Which Phone Will Give You the Most Privacy/Anonymity?

How hard will it be to get? How hard will it be to use?

	Phone	Level of Privacy		Anonymous Potential		Cyber Security	Privacy + Anon + Sec		Ease of Use	Ease of Acq	Customization & Control
🥴	DIY Obscure Untrackable Phone	5	No default telemetry, fully customizable, reqs user discipline	5	Only option that, when done right, can be fully anonymous	3	**13**		2	1	4
🤑	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	5	**13**		4	2	3
🤓🤑	Katim R01	5	Extreme privacy-focus. Designed 4 gov/mil	3	Can be anonymized, but is rare, niche device.	5	**13**		3.5	1.5	3.5
🤓	Pixel w/ GrapheneOS	5	No telemetry, most hardened security, best privacy option	2	Tied to Google hardware, difficult to use w/o traceable purch	5	12		3.75	3	5
🤓	CopperheadOS Pixel	5	Hardened, security-focused Android fork	2	Still tied to Google HW, but fewer telemetry risks	5	12		4	3	4.5
	Purism Librem 5	4	Strong privacy focused Linux OS, some baseband / modem concerns	3	Must be purchased online, supply chain concerns, still requires discipline	5	12		3	1	5
	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	11.75		4	2	3
🤑	Above Phone	4	Privacy varies by OS choice (Graphene, Calyx, DivestOS)	3	Can be purchased with OPSEC in mind, process still leaves traces.	4.5	11.5		4	3	4.75
🤓🤑	Pine64 (PinePhone Pro)	4	Open-source OS (Linux-based), de-Googled	3.5	Can be used anon., but requires user knowledge	4	11.5		4	3	5
	Murena 2	4.25	Strong /e/OS priv w/ no Goog track; hardware kill switches.	3	Better than stock, but online purch; has some supply chain traceability.	4	11.25		4	2.5	4
🤑	Pixel w/ CalyxOS	4	Significantly better than stock, microG integration can introduce risk	2	Still a Pixel, likely purchased online, hard to maintain anonymity	5	11		5	3.5	4
🤑	Custom iPhone (with Anon reg)	3	Can be partially de-Apple'd w/ careful config. Apple ecosystem link still there.	4	Anon boost from reging device to ID unlinked to user. iPhones net traceable	4	11		4	3	3.25
🤑	K-iPhone	3.5	Moded iPhone w/ extra privacy prots, still Apple-based.	2.5	iPhones req. Apple ID unless carefully set up anon.	4.5	10.5		4	3	3.5
🥴	Punkt MP02 (or similar feat phones)	4.5	Minimal data leaks, no apps, but carrier-tracked	2.5	Carrier-linked, but no app-based tracking	3	10		4.5	4	2.5
	Unplugged Phone (raise score if trust co)	3	Better than stock, but still closed-source components	3	Requires identifiable purchase, can be tied to a user	4	10		4	3	3.75
	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	7		5	5	2
	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	5	3
	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	5	1

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 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.

🥴 **Full Tinfoil**: You'll go to any length to stop tracking.

🤓 **Technical**: Tech-savvy & want the best privacy protection

🤑 **Just Buy It**: Want the best you can buy with the least hassle

🤑 **Low $**: On a budget, but have time to tinker