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Nvidia announces a refresh of the SHIELD Tablet K1, an 8-inch gaming-focused device featuring a 1920x1200 resolution display, dual front-facing speakers and a Tegra K1 processor.



The previous SHIELD tablet was recalled back in July 2015, following reports of the bult-in Li-ion battery cell posing a potential fire hazard. As such, the relaunched tablet appears to remain more or less unchanged, being powered by the same Tegra K1 processor featuring a 2.2GHz quad-core GPU and 192-core Kepler GPU.

Further specification details include 2GB RAM and 16GB built-in storage (expandable to 128GB via microSD). The OS of choice is Android 5.1.1 Lollipop, while connectivity comes through wifi, Bluetooth, mini HDMI and micro USB 2.0.

What is (slightly) changed is the chassis-- the front-facing speakers have a soft-touch cover, and the device lacks a stylus silo. How come? Probably because the package lacks a stylus (or any other accessories to speak of), meaning customers have to purchase a companion DirectStylus 2 and charger separately.

The Nvidia SHIELD Tablet K1 is available now.

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