

Has Samsung Fixed the Galaxy Fold?

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Samsung manages to complete a two-month redesign of the Galaxy Fold, Bloomberg reports, possibly allowing the S. Korean giant to start relaunch the much hyped foldable smartphone just in time for the holiday season.



Initially set for [an April 2019 release](#), test versions of the Fold sent to multiple publications were hit by an embarrassing series of technical faults. One such issue is the result of users peeling off what looks like a regular plastic film, but is in actual fact a crucial display component. The latest version of the Fold seeks to bypass the issue by stretching the film to wrap around the entire display and flowing into the outer bezels, making it impossible to peel off by hand.

Further reported improvements include a hinge re-engineered to sit flush with the display. The tweak also stretches the protective film further when the phone opens, making it feel harder and more of a natural part of the display (as opposed to something one can remove). Samsung also hopes the fix will also help reduce the chance of a crease developing in the middle of the screen over time, at least according to one unnamed Bloomberg source.

As one might imagine, the delay of the Fold negatively affected Samsung's hopes of reigniting a stagnant smartphone market. However it might have been for the greater good, since launching a faulty Fold might have lead to a public fiasco reminiscent of 2016 recall of the Note 7, a device with the infamous tendency of bursting into flames.

Bloomberg adds Samsung is working on two other foldable smartphones, one folding vertically and the other outwards, much like the (also delayed) Huawei Mate X. The S. Korean company also has plans for smartphones with rollable and stretchable displays, if for the future.

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