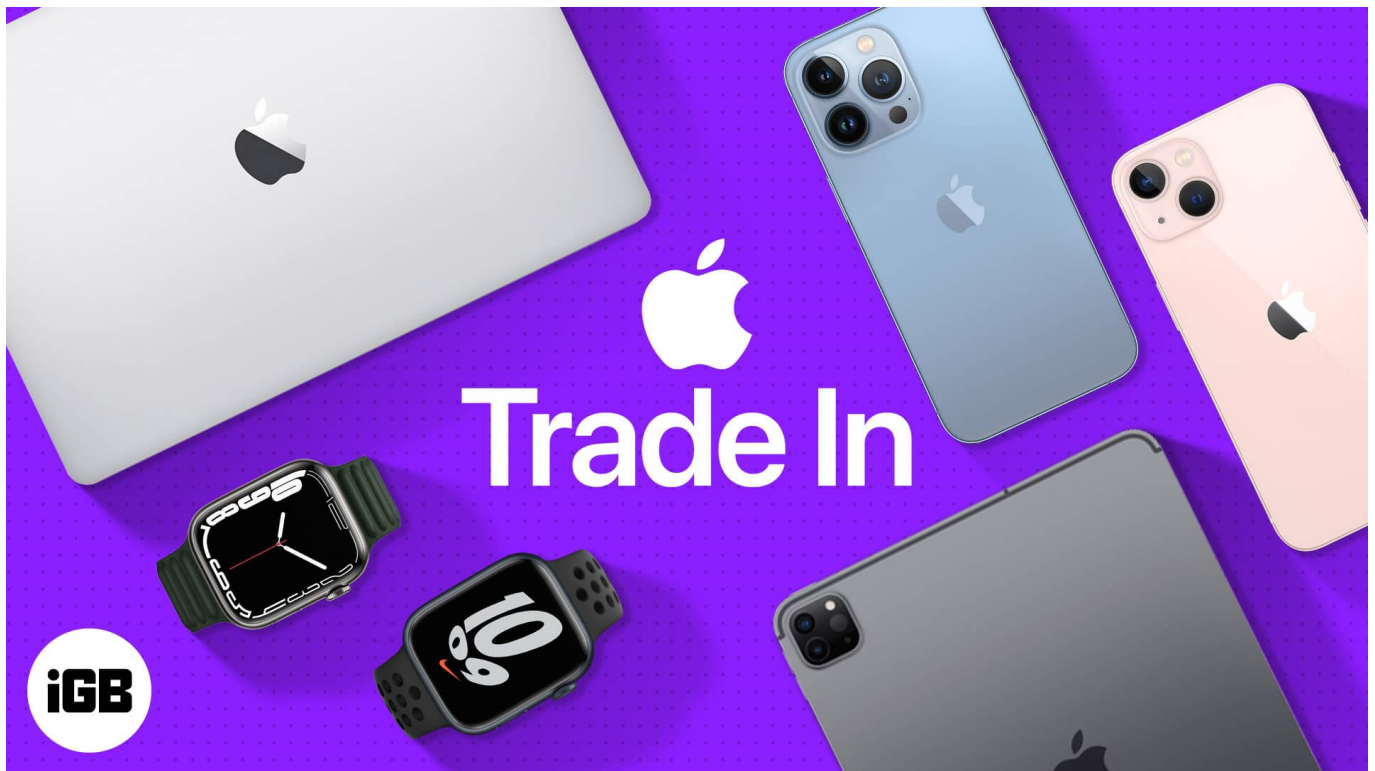


Scouting for a mouth-watering deal on Apple products? Consider trading in your current device when buying your next device. But what exactly is a trade-in, and how do you check the trade-in value of iPhone, iPad, Apple Watch, and MacBook?



Well, this article explains it all! Besides, there are many ways to trade-in your old Apple device. Let's start with the basics!

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## What is trade-in value?

Trade-in value is the money you get for your Apple device. Typically, vendors adjust the value of your current device against new purchases. For instance, you can trade-in your old iPhone and get a credit to buy a new one.

