

BUYER'S GUIDE

The Best Mobile Devices for Your Business



Mobile forms and data collection apps replace paperwork and legacy data collection processes and transmit data immediately to the required destination, allowing for automation of business workflows in a secure, scalable way.

Once your organization has decided to implement a mobile forms solution, such as Device Magic, you may be looking to provide devices for your team.

Choosing the best mobile devices for your organization should be viewed as an investment. The devices may cost more upfront, but compare that to the [time savings](#) and boost in productivity from using mobile technology and mobile forms.

When you consider that the average employee uses about 10,000 sheets of paper each year, switching to a mobile process will automatically save you about \$100 per year, per employee.

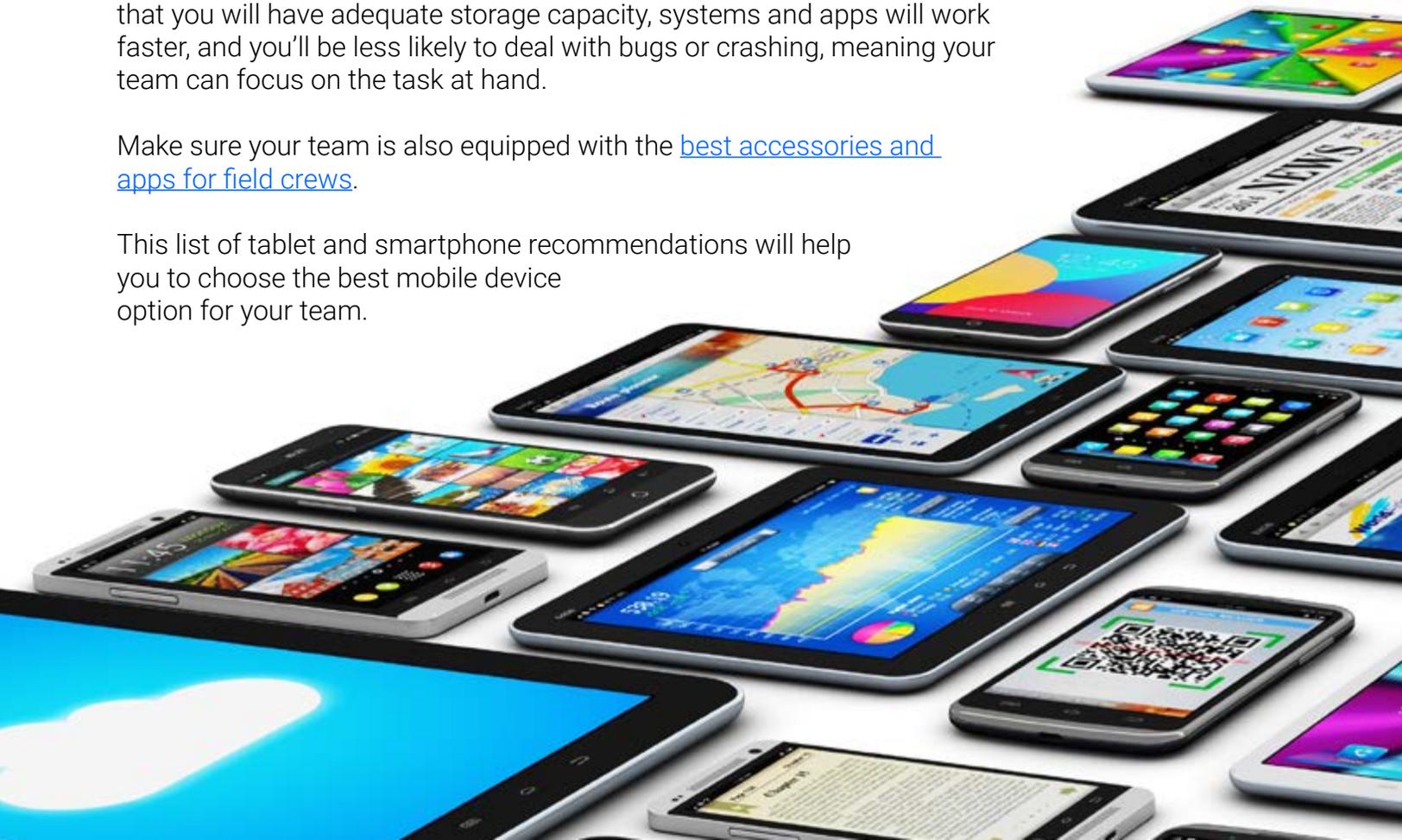
In addition, when you choose a quality option, mobile devices will be a one time purchase that will last for many years. Can you say the same thing about your other office supplies like paper, pens, file folders and ink? If you need to capture images as part of your data collection, then you'll either need to provide employees with a camera (likely costing a few hundred dollars), or ask them to use their own phone camera.

