Asus ROG takes to Computex 2018 to launch a take on the high-spec gaming smartphone concept-- the ROG Phone, a first handset from the company designed specifically for gaming.



Being a ROG-branded device the Phone looks suitably aggressive, with a RGB lighting and angular designs on the back. The insides appear to be equally fierce, with a 2.96GHz Qualcomm Snapdragon 845 processor (the "world's fastest speed-binned," according to Asus), up to 8GB RAM, 512GB storage and 4000mAh battery. Meanwhile the 6-inch 2160 x 1080 OLED display has a 90Hz refresh rate and is HDR capable.

Further features include a dual rear-facing camera setup (12MP regular plus 8MP wide-angle), 8MP front-facing camera, dual front-facing stereo speakers, NFC support, USB-C port and 3.5mm jack. Another interesting addition is a trio of ultrasonic sensors. Two of the sensors act as programmable shoulder buttons for landscape gaming, while the third allows users to switch apps with a squeeze.

The ROG Phone also gets a number of accessories-- such as the "AeroActive Cooler," a cooling accessory one clips on the back and connects to the USB-C port. Other accessories include the TwinView Dock (a handheld grip adding a second display and extra battery), Mobile Desktop Dock (turns the smartphone into a PC-style device when hooked with a monitor, mouse and keyboard) and a clamp-on controller pad adding physical control buttons made by Gamevice.

Asus says the ROG Phone should hit the market from Q3 2018.

The ROG Phone at Computex 2018

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