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Samsung takes a second shot at the marriage of point-and-shoot camera and Android smartphone with the Galaxy S4 Zoom-- an Android 4.2 handset with a 16MP camera and 10x zoom lens grafted at the back.



The device should remind readers armed with longer memories of the Galaxy Camera, the 2012 Samsung take on the Android-powered digital camera. However customers can make calls with the Zoom, a functionality the Camera lacks.

Specs-wise the Zoom is similar to the recently announced Galaxy S4 mini -- a 4.3-inch device packing a 1.5GHz dual-core processor, 8GB storage (expandable via microSD slot), 2330mAh battery, LTE/3G connectivity and a slew of Samsung software additions.

The camera is a bit more interesting. It features BSI CMOS sensor (100-3200 ISO range), optical image stabilisation, Xenon flash and a "Zoom Ring" replacing traditional optical zoom control.

Meanwhile the lens has a 35mm-equivalent focal length range (24-240mm) and f3.1 to f6.3 aperture range.

Samsung gives no shipping date for the Zoom, but does say it should be available by Summer 2013.

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