

Describing and evaluating – An online product review

Samsung Galaxy Gear wearable computer watch



Review 1

★★★★☆ 4 out of 5 stars By **Markster** 15 Dec

An awesome piece of tech

The whole concept of making a phone call from your watch has been around for some years. For me personally, this watch is perfect. The screen is clear and the ringtones are plenty loud enough. The camera is quite good for a 1.9 megapixel. Simple to use, and clear icons. Looks premium with brushed aluminium, and the strap is OK. Nice colour collection. I suppose if I have to find negatives, it would be:

- 1 Not waterproof.
- 2 Not that many apps available, but what is, seems fine.
- 3 Not being able to make calls without being linked to smartphone.

Review 2

★☆☆☆☆ 1 out of 5 stars By **Nirbhik** 22 Dec

Overrated, overpriced ... few features

Unless you are one of those obsessed gadget geeks who don't know the difference between appearance and reality, it wouldn't take much effort to realize what an overrated, overpriced smart watch this really is. The annoying thing about this – lack of apps. So I had no other choice but to sell mine.



Review 3

★★★☆☆ 3 out of 5 stars By **Shaun Dowdall** 11 Jan

OK but not quite there yet

Introduction The Samsung Galaxy Gear is an intriguing bit of kit and perhaps one of the smartest wearables out there. With competition hotting up and wearables fighting to become relevant in the marketplace, how does the Gear hold up?

Look and feel To start with, it's a lovely-looking device. It's sleek and elegant, with a gorgeous premium feel to it. However, the strap isn't to my taste – the clasp on the bottom is too large. I constantly found myself getting caught against desk edges or on keyboards.

User interface It's pretty basic yet intuitive at the same time. Swipe to the left to show notifications or continue scrolling for other apps. You can also set quick gestures, for example, swipe up and your phone dialler will pop up. These gestures are welcome when it comes to such a tiny screen.

Sound quality needs a mention. It's good, very good in fact. During a call, I could hear everything clearly even when I was in a relatively noisy area. I didn't expect this and must admit I'm pleasantly surprised.

Camera I would have preferred a front-facing camera, but Samsung opted to give us a spy camera shooter. To be honest, the camera is OK – it's not good and it's not bad. The major issue I have with the camera is that it's relatively large and adds bulk to the device. It also stands out like a sore thumb, with many people asking why I have a camera on my watch.

Battery I've heard some horror stories about the Gear's battery, but I managed a solid two days on my Gear between charges. It's not fantastic, but it's better than expected.



Conclusion I really wanted to love the Gear, but I just can't bring myself to fall for it completely. It's gorgeous and well-built, but it feels like a gimmick at the moment, with a fair bit of potential. In my opinion, it just isn't yet ready for prime time, and my recommendation would be to wait for the second generation of the Gear.