple
Hinge lifespan	No verified measurement
Apple Pencil	USB-C Pencil support "later in 2026", either screen; Pencil Pro not established
Real battery life & heat	Needs independent testing on retail units
App fit on inner screen	Depends on each app's SDK: iOS 27.1 SDK or later uses the full inner display

Figures on this sheet are compiled from Apple's own pages. For the full table with each source and update date, see this independent iPhone Duo spec sheet.

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