

# Samsung to release modified tablet in Germany

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The Galaxy Tab 10.1N, based on the Galaxy Tab 10.1, has a different metal frame and the location of the speakers has been changed, a spokesman for the South Korean company told AFP.

Samsung was dealt a blow in September when a German court ruled that it infringed upon Apple's design patents for its [iPad](#). The court banned sales and marketing for the Galaxy Tab 10.1.

In a spate of lawsuits, Samsung and Apple accuse each other of copying designs or technology for their smartphones and [tablet computers](#).

Apart from Germany, they have also launched patent claims against each another in the United States, Japan, South Korea and Australia.

Apple last month won a victory against Samsung in Australia, when a judge upheld a temporary injunction blocking the sale of the Galaxy Tab 10.1.



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Later in October Samsung announced it was trying to block the sale of Apple's newest product, the [iPhone](#) 4S, in Japan and Australia.

The decision to release a modified Galaxy reflects Samsung's eagerness to begin selling its tablet in Germany before the year-end shopping season.

But Apple's response to the new version would be crucial, said HI Investment and Securities analyst Song Myung-Sup.

It was not yet possible to say whether the modified tablet "will be free of any legal disputes with Apple", Song said.

-- [Dow Jones](#) Newswires contributed to this report --

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