Xiaomi announces an incremental update on the Mi 5 flagship smartphone-- the Mi 5s, a 5.5-inch handset featuring a metal body together with the a Snapdragon 821 chipset and an ultrasonic fingerprint reader.



According to the company, the ultrasonic fingerprint sensor was meant for the Mi 5, but the technology only ready for mass production on July 2016. The technology allows companies to build a fingerprint reader underneath the glass covering the display, although the Mi 5s has a little dent to help users guide their fingers to the sensor.

As mentioned earlier a 2.15GHz Qualcomm Snapdragon 821 CPU powers the device, together with 4GB LPDDR4 RAM, up to 128GB UFS 2.0 storage and 3200mAh battery. The rear-facing camera gets a boost with a 12MP Sony 1/2.3-inch IMX378 CMOS sensor, f/2.0 aperture lens, dual-tone LED flash, phase detection auto-focus, auto HDR and video recording reaching up to 4K resolution at 30fps, as does the 4MP front-facing selfie shooter with an f/2.0 aperture 80-degree lens.

The display handles 1920x1080 resolution and, in a Xiaomi first, offers force-sensitive touch. Xiaomi adds it is also 600 nits bright has 95% of the NTSC gamut.

Also presented by the company is the Mi 5s Plus-- a bigger and better option with a larger 5.7-inch display, faster 2.35GHz Snapdragon 821 CPU, bigger 3800mAh battery and a 13MP dual-lens camera.

Preorders for both Mi 5s models open in Xiaomi's home China by end September 2016. No

word is available on a European launch as yet.

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