# Find your X in photos

**Oppo is finally getting serious about its Indian flagship game, and the first order of business seems to be keeping the good stuff for itself. Sorry, OnePlus.**




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**The Find X9 Pro is a brute. It's a substantial slab of glass and metal, weighing in at a hefty 224 grams.** This is largely thanks to the whopping 7500mAh battery wedged inside, so this is not a phone for dainty pockets. It feels premium, mind. Our 'Titanium Charcoal' unit has a lovely, subtle non-reflective texture. The camera bump is... prominent, but tidily arranged in the corner. You get a new, customisable 'Snap Key' on the left frame and a 'Quick Button' on the right for camera duties.

It's also built like a tank. It's not just the usual IP68; Oppo has added IP66 and IP69 ratings too. This means it's protected from high-pressure, high-temperature water jets, just in case you decide to clean it at a car wash. The best bit? The bezels are vanishingly thin at just 1.15mm on all four sides, making the front almost all-screen.

This is pretty much an Ultra-sized phone or Max if you're an Apple aficionado. Two hands isn't the norm, it's a necessity with this smartphone and it tends to get a bit too heavy for my liking. As much as I like the 7500mAh battery inside, it's quite unwieldy to live with. I wish it was a bit lighter and a bit smaller for human hands. If you're LeBron James, this is perfect for you. What isn't up for debate, however, is the 3D Ultrasonic Fingerprint scanner. It's bonkers-fast.



## X looks nice

There's all sorts of brightness and lowlight eye care stuff happening on this display but the bottomline is, the quality of it is top shelf. Brightness and contrast are vivid and punchy. Dolby Vision movies have good tone mapping.

## Fast and furious

Under the hood, the Find X9 Pro is one of the first phones running the new MediaTek Dimensity 9500 chipset. Our unit is kitted out with 16GB of RAM and 512GB of storage, and it absolutely flies. App performance is slick.

## Media time

What really impressed me was the Gallery app. The built-in video editor is surprisingly comprehensive, with tools for trimming, cropping, and adding filters. Processing crops or applying edits is instant here with no progress bars.

## Find your plus one

The phone runs ColorOS 16, which, let's be honest, is just OxygenOS 16 with a different hat on. If you've used a new OnePlus, you've used this. Now ColorOS 16 has all the features of the OnePlus' OxygenOS and all the important ones.

## AI finds

The new 'Flux Home Screen' lets you create massive, resizable folders and app icons, and the new motion photo wallpapers are a nice touch. The real star, though, is the AI. I used the new AI Recorder for a meeting, and it was frighteningly accurate.

## 24 hours with the Oppo Find X9 Pro

Good
Meh
Evil

- 2mins — This thing is quite heavy and built like a tank.
- 5mins — Gorgeous, bright 120Hz displays with minimal bezels, wow!
- 15mins — Feels premium and robust. Multiple IP rating is a great deal.
- 1hr — That 7500mAh battery is making this really heavy to hold.
- 1hr 30mins — 200MP camera is seriously no joke, it's so crisp and clear at everything.
- 2hrs — This is OxygenOS with a different hat on, which is good.
- 7hrs — Display is leaning towards a bit more saturated colours.
- 8hrs — Super fast charging and wireless fast charging as well. Nice.
- 9hrs — Camera attacks shadows a lot and creates flatter portraits.

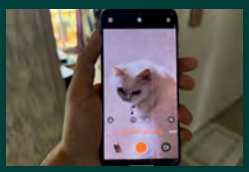
HOW ARE THE PICTURES? TURN OVER TO SEE! ➜

## Tech specs

**Processor** MediaTek Dimensity 9500 **Screen** 6.78in, 1–120Hz AMOLED, 450PPI, 3600 nits peak **Cameras** 50MP main, 50MP ultra-wide, 200MP Hasselblad telephoto, 50MP front **Battery** 7500mAh, 80W SuperVOOC wired

## Camera will make you a believer

**The 230mm teleconverter kit is enough to convert naysayers into fanboys.**



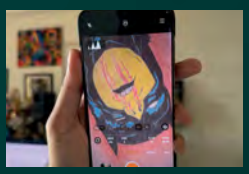
### Big cam

That camera module isn't just for show. The 200MP Hasselblad telephoto sensor is used very tastefully. In Hasselblad fashion, it's all about letting you crop into the high-res shot to reframe.



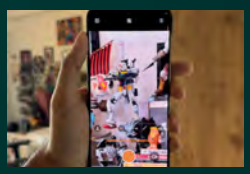
### Big guns

But the real magic happens when you plonk the optional Hasselblad Teleconverter lens on top. The lens itself is a hefty, durable and it gives you a 230mm focal length equivalent, which is unreal.



### Face cam

The 50MP front camera is seriously good, but it has that classic Oppo look. It zaps shadows and creates a very pleasing, bright skin tone, which is lovely, but not quite what I see in the mirror.



