

The Apple Watch Series 5 is down to its lowest price yet today

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Today's Dealmaster is headlined by a sizable discount on the Apple Watch Series 5, the most recent entry in Apple's smartwatch lineup. Amazon currently has select 40mm models available for \$300, which is \$100 off Apple's MSRP and about \$85 its usual going rate online. You'll see a notice on eligible product pages that says the full discount is visible at checkout. While we've seen the Series 5 hit this price before, this is tied for the largest discount we've seen to date.

The Apple Watch Series 5 earned the "Ars Approved" badge in our review last fall and currently sits as the top option in our guide to the best smartwatches. We like it for offering an always-on display, fall detection, NFC for Apple Pay, and several fitness tracking features like an always-on heart rate monitor and an onboard GPS, all in a comfortable and clean design with unobtrusive software. You'll still have to charge it every other day, it's still mainly for iPhone owners, and you still have to be *in* on the idea of having a mini-smartphone on your wrist. If you own an Apple Watch Series 4 or are happy with your Apple Watch Series 3, there's less of a

reason to upgrade, especially with an inevitable Series 6 likely arriving later this year. But if you've been interested in taking the plunge, this is a good price for a great wearable.

If you have no interest in smartwatches, though, we also have exclusive discount codes on a variety of Anker chargers, a pre-order discount on the upcoming *Assassin's Creed Valhalla*, deals on various SSDs, and more. Have a look for yourself below.

Dealmaster: An Ars newsletter

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Top 10 deals of the day

- Apple Watch Series 5 (40mm) smartwatch for **\$299.99** at Amazon (**discount seen at checkout** – normally \$384).
- Anker PowerPort PD 2 USB-C wall charger – 30W total, 18W USB-C PD, USB-A for **\$15.99** at Amazon (use code: **ARSTECH25** – normally \$22).
- Anker PowerCore Metro Slim 10000 PD USB-C portable battery – 18W total, 18W USB-C PD, USB-A, 10,000mAh for **\$29.99** at Amazon (use code: **ARSTECH11** – normally \$48).
- Pre-order: *Assassin's Creed Valhalla* (PS4, XB1) for **\$49.94** at Amazon and Walmart (normally \$60).
- AMD Ryzen 7 3700X 8-core/16-thread desktop processor + Wraith Prism LED cooler for **\$274.49** at Amazon (normally \$295).
- TP-Link Kasa HS105 (3-pack) smart WiFi outlet for **\$29.99** at Amazon (normally \$40).

- Apple Smart Keyboard for iPad (7th gen), iPad Air (3rd gen), and 10.5-inch iPad Pro for **\$99** at Amazon and Best Buy (normally \$150).
- Samsung T5 (500GB) external portable SSD for **\$79.99** at Amazon (normally \$95).
- 10.1-inch Amazon Echo Show (2-pack, 2nd gen) smart display for **\$359.98** at Amazon (use code: **SHOW2PACK** – normally \$460).
- 27-inch Acer Nitro VG272 gaming monitor – 1080p, 240Hz, IPS, FreeSync for **\$309.99** at Amazon (normally \$440).

Enlarge / Anker's PowerCore PD 2 USB-C PD wall charger.

Ars exclusive Anker device deals

- Anker PowerPort PD 2 USB-C wall charger – 30W total, 18W USB-C PD, USB-A for **\$15.99** at Amazon (use code: **ARSTECH25** – normally \$22).
- Anker PowerPort Atom PD 1 USB-C wall charger – 30W USB-C PD, GaN + Anker PowerLine Select USB-C to Lightning cable for **\$27.59** at Amazon (use code: **ARSTECH17** – normally \$46).
- Anker PowerCore Metro Slim 10000 PD USB-C portable

battery – 18W total, 18W USB-C PD, USB-A, 10,000mAh for **\$29.99** at Amazon (use code: **ARSTECH11** – normally \$48).

- Anker PowerCore III Fusion 5K USB-C portable battery + wall charger – 18W total, 18W USB-C PD, USB-A for **\$35.99** at Amazon (use code: **ARSTECH64** – normally \$43).
- Anker PowerExpand+ 7-in-1 USB-C hub – 48W USB-C PD pass-through input, 2x USB-A, HDMI (4K 30Hz), Ethernet, SD, microSD for **\$31.99** at Amazon (use code: **ARSTECH52** – normally \$40).
- Anker PowerLine+ II (3ft, Red) USB-C to Lightning braided nylon cable for **\$13.99** at Amazon (use code: **ARSTECH03** – normally \$22).
- Anker PowerLine+ II (3ft, Black) USB-C to Lightning braided nylon cable for **\$13.99** at Amazon (use code: **ARSTECH03** – normally \$22).
- Anker PowerLine+ II (3ft, Black, 2-pack) USB-C to Lightning braided nylon cable for **\$25.99** at Amazon (use code: **ARSTECH04** – normally \$36).
- Anker PowerPort Strip PD 6 USB power strip – 6x AC outlet, 30W USB-C PD, 2x USB-A for **\$44.99** at Amazon (use code: **ARSTECH91** – normally \$50).
- Anker PowerPort III 3-Port 65W USB wall charger – 65W total, 45W USB-C, 2x USB-A, GaN + US/UK/EU travel plugs for **\$34.99** at Amazon (**clip \$10 coupon** and use code: **ARSTECH33** – normally \$50).
- Anker PowerCore 10K Wireless Qi wireless charger + portable battery – 5W wireless, 12W wired, 2x USB-A, 10,000mAh for **\$25.99** at Amazon (use code: **ARSTECH65** – normally \$36).
- Anker PowerWave Sense Pad Alloy Qi wireless charger – 11W Pixel/10W Galaxy/7.5W iPhone + AC adapter for **\$27.99** at Amazon (use code: **ARSTECH09** – normally \$36).

