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ZTE claims the Axon M brings nothing less than "a new smartphone category"-- or in the least something rather interesting, since it features a foldable design with two full-size displays.



The Axon M has a pair of 5.2-inch 1920 x 1080 displays, one in the front and the other in the back. A hinge connects the two, allowing users to flip the rear display and slot it next to the front one, creating a single 6.75-inch display. Users can then either stretch apps across the larger display or take advantage of Android split-screen features to run two apps simultaneously, one on each screen. Users can even watch two different videos on the two screens, switching between audio streams as they want.

In addition, one can also "tent" the phone and mirror the displays, allowing two people to look at the same content from the front and back. ZTE promises the "top 100" Android apps work on the Axon M, with the tablet version of the app (if one exists, obviously) running when the it is in "extended" mode.

Moving to the internals, the Axon M carries a Qualcomm Snapdragon 821 processor, 4GB RAM, 64GB storage (expandable to 256GB via microSD), 3180mAh battery and a 20MP camera. The OS of choice is Android 7.1.2, with an Android 8.0 update to follow on a future date.

The Axon M will be first available in the US and Japan by end 2018. ZTE gives no word as to whether it will hit European markets as yet.

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