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iPhone 5s cases

The newest and smartest ways to cover your iPhone

1 Apple iPhone 5s Case

£35.00/\$39.00 store.apple.com

This is the first time Apple has launched an official case to accompany a generation of the iPhone, and the result is very pleasing. Made from premium leather, the case is very light and incredibly soft to the touch. When wrapped around your 5s there is minimal weight or bulk added, so you won't feel as though it's wearing a case, even though it's now well protected.

There are openings for the Mute button and camera, but the covered Volume and Sleep/Wake buttons leave a little to be desired as they feel slightly unresponsive, making it difficult to know if you've pressed them.

★★★★★

2 Proporta Carbon Fiber

£44.95/\$59.95 proporta.com

The only case here with a front flap, the Carbon Fiber offers complete coverage of your iPhone when in place. The leather coating gives a stylish impression, but beneath that top layer is a carbon fibre shell that withstood a shotgun blast from 20 yards as part of its testing process. It's safe to say then that the Proporta can handle anything the world can throw at it.

The case, which uses a magnetic clasp to lock shut, also has a soft inner lining to protect your iPhone screen while in the case. Professional-looking but backed up by heavy-duty protection, this case immediately catches the eye.

★★★★★

3 Tech21 Impact Trio

iCreate Best Value
£29.95/\$39.99 tech21.com

Getting its name from the three different materials that make up this case, the Impact Trio is very serious about protecting your iPhone. The hard-shell exterior is backed up by two lots of soft rubber that grip and protect your device via the internal lining.

A lot of science has been put into designing this case – ensuring that the force of any impact is evenly distributed and dealt with. The tech21 is a very clean-looking shell, and has good access to all relevant ports and speakers. This, combined with the lightness of it, makes for a very pleasing accessory choice. It ticks all our boxes.

★★★★★



6 Evutec Karbon SP Series

£TBA/\$49.95 evutec.com

Does add some noticeable weight to your iPhone compared to the other cases here, but the Karbon justifies it with some serious protection. The case has two layers: a rubber casing that wraps around your iPhone and absorbs any shock from dropping the device. Clipping onto this is a thin Kevlar casing complete with a smooth, scratch-resistant coating that will keep the case looking its best whatever it goes through. It may look heavy-duty, but it feels anything but. The Karbon is sleek and quite stylish to look at, which is surprising given the military hardware in use here.

★★★★★

iCreate Editor's Choice
★★★★★

5 Felix HandHold

£TBA/\$29.99
felixbrand.com

Something a bit more unusual, the Felix combines a case and wallet through its unique styling. The soft rubber bumper also comes with a hand-like structure on the rear of the case, designed to hold your important cards and cash. The idea is to eradicate the need for a bulky wallet by having all your essentials safely lodged together. It's a clever idea executed in a very eye-catching way, but crucially it's well designed too.

The bumper is robust and provides all-round protection for your iPhone, and the lightweight materials used mean that you hardly notice the change in your pocket.

★★★★★

iCreate Group Test Winner
★★★★★

4 Tavik Workwear Case

£TBA/\$34.95 tavik.com

Very much a case for the statement-seeking iPhone owner, the Workwear is a plastic shell covered in black denim. The result is a clip-on case that is very light and is comfortable to hold. The top and bottom of your iPhone are left open, with further breaks in the plastic around the side buttons so access is not an issue at all.

It's relatively simple to snap on and off, and there's a soft internal lining to prevent any damage that way. The design of the material means it won't fray during use, so it should stay looking its best.

★★★★★



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