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# WANT AN APPLE WATCH SERIES 9 OR ULTRA 2? ALTERNATIVES TO BUY AFTER TODAY

The future of these two new Apple Watches remains unclear.



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The future of two of Apple's newest and most popular watches remains unclear. Namely, the **Apple Watch Series 9** and the **Apple Watch Ultra 2**. Launched only in **September**, the watches may soon disappear completely due to an **ongoing legal dispute between Apple and Masimo**, a medical device company, wherein the latter company is claiming patent infringement over the use of blood oxygen sensor technology used in both watches.

## When could the new Apple Watches be banned?

The International Trade Commission (ITC) ruled in favor of Masimo in October, meaning that the watches will officially be banned unless President Biden vetoes the decision by **Monday, December 25**, a.k.a. Christmas Day. In the meantime, the Apple devices will be pulled from Apple's online store starting at **3 pm ET today, December 21**. They will be subsequently pulled from Apple stores after **Sunday, December 24** and an import ban will take place starting **Tuesday, December 26**.

If you're looking to get your hands on the Apple Watch Series 9 or the Ultra 2 before they're gone, you may have luck with remaining watches at retailers like **Amazon**, **Best Buy**, or **Walmart** for a short period. However, after they're gone, if the ruling stays in place, the watches will be gone for good. While we're big fans of these watches (the Apple Watch Series 9 is **our favorite smartwatch overall**), there are other smartwatches that we've tested here at Reviewed—and loved. Here are some alternatives we recommend.

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## Apple Watch Series 9 and Ultra 2 alternatives to buy

### Apple Watch Series 8



#### Apple Watch Series 8

The Apple Watch Series 8 might be an older model, but it still packs tons of features and a powerful battery life.

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at Amazon

While the **Apple Watch Series 8** isn't the newest watch on the market, it's still a stellar watch that'll last you for years to come and makes for **a perfect gift**. It comes in a wide range of color options, has access to a variety of useful apps, and packs enough power to last an entire day. What's more, it offers temperature sensing which can track cycles and illness, and crash detection to call for help when you need it.

### Apple Watch SE (2022)



#### Apple Watch SE (2nd Gen)

With features this good, it almost feels wrong to call the Apple Watch SE a value option.

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The Apple Watch SE is our **value pick for smartwatches**. Like the Apple Watch Series 8, it comes in a wide range of colors and offers crash protection. It doesn't offer quite as many custom watch faces or apps as a pricier model would, but for a budget watch, you'll be wowed by the features and battery life it packs.

### Samsung Galaxy Watch 5



#### Samsung Galaxy Watch 5

The Samsung Galaxy Watch 5 is the best option for Android users.

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For Android users, our top choice is the **Samsung Galaxy Watch 5**. It has a bright and vibrant display, it hugs the wrist comfortably, and it comes with improved **accessibility** features from models before it.

### Google Pixel Watch 2



#### Google Pixel Watch 2

The Google Pixel Watch 2 is great for Android users and doesn't sacrifice functionality for style.

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The Google Pixel Watch 2 is another great option for Android users. It offers excellent fitness tracking options and a long battery life. Beyond that, we named it the **most stylish Android watch for users** because of its sleek design that comes in Polished Silver, Matte Black, and Champagne Gold.

## Where to still buy the Apple Watch Series 9

Before the clock runs out, you can still get an Apple Watch Series 9 from these retailers. Shop now while you still can.

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## Where to still buy the Apple Watch Ultra 2

For the time being, you can still get an Apple Watch Ultra 2 at the following retailers. Get shopping now to secure one.

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