

# Best Rugged Cases for Your Phone

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## Protect your phone



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Whether you snagged the latest iPhone or Samsung Galaxy, you'll want to make sure it's protected. Grab a case that will keep your investment shatter-free and can withstand anything from a bump to a beating. If you work at a desk, on the road or jumping out of planes, we've rounded up five of the most rugged cases on the market that can handle it all. Check out the list and then gift one to yourself for peace of mind.

## Element Case Black Ops



When you drop your mortgage payment phone – and you will – you want to feel reassured that it won't be shattered into a million pieces. With the Element Case Black Ops edition, you can push those dark thoughts aside. Made with

aircraft-grade aluminum and a reinforced polycarbonate sub-frame, this case is made for battle. The Black Ops is shockingly thin and lightweight, but it's able to withstand drops of at least 6 feet. The case is available in black and is \$199.99 for the [iPhone 7/7+](#) and [iPhone 8/8+](#).

## BrinkCase Alara



You expect a case to protect your phone, but one that protects you as well is a nice bonus. The [BrinkCase Alara](#) claims to do just that. The case provides certified drop protection based on military specifications (6-foot drops) and says it also reduces cellphone radiation exposure by up to 67 percent. It also has a built-in antenna to keep your signal strong while you're on the move. The Brink Case Alara is available in black and is \$39.99 for the Galaxy S8/S8+ and [iPhone 8/8+](#).

## Urban Armor Gear Pathfinder Case



No one has time to remove the phone from the case every time it needs to be charged. Luckily, you can avoid this step with the [Urban Armor Gear Pathfinder](#) case. It allows you to power up your wireless-charge-enabled device right on the dock without taking it out of the case. It's also really light and meets military drop protection standard. The Pathfinder is available in three colors: black, white and orange and is \$39.95 for the [Galaxy S8/S8+](#) and [iPhone 8/8+/X](#).

# OtterBox Defender Screenless Edition



OtterBox is an OG brand known for its phone protection and its Defender Screenless Edition case stays true to that legacy. With four layers of protection and drop+ protection, the Defender is designed to keep every inch of your phone secure. The case also includes a belt clip to holster your phone to your pants or bag and port covers to keep dust out of your jacks. The defender comes in five colors, including black, marathoner (gray), stormy peaks (purple and black), purple nebula, big sur (teal) and coral dot (pink polka dot). It is [\\$49.95 for the iPhone X](#).

# Ballistic Tough Jacket



Built for handling more than just bumps and bruises, the Ballistic Tough Jacket is ready for anything. The case has four layers of protection built in and a removable screen protector. Plus, it is tested to withstand drops of 7 feet onto concrete. The Tough Jacket features port protects to keep dirt out of your jacks and includes a belt clip that swivels 180 degrees. The case is available in black for [\\$39.89 for the iPhone 6/7/8](#).



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