

Samsung Updates Galaxy S, Gear at MWC 2014

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Samsung focuses on wearables and fitness at Mobile World Congress 2014, where it launches a duo of Gear smartwatches and a fitness band together with the fifth iteration of Galaxy S smartphone.



The Galaxy S5 is a 5.1-inch number promising a "refined experience" via 1920x1080 Super AMOLED display, 2.5GHz quad-core processor, 2GB RAM, 16/32GB of storage and 16MP rear-facing camera. The battery powers up to 12 hours of video playback, while the camera shoots 4K video as well as photos enhanced with software features such as phase detection, auto focus, real-time HDR and selective focus.

In a first for the Galaxy S lineup the S5 is IP67 dust and water resistant.

The OS of choice is Android KitKat, if with the usual raft of Samsung additions-- and an emphasis on health. S Health 3.0 provides a personal fitness tracker complete with pedometer, diet and exercise records, and the phone features real-time heart rate tracking via placement of one's finger over the rear-facing camera.

Also included is a fingerprint sensor for unlocking and mobile payment duties.

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