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BlackBerry Curve 8330 and Moto Q 9c via Telus

Two new QWERTY smartphones for Canada

Telus, the third largest mobile operator in Canada, is now offering two new smartphones to its customers: BlackBerry Curve 8330 and Motorola Q 9c. Both smartphones are available in the US, and now it's time for Canadian users to benefit from their features. The latest handset from RIM's Curve series, [BlackBerry Curve 8330](#) comes to Telus dressed in "liquid silver" assorted with "chrome highlights". The smallest BlackBerry to pack a full QWERTY keyboard, Curve 8330 is created to be your easy-to-use smartphone, bringing features like email, organizer, built-in GPS (with Telus Navigator), maps, Instant Messaging, pre-loaded Facebook application, 2 Megapixel camera with flash and video, Music player, Bluetooth 2.0 with A2DP, microSD card support and so on. BlackBerry Curve 8330 is offered by Telus for \$249.99 with a 3-year contract agreement, \$449.99 with a 2-year contract and \$499.99 with a contract for only one year. Or, if you want to buy the smartphone free of contract, you'll have to pay \$549.99. Like the [BlackBerry](#) handset, Motorola Q 9c (or Moto Q 9c) also features a full QWERTY keyboard. Moto Q 9c runs on Windows Mobile 6.0 and it's one of the slimmest smartphones on the market (11.9 millimeters). The handset comes with a 2.4 display, Documents to Go (allowing you to edit Microsoft Office documents), GPS with Telus Navigator, EVDO dual band connectivity for high-speed data downloads, email, Instant Messaging, microSD card slot, Bluetooth, USB, 1.3 Megapixel camera, Windows Media Player 10 Mobile for music and video playback. [Moto Q 9c](#) costs less than BlackBerry Curve 8330 and it comes for \$149.99 with a contract for 3 years, \$349.99 with a 2-year contract, \$399.99 with an 1-year contract, and \$449.99 without a contract agreement. The availability of BlackBerry Curve 8330 and Moto Q 9c from Telus is definitely good news for Canadian users, as they now have more choices when it comes to buying a reliable smartphone.