

Inside, there's now an A16 chip—it's about 30% faster than the A14 in the previous iPad 2022. Storage has increased: the base version now comes with 128 GB instead of 64 GB—a great advantage for those who store a lot of photos or videos. The screen size has grown to 11 inches, but it remains the same—bright, sharp, but lacking the advanced features found in the Air or Pro models.

However, the issue with accessories hasn't been resolved. Only the old first-generation Apple Pencil and the USB-C model are supported, but their charging methods are inconvenient—either through an adapter or Lightning. Expensive model keyboards also won't work. iPadOS 18.3 runs smoothly, but there's no Stage Manager—a function that makes multitasking with multiple windows easier, available only on models with M-series chips.