However, it is essential to check your device's (iPhone, iPad, Apple Watch, and MacBook) trade-in value before upgrading. I suggest spending some time across multiple websites to get the best quote. But when is the right time for trade-in? Read on.

**Note:** The majority of trade-in programs mandate purchasing a new device. In other words, you get store credits instead of cash.

## Which is the best time to trade in your iPhone, iPad, Apple Watch, and Mac?

Trade-in value depends on many factors, including your device's condition and the product's life cycle. Hence, obviously, newer iPhones, Apple Watches, and MacBooks will fetch a better price than older ones.

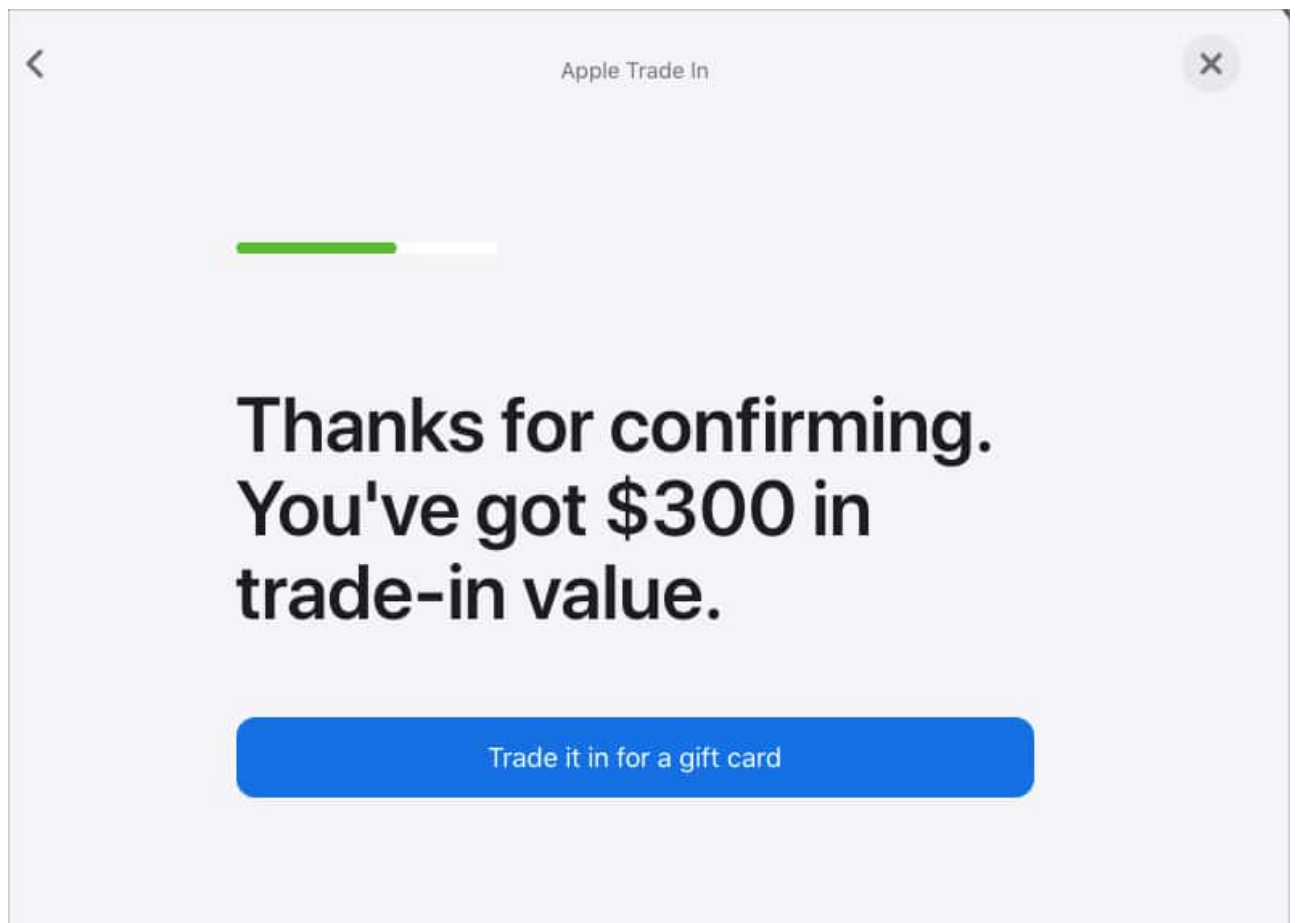
The best time to trade-in your device is before new ones are launched. Values of current devices plunge after Apple launches newer models. It is especially true for iPhone, iPad, Mac, and Apple Watch. Besides, the price drop is as steep as 30%.

