

# OpenAI's first AI device will be in the form of a pen and could launch as early as 2026.

OpenAI is reportedly developing the first consumer AI device in the form of a pen, without a screen, capable of running AI locally and connecting to ChatGPT, expected to launch in 2026–2027.

OpenAI is quietly developing a range of consumer-oriented devices in collaboration with Jony Ive, Apple's former chief design officer. The company's long-term goal is to gradually replace the iPhone with an ecosystem of AI devices where artificial intelligence plays a central role in productivity and everyday technology experiences.

Recently, some noteworthy information has emerged about a pen-shaped device that OpenAI plans to launch sometime in 2026 or 2027.

According to sources from Taiwan's *Economic Daily*, this pen-like device is roughly the size of an iPod Shuffle, small enough to fit in a pocket or wear around the neck. Initially, OpenAI reportedly planned to outsource manufacturing to Luxshare (China). However, amid growing US caution regarding supply chains based in China, OpenAI has shifted its focus to Foxconn, which has the capability to manufacture in Vietnam or even in the US, in preparation for an official launch in the next few years.



In fact, Foxconn is already a key manufacturing and engineering partner of OpenAI, involved from co-designing AI data centers to deploying the actual infrastructure. Therefore, it is perfectly logical for OpenAI to continue entrusting Foxconn with its consumer AI device project.

Regarding the device itself, it's reportedly codenamed 'Gumdrop' internally and is most likely a smart pen. The device is compact, similar in size to an iPod Shuffle, but lacks a dedicated display. Instead, OpenAI focuses on

contextual awareness through a sensor system, including a camera and microphone.

The device can run AI models refined by OpenAI directly on-device, while also leveraging cloud computing power for more demanding tasks. Another notable feature is the ability to convert handwritten notes into text, then upload them directly to ChatGPT for further processing or storage.

Additionally, the device can communicate with other devices in the ecosystem, similar to how current smartphones connect and exchange data. Although it doesn't take the form of a true smart wearable, it's still flexible enough for users to put it in their pocket or wear it around their neck, aiming for convenience and constant availability.

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