# Meta may have leaked the first look at its slim ‘Project Phoenix’ headset



Just a couple of weeks before Meta Connect starts on September 23rd, *UploadVR* posted images seemingly revealing the design for Meta’s “Project Phoenix” headset. The images, which *UploadVR* says were “found in the HorizonOS Prescription Lens firmware package,” suggest Meta may be looking to compete with devices like those from Xreal or Viture. These companies’ mixed reality glasses are a bit bulkier than something like Meta’s Ray-Ban AI smart glasses, but a step down from a full VR headset like Meta’s Quest 3.

This leak shows something that’s almost in between larger headsets and smart glasses, with lenses set into a slim, glasses-style frame. A shot from behind shows a wire extending from one of the earpieces, possibly for a battery or compute puck. There also appear to be outward- and downward-facing

cameras in the earpieces.

Project Phoenix has been in the works for a while now, and isn’t expected to launch until next year. Google is also working on a pair of Project Aura XR glasses in a similar vein, with an external compute puck that’s wired to the frames.

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