## How to check iPhone trade-in value

iPhone is arguably the most popular smartphone. It is easy for companies to refurbish used iPhones and make a profit. The websites quote depending on self-assessment. Furthermore, the trade-in will be approved only after a visual inspection.

### 1. Trade-in iPhone with Apple

1. Go to **Apple's trade-in [section](#)**.
2. Check the **estimated** trade-in value for your iPhone.
3. Scroll down and select your **device** for an accurate quote.
4. Select **Smartphone**.
5. Choose the **model** (iPhone 12 mini in my case.)
6. Answer the **questionnaire**.



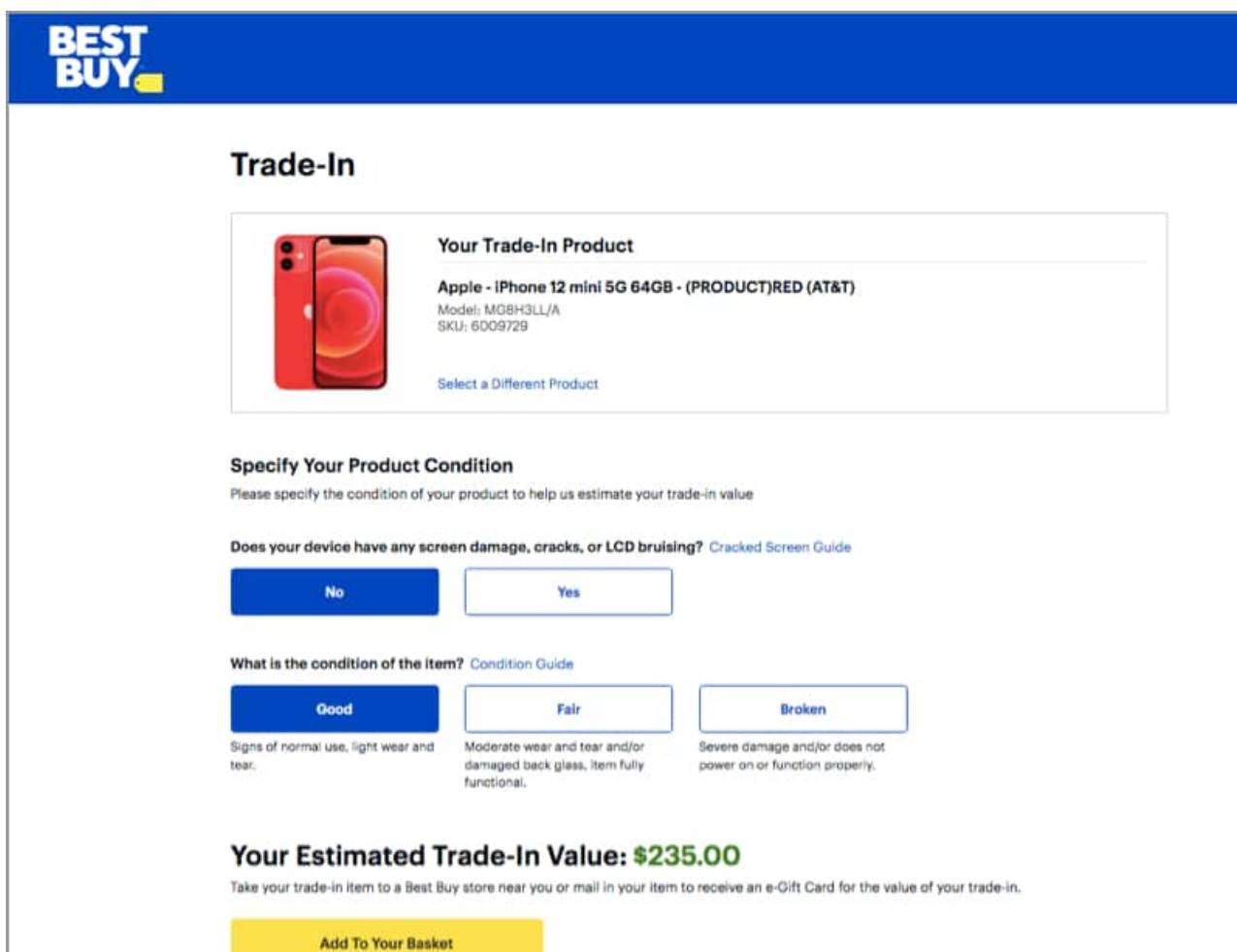
That's it! Now, your iPhone's trade-in value will be displayed. You also get an option to trade-in iPhone for a gift card.

