

iPhone 6 prototype selling for \$99,800 on eBay

SAN FRANCISCO, USA: Bidding for a rare prototype of Apple's new-generation iPhone 6 neared a whopping \$100,000 on eBay, after the device appeared to have accidentally landed in a buyer's hands.



Apple's iPhone 6 prototype has attracted bids of \$99,800 on eBay after the seller managed to get hold of a prototype phone that was sent directly to him. There is no certainty the phone works and, it seems, some people have more money than sense. Image: eBay

"Apple does NOT let these phones out of their possession yet I was accidentally sent one upon renewing my contract," a description posted on eBay by the seller said.

"This is the real deal."

Bidding for the silver iPhone 6 prototype with 64 gigabytes of memory had reached \$99,800 with 198 bids logged by late Monday (6 October) morning in California, where Apple has its headquarters.

The seller, identified in online reports as a US man, described the iPhone as running in "true developer mode" on testing software called "SwitchBoard" and not on Apple's latest iOS 8 operating system.

Bidders are warned that there is no guarantee the iPhone will make calls or that the camera will function. Shipping will be free given the dizzying prices. The auction closes on 9 October.

The device was plugged into an iTunes account and recognised as an iPhone, the description said.

The winning bidder is promised the device, box, charger and headphones, along with the device's paperwork.

"I would like to reiterate that this phone is being sold in As-Is condition," the seller stressed. "The only reason you may return this device is if the device is if it is dead on arrival," the seller added.

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