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Russian-Made iPhone 6 Clone Costs Only $199

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Russian-made iPhone is now on sale.

A Russian smartphone with the exact same dimensions as Apple's popular iPhone is now on sale, the phone's developer announced on Tuesday.

Called the iX-maxi and retailing from 12,500 rubles ($199), the smartphone measures 4.7 inches diagonally, the same length as the iPhone 6. The phone's design is also remarkably similar, down to its volume buttons, thickness, home button, and other visible features.

But the similarities between the iX-maxi, developed by St. Petersburg-based teXet, and Apple's best-selling smartphone end there.

Whereas the iPhone 6 has a 1334 by 760 pixel resolution and 16 gigabytes of memory, the iX-maxi has only a 540 by 960 resolution and half the memory. And while Apple's iPhone runs the newest version of its homegrown software, the iX-maxi runs a Google Android setup

from 2013.

Still, while the copy may not stack up to the real thing, it is a considerably cheaper option for those wishing merely to appear as if they have Apple's newest smartphone. On the website of re:Store, one of Apple's official retailers in Russia, the iPhone 6's most basic model goes for a whopping 53,900 rubles ($865).

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