Although it can be tempting to look for the cheapest option available, you need the device to function reliably in order to see the real benefits for your workflows. Cheaper mobile devices often don't have enough storage space or their operating systems won't be able to handle the demands of your organization, meaning things are more likely to crash or take a long time to load.

Choosing devices operating on the latest Android or iOS operating systems ensure that you will have adequate storage capacity, systems and apps will work faster, and you'll be less likely to deal with bugs or crashing, meaning your team can focus on the task at hand.

Make sure your team is also equipped with the [best accessories and apps for field crews](#).

This list of tablet and smartphone recommendations will help you to choose the best mobile device option for your team.



Apple Mobile Devices

9.7-inch iPad - [View Device](#)

Price: Starting at \$329
Size: 9.7" Retina display
Features: 32 GB of storage, 8MB photos and 1080p HD video recording

Apple has introduced a [new iPad](#) at a much lower price point, which is great news for companies looking for the quality of Apple products while on a budget.

This latest iPad comes with a 9.7" display and weighs just over a pound, making it a great choice for workers on the go. The iPad also has up to 10 hours of battery life and is compatible with both Apple pencil and Bluetooth keyboards.

You can also consider the [iPad mini 4](#), which has a 7.9" display and is \$399.



Credit: Apple.com

iPhone SE - [View Device](#)

Price: Starting at \$349
Size: 4" Retina display
Features: 12 MP camera, 32 GB of storage, 720p HD video recording, up to 13 hours of battery life, iOS 11 operating system

iPhone 6s - [View Device](#)

Price: Starting at \$449
Size: 4.7" Retina display
Features: 12 MP camera, 32 GB of storage, 720p HD video recording, up to 10 hours of battery life, iOS 11 operating system

iPhone 7 - [View Device](#)

Price: Starting at \$549
Size: 4.7" Retina display
Features: 12 MP camera, 32 GB of storage, splash, water and dust resistant, 1080p HD video recording, battery lasts up to 2x longer than iPhone 6s, iOS 11 operating system

Google Mobile Devices

Google Pixel 2 & Google Pixel 2 XL - [View Devices](#)

Price: Starting at \$649
Size: 5" display
Features: Water-resistant metal unibody, get 7 hours of battery life from just a 15 minute charge, 12.2 MP camera, built-in security module & Google Play Protect, Android 8.0 Oreo operating system, 64 GB of storage

Google may not be your first thought when choosing a new smartphone, but the Google Pixel 2 and Pixel 2 XL offer excellent features for completing mobile forms and data collection. Unlimited photo storage is a big perk and the battery life ensures workers out of the office will be able to access and submit their mobile forms all day without the phone battery dying.

Samsung Mobile Devices

Samsung Galaxy S9 - [View Device](#)



Credit: Samsung.com

Price: Starting at \$720
Size: 5.8" display
Features: Android O (8.0), 4GB RAM / 64GB Storage, wireless charging, water resistant, expandable memory

The Samsung Galaxy line offers great options for companies looking to mobilize their team. A major benefit of these phones is that they are water-resistant and dustproof, which is an important feature for out of office employees who work in a variety of conditions.

The latest from the Samsung Galaxy line is the S9. The Galaxy S9 runs between \$720-\$840, depending on the options you choose. There are several other Galaxy options that have many of the same features and will still operate just as well, for a lower price tag.

Samsung Galaxy S8 - [View Device](#)

Price: Starting at \$600
Size: 5.8" display
Features: Dual Pixel 12.0 MP camera, 64 GB of storage, Android 7.0 Nougat OS, 14 hours of battery, water-resistant and dustproof

Samsung Galaxy S7 - [View Device](#)

Price: Starting at \$490
Size: 5.1" display
Features: built-in wireless charging, 32 GB of storage, 13 hours of battery, water-resistant and dustproof, dual pixel 12.0 camera

Samsung Tablets

If you'd prefer to equip your team with tablets, Samsung offers solid Android tablet options at a variety of price points.

Samsung Galaxy Tab S3 - [View Device](#)

Price: Starting at \$549
Size: 9.7" display
Features: Android Nougat operating system, S Pen included, 12 hours of battery life, 13 MP camera, 32 GB of storage

Samsung Galaxy Tab A - [View Device](#)

Price: Starting at \$199
Size: 8" display
Features: Android 7.1 Nougat operating system, 32 GB of storage, 15 hours of battery life

Samsung Galaxy Tab E - [View Device](#)

Price: Starting at \$249
Size: 8" display
Features: Android 7.1.1 Nougat operating system, 32 GB of storage, standby time of up to 27 days