### Video cam

It's doing some magic when it comes to video processing. The footage is as good as iPhones but the lens itself gathers less light than Apple so highlights are kicked and you lose shadows.



This is a bit of a brute, isn't it? It feels less like a phone and more like a piece of tactical field equipment. Oppo has kept the Hasselblad goodies for itself, leaving OnePlus crying. The 200MP telephoto sensor is a headline grabber, and when paired with the optional Teleconverter lens, the shots that are genuinely dreamy and unlike anything. *@khumailthakur*

**STUFF SAYS ★★★★★**

**A beast with a battery that lasts for aeons and a camera kit that demands respect.**



# The pictures: Finding an oppo-turnity...

**The Hasselblad Teleconverter kit unlocks a very unique, never-before-seen experience**







## Lens get this out of the way

I love taking photos of people and faces, and I feel the 230mm focal length is absolutely jaw-dropping for such instances. You unlock a level of foreground and background freedom that was only possible with dedicated system cameras. The sheer subject isolation and perspective compression from these images is enough to make your head spin. Again, there's no point comparing these shots to traditional smartphone cameras.



## Warm cuppa?

Colors are bright and punchy, with an effort to lean towards realism while also boosting the saturation a bit for wider customer acceptance. You'll see the photos have slightly warmer and brighter tones.



## Face it

Faces, however, are a bit too flat for my liking. I was hoping the camera would let the shadows work their magic, but this is tuned to favor the masses who prefer clear and brighter images of their faces.



## Make manual great again

Oppo has only given us inverted image correction in the 'Teleconverter Mode,' and if you're shooting manually in the Master mode, there's no way to correct the viewfinder's upside-down image issue.



## Oppo-ing around

During burst mode, how Oppo's algorithm judges the scene is tricky. This is a computational photography issue more than a hardware setback and I think Oppo can dial down the processing for speed.

## Go mega on pixels

Oppo lets you take full advantage of the 200MP sensor but also makes you wait a few seconds for the shot to render and bin. I wish the 'Teleconverter Mode' had the 200MP toggle baked into it as well. However, the problem is that any minor hand movements get amplified over the 23cm lens, and most of my 200MP shots from the teleconverter kit were blurry.



# Made for the run

## Is the Shokz OpenRun Pro 2 ready to make a believer out of me, or is it just a niche gadget for the Spandex-clad brigade?

₹14,529 / amazon.in

■ The lightweight, unibody frame with its soft silicone finish and Ni-Ti alloy memory wire is as comfy as a pair of old slippers. The ergonomic ear hooks keep them securely in place, whether you're out for a jog or just vigorously nodding along to a banging tune at your desk.

■ Shokz makes a lot of noise about its new DualPitch tech, which pairs a bone conductor with a tiny air conduction driver to beef up the bass. And to be fair, the low-end is better than I expected. The first time you wear them, it's truly impressive how much audio can be funneled into your ear without leaking out. And so much of that audio is coherent and clean.

■ It has Bluetooth 5.3, which has a very good range and maintains a connection better than most TWS we've tried. It also has multipoint support, which can be enabled through the app. The app also lets you adjust the EQ and tweak the audio quality.

■ I feel the quality is commendable for a bone conduction headphone. It's primarily designed for sports and, more specifically, outdoor sports that require you to look over your shoulder every now and then. If you're a cyclist, this might really tempt you in more ways than one.

**Tech specs**

**Battery Life** 12 hours **Water resistance** IP55 **Multipoint** Yes **Weight** 30g **Connectivity** Bluetooth 5.3




**No sweat marks**

The uncomfortable TWS fit or the steamy headphone cushions will never be an issue with the Shokz OpenRun Pro 2.



■ **Control on the go**

You also get the basics, of course. A single button on the left side to pick up calls and skip tracks with a single or double tap, or go back to the previous on with triple taps. There's also a volume rocker on the right side.



■ **Big boned**

The case is a bit of a chunky monkey. It's not exactly pocket-friendly, so you won't be slipping it into your skinny jeans. It's also squish-proof and sturdy which makes it perfect for throwing it in your bag with your gear.

**STUFF SAYS** A brilliant one-trick pony for outdoor runners and cyclists ★★★★☆

**I cycle alot, are these worth the money?**

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This is a master of one trade, providing audio while maintaining complete situational awareness. For serious runners and cyclists, that single feature might be a compelling enough reason to buy them. For everyone else, it's a tough sell. You're sacrificing audio fidelity and noise isolation for flights and some peace.

# Not a noise maker

## The headline act? Has to be the partnership with Bose!

**Tune it your way? Nope.**
The app doesn't come with a proper EQ to tune the headphones according to your taste and that's a huge miss!




