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## **How to Check iPhone Battery Health in iOS 11.3**

Apple has finally shipped iOS 11.3 earlier this week, and one of the biggest changes is the addition of a battery diagnosis feature that lets users find out if the battery of their iPhones needs servicing or not. This improvement is part of a months-long saga that started in December after Apple officially acknowledged that it slowed down some older iPhone models on purpose in an attempt to prevent unexpected shutdowns. Apple said this was necessary because devices with degraded batteries could experience issues like these unexpected shutdowns even when the battery isn't depleted yet, so reducing performance of the processor was a way to ensure the same battery life despite these hardware problems. As a result, Apple launched a battery replacement program with a discounted price from \$79 to \$29, promising to also ship features that would help users determine if their iPhone battery is degraded and to even disable the slowdown should it already be enabled. These new features arrived with iOS 11.3, though Apple appears to be playing the safe card here, as it marks them with a beta tag, probably to signal that some things might not work exactly as expected. Checking how worn-out the iPhone battery takes just a few seconds. On the iPhone, launch Settings and follow the next path to see your score: Settings > Battery > Battery Health (Beta) > Maximum Capacity. The percentage in the Maximum Capacity field is the one that says everything about your iPhone battery. Previously, you could check

the battery health level by contacting Apple Support, either through the company's website or directly on Twitter at @AppleSupport. After a short benchmark, the engineer could tell you if the battery needed servicing or not, though they never provided any specifics on how degraded the battery is. In my case, @AppleSupport said the battery was "OK" and that it didn't need any repairs. In iOS 11.3, the Maximum Capacity on my iPhone 6s Plus is 96%. "Your battery is designed to retain up to 80% of its original capacity at 500 complete charge cycles," Apple says on its website. So technically, once capacity drops to 80% or lower, you either need the performance throttling that Apple enabled without telling anyone or get a new battery in order to prevent any issues with your device.