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You've probably heard that a new Google device known as Nexus One is set to hit the market. Unlike past Android devices, this one will be sold unlocked and directly by Google, leading many to call it the "Google Phone." The launch, as it turns out, might be right around the corner. According to Reuters, the device could be available via a website as soon as January 5. Sources also confirm earlier reports that consumers will be able to get the device at a discounted price, much like they do with most devices sold in the U.S., by agreeing to a contract with T-Mobile.

Obviously, that leaves Google and T-Mobile out of the holiday shopping season, but would setup for a potentially big debut for Nexus One at CES, which is happening that same week in January. Meanwhile, if you need to catch up on Nexus One news, here's Mashable's coverage so far: