

Samsung Upgrades Gear VR at MWC

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Samsung presents an upgrade on the Gear VR headset-- one complete with a physical controller accessory promising "quicker selection and interaction" in virtual experiences.



The actual headset is more or less identical to the Gear VR designed for use with the recalled Galaxy Note 7. It offers a 101-degree field of view and is compatible with both USB-C and microUSB Samsung devices, including the Galaxy S7, S7 edge, Note5, S6 Edge+, S6 and S6 Edge.

Meanwhile the controller (imaginatively named "Gear VR Controller") is the result of a collaboration with Oculus. Designed for single-hand use, it has a touchpad and trigger for in-game actions, as well as integrated home, volume and back buttons for immersive media controls.

Oculus says 70 controller-compatible games are currently in development, and an open Gear VR Controller SDK allows game makers to easily implement compatibility in apps. Existing touchpad apps can also be used with the controller.

No release date for the Gear VR with Controller is available as yet.

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