

Asus Boosts Sequel to ROG Phone

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Asus announces a sequel to the [gaming-focused ROG Phone](#) -- the predictably named ROG Phone II, an update the company claims is the first smartphone featuring a 120Hz AMOLED display, together with a more powerful Snapdragon 855 Plus processor.



The aforementioned display is 6.59-inch, and features both an integrated fingerprint sensor and 10-bit HDR support. Resolution is FHD+ (2340 x 1080), and customers can scale down the refresh from 120Hz to 90 or 60Hz in order to save battery life. Furthermore, Asus claims the touch latency is 49ms, the lowest in any phone yet.

Powering the handset is the Snapdragon 855 Plus, a chipset designed for gaming smartphones promising a 15% faster GPU and higher peak CPU clock speeds. Built using a 7nm processor, the chip generates less heat than previous Qualcomm processors such as the Snapdragon 845, but just in case the ROG Phone II also includes a vapor chamber, heat sink and air vents in order to keep things cool. Also included are 128GB RAM, up to 512GB of UFS 3.0 storage, 48MP rear-/13MP front-facing cameras and a 6000mAh battery.

Being aimed for gaming, the smartphone features a full suite of accessories. These includes updates on accessories for the first ROG Phone, such as the AeroActive Cooler II clip-on fan and the dual-screen TwinView dock, as well a new gamepad addon dubbed the Kunai. Clearly inspired by the Nintendo Switch, the Kunai consists of a pair of controllers customers can either attach to the sides of the phone or slide into a joypad-shaped grip.

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The ROG Phone II first launches in China in July 2019, before launch in Western markets sometime in September 2019.

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