## 2. Trade-in iPhone with Bestbuy

Use this option only if you are buying on BestBuy.

1. Scroll down to [Estimate your trade-in value](#) on BestBuy.
2. Select **iPhone** and choose the **model**.
3. Choose your current **teleservices provider**.
4. Specify other details like **storage** and **color**.
5. Detail your iPhone's **condition**.

*If your device has screen damage or dents, it is time to mention it.*



The screenshot shows the Best Buy trade-in interface. At the top is the Best Buy logo. The main heading is "Trade-In". Below this is a section titled "Your Trade-In Product" which includes an image of a red iPhone 12 mini and the following text: "Apple - iPhone 12 mini 5G 64GB - (PRODUCT)RED (AT&T)", "Model: MGBH3LL/A", and "SKU: 6009729". There is a link "Select a Different Product".

Below the product section is "Specify Your Product Condition" with the instruction "Please specify the condition of your product to help us estimate your trade-in value".

The first question is "Does your device have any screen damage, cracks, or LCD bruising?" with a link to "Cracked Screen Guide". There are two buttons: "No" (selected) and "Yes".

The second question is "What is the condition of the item?" with a link to "Condition Guide". There are three buttons: "Good" (selected), "Fair", and "Broken".

Under "Good" is the text: "Signs of normal use, light wear and tear." Under "Fair" is: "Moderate wear and tear and/or damaged back glass, item fully functional." Under "Broken" is: "Severe damage and/or does not power on or function properly."

At the bottom, it states "Your Estimated Trade-In Value: \$235.00" and "Take your trade-in item to a Best Buy store near you or mail in your item to receive an e-Gift Card for the value of your trade-in." There is a yellow "Add To Your Basket" button.

BestBuy will give you an estimated trade-in value. However, if you prefer cash over store credit, it's better to [sell your iPhone](#).

## Check the Apple Watch trade-in value

Planning to buy a fancy new Apple Watch? Trade-in your smartwatch and save some money. Apple Watch has a relatively low trade-in value, primarily because of high battery replacement costs and high out-of-warranty fees. Before selling, ensure you have [reset it to the default factory settings](#) to protect your data from falling into the wrong hands.

Below are some of the best ways to trade-in the Apple Watch.

## 1. Trade-in Apple Watch for Apple Store credit

1. Visit [Apple's trade-in](#) webpage.
2. Scroll down and select **Apple Watch**.
3. Enter the **Serial number**.  
*Go to **Settings**→ **General** → **About** on Apple Watch.*
4. Apple displays the trade-in value after verifying the serial number.

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Serial number, please.

Enter the serial number of your trade-in.

Serial number

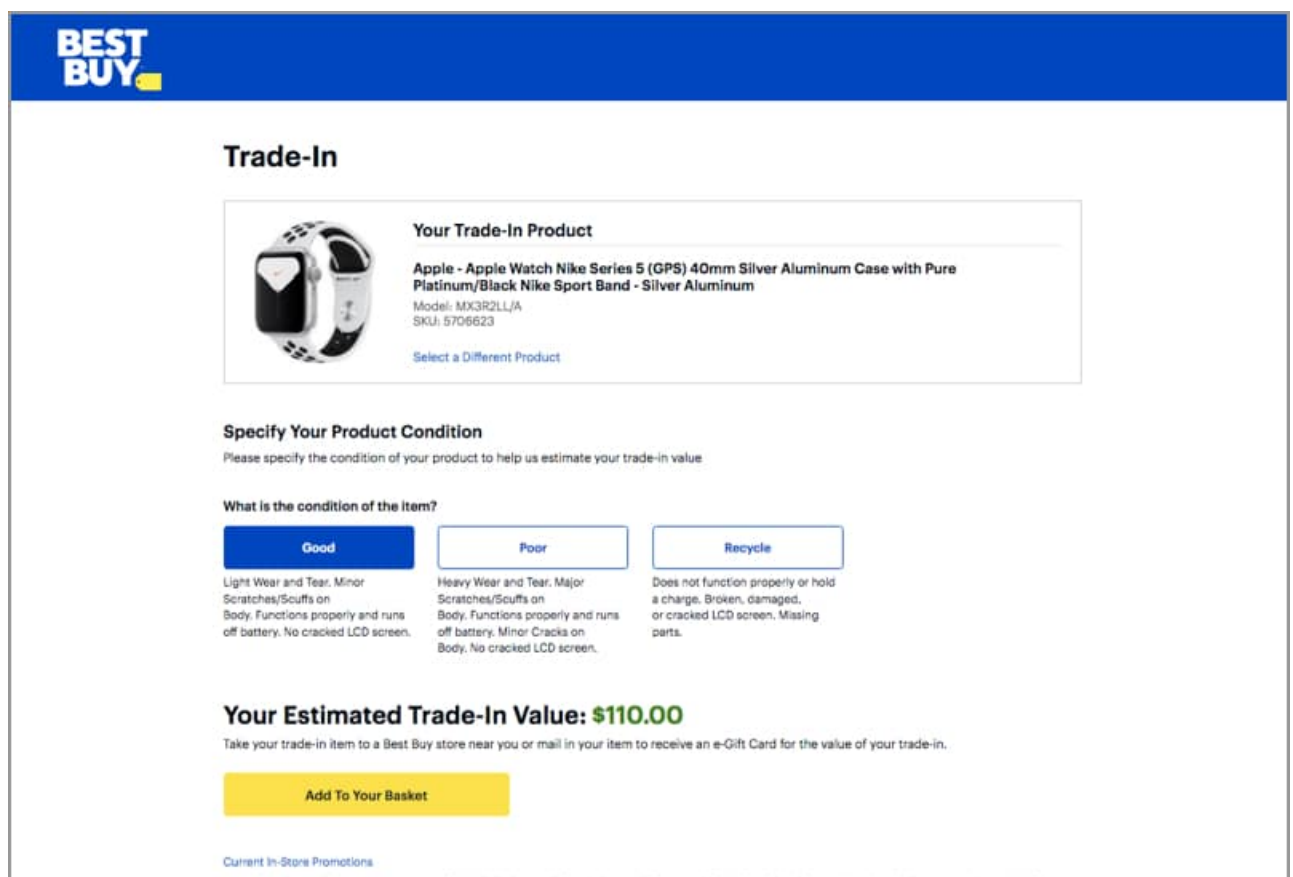
**Here's how to find it.**  
On your Apple Watch, go to Settings > General > About. On Apple Watch (1st generation) it's also engraved on the back. On Series 1 or later, remove the band and check the band slot. The data you provide is handled in accordance with the [Apple Privacy Policy](#).

Verify

However, you can trade-in your Apple Watch against store credits.

## 2. Check Apple Watch trade-in value on BestBuy

1. Go to **BestBuy** trade-in and select [Apple Watch Series](#).
2. Choose **body type** and **size**.  
*BestBuy displays a list of Apple Watch variants with color.*
3. Select the **right combination**.
4. Specify the **condition** of the watch.



