

Your New iPhone Is Late

Did you order your new iPhone already? If it hasn't yet arrived, you may be in for a long wait. On Sunday, March 13th, two major Chinese port cities, Shenzhen and Shanghai, entered a seven-day lockdown after cases of COVID-19 spiked. While the Port of Shenzhen, which processes just under one quarter of all US exports, remains open, there are a reported [65 ships waiting to dock](#) along the coast.

Among the exporters of Shenzhen is Foxconn, the world's largest contract manufacturer of electronics. Most notably, Foxconn is responsible for manufacturing nearly [half of the world's iPhones](#).

While only God can make a tree, Tim Cook came close by orchestrating the iPhone supply chain. All the components that create your iPhone — memory chip, battery, camera, processor, touchscreen controller, and on and on — are sourced globally and sent to Foxconn in (ideally) perfect time. Workers at Foxconn assemble, test, and package the iPhone at the rate of [350 per minute](#), but one missing component can halt production altogether.

Thus, the port slowdowns of this week affect both sides of the manufacturing equations: components are slow to be received, and finished goods are slow to be shipped out.

Here's the international journey your iPhone travels before it makes its way to you:

Common Birthplaces of the Essential Parts in Your iPhone