Enlarge / Samsung's T5 portable SSD. Samsung recently launched a newer drive called the T7, but you can save a good chunk of change if you don't mind slightly slower—but still solid—transfer speeds.

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Laptop and desktop PC deals

- Apple MacBook Pro (2020) laptop – 1.4GHz Intel Core i5-8257U, 13.3-inch 2560×1600, 8GB RAM, 512GB SSD, Magic Keyboard, Touch Bar for **\$1,299.99** at Amazon (normally \$1,500).
- Microsoft Surface Pro 7 tablet PC – Intel Core i5-1035G4, 12.3-inch 2736×1824, 16GB RAM, 256GB SSD + Surface Pro Type Cover (Black) for **\$1,299** at Amazon (normally \$1,600).
- 27-inch Acer Nitro VG272 gaming monitor – 1080p, 240Hz, IPS, FreeSync for **\$309.99** at Amazon (normally \$440).
- WD Black SN750 (1TB) M.2 NVMe internal SSD for **\$134.99** at Amazon (normally \$150).
- Samsung T7 Touch (1TB) external portable SSD for **\$199.99**

at Amazon (normally \$225).

- Samsung T5 (500GB) external portable SSD for **\$79.99** at Amazon (normally \$95).
- AMD Ryzen 7 3700X 8-core/16-thread desktop processor + Wraith Prism LED cooler for **\$274.49** at Amazon (normally \$295).
- CalDigit TS3 Plus Thunderbolt 3 dock – 2x Thunderbolt 3, USB-C 3.1 Gen 1, USB-C 3.1 Gen 2, 5x USB-A 3.1, DisplayPort 1.2, SDXC, Gigabit Ethernet, digital optical audio, analog in/out, 87W charging for **\$229.99** at Amazon (normally \$270).

Enlarge / *Ori and the Will of the Wisps* is included in Microsoft's Xbox Game Pass service, but it's on sale today for those who don't subscribe.

Video game deals

Enlarge / The Razer Viper gaming mouse.

Gaming deals

- Razer Viper wired gaming mouse for **\$59.99** at Amazon (normally \$70).
- 8Bitdo SN30 Pro Bluetooth game controller – Nintendo Switch, PC, Android, macOS for **\$34.99** at Best Buy (normally \$45).
- Sega Genesis Mini retro mini console for **\$49.99** at Amazon and GameStop (normally \$60).

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Electronics deals

Enlarge / Mophie's Powerstation AC battery. It has an AC outlet built into the top of the device.

Accessories and miscellaneous deals

- Apple Smart Keyboard for iPad (7th gen), iPad Air (3rd gen), and 10.5-inch iPad Pro for **\$99** at Amazon and Best Buy (normally \$150).
- Anker PowerWave 7.5 Stand Qi wireless charging stand – 10W Galaxy/7.5W iPhone + AC adapter for **\$32.99** at Amazon (**clip 34% coupon** – normally \$49).
- Anker PowerLine II (3ft) USB-C to USB-C 3.1 Gen 2 cable for **\$16.99** at Amazon (use code: **AKCTCTB3** – normally \$20).
- Anker PowerExpand+ 5-in-1 USB-C hub – 3x USB 3.0, HDMI (4K 30Hz), Ethernet for **\$26.39** at Amazon (normally \$33).
- Nonda USB-C to USB-C 3.0 mini adapter for **\$7.99** at Amazon (normally \$10).
- AmazonBasics USB-C to USB-A 3.1 Gen 2 (5-pack, 3ft) cable for **\$29.94** at Amazon (normally \$40).
- Nekteck 5-Port 111W Charging Station USB-C desktop

charger – 111W total, 87W USB-C PD, 4x USB-A for **\$39.99** at Amazon (normally \$50).

- Mophie Powerstation AC portable battery pack – 100W AC, 30W USB-C PD, USB-A, 22,000mAh for **\$127.59** at Amazon (normally \$195).

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