₹11,999 / gonoise.com

■ The Max looks sharp. The 'signature vinyl disc design' on the earcups is a bit retro, a bit modern, and works a treat. They also come in three suitably moody colours: Titanium, Silver, and Onyx.

■ More importantly, the comfort is, frankly, spectacular. They are built for longer listening hours and are notably lightweight at 262g. The soft breathable vegan leather cushions and memory foam headband are sublime. You can wear these all day and forget they're there.

■ While these are comfy with comfortable cushions and the soft fabric between your ears and the driver, they're not very premium to hold. The plasticky body feels a bit low budget and I think it won't be able to take a few hits in the bag. Best go for the hardcase which Noise sells separately. Our unit came with a soft cloth bag for the headphones.

■ ANC is where the Bose DNA should shine. It uses five optimally placed mics to read the environment and make it go away, from the low hum of engines to the buzz of a cafe. It's genuinely good at eliminating noise (oh, the irony) around you but not enough to cancel midrange frequencies.



### ■ Never backing down

60 hours with ANC Off and 48 hours with ANC On is really insane. 48 hours is not a weekend. It's a work week. You could fly from Mumbai to Spain, watch all the inflight movies, fly back, and still have juice left.



### ■ Feature creature

You get Dual Pairing , Google Fast Pair , and Wear Detection to pause your music when you take them off. There's even Spatial Audio but it's not as great as some of the other headsets we've tested.

**Tech specs**

**Driver** 40mm **Water Resistance Rating** IPX4 **Bluetooth** 5.4 **Range** 10meters **Charging Port** Wired, Type-C **Fast Charging** Yes

**STUFF SAYS** A battery marathoner that comfy and sounds decent ★★★★☆

**Bose means bass, right?**
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It's not Skullcandy-like bass by any measure but the audio is surprisingly flatter in the bottom end compared to Sony's ULT headphones. Das Spiegel by The Chemical Brothers, has plenty of tonal consistency but the bass doesn't have the attack and drive which makes the song entertaining. It's a little muddy in the lower frequencies for instrumentals; you can spot the shortcoming clearly.

PS5, XBX, PC / ea.com



# Battlefield 6

**I've spent a solid 45 hours getting absolutely mullered for your reading pleasure. After the... troubles with 2042, we've all been waiting with bated breath to see if DICE could pull it back from the brink.**

Let's be honest, there's a certain magic to the Battlefield formula that other shooters just can't replicate. t's the sheer, unadulterated chaos. One minute you're in a tense infantry firefight, the next a tank ploughs through the wall you were using as cover, and the whole landscape warps into a cratered mess. You can't just learn the maps; you have to learn how they breathe, break, and fall apart. That's the stuff, and I'm happy to report it's back with a vengeance

Remember the maps in Battlefield 2042? They were so big you practically needed an Uber to get from one objective to another, only to be sniped by a camper upon arrival. It was a slog. Battlefield 6, thankfully, has had a word with its mapmaker. The new arenas on show feel tight, focused and brilliantly designed for relentless action.

Liberation Peak is set in a windswept, snow-dusted mountain range. This map is all about verticality. One moment you're spawning in, the next you're already contesting a capture point at the foot of a massive communications array. The stark white snow and cold, industrial architecture make for a visually stunning battleground where you're constantly pushing forward. There are many memorable maps here as well and some are back from the old map rotation pool as well.

Aiding this glorious return to form is the re-introduction of a proper class system. No more wishy-washy Specialists; we're back to the big four: Assault, Support, Engineer, and Recon. Each class now feels distinct and vital to the war effort, bringing a unique gadget and ability to the party.

It's safe to say that Battlefield is back. It's a fantastic slice of what promises to be a stellar return to the series' roots. It's chaotic, strategic, and most importantly, an absolute blast to play.

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**STUFF SAYS** A must-play game that is fun and frantic is the best ways ★★★★★





## Class apart but a ping to remember

Assault is your classic frontline troublemaker, equipped with a grenade launcher for flushing out enemies and a stim for a speed boost. Support is the team's best mate, dropping ammo packs and bringing downed allies back into the fight with the defibrillator.

When my internet was having a wobble and my ping was sky-high, I just switched to Support and spent a happy match reviving teammates instead of losing gunfights. Engineer is the person tanks both love and fear. Engineers can repair friendly vehicles or deploy devastating anti-armour weapons to deal with enemy threats. Recon snipers can spot enemies with their high-powered scopes and use motion sensors to reveal hostiles in a specific area.

This streamlined system makes your role on the battlefield clearer and far more meaningful than in 2042. On the technical side, things were surprisingly smooth. Playing from Mumbai, I was getting a solid 65ms latency, which is more than respectable. The only grumble is the lack of a server browser; you're thrown into a match without any option.

"Listen here soldier, we shoot them with rocket launches, okay?"



Destruction is the better half of the game and Battlefield has that, alot!

