

Folding Smartphones

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This is the story of two Folding (Flip) Smartphone.

The first is the latest and greatest with all of the high end specifications and the second is a two year old phone, even when new the phone was only a mid-range phone with second tier specifications.

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What I like about Folding (Flip or Clam Shell) Phones is the ability to have a full size phone and folding it in half, becoming very pocketable.

Both Phones have smaller exterior screens for notifications and small Widgets, Titles and Apps.

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Being a specification “Junkie” I purchased a Samsung Z Flip 3 and then 4 and retired my Motorola Razr 2020 5G.

I alternated the Z Flip’s with a iPhone 13/14 Pro for nearly two years (this can be a future presentation). Note: Both use the same phone number via Digits.

The biggest problem with the Z Flip’s, I had to unlock the phone to read notifications then unlock the phone (again) to access the App. Like any “Spec Junkie” I Soldier on.

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Last month I decided to work on my Everyday Carry (EDC).

I downgraded my primary phone to a much smaller iPhone and looked again at my Motorola Razr 5G.

The following was my worst “Spec Junkie” nightmare

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I was shocked by the “Motorola Razr 5G”. Since it was a second tier phone when new. That second look showed me how poorly Z Flips were ergonomically (sometimes call workflow)

Moto Razr has a larger exterior screen with the normal widgets/titles, but can access any App and interact with the App on the exterior Screen. To interact with the App on the full interior screen, open the phone and the App is open without having to unlock the phone and re-launching the App again.

Eating “Humble Pie”

The Moto Razr is a older phone, but has superior workflow. The Moto Razr OS is stock Android, it lacks the all of the bloatware that's on Samsung or Apple phones, with outstanding customization, the phone can improve workflow.

Chasing the latest and greatest without considering workflow can be disastrous and expensive. *Software always trumps Hardware.*