

# FAIRPHONE

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## iFixit awards Fairphone 5 with perfect 10/10 score

*iFixit awards 10/10 score for Fairphone 5, recognizing the unparalleled repairability and sustainability of the company's latest smartphone device.*

**Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 7 December 2023** — [Fairphone](#), the Dutch social enterprise building a market for ethical electronics, is pleased to announce that the Fairphone 5 has received a 10/10 on iFixit's repairability scale - the highest possible score. The latest Fairphone device, released in August 2023, joins the ranks of the Fairphone 2, Fairphone 3 and Fairphone 4, as the only smartphones globally to receive a perfect 10/10 score from iFixit.

**iFixit's Co-Founder and CEO Kyle Wiens** states:

*"Fairphone's promise of five Android version upgrades and over eight years of security updates with the Fairphone 5 is a bold statement in an industry that leans towards fleeting product life cycles. This is a significant stride towards sustainability and sets a new benchmark for smartphone lifespan. At iFixit, we believe in tech that lasts, and Fairphone is making that belief a reality. Fairphone's effort to attain a 10 year lifespan is not just impressive; it's unparalleled."*

**Noud Tillemans, CEO at Fairphone** comments, "We are delighted to receive the maximum 10/10 iFixit score for our new Fairphone 5, a recognition of its unrivaled repairability. This is our fourth device to receive a 10/10 score and we are the only company to ever have received this score. This is not just a recognition of our commitment to longevity and sustainability but also a testament to the tireless efforts of our team. Giving consumers full ownership and control of their products, also means giving them the possibility to repair them if needed. Receiving this score from iFixit

*reaffirms our vision and push to keep products in use as long as possible to reduce the [50 million metric tonnes](#) of e-waste produced annually by the electronics industry. We believe in empowering individuals to repair and keep their devices they already own, reducing electronic waste and the use of natural resources as well as contributing to a more circular economy."*

The constant push for the latest device means that more than [1.4 billion mobile phones](#) are sold worldwide every year. According to several studies conducted globally, the lifespan of smartphones in each year between 2019 and 2022 was on average 3 years. Only [15%](#) of these discarded phones are collected for recycling. With phones (and many other devices) being viewed as disposable, it's no surprise that electronic waste (e-waste) has become one of the world's fastest-growing waste streams.

What sets Fairphone apart is its commitment to modularity and repairability, which encourages smartphone longevity. With the Fairphone 5, the company has taken this to the next level by offering 10 spare parts, including individual modules for wide and ultra-wide cameras, and the SIM card and SD card slots as part of the top module. These additional spare parts enhance the device's modularity, making DIY repairs more accessible compared to previous models and optimizing the device's design. Fairphone 5's world-class repairability also comes with a five-year warranty and guarantees at least five operating system upgrades after Android 13, allowing the Fairphone 5 to keep running smoothly and securely until at least 2031. This gives Fairphone users a total of eight to ten years of software support.

A [life cycle assessment](#) of the Fairphone 4 revealed that keeping phones for longer has environmental benefits and reduces CO2 emissions. It showed that the use of a smartphone for 5 to 7 years can reduce CO2 emissions by around 30-40%.

iFixit published a blog about the Fairphone 5 score online [here](#).

## **About Fairphone**

Fairphone is building a market for ethical electronics, motivating the industry to act more responsibly and pioneering more sustainable ways to make smartphones. Our latest device, the Fairphone 5, is described with the tagline 'Designed for you, Made Fair'. Fairphone 5 offers a 5-year warranty as well as software support until at least 2031 and contains fairly sourced materials, challenging the electronics industry to take a more

responsible approach. Fairphone 5 is an electronic waste neutral smartphone and climate conscious, meaning that we combine CO2 avoidance, reduction and investment in Gold Standard carbon reduction projects.

- 5G and dual SIM
- Modular design for easy repair
- A 5-year warranty and long-term software support for maximum longevity
- A premium triple 50 MP camera system
- Made with more than 70% fair & recycled focus materials

The smartphone was launched in 2023 at a suggested retail price of €699 for 8GB RAM, 256GB internal memory. The three variants of the device are available in Europe from a wide distribution network of (online) retailers and network operators and Fairphone's website. To learn more about the Fairphone 5 go to <https://shop.fairphone.com/fairphone-5>.

### **About iFixit**

iFixit is the world's largest online repair community, founded in California in 2003. iFixit.com is a wiki-based site that teaches people how to fix almost everything from smartphones to coffee machines. Currently the platform has more than 100,000 free repair guides. iFixit is funding their wiki through selling self-developed tools and spare parts. In 2013, the subsidiary iFixit Europe was founded in Stuttgart—shipping spare parts and tools to 30 European countries.