New iOS Update Kills Aftermarket Screens

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If you have an iPhone and have broken the screen out of warranty, you know how expensive it is to get Apple to fix it. Thankfully there are a number of companies that can replace the screens for MUCH cheaper with units that are equal in vibrance, color, brightness and more. The downside is that if you have the nerve to let someone other than Apple touch your device, the latest iOS update may actually kill the digitizer on your device so touch input will no longer work. This is a move by Apple to protect you from yourself (and make sure they make way more money doing costly repairs). Thanks Apple!

According to Oberdick, every iPhone screen is powered by a small microchip, and that chip is what the repair community believes to be causing the issue. For the past six months, shops have been able to replace busted iPhone 8 screens with no problem, but something in the update killed touch functionality. According to several people I spoke to, third-party screen suppliers have already worked out the issue, but fixing the busted phones means re-opening up the phone and upgrading the chip.

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