

New Motorola Android phone on Verizon: the Devour

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In this product image provided by Verizon, the Motorola Devour is shown. (AP Photo/Verizon)

(AP) -- Verizon Wireless has a second handset from Motorola Inc. that uses Google Inc.'s Android software: The Devour.

Much like the Motorola Droid, which debuted to much fanfare in November, the Devour has a touch screen that slides away to reveal a keyboard. The screen is slightly smaller, however. Verizon said Wednesday the phone would be on sale in March, but did not say what it would cost.

The Devour also features Motoblur, a software package from Motorola that displays e-mails and content from such sites as Twitter and [Facebook](#) on one screen. Motorola's Cliq, which launched through T-Mobile USA last year, also used Motoblur, but the Droid did not.

Verizon Wireless has positioned Android phones as its main alternative to the [iPhone](#), available in the U.S. exclusively through AT&T Inc.

Motorola, for its part, sees Android-powered smart phones as the way out of a deep multiyear sales

slump. It has said it plans to launch about 20 models this year, of which the Devour would be the first.

[Verizon](#) also sells a smaller, keyboard-less Android phone made by HTC Corp., the Droid Eris.

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