4: 5G Marketing Lingo

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SUMMARY

Here is a quick, concise summary about 5G marketing terminology at the present time (March 2022):

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RF FREQUENCY BAND DESIGNATIONS

Low-Band 5G = Below 1 GigaHertz

(= VHF & UHF TV bands)

Mid-Band 5G = 1 GHz to 6 GHz

(Mid-Band includes 3.7 to 3.98 GHz

= "C band")

High-Band 5G = Above 6 GHz

= "millimeter wave"

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T-MOBILE

T-MOBILE **"5G"**

= **"Extended Range 5G"**

= Uses low band

= requires cell phones with both
    real 5G chipsets
    and real 5G antennas

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T-MOBILE (continued)

T-MOBILE **"5G UC"**

= **"5G ULTRA CAPACITY"**

= 5G using both mid-band
   and high band (millimeter wave)

= requires cell phones with both
   real 5G chipsets

   and real 5G antennas

= more expensive that "T-Mobile 5G"

VERIZON

Verizon **"5G"**

=**"Nationwide 5G"**

= 5G in low-band

= requires cell phones with both
   real 5G chipsets
   and real 5G antennas

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VERIZON (continued)

Verizon **"5G UW"**

= **"5G UWB"**

= "5G Ultra Wideband"

= 5G using both midband (C-band)
      and high-band (millimeterwave)

= requires cell phones with both
     real 5G chipsets

     and real 5G antennas

= more expensive than "Verizon 5G"

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AT&T

May 2019:

AT&T **"5GE"** or **"5G E"**

= **"5G Evolution"**

= claimed slight enhancement to 4G/LTE

= runs fine in 4G cell phones (that do not have
        5G chipsets and do not have 5G antennas)

= probably using both low-band and mid-band

= actually slightly slower than the 4G/LTE
        cellular services from Verizon and T-Mobile

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AT&T (continued)

November 2019

AT&T **"5G"**

= using low-band

= real 5G in "low band"

= requires cell phones with both
   real 5G chipsets and real 5G antennas

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AT&T (continued)

October 2021

AT&T **"5G+"**

= using both midband (C-band)

   and high band"("millimeter wave)

= requires cell phones with both real 5G
       chipsets and real 5G antennas

= more expensive than "AT&T 5G E"

       or "AT&T 5G"

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