

Microsoft Puts Surface Hub 2 on Steelcase Roam

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Microsoft announces the next generation of Surface Hub together with a Steelcase collaboration-- the 85-inch Surface Hub 2S and SteelCase Roam, a mobile stand designed for use with the collaboration-focused display.



For readers in need of a refresher, the Surface Hub 2S is an oversized conference room touch-enabled display with collaboration capabilities. It comes in either 50- or 85-inch size, and offers all capabilities of a Windows 10 PC, with Microsoft Teams, Office 365, Microsoft Whiteboards and cloud connectivity. Built-in 4K camera, "crystal clear" speakers and far-field mic array allow for conferencing with remote teams, and customers can upgrade the machine by simply swapping out a removable processor cartridge.

The Steelcase Roam is designed to turn the 50-inch Surface Hub 2S into a fully mobile solution. Customers need to mount the display on the stand before plugging in the APC Charge battery accessory. Steelcase says the mounting system is easy to use, allowing for spontaneous collaboration systems, and the stand can be moved with just one hand.

"Today, collaboration is bound by scheduled meetings on our calendars and scheduled spaces in our buildings," Microsoft says. "With Surface Hub 2S plus Steelcase Roam, you have the freedom to take your ideas with you, relocate to any space, and huddle where you want, when you want. And, anyone, near or far can actively engage."

The 50-inch Surface Hub 2S and Steelcase Roam ship from June 2019. The 85-inch Surface Hub 2S, on the other hand, enters testing with "select customers" in early 2020.

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