

"Honey, We Shrunk the Galaxy S III!"

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Is the Galaxy S III too massive for small European hands? Samsung Mobile Communications head JK Shin confirms the release of a 4-inch version of the smartphone, citing increase in demand for 4-inch devices from the European market.



"There's a lot of demand for a 4-inch device in Europe. Some call it an entry-level device, but we call it "mini," JK Shin says.

The regular Galaxy S III display is 4.8-inch-- not too unusual (or large) in an Android landscape where the average size for a high-end device is around 4.5-inch.

However, alongside the titular downsizing the Galaxy S III mini receives something of a downgrade. Display resolution is 800 x 480 (down from 1280 x 720), the processor is a 1GHz dual-core number (instead of the quad-core Samsung Exynos inside the bigger brother) and the rear-facing camera is 5MP instead of 8MP.

4G capability also gets the kick in the Mini.

Bigger mobile devices are something of a surprise market success... so much so even Apple boosted the display size (up to 4-inch, mind) in the iPhone 5. Mind, no confirmation exists on

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whether Apple will actually shrink the iPad in size as yet.

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