What Phone Will Give You the Most Privacy & Anonymity?

And at What Cost to Usability and Ease of Acquisition?

Phone	Level of Privacy		Anonymous Potential		Cyber Security	Ease of Use	Ease of Acq	Customization & Control	Privacy + Anon + Sec
DIY Obscure Untrackable Phone	5	No default telemetry, fully customizable, depends on user discipline	5	Only option that, when done right, can be fully anonymous	3	2	1	4	**13**
Bittium Tough Mobile 2C	5	Strong encryption, secure OS, dedicated privacy mode button.	3	High-end m, hard to acquire anon; mostly used in corp/gov settings.	5	4	2	3	**13**
Pixel w/ GrapheneOS	5	No telemetry, most hardened security, best privacy option	2	Tied to Google hardware, difficult to use without traceable purchase	5	3.75	3	5	12
Purism Librem 5	4	Strong privacy focused Linux OS, but some baseband / modem concerns	3	Must be purchased online, supply chain concerns, still requires discipline	5	3	1	5	12
Blackphone PRIVY 2	3.75	Encrypted OS w/ secure msg; relies on standard mobile networks.	3	Sold through vendors; requires account setup, limiting full anon.	5	4	2	3	11.75
Above Phone	4	Privacy varies by OS choice (Graphene, Calyx, DivestOS)	3	Can be purchased with OPSEC in mind, but process still leaves traces.	4.5	4	3	4.75	11.5
Murena 2	4.25	Strong /e/0S priv w/ no Goog track; hardware kill switches for mic, cam, connect.	3	Better than stock, but online purch; has some supply chain traceability.	4	4	2.5	4	11.25
Pixel w/ CalyxOS	4	Significantly better than stock, but microG integration can introduce risk	2	Still a Pixel, likely purchased online, hard to maintain anonymity	5	5	3.5	4	11
Custom iPhone (with Anon registration)	3	With careful config, iPhone can be partially de-Apple'd. Apple ecosystem link still there.	4	Anonymity boost from registering device to identity unlinked to user. iPhones net traceable	4	4	3	3.25	11
Punkt MP02 (and similar feature phones)	4.5	Minimal data leaks, no apps, but carrier-tracked	2.5	Carrier-linked, but no app-based tracking	3	4.5	4	2.5	10
Unplugged Phone (raise score if you trust company)	3	Better than stock, but still closed-source components	3	Requires purchase via identifiable means, can still be tied to a user	4	4	3	3.75	10
Stock iPhone (w/ Tweaks)	2	Better than Android with settings locked down, but still heavily Apple tied	1	Requires Apple ID, full ecosystem tracking, virtually impossible to make anonymous	4	5	5	2	7
Stock Android (w/ Tweaks)	1	Google services constantly phone home, tracking at multiple levels	1	Tied to Google accounts, mobile carrier, and device fingerprinting	3	5	5	3	**5**
Burner Phone (Bought, setup normally)	1.5	If no personal accounts, apps installed, some tracking avoided.	2	Most burners fail due to poor opsec. OSINT can link it back to you	2	5	5	1	**5**

Privacy: How well the device prevents data leaks and tracking (telemetry, identifiers, background connections).

Imagine you have a GrapheneOS Pixel (Privacy Score: 5). It's great at preventing Google and app-based tracking, but if you bought it with a credit card on Amazon, activated it with your home Wi-Fi, and use it for personal calls, your Anonymity Score drops to 1 or 2.

Anonymity Potential: How difficult it is to link the phone back to your real identity.

You could have a cheap prepaid burner phone (Anonymity Score: 5) that you paid for in cash and activated at a random location, but if it's running stock Android with Google services, it could be leaking data constantly (Privacy Score: 1-2).

Cyber Security: Resilience to attack. Strength against exploits, malware, and surveillance techniques.

Ease of Use: How practical the device is for daily use without requiring constant technical maintenance.

Ease of Acquisition: How how easy it is to get the phone without compromising OPSEC? How easy is it to set up?

Some options (like a burner phone from Walmart) are instant, while others (like a Purism Librem 5) require ordering online and perhaps waiting weeks, often leaving a paper trail. Pixel phones are easy to buy, but flashing them with Graphene or Calyx requires some technical skills.

Customization & Control: The ability to modify and harden the device against tracking or security risks.

Instructions on how to build a DIY Obscure Untrackable Phone coming soon to the TacticalPrivacyWire.com