

Garmin vívoactive 3 GPS Smartwatch

QUICK BUYER GUIDE



Active individuals seeking fitness tracking, contactless payments, and sports apps

At a Glance Specs

 **SCREEN SIZE**
1.2-inch round display

 **GPS ENABLED**
Built-in GPS for outdoor tracking

 **BATTERY TYPE**
Lithium-ion rechargeable battery

 **CONNECTIVITY**
Bluetooth pairing with smartphones

 **SPORTS APPS**
15+ preloaded fitness applications

 **CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS**
Garmin Pay for card transactions

Who It Is For

-  Active individuals tracking fitness metrics
-  Fitness enthusiasts with sports app needs
-  Users requiring contactless payment features
-  People monitoring stress and VO2 max levels
-  Smartwatch users wanting notifications

Who It Is Not For

-  Users without compatible smartphones
-  Those prioritizing long battery life
-  Individuals needing cellular connectivity
-  People avoiding third-party app ecosystems

Trade Offs to Consider

-  Shorter battery life with frequent GPS use
-  Smaller 1.2-inch screen for detailed views
-  No standalone cellular connectivity
-  Limited app ecosystem compared to competitors



Users Say

● POSITIVES

- ✓ Seamless contactless payments for daily use
- ✓ Comprehensive fitness tracking with VO2 max
- ✓ Easy customization with Connect IQ apps

● COMPLAINTS

- ⚠ Battery drains quickly with GPS enabled
- ⚠ Limited third-party app support
- ⚠ Screen size too small for detailed views



How It Compares

- Competes with Fitbit for fitness tracking
- Matches Apple Watch for contactless payments
- Lacks smartwatch ecosystem diversity
- Offers better GPS accuracy than basic smartwatches



Choose This If...

- ✓ Need GPS-enabled fitness tracking
- ✓ Require contactless payment features
- ✓ Want preloaded sports apps
- ✓ Seek stress and VO2 max monitoring

✗ Skip This If...

- ✗ Prioritize long battery life without GPS
- ✗ Need standalone cellular connectivity
- ✗ Avoid third-party app limitations
- ✗ Require larger screen for detailed views



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