

Is This The HTC Dream- Android or An Anamorphic Inside Joke

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Spy photo from Chinese forum. Via Engadget

The Dream by HTC seems headed to T-Mobile. Dream will be the first Google Android mobile device to hit the US market and mystery surrounds its actual appearance. Some spy-shots appeared out of nowhere and Engadget, Phonemag and other bloggers are pretty much convinced it is the infamous Dream/Android phone. For sure, Dream cleared the FCC and it is a dual WiFi 802.11b/g and cellular phone.

According to FCC records it is model Dream and the product name is Drea 100 Series. The Dream measures approximately 5-inches by 3-inches with what appears to be a large touchscreen display. In a demonstration of a prototype, the Android OS has the ability to zoom to street level without touching the screen and uses a bookmarking feature

to bring up frequently used Internet sites.

According to the spy-jacked images the slide-out alphabet keyboard is a full QWERTY which resembles a scaled down laptop keyboard. Dream's keypad is larger than BlackBerry keys and much larger than most mobile devices. The Android menu is abundantly simple with access to applications, Google maps and Web browsing which predictably brings up Google. The device has navigation and buttons beneath the display for accessing phone dialing, home page, contacts and browsing making it easy to flip around the various features.

According to some reliable sources the Dream will operate on the T-Mobile 3G network. The full specifications of the Dream Android phone will be announced on September 23, 2008 at a press event in New York City. According to the Wall Street Journal, the T-Mobile Dream will potentially be available in US market sometime in October with an expected release of 600,000 to 700,000 phones in 2008.

Another developing certainty is that Dream may be Apple and Research in Motion's worst nightmare. Dreams are like that, one persons fantasy is another persons worst fear. Google's penchant for perfection raises little doubt the Dream will offer an array of options consumers have been asking for, but did not know who to call. Perhaps by Halloween, we will all find out if Dream is a treat or a bit too tricky.

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