The screenshot shows the Best Buy trade-in interface. At the top is the Best Buy logo. Below it is the heading "Trade-In". A product card displays an image of an Apple Watch Nike Series 5 with the following details: "Your Trade-In Product", "Apple - Apple Watch Nike Series 5 (GPS) 40mm Silver Aluminum Case with Pure Platinum/Black Nike Sport Band - Silver Aluminum", "Model: MX3R2LL/A", and "SKU: 5706623". There is a link "Select a Different Product". Below the product card is the section "Specify Your Product Condition" with the instruction "Please specify the condition of your product to help us estimate your trade-in value". Underneath is the question "What is the condition of the item?" and three buttons: "Good", "Poor", and "Recycle". Each button has a corresponding description of the condition. The "Good" button is highlighted in blue. Below the condition selection is the text "Your Estimated Trade-In Value: \$110.00" and a note: "Take your trade-in item to a Best Buy store near you or mail in your item to receive an e-Gift Card for the value of your trade-in." At the bottom is a yellow "Add To Your Basket" button and a link for "Current In-Store Promotions".

Now, trade-in Apple Watch for a BestBuy gift card. Use it for your next purchase.

## How to check iPad trade-in value

Apple recently took the wraps from the M1-powered iPad Air. The latest iPad offers unparalleled performance while the mini-LED Liquid Retina takes care of display needs. Now is the right time to switch to the new iPad. Trade-in your current iPad and use the credits to buy a shiny new iPad.

## 1. Check iPad trade-in value on Apple

1. Open [Apple's trade-in webpage](#).
2. Select **Tablet**.
3. Enter the **serial number** and verify.

## 2. How to check iPad trade-in value on Bestbuy

1. Go to the BestBuy [trade-in section](#).
2. Select **iPad**.
3. Specify the exact **model**.  
*E.g., iPad Pro 11.*
4. Enter other **details** like storage capacity and color.
5. Specify product **condition**.  
*Ensure the information is accurate as it is used to determine trade-in value.*

BestBuy will now show the trade-in value. After a successful trade-in, you will receive a gift card!

## How to check MacBook trade-in value

The new M1, [M1 Max, and M1 Ultra](#) MacBooks are here. Now is the time to exchange your old and sluggish Intel Mac for a newer one. Before trading, ensure that your [Mac is backed up](#). Battery health, physical condition, and other factors decide the final trade-in value. Keep MacBook serial number in handy.

### 1. Trade-in MacBook with Apple

1. Select **MacBook** on the [Apple trade-in site](#).
2. Enter the **serial number**. (Open the Apple menu and select About This Mac.)
3. Specify screen and other physical **conditions**.
4. Trade-in MacBook against Apple store credits.

### 2. Check MacBook Trade-in value on BestBuy

1. Open the [BestBuy trade-in](#) webpage.
2. Select **Apple Notebooks**.
3. Specify MacBook series, year of manufacturing, screen size, storage option, and color.
4. State the item's **condition**.

*Include battery health and chargers' physical condition.*

5. BestBuy asks to log out of iTunes, iCloud, and Apple ID. Once done, you need to factory reset MacBook.

## **That's it!**

Interestingly, Apple offers the best trade-in value for MacBook. Perhaps this is to incentivize new MacBook purchases. DeClutter offered the least price for my MacBook Air. However, the case is the opposite for other Apple products! You get more value for iPhone, iPad, and Apple Watch on selling.

Typically, you will get more money selling directly. However, selling directly is not easy. You will have to waste hours replying to prospective customers, meeting them up, and waiting for the deal to close. Trade-in offers cash/store credit upfront.

In other words, you are trading peace of mind for a little less money. When upgrading, also check for deals on [refurbished iPhones](#), [Apple Watch](#), and [MacBook](#).

Moreover, sometimes Apple offers bonus trade-in value for select Android flagships. The offer is aimed at persuading Android users to jump ship. Share your experience trading in an Apple device in the comments below.

## **Read More:**

- [What to do before selling your old iPhone](#)
- [How to reset your old Mac before you plan